

Worser Bay School Children love learning. At our school, the entire school community can:

\* See achievement celebrated and children valued as individuals; \* Feel motivated and inspired to participate; \* Experience success.

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3, Week 9, Friday 30 September 2011



The students are creating artworks inspired by the work of New Zealand artist Gretchen Albrecht. They are using colour, line and texture to reflect a mood.



## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- Book your **Student Led Conference** now! Closes 27th October.
- **Athletics Day - Postponed to Wednesday 26 October** due to long range forecast and tides.
- **School Photos - Wednesday 5 October from 9.00 am**  
Orders to be in by **Tuesday 4 October**.
- **Swimming Lessons - Term 4**  
Payments to be in by **Wednesday 5 October**.
- Please return **Flippaball slip** if your child wishes to join a team or resign from a team by **Wednesday 5 October**. (Page 4.)
- **Parent/Teacher Catch Up - Thursday 6 October, 3.15 - 6.00pm**
- Remember the **Brain Teaser** (page 2). Get your entries in by **Thursday 6 October!**
- **Matariki and Māhutonga Only** - Remember your \$5 koha.
- **No Assembly next week.**
- **School begins for Term 4, 8.55am Tuesday 25 October and ends on Friday 16 December at 1.00 pm.**
- **Rising Fives Term 4** - Next term Rising Fives will be running on a Friday afternoon from weeks 3 - 7 (Friday 11 November to Friday 9 December inclusive).
- Please check out the **Class Learning Link** on the website.

## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

With conferences coming up in a few weeks and then the second written report for the year due home before the end of Term 4 we are full swing into a major assessment cycle. Actually we have just been identified as one of eight schools in the country to be used as a case study for the Education Review Office as they identify examples of great practice around all of this 'stuff'. So that's pleasing feedback! Reviewers will spend some time here mid November.

School certainly isn't all about the 3 Rs however. I read an interesting article this week "Happier Students Are Higher Achievers" by Sherri Fisher, 2011. I guess it's not that astounding! Resilience stands out as being a very important factor.

".....In a large metastudy from 2005, Sonja Lyubomirsky, Laura King, and Ed Diener found that happiness causes success. Confidence, optimism, and self-efficacy fuel not only the underlying behaviours needed for individual success, including effective coping with challenge and stress, as well as originality and flexibility, they also yield both likeability by others, positive views of others, sociability, activity, energy, and pro-social behaviour. They are also correlated with increased immunity and physical well-being."

If you are keen to explore further in this area this book by Sherri Fisher also looks interesting....

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0983430608/ref=as\\_li\\_qf\\_sp\\_asin\\_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=positivecom0b-20&linkCode=as2&camp=217145&creative=399373&creativeASIN=0983430608](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0983430608/ref=as_li_qf_sp_asin_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=positivecom0b-20&linkCode=as2&camp=217145&creative=399373&creativeASIN=0983430608)

Please remember to book your child's conference in, quick smart!

See you Thursday! No ora mai ra!

Jude

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES (SLCs)

It's that time again soon. The SLC provides the second formal opportunity of the year to celebrate learning and set goals together.

**Dates:** Monday 31 October to Friday 11 November 2011

**Bookings Open:** Friday 30 September

**Bookings Close:** Thursday 27 October

The instructions re booking are as follows:

- Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home)
- Enter the Worser Bay School Code FP97G

It is an extremely user-friendly system!

*"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach them to learn by creating curiosity, they will continue the learning process as long as they live." ~ Clay P. Bedford*

## TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

This term we have been exploring and finding out about multiplication and division. For most students in our area this means learning that multiplication means 'groups of' a number and division is 'sharing into equal groups' of a number.



*I can skip count in twos .*

We have also been practising skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We are using different materials and number lines when we skip count.

We have been learning about odd and even numbers and trying to skip count starting from one, or starting from two.



*Even number caterpillar*

Demonstrating the maths component of our Inquiry into houses and structures some students have created posters. These are designed to show maths concepts of positional language, and are going to be used to motivate mathematical research.

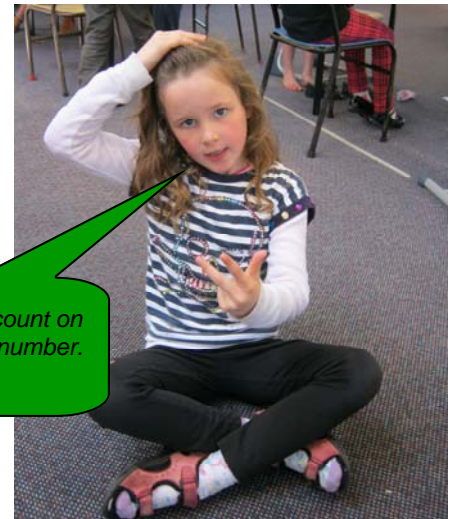


*What places can you find?*

We also continue to consolidate our addition and subtraction strategies and knowledge, place value and basic facts.



*I am holding the biggest number in my head and counting on from there.*



*I am learning to count on from the biggest number.*

### Don't forget!

- To book in your **Student Led Conference** times. You will all have received a note today informing you of who will facilitate your student led conference. They are open today and times will go fast so get in quick! We look forward to seeing you.
- **Athletics** - Postponed to first Wednesday of Term 4. See note on Page 4.
- Be all set and ready with smiles for **School Photos on Wednesday**.
- Hope to catch up with you on **Thursday**, at the Parent/Teacher Catch Up.

Brain teaser: I hang or stand by a wall, run fast with hands but have no feet at all.  
*What am I?*

## A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

What wonderful weather we are having! It helps to keep everyone positive and prepare for Athletics day coming up next term. (It has been postponed due to long range forecast and tides until the first Wednesday of Term 4.) If you are struggling for ways to enjoy the extra hours of light it would be great to get outside and do some sprints or throw a Frisbee or Vortex. We all know practice makes perfect.

It was great to hear all of your ideas around what the best song ever written criteria are. Our children were able to share these in groups and then discussed their ideas to come to a consensus on the best 4-5 overall. From all of these, many groups has similar thoughts, so we have been able to compile this into an overall checklist. John, Jen, and Fleur are looking forward to choosing a song each to battle in friendly debate and put our criteria to the test.

### 'Best Song Ever' Criteria

Together we discussed the important essential ingredients that are needed to create the best song ever. These criteria are a list of ingredients that we felt a great song should have.

A song:

- Tells a story.
- Holds a message/has a purpose to share its message.
- Uses memorable lyrics that lets you jog through memory lane.
- Is timeless with a catchy tune.
- Has a great melody which goes from a simple to a complex style.
- Leaves the listener feeling positive.
- Sends 'shivers down your spine'.

As our term draws to an end we are collecting assessment information in order to reflect on our children's progress over the year. We will be sharing this data with you at the Student Led Conferences in week three next term. On that note, please book in a time with your child's Maths' teacher promptly as spaces are limited. Your children will come home with a note informing you of who this is and how to book.

Sparks are flying and there is a lot of noise being made as our sound investigations get underway. Our children's questioning skills have really developed and we are impressed with the types of questions students are asking now, they are much more focused. Children are working in groups to prepare and conduct experiments which aim to answer their question. They will be taking photos, drawing diagrams, recording observations and seeking explanations.

### HOMEWORK

There will be no Spelling Rocket or Basic Fact testing next week. We'd like to get all Spelling Rockets back to school so they are ready for next term.

As our sound investigations progress it might be necessary for students to use the home computer, or to visit the library to provide further information. They may also need to talk to you about materials they might require to perform their investigations..... just preparing you!

Hope to catch up with you Thursday, at the Parent/Teacher Catch Up.

### Mandarin Club with Anna first 6 weeks of Term 4, Years 4-6

We are trying something a little different next term, sticking with the 'variety is the spice of life' theme! Now everyone has had an introduction, we are interested in having a 'club' for those who are really keen to extend their skills! This will take a small chunk of lunchtime and a wee chunk of regular class time on Wednesdays for the first 6 weeks of term. We are wanting only the 'committed', so please have a chat to your child about this to see if they are interested.

We will be confirming the places before the end of term. A great opportunity for those keen beans!



### Interzone Swimming

Well done to our incredible swimmers and fantastic parents! We sent nine nervous, but excited, students off on 15th September to do their best. It is the biggest group of students we have ever sent after getting through the Eastern Zone competition. We are all very proud of them! You did an outstanding job representing the school and yourselves John, Oliver, Brynn, Tiana, Emma, Ella N, Ella W, Kate M, and Kirstie.

Congratulations to Kirstie who came first in 25m Breaststroke Championships Final and Ella W who came second in both 25m and 20m Freestyle Finals Non-Champs!

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

\* Perseverance and determination in training for athletics.

#### Tautoru-iti and Tautoru

Kitty, Zamyah and Jack M.

#### Autahi

Maya, Tasia, Jack C.C., Wilbur and William N.

**Māhutonga and Matariki** - no awards this week as they haven't commenced athletics training yet!

Next week's focus is:

\* Recognising and complimenting others about their learning.

### Board Shorts

They say that variety is the spice of life and there was no shortage of that on the board's agenda this week! The school fair, the maths curriculum, Jude's study tour to China and the school's annual planning cycle were the major topics of discussion.

The school fair is the schools' annual event which, along with the voluntary contributions provides much of the school income for the year and enables the school to provide great opportunities for our kids. As the whole school community swings into action to support the fair this year, we'd like to thank you in advance for all your time and support for this great event.

Kath and John gave the board a summary of the school's maths curriculum. We are delighted to hear the progress that all WBS kids are making in maths. One area that the staff is working on, is to balance the two key foci in maths of developing basic numeracy skills as well as developing other maths skills such as measuring, geometry, shapes etc. We, as parents, can help our kids to develop their numeracy skills by doing lots of number practice (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing) at home.

Jude had an amazing study tour to Beijing, Jinan and Shanghai and is thinking about how her learning can be embedded into teaching and learning programmes next year. With the rise of China and the increasing connections between New Zealand and China we know that our kids are going to be connected to China at some stage in their lives (through work, study or play). We are thinking about how WBS can help prepare them for the many opportunities that will help them, as Kiwis, compete in this global world.

Finally, the annual planning cycle is upon us and the board and the staff will be meeting on 29 October to review the year and to plan for next year. Any thoughts and ideas of what you'd like to see the school focus on, please chat to Jude.

**Vanessa Lee**  
Board Member

**Summer's on the way** - Next term, wearing of sunhats outside will be compulsory, so remember to bring a sunhat to school from the very first day of Term 4!!

### Wanted:

- **Clean, 4 litre paint cans** with handles, for a fair project. All will be revealed!
- **Clean, plastic 2L milk bottles** for Tautoru-iti. But just the square ones, please.
- **Matchbox cars** for Tautoru-iti.
- **Yummy Stickers** due in by **Monday 3rd October** at the very latest.

### Parent/Teacher Catch Up

**Thursday 6 October 3.15 - 6.00pm**

As the SLCs are quite specific and very learning and achievement focused with the goal of the student doing the majority of the sharing, we thought it would be a good idea to schedule a time before the holidays where you can feel free to pop in any time between 3.15 and 6.00 pm... chat with the teachers, have a look around the room at the recent learning, ask any questions... either with or without your child... up to you. Many of you are really proactive at making appointments which is great, but we know that sometimes you think 'oh I shouldn't bother them, they look busy'. Well, the whole world's 'busy', and we aim to provide you with a range of opportunities to engage! It would be great to see you.

### Athletics Day, Wednesday 26th October at 9.30 am

Just a heads up that our whole School Athletics is coming up on Wednesday 26th October (the first week of school), weather permitting. Postponement date will be the following Wednesday of next term - 2nd November. Please note we have had to change the date due to the long range forecast and tides.

### SPORT

#### Netball Year 4/5

This week we feature a photo of our Year 4/5 team. We look forward to another great season next year!



**Important!!!** It's that time again when we need to think about registering our sports teams. Flippaball will be running again next term so we are asking any **students who are keen to play or who wish to pull out to fill in the slip below..** If we don't hear from you, your child will remain in their team.

**Please return the slip by Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, as we need to know numbers so that we can register the appropriate number of teams.**

**Reply Slip - Flippaball Term 4** - If you want to remain in your Flippaball team, **do not** send in a reply as if we don't hear from you we will assume you want to continue as in Term 3. Please select either of the options below:

- I wish to join a Flippaball team in Term 4.
- I am currently in a Flippaball team and **do not wish** to be in it in Term 4.

Child's Name .....

Parent's Signature .....

### From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Order WBS clothing for Term 4 now, if required. Forms are available on the school website or at the office. We have available, t-shirts, sunhats, schoolbags, swim bags etc - please hand your form with payment to the office before end of term.

### From the Fair Committee:

**Only 5 weeks to go until Fair Day!**

**Don't forget to clear out those cupboards over the school holidays** - ready for our Last White Elephant drop on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 12noon. This is also the weekend you can book in a collection for any larger items/ furniture. To organise a collection phone Olive, 388 7020.

### We are now collecting:

- Clean small jars, lids and ingredients for the Deli (or for the cake stall).
- Small treasures for the Lucky Dip (suitable for both boys and girls aged 3 - 10ish).
- Clean second hand clothes for the Clothes Boutique.
- Craft items – old necklaces, broken bracelets etc which can be recycled into new art!
- Books, DVDs and puzzles.
- Pre-loved, clean toys.
- White Elephant - general bric-a-brac.
- Gardening supplies.

Bring them along to school drop them in to the baskets outside the staffroom (or inside if wet).

### A Little Job....or....Two...

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered to deliver the flyers over the Labour weekend. We hope to have the flyers here at school on the Wednesday before the end of term. Do you work in Kilmorie or Miramar? Perhaps you could ask a few of the shops and local businesses to display the flyer in their window? If you can do this please let Sarah know which area you can cover – Sarah Gunn 934 9778

OR perhaps you could be the co-ordinator for reorganising your child's classroom? We would love to have a parent in each area who could take photos/draw a plan of the classroom set up and check at the end of fair day that furniture is repositioned and clean, ready for the start of school on Monday. If you can help please ring Nicola 380 9339 or email [nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz](mailto:nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz).

**Time to get Crafty!** Hope to see you at Marie's from 3pm onwards this Friday. Bubbles and beads!

If you have any creative collections or things to make crafty creations with, such as buttons, wool, cotton, material, knitting/crochet needles, please feel free to let us know. Don't forget, Craft is Art! Art is a Craft!

Do you have any old necklaces or beads we could re-create? Also we are currently making soap so any donations of oils appreciated.

Phone Toni Taylor 380 8062

**Calling all plant growers!** Use this weekend to pot up those seedlings from around your property, so they have time to settle in before bringing along to our school fair.

There is also still time to plant quick-growing seeds and ferret out unwanted gardening paraphernalia.

Have you got spare potting mix? Any spare small pots?

Pots, potting mix and gardening equipment can be brought to the school anytime.

Please leave plants until the Saturday before the fair, or early on fair day.

Thank you

Green Team - or is it Team Green?

**Fair Deli** Please read the recipe sheet for the deli (attached to the Newsletter email) to see how you may be able to contribute to our famous deli stall – A school holiday project? For more information call Steph Calder 388 7379

**Watch out!** Please keep an eye out for the fair notice board (with the collection baskets outside the staffroom or inside if wet). We will be posting various sign-up sheets for help and items of equipment we will need to borrow on the day. Please sign up where you can – many hands make light work.

Eleni Moore, Chair of Home and School  
[moore@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:moore@vodafone.net.nz) or 388 8137

### Lost!!!

Girl's glasses with maroon frames. Please contact Sue Burns, 021 237 8813, if you come across them. Glasses are an expensive item to replace!

### And yet again - Lost Property!!

Our Lost Property box is simply overflowing. Please come and check if your child's missing clothes are there. They will be given to the Home & School for the Fair if they are still unclaimed by then!



### Worser Bay School - 2012 Calendars

To purchase a calendar that will feature artwork that your child produced for Artsplash, please return the slip below with payment to the school office by Friday 7th October.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Tautoru       Autahi       Māhutonga  
(please tick)

would like \_\_\_\_\_ calendars at \$10 each.

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash / Cheque

I have paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by Internet Banking to the Home and School Committee Account **060513 0304691 00** (Reference: Calendar and **Family Name**)  
Please return by **Friday 7th October**.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

A house is being built in the carpark of Mitre 10 Mega, Petone during the month of October to raise funds for the new **Ronald McDonald House** to be built in Newtown. Come on down to Mitre 10 Mega, Petone this Saturday 1 October to have a look. Ronald McDonald and Levi will be here from 11am until 3pm so bring the kids, take photos, buy a sausage.

### RWC Excitement for the Whole Family

The **All Blacks** are playing **Canada** on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** in Wellington and everyone can enjoy a little family fun at Wellington Town Hall from 11am to 1pm before cheering on their favourite team on their awesome big screen "live" from 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free entry for all.

So, no matter which team you are cheering for, bring the whole family to **Canada's Fun Zone** - even if you're wearing "black" you can have a little maple leaf fun with some quizzes, games, lots of great prizes and giveaways, face painting, temporary tattoos... and much more!! Canadian documentaries, music and other exhibitions are showing at **Te Papa** throughout the day as well.

For more information contact Rhonda Gault at 04-234-7266.

**KidzStuff Theatre** presents:

**The Hare and the Tortoise** by Rob Ormsby  
Venue: 4 Moncrieff St, (off Elizabeth St.), Mt. Victoria.  
A hilarious look at how working together can make all the difference.

October 8 – 22, 11am & 1pm Mon – Fri, 11am Sat  
Tickets \$10, groups of 10+ \$9, Bookings: 385 0292

**Team Wellington Soccer Incorporated** represents Wellington in the New Zealand National Football League which runs over spring and summer, starting in late October and running through to the middle of April.

During the upcoming October School Holidays they will be running a skills clinic during both weeks at the Wakefield Park artificial turf in Island Bay. If you are interested, send an email to the school and we will email the flyer and registration form which contain all the programme details including session times and ages and costs.

The purpose of the skills clinics are two-fold. Firstly, we want to keep promoting football to children, while assisting in their ongoing skill development. Secondly, as an amateur national league sporting organisation we are reliant on raising funds from skills clinic activity to maintain the viability of the organisation.

### Camp Kaitoke Supporters' Day and Camp Birthday Saturday 30 October 2011, 12.30 - 4.00 pm Cake and Key Note: 1.30 pm

Come up to your favourite 'other home' and see what you have achieved together, to celebrate and to play on some of the camp's most exciting toys! Includes:

- BBQ Sizzle
- Site Tours
- Sample our fun activities
- Birthday Cake

RSVP by 20 October to: [aidantansell@ymca.org.nz](mailto:aidantansell@ymca.org.nz)

### Clay Penguin Clay Classes

A few spaces available next term.

Casual Thursdays

Come along to paint a ceramic or make that special Christmas present

For more information contact Nicola on 938 3356

[www.claypenguin.co.nz](http://www.claypenguin.co.nz)

### Spring Gala, St George's Church, Ferry Street, Seatoun

Saturday 8 October 11 am - 2 pm

Miramar-Seatoun-Strathmore Anglican Parish

Contact Beverley 388 2725

### Girls' Night Out presents... Lisa O'Neill 'An evening of stylish motivation'

After our amazing time together last year when we learnt how to look good in the cooler winter months, this year we're going to discover how to look good for summer - and let's face it girls, summer's a much bigger challenge to look fantastic than winter will ever be!

Friday 18th November @ 7.00pm

The Salvation Army Miramar, Cost: \$15

Tickets available from the office, Ph: 388 8284

Also featuring: NZ fashion label "FALLON HOPE"

Fallon Hope is a women's clothing range designed in New Zealand by Jacquie Parker. Clothes are aimed at adventurous, confident women who want to stand out from the crowd! There will be items for sale on the night. Tickets on sale now!

### Seatoun Arts & Crafts 40th Annual Exhibition & Sale

Opening night with refreshments, Fri 28 October 7 - 9pm;  
Saturday 29 October 9am - 6pm & Sun 30 October 11am - 4pm.

Come and see a wide variety of art made by local artists. There will also be craft stalls and a special 40th Anniversary gallery wall.

Free Entry, St Christopher's Hall, Forres Street, Seatoun  
Contact Beverley Alexander, 388 2725

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[www.miramargolfclub.co.nz](http://www.miramargolfclub.co.nz)

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