

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 4, Week 2, Friday 4 November 2011



Our students enjoying their Mandarin Club.

## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **The wonderful Worser Bay School Fair this Sunday, Sunday 6th November, 11am - 2pm!!!**
- Please get to school on time - **school STARTS at 8.55am!**
- Remember your **SUNHATS**.
- **Swimming - Term 4**  
Payments are now overdue.
- **Rising Fives, Term 4**  
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.
- **Sports Prize Giving - 3.15 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at school. (All Flippaball, Miniball and Netball teams - students, coaches, managers and parents.)
- Please diary **Wed 14 December 5.30pm - Christmas Wrap** (Whole School) and **Thurs 15 December - Year 6 Leavers' Dinner and Parent Drinkies!**

**Sushi Reminder!!!** Don't forget about our yummy sushi available on a Friday for lunch. Order by 9.00 am on a Thursday. See our website or ask at the office for a menu.

### Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

Come Monday, the school will look and feel different! The Fair will have been and gone in the blink of a day. It certainly doesn't take just a blink or a mere day to get a Fair together. So a huge thanks to all of you who have put such a lot of effort and provided so much time in organising this big event in our school year. I have certainly felt the fever building over this last week and know it will be a wonderful day for the community, for all who attend and for our kids - the reason we have the Fair in the first place!

Celebrating our place in the world is a perfect theme. We must be one of the only schools in the country to be situated on such a significant historical site. This means we have a very important job, a unique role in fact, in having to look after it - not just now but in years to come.

We are extremely proud of our school and look forward to sharing it with as many people as possible this weekend.

Thanks for making it happen!

No ora mai ra!

### It's all action!

Not only do we have the Republic of Miramar to unleash upon the world on Sunday, but an adventure-filled week to follow.

Some of you have already attended your child's Student Led Conference - a time to let the students discuss what they have achieved and where they need to go next, with the support from teachers and yourselves. Please remember to let them take the lead if they are ready to and it really needs to remain a very positive time. Children need to leave the Conference feeling good about themselves as learners. Any major concerns that the teachers and/or yourselves may have are left at the door on this occasion. There are numerous other opportunities to chat about these.

Written Reports will come home on 9th December.

### Singapore Delegation

We are very thrilled to be hosting a Delegation of Principals and Education Professionals from Singapore on Wednesday, 9th of November. They are keen to know more about our approach to The Arts and Key Competencies and will spend the majority of their time in Mahutonga/Matariki observing students writing and creating their own music.

### Eastern Zones

We also wish our WBS competitors all the best on Wednesday - go for gold!

**"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

We have started Term 4 with a hiss and a roar with lots of goals and next steps being shared and best of all, learning and achievements being celebrated! We look forward to more Student Led Conferences next week!

Our Inquiry focus for this term is 'Floating and Sinking'. We have been collecting predictions about what objects we think would float or sink and we have shared our current understandings of 'floating and sinking'.

Some of the big ideas we are exploring are:

- Some objects float and some objects sink.
- Usually an object with air trapped inside it will float.
- When we put an object into water it pushes the water out of the way. This is called 'displacement'.
- A floating object usually lies on top of the water.
- Sinking is a type of falling.
- An object sinks unless something is holding it up.

We will be using our skills of making predictions and observing throughout our learning about floating and sinking.

The first rotation of experiments has been exciting!

These photos show an experiment Suzanne's group explored.

### Some vocabulary we will be using:

- ◆ Prediction
- ◆ Observation
- ◆ Density
- ◆ Displacement



### Ingredients:

- Vegetable oil
- Honey
- Water
- Food colouring
- Clear glass or vase.



"I think the honey went to the bottom because it was the heaviest."



I was curious to find out what would happen if we stirred all our ingredients together, so we did !!!!  
"What would happen if we left it overnight?"



We checked it Wednesday afternoon...

Ugghhh!!!! Something was definitely floating!!!!

## A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

Welcome back! It's great to see you all after the break! We had a fun day out last week, testing our resilience early, with Athletics' Day at Miramar Park. It was great to have some parents join us.

Our Poetry Focus continues this term as we prepare to write our own songs. We are currently working on making our pieces *sound good*. For the first attempt, children collected 15 words they liked from the classroom walls and then had to arrange them into a poem.

We have been reading lots of poems in class and using some of these as models for our writing. Check out the *Magic Box* poem and see what our children have come up with. See below....

Last week we found out that Shakespeare invented over 1700 of the common words we use today! So we had a go at inventing our own using the poem, *Street Music*, as a model. We invented new words to do with city sounds. The collection is called *Hot Metal Language Combinations*. Some examples of these are:

- old car gnashing
- alarms scream me-me-me
- windows smashing psychoconvergium
- pigeons gubble and guggle, gong-gong woo-oo, gooble-gooble
- angry drivers pertroliciously grip steering wheels
- people in cafes gleating noisily

I will put in my box  
A ray from the golden sun that awakes me in the morning  
The rolling waves that wash up on the shore line  
A flower from the puhutakawa trees swaying in the breeze

I will put in my box  
My family that support me through life  
My friends that encourage good times and happiness  
My toys that I'll never forget

My box is made of  
Good times, hard times  
Memories  
Secrets

I will share with my box  
Family, friends and toys

The power of nature  
Secrets.

By Ella Wilson

### The Magic Box

I will put in the box:  
The magic feather from a phoenix,  
The cry of a seagull,  
The veins of a leaf.

I will put in the box:  
A kingfisher leaping among the waves,  
The dragon scale from a fire breather,  
The remains of a long lost castle.

I will put in the box:  
The tail from a whale,  
The messages from a bird,  
The mane from a lion.

My box is fashioned from:  
Bark, obsidian stone and whiskers,  
With cat claws as hinges  
And bright ideas in the corners.

I will explore in my box:  
The deadly spines from a lionfish  
Then sit on a smooth hot rock in the pacific.

By Alexandra.

We had a visitor from The Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra come and share his instruments. Steve played his ukulele and the lap steel guitar. He talked about where they come from, both Hawaii, and gave examples of how they can be used. John and Steve performed John's song *Raylene*.

Cowman of the Latin jam  
Grand to see good melody  
Glokenspiel keys  
Grand jam cow, jam cowman  
  
Of the Ganesh guitar  
Guitar of the cow the jam  
Good to us  
He's a melody man  
  
anon



### Timetable

Just a reminder about important days of the week for us. Please note the change of Spelling Rocket days.

- Monday:  
Basic facts and Spelling Rockets home.  
John's Literacy Group to the Library.
- Tuesday:  
Fleur's Literacy Group to the Library.
- Wednesday:  
Jen's Literacy Group to the Library.
- Thursday:  
Basic facts and Spelling Rockets testing.  
Swimming

Some students still need to bring in \$5 for our performers. This works out as a dollar per performance.

Keep an eye out for **THE MISSION**. More on this next week!

### Student Led Conferences

SLCs are next week. We look forward to sharing your children's success. As time is tight, please be prompt. Come and ask if you are unsure of your time.

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards for last week were for:

\* Being ready for learning, motivated and organised.

**Tautoru-iti and Tautoru**

Blake, Evie, Kitty, Meg and Nils

**Autahi**

Billy, Chanel, Ellie, George and William

**Māhutonga and Matariki**

Aidan, Ian and Oliver

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

\* Sharing and talking about your progress.

**Tautoru-iti and Tautoru**

Emma Mc and Hazel

**Autahi**

Leo G., Lia, Mackenzie and Louise

**Māhutonga and Matariki**

Emily, Caitlin, Henry, Taine and Thanh

And a special award for Josef for:

\* Looking after our littlies so well.

Our Principal's Awards for next week are again for:

\* Sharing and talking about your progress.

**Sports Prize Giving**

To celebrate our sporting achievements we are inviting students, parents, coaches and managers to our annual Sports Prize Giving that will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Who:** All Flippaball, Miniball and Netball teams (students, coaches, managers and parents)

**When:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15pm

**Where:** Worser Bay School

**What:** A chance for everyone to celebrate our WBS sports teams and have a fun afternoon.

**Please note there was an error in our last newsletter in our 2012 Term Dates:****Term 1:**

Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 5 April (not Friday 6 April as this is Good Friday).

**Term 2:**

Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June

**Term 3:**

Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September

**Term 4:** Monday 15 October to Tuesday 18 December.

Friday 1st June will be an additional school holiday. (Not Friday 24th August as previously advised.)

**Welcome** to Nils, whose family is new to the school and who started with us at the beginning of Term 4. And, welcome too, to Evie who started the same day and whose family is already part of the Worser Bay School Community.

We look forward to guiding your development and learning.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES****Strathmore Seatoun & Bays Plunket Family & Individual Black and White Portraits**

Saturday 5th November 2011

For an appointment please contact

Sian on 972 1967 or [sian\\_gavin@clear.net.nz](mailto:sian_gavin@clear.net.nz)

\$5.00 booking fee applies.

**Plunket Second Hand Sale**

Saturday 19 November, 11am to 1pm, St Mark's Church Hall by the Basin Reserve. Entry \$2. Come and buy quality used children and infants clothing, toys, books and accessories at bargain prices!

**The first Miramar Craftea**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Miramar Central School Hall Park Road, just up from The Roxy Cinema, 10.00am to 3.00pm



Lots of wonderful stalls with beautiful hand-crafted and locally created gifts. Plenty of parking and number 2 bus passes right outside, cash sales only, ATMs 2 minute walk away, sorry no eftpos afternoon tea will be served, with proceeds going to local community groups. Locals getting crafty!

Contact Emma 0211896815 or Gillie 0274858485

**Weetbix Kids Tryathlon - Give it a go!**

Register now at [www.weetbix.co.nz](http://www.weetbix.co.nz) or call 09 531 5080

Lower Hutt Recreation Grounds, 19th February 2012

Early Bird entries close 31st December 2011

**Capital Inline Hockey - Learn to Skate & Play Inline Hockey**

Kilbirnie Recreation Centre

\$5 per session

Playing and Safety Equipment supplied. To get an idea of what it's about phone Barbara on 389 8272.

**German Language Course for Children - Ages 8 – 12**

This course is aimed at children with little or no previous knowledge of German. We will learn German through games, music and songs, drama and other fun activities. Every Tuesday for 8 weeks from 14<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 from 4 – 5pm. \$120 for 8 week course.

The course will be held at the Goethe-Institut, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 150 Cuba Street, Wellington

To enrol or for further information please call

Emma on 04 485 6924 or email [teachers@wellington.goethe.org](mailto:teachers@wellington.goethe.org)

### From the Home and School

Please let me thank the teachers on our behalf for their hard work already this term. They are managing to teach around white elephants and deliver SLCs with enthusiasm and still support us with the fair! We do appreciate their efforts. Thank you.

Bring on the party atmosphere for Sunday's Fair!



# ONLY 2 SLEEPS TO GO!

#### Hey Kids - How proud are you of Miramar?

The Parade will open the fair at 11am on Sunday 6th November and celebrates what is unique or special about Miramar.....what will you wear?

From the Fair Committee:

**Thank you** for all the amazing support we have had over the last few weeks – 2 sleeps to go! If you can help or have a question please get in touch:  
 Nicola 380 9339/021 079 0578 / [nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz](mailto:nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz).

**School will be open from 10am to 2pm on Saturday and from 8am on Sunday if you can spare us an hour or two to help set up. We would love to see you!**

#### Don't forget to bring up to school:

- Your lovely baking / sweets / tarts / quiches in the cake box!  
(Saturday or Sunday, if not done today)
- Any fresh herbs, produce (such as lemons) and freshly baked bread to contribute to the deli prior to the fair starting on Sunday (or Saturday).
- Plants / cuttings / seedlings / pre-loved gardening equipment for the Plant Stall. (Saturday)
- Colourful flowers / foliage from your garden for the garlands (Sunday)
- Spare gas BBQs & gas bottles (please label)
- Extension leads (extra long are really useful!) & chilli bins
- Gazebos or umbrellas (the weather forecast is for sun!)
- The children! For the Parade to open the fair – 3 great prizes for the best dressed Miramarian! Meet on the back court at 10.45 am.

#### Silent Auction

This year we have over 45 lots and bidding can take place on-line now. Visit:

<http://www.worserbay.school.nz/school-fair-2011/82.html>.

We are delighted with the very generous support provided by local and national organisations. This year we have a range of lots, from travel; ski packages; accommodation at a top hotel and a coastal holiday home; top flight Wellington restaurants and cafes; art work; a tour for 4 of Park Road Post Production; art classes, swimming lessons, Maths or English tuition; professional services such as architects and landscape architects; entertainment; fashion; a digital camera; and gym memberships. There is something for everyone!

Please pass on this link to friends, family and work colleagues and start bidding. Alternatively, you can place bids in the school office and on the day at the fair.

#### See you at the Fair!

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