



# Worser Bay School NEWS

Friday 4th December 2009

Greetings Kia ora nāmas'te Sawadee Zdravstvuyte Chao  
Kia orana Talofa Zdravo Willkommen Hej Ni Hao Fáilte

## Note from Māhutonga



"We have been learning about medieval craftsmen. We have learnt about guilds, apprenticeship, weaving and how the quality of goods produced by the craftsmen was of an incredibly high standard. At the moment, we are making metal shoulder armour. First, we made cardboard examples. Then we started hammering and cutting the metal. We are doing all this to show the community the importance of what craftsmen did." *by Sarah*

We would like to thank David Angus for his help in making the armour.



## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Diary:** Parent Helpers' Morning Tea - Wednesday 9th December at 11 am.
- **Diary:** Worser Bay School "Wrap 2009" - Tuesday 15th December, from 5 pm. Official start 6 pm.
- **Diary:** Year 6 Dinner - Thursday 17th December at 6 pm.  
Year 6 Parents' Wine & Cheese at 6.30 pm.
- **Diary:** School commences for 2010 on Wednesday 3rd February.
- **Diary:** Summerfest - Saturday 14th February - see notice on page 4.  
Tickets available at "Wrap 2009"!
- **Please return:** Directory Slip if you **DO NOT** want to be in the School Directory 2010 (Page 4).
- **Please bring:** Your costume if you are in "Peter & the Wolf" (Page 3).

## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been!

Next week's school bags will be jam packed with stationery lists and student progress reports, maybe that lost sunhat and, hopefully, not left-overs from lunch!

As many of you know, we have been very fortunate to have been working with Murray Gadd (Literacy Expert) this year, focussing on improving our teaching of writing and, therefore, students' writing. In our Professional Learning meeting last Monday, Murray talked about what's commonly referred to as the 'summer slump'. He believes that there is no such thing ..... it's a combination of 4<sup>th</sup> term 'down time' in schools, the long summer holidays and teachers spending the first half of Term 1 retesting and figuring out where the students are at. He was delighted to find out this is certainly not the case at our school!

Your child's teachers for 2010 have been working closely with their current teachers to ensure a smooth transition, so that from Day 1 we are off, we are all in check and the learning goals and student needs are well understood by all teachers and support staff.

When we use the term 'student achievement', it always sounds so narrowly focussed on academic achievement. Believe us, it's not - we are focussed on supporting the development of the 'whole child'. This includes social and emotional growth which also fits within this 'student achievement' banner.

As we look ahead to 2010 and the introduction of National Standards (if you are up with the media - possibly the introduction of...?! ) we are very wary of using one or two tests to quantify progress. Instead, we are using overall teacher judgement' or OTJs. (Sorry - just another bit of educational jargon for you to digest over pre-Christmas celebrations, as in the Tui Ad!)

This is what National Standards are all about, teachers using their professional knowledge, day-to-day observations, and standardised tests to create a 'rich picture' of progress and achievement.

There will be plenty of opportunity next year, during implementation, for discussion. In the meantime, we urge you to please give us some feedback on the end of year written reports. Give us a thumbs up to our attempts to use 'plain English', similarly, let us know... better still, come and talk with us, if it's still not straight forward and plain enough!

Have a lovely weekend bathed in sunshine!

Noho ora mai rā.

*Sue*

## WORD FROM THE BOARD

It's almost the end of the year and we are getting all geared up for a great 2010! As part of our planning, the Board has had another look at the Voluntary Contribution.

The school relies on voluntary contributions to pay for what many of us would consider essentials, but which require more funding than is provided by the Ministry of Education operations grant. The Board has reviewed the voluntary contribution for 2010 and has agreed they should remain at the same level as they have been for the past few years. We also agreed to combine the previously named "Photo-copying/Classroom Expenses" with the main voluntary contribution. This means the total voluntary contribution per year will be \$285 per child, (\$235 if payment is made before the end of Term 1). This will also simplify things for your tax return.

Thank you for your support.

Katherine Butterfield  
Board Chair

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards for this week are for Patience and Consideration.

### Tautoru

Patience: Caitlin M, Anneke, James Mc, Sean, William and Danielle  
Consideration: Helen, Aidan, Isabella and Felix

### Autahi

Patience: Sebastian, Alexandra, Finlay and Emily  
Consideration: Martha and Tylah

### Māhutonga

Patience: Lewis and Emma  
Consideration: Holly, Madi and Rory

The Principal's Awards next week will be awarded for showing initiative and excellence in music.

## News from TAUTORU

In the last few weeks, we have assessed the students using the following assessment tools and overall teacher judgement (OTJ).

- Numeracy Diagnostic Assessment: Evaluates essential knowledge and strategies children use to solve problems.
- IKAN and GloSS Assessments: Used with students working at strategy Stage 4 and above to evaluate their essential knowledge and strategy.
- PM Benchmark: Running record which assesses independent reading level (unseen texts) and comprehension.
- Running Record: Routinely used to check strategies during guided reading.

These terms will crop up in the students' end of year summaries that you will soon be receiving .

Pictured below are some students who are aware of their next steps and progress with their existing goals.

In Maths we are saying basic facts to 10 very quickly.

My goal in handwriting is using finger spacing. In Maths I already knew how to count in 10s so I want to count in 20s now.



## 'WRAP 2009'

Here is the sequence of events:

### 5.00 - 5.45 pm:

Sausages, pizza and hot chocolate to purchase

### 5.00 - 6.00 pm:

Feel free to wander around - view children's movies, peruse new library books for possible donation, check out lost property.

### 6.00 pm:

We start the evening with a musical performance by some of our students of 'Peter and the Wolf'. This will be followed by a number of speeches and farewells interspersed with us ALL singing Christmas carols together LOUDLY and TUNEFULLY!

Please bring something comfy to sit on, BYO of choice and please attempt to keep your children with you!

This is an opportunity for the whole whanau to sing together! See you there!

## Congratulations!

For the last 2 years, through our Enterprise Project, we have been asking the question ... "What does a WBS leader look like from the time the children start until the time they leave?"

We are thrilled to hear that many of our past pupils are sought after for leadership roles at EBIS next year.

Congratulations!!

## AUTAHI News

Over the last two terms the students have been working towards a musical presentation of 'Peter and the Wolf' that we will all be lucky enough to see at the Christmas Wrap on Tuesday 15th December.

The students have been working through a process which started with exploring instruments. Each student chose an instrument that they could learn or practice with Nicole. The aim of these lessons has been to build confidence and a positive attitude towards music.

This term the students have been put into instrument groups where they worked towards the musical. Each area group has contributed in different ways and Autahi students have been responsible for putting a few musical pieces together.

Everyone has had a part to play in putting this piece together ranging from narration to instrument playing.

Make sure you come and join us to celebrate our learning in the Arts.

Here are some pieces of writing from the students about 'Peter and the Wolf':

*"In Nicole's music groups we have been learning to play musical instruments. The characters are the duck, Peter, the bird, the cat, hunters, Grandpa and the wolf. Every character has a different kind of music. Every Friday we go to the library and have a music practice. The musical instruments we play are keyboard, recorder, guitar, violin, French horn – can you play any of these instruments? Some people already know the notes from 'Peter and the Wolf'." by Olivia*

*"Are you wondering why your children suddenly have a new talent for recorder, guitar, keyboard or more? Wondering why students are disappearing into the library? Well here's your answer: students at Worsers Bay School are learning music with teacher Nicole! From the enthusiastic piano learners to the keen guitar groups we are learning a lot! We are all playing a part for a musical play called 'Peter and the Wolf'. It will probably be shown some time this year. We'd love you to see it. The characters are: Grandpa, the duck, Peter, cat, the hunter, wolf and the bird." by Caitlyn Y*

*"In Nicole's music group we've been learning about 'Peter and the Wolf'. I play the keyboard. I already know most of it, so it's easy. It is an old time favourite. You can also use it as a play. Prokofiev composed the piece – he is from Russia. We practise on Fridays." by Thomas M.*

And here is some writing from Autahi using Personification:

*"The wind dances on her tippy toes, whistling as she goes, teasing my hair into a big knotty mess. She twirls and whirls gracefully, messing up the leaves, playing with the birds' nests nestled in the trees. Suddenly she moves turbulently and then collapses in an exhausted pile." by Zoe*

*"Tickling and swooping up my back, softly pinching me. I try to run away, but it's too eager to catch me, with its grey lonely breeze as soft as cotton buds. "I'm coming to get you!" shouted the wind leaping around me in the air. Surrounding me so I can't escape. It quickly grabs me with its giant, grey hands, clutching me tightly." by Kirstie*

*"The storm thunders past, screeching at the top of his voice. "I'm the best, I'm the best!" He thrashes his arms to and fro, his feet rapidly kicking trees like soccer balls. The sun drifting away as the storm stomps by and all he wants to do is kill, kill, kill." by Taine*

*"The storm gathers in the sky, it waves its wand and casts a spell, lightning striking earth. Crooked fingers sweeping the trees, leaves spinning off the black branches. Rain stomping on the bent road. Colour being drained out of the country. A dark mysterious spell." by Martha*

## From the HOME AND SCHOOL

**"Wrap 2009" Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**From 5pm mark your diary for our School Carol Evening and come to ...**

Peruse the craft stall, buy a ticket for the Summer Fest, donate a book to the Library and watch the children's movie clips.

Sausages, Pizza and Hot Chocolate available from 5pm to 5.45pm.

Then settle down to Carols and Speeches at 6pm.

(Don't forget your picnic mat and your favourite tipple to oil those vocal chords.)

We have all had an amazing year for fundraising, so come along to "Wrap 2009" to see the amount of our cheque which we will be presenting to the Board!

**One last request: Has anyone got a BBQ in close proximity to school that we may borrow for the evening? If so, please phone Nicola on 380 9339 (or email below).**

The Deli Stall is planning for next year's fair already! If you have access over the holidays to summer fruit suitable for jam making or preserving (apricots, plums, berries, etc) and are willing to donate these to us, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Steph Calder on 021 237 5313

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### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

#### "Wrap 2009"

At the Worsers Bay "Wrap 2009", we will have great books available for you to view. If you would like to kindly donate a beautiful new book, we would love that!

Over the past couple of years our Year 6s have often done this. It's a good way for us to remember them!

#### Peter and the Wolf

Reminder for those children in Peter and the Wolf (mainly Tautoru children). Please bring your costumes for Peter and the Wolf named in a plastic bag. Please put these in the container situated in Tautoru.

If any families have a keyboard that we could borrow for the week prior to and for the performance, please let the school office know.

# DIARY

Rāhina (Monday)	Rātū (Tuesday)	Rāapa (Wednesday)	Rāpere (Thursday)	Rāmere (Friday)
7 Tennis	8	9 Morning Tea for Parent Helpers 11 am  Autahi - Swimming	10 Māhutonga - Swimming	11 Final Newsletter  Tautoru - <b>No Swimming</b>
14 Tennis	15 "Wrap 2009" - from 5pm	16 Lost Property to Charity  Autahi - Swimming	17 Y6 Dinner - 6 pm Y6 Parents' Wine & Cheese - 6.30 pm  Māhutonga - Swimming	18 Tautoru - Swimming  <b>School finishes for 2009 at 1 pm</b>

**Note: School commences for 2010 on Wednesday 3 February.**

## SPORT - Flippaball

Worser Bay Blue won 4-2 against Hataitai. The teams were well-matched and it was a very exciting game. Worser Bay White lost 3-5 to St Bernard's.

## 2010 School Directory and School Information

If you do not wish your name and contact telephone number to be in the 2010 School Directory, please return the slip below by Monday 14th December.

Please note that all school information is online (except, of course, names, addresses and telephone numbers). In this way, it can be updated regularly.

## Reply Slip for

### Worser Bay School Directory

Our family **does not** wish to be in the 2010 Worser Bay School Directory. (Only complete if you **DO NOT** want to be included.)

Name/s of Child/Children .....

Signed.....

**Please return by Monday, 14 December 2009.**

## Summerfest 2010

**Sunday 14 February, 1 – 4pm**  
**Worser Bay Boating Club**

- Something to look forward to after the holidays.
- Tell your friends!
- Come along and enjoy an afternoon of beer tasting, wine sipping, savouring local delicacies and other refreshments to tempt your taste buds. Be entertained by live music including jazz duo Sue and Fritz and raconteur beer expert Neil Millar.
- All proceeds to Worser Bay School.
- **Adults \$15, children free.**
- Buy your tickets at 'Wrap 2009' on 15 December and be in the draw to win a Summerfest T-shirt. From the 15th you and your friends will also be able to buy your tickets on-line through the Summerfest page on the school web site.
- If you can help us out on food stalls or setting up these venue on the day please contact Chris Dennehy on 976 1813 or e-mail [chrisjohn@paradise.net.nz](mailto:chrisjohn@paradise.net.nz). We will be contacting you in the next week or two to coordinate things.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Carters' Kids Gone Fishin':** Carters in conjunction with Police Blue Light, Queens Wharf, Saturday, 5 December, 10am - 2pm.

Graeme Sinclair from TV3's Gone Fishing will be there on the day, talking with the children. There will be a sausage sizzle, face painting, etc. Throughout the event we will be giving away spot prizes and will have a prize giving at the end of the event.

This sport is another great way of getting the whole family out doing things together!

## Seatoun Christmas Market

Saturday 12 December 10 am - 2 pm in the grounds of St George's Church, Seatoun. Stalls with lots of great Christmas presents and stocking fillers, food and family fun!

## Bike the Bays, Sunday 13 December and other cycling events:

See [www.feelinggreat.co.nz](http://www.feelinggreat.co.nz).

## Holy Cross School OSCAR Programme

If you are interested in a holiday programme these coming holidays, please phone Sally Rollo on 027 7661045. 30 places only. Enrolments close 5 pm, 11th December.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**The Family Space** offers OSCAR approved after school childcare for primary aged children at 33 Park Road, Miramar.

Monday to Friday from 3pm-6pm

Pick up from school available.

COST: \$15 per session (eligible for WINZ subsidy). Discount for siblings.

CONTACT: Jenny on 380 9736

[oscar@thefamilyspace.org.nz](mailto:oscar@thefamilyspace.org.nz).

Please feel free to contact us for further information or to organise a visit.

## Dates for 2010

### Term 1

Wednesday 3 February - Thursday 1 April (Please note: Term 1 ends on a Thursday, as Good Friday is 2 April.)

### Term 2

Monday 19 April - Friday 2 July

### Term 3

Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September

### Term 4

Monday 11 October - Friday 17 December

In 2010, there are two longer weekends. Both the Friday of Queen's Birthday Weekend and the Friday of Labour Weekend will be a holiday.

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