



Worser Bay School

NEWS

Friday 4 September 2009

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

FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST!!



It was great to see so many Dads contributing to the school this morning at the Fathers' Day Breakfast!



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Diary:** Wednesday 21st October - Term 4 Parent Information Evening
- **Eastern Zone Hockey Tournament (Yrs 4 - 6):** Wednesday 9th September
- **Assembly:** 9.10 am Friday 11th September
- **Complete:** The online survey re Health and PE (see page 2)
- **Worser Bay School Website:**
Go to www.worserbay.school.nz and check it out on a regular basis. Remember, you will find our daily notices there as well!

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o Whetukairangi

Following on from last week, it's good to reiterate that we need to keep the learner at the heart of all that we do. In a school, this doesn't mean the students, it's also the teachers and parents as learners. So if it's all about learning then what are we talking about?

Stoll, Fink and Earl in their book, "It's about Learning (and It's about Time)" (2001), provide a very helpful and concise list:

- Learning is intellectual, social, emotional and cultural.
- Learning is diverse and different for each individual.
- Learning takes time.
- Learning is linear and erratic.
- Learning happens by design and by chance.
- Learning happens in schools and in homes, workplaces, clubs, communities and societies.
- Learning is active and conscious, rather than passive.
- We all do it and we take it for granted.
- Learning goes on throughout life - regardless!
- Learning is change.

Schools and families working together can have a real impact on learning, so it is important that we are both singing a similar song.

Have a lovely weekend and if there are any last minute changes required just remember - relax, it's learning!

Noho mai rā.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

I trust you Dads who breakfasted with your children at school this morning got the day off to an excellent start! The weeks fly by and it's great to have these opportunities to take a break from our often hectic routines to pause and touch base with life at school. It's certainly busy here, too!

What did you learn today?... is not just a question for us to annoy our kids with at the dinner table but it's also one they may be interested in asking us. If we want our children to be motivated learners we can help by demonstrating that we value and are committed to life-long learning. So, what did you learn today?

Kirsty Chamberlain
Board Member

TAUTORU News

In reading we are learning to compare and contrast traditional fairytales and texts. We have been reading different versions of fairytales and this has generated some great conversations and allowed the children to speak up and develop skills in communication and confidence. We have noticed that some children who are reluctant to contribute in class discussions are now coming out of their shell with this type of activity.

We find revisiting texts valuable, so readers will often come home more than once. To spice things up, treat home reading as a bit of fun - read in a funny voice, read to the cat... we won't go this far at school but we will look for lots of occasions to re-read the carefully scaffolded readers we've selected for guided sessions. For this reason, children frequently bring home books they have previously read. The New Entrants call them "old favourites". Books that are re-read many times allow high frequency words to become embedded, characters, motives and themes are unveiled, and connections can be made with texts that encourage personal vocabulary to develop. These rich aspects of literacy are not always achievable after only one reading. Think about the number of times we've all recited nursery rhymes and retold favourite fairy tales? The same principles apply.

From our children...

"This week we have been practising our filming for Little Red Riding Hood. We start our filming next week so just reminding you to bring your costumes on Monday!" by *Emma*

"In writing Rachel's group have been talking about what they do after school each day. This is then typed up and put on a poster. Some of us have done illustrations for them." by *Kate M*

"Ocean came to see Marylyn and Rachel's groups on Tuesday. We learnt about what shots we could use for our film of Little Red Riding Hood. She showed us a close up, extreme close up, a mid shot, a wide shot, and panning on her camera and laptop." by *Finnegan and Henry*

Housekeeping:

- We have recently had several enquiries about the **School Dental Clinic** check-ups. If you have any concerns about your child's dental care, please ring 570 9292 and they will be able to assist.
- If you haven't paid your **Photocopying/Classroom Expenses or Voluntary Donation** yet, please do so. We will be sending out further reminders shortly.
- Please send in your **Yummy Stickers** by Friday 18th September as we need to send them off before the end of Term 3. Many thanks to all you collectors out there as the stickers earn us valuable dollars for sports equipment!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards this week focus on positive conversations and honesty.

Tautoru

Honesty: Arthur, Isabella, John & Liam
Positive Conversations: Embla, Leila

Autahi

Honesty: Millie
Positive Conversations: Caitlyn

Māhutonga

Honest: Daniel
Positive Conversations: Briana & Matthew

The Principal's Awards for next week will be awarded for lending a hand and organising yourself.

WELCOME to Eloise who has just joined us. Eloise has family here already. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.



Attention - Health and PE Survey soon to be online:

Thanks so much to the parents who contributed to the Health Consultation earlier this term. Using the teaching strategy of 'circle time' (where everyone gets a say!), parents and teachers discussed the needs of our students and what we felt the main Health and PE priorities were for our future planning.

From this discussion a number of questions also emerged.

Even though we certainly encourage it, we do understand that it is not always possible for all of you to attend Parent Evenings. As a follow up we have developed an online survey so that you can contribute to the discussion.

The survey will be available online from Friday 4th September until Friday 11th September. It will take no more than 5-10 minutes of your time and your responses will help to inform our future planning and prioritising.

Thank you in advance for contributing to our curriculum development.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ucoKVSA26YI_2bmzvDMMtP7g_3d_3d
Click on the link to complete the survey.

A note from MĀHUTONGA

Reflection and feedback are two of the key elements of teaching and learning. The advantage of peer feedback is that peers share the same perspectives on writing and problems. They are able to tell you if your writing is interesting or not and whether it makes sense to them. In Māhutonga we have been learning how to peer edit each other's writing. The process we use is first to offer compliments, then suggestions and finally corrections. The focus is on giving feedback that is specific and related to the success criteria. This can be a useful process to use when giving feedback to your child on any new learning.

"It makes me feel grateful because I get opinions from people my own age and they give me things that I can improve on."

"Peer editing helps us to see what a good piece of writing is and to learn from others mistakes around you."

"It helps to improve my own writing."

"It develops my confidence to show my work to classmates."

"It helps to develop trust in the class because I feel trusted to edit someone else's work."

"It gives teachers a break."

From AUTAHI

Miramar Park

"The last few Fridays Autahi and Māhutonga have been on a trip to Miramar Park. When we are at the Park we play a variety of sports - rugby, football, frisbee, soccer, tackle bullrush, bullrush, T-ball, tackle rugby and touch rugby. But we only go on sunny days.

We go there to use up some energy. We like the tricky games."
by *Matt and Coco*



From the HOME AND SCHOOL

We still have tickets available for the "UPI" Movie Afternoon

Join us on Sunday 13th September, 2.30 pm, at the Reading Cinema, all tickets \$15. Come and enjoy this great animated film and contribute to the school funds at the same time! Tickets will be issued on Friday 11th September. It's not too late, but do get your money to the office before Thursday 10th September. Any enquiries phone Kathryn Easter on 388 6177.

School Fair Stall Holders Meeting – Thursday 10th September 2009 8pm in the Staffroom

Would you like to help on a certain stall? Would you like to run a stall? Need more information? Come along for a drink and an idea sharing and planning evening.

Only 8 weeks to go! Yes - 8 Weeks!

**Mark your Calendars:
School Fair Sunday 1st November
11am – 2pm**

Please see the attached flyer to see how you can contribute to our Circus-themed Fair Day.

Beth Simpson & Nicola Lancaster

bruce.simpson@xtra.co.nz

nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz



Hot Chocolate and Bikkie Day last Friday was a roaring success! Thanks heaps to the Home and School for organising such a fun event!

School Photograph Day Wednesday 23 September

By now you will have all received your photograph envelopes and know that if you also want a family photograph you will need to collect an envelope from the office.

There will be a Tautoru, Autahi and Māhutonga group photograph taken, plus a photograph of the Year 6 students.

There will also be sports photographs - one netball team, four miniball teams and a group photo of the flippaball players.

Children in the sports team photographs MUST wear Worsler Bay T-shirts or miss out on being in their photo.

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8	9 Eastern Zone Hockey	10 School Fair Stallholders Meeting - 8pm in the Staffroom	11 Assembly 9.10 am Sunday 13 Sep "Up" Movie Afternoon
14	15	16	17	18 SLCs home
21	22	23 School Photograph Day - 9.00 am	24	25 Last day of Term 3 - School finishes at usual time, 3.00 pm.

SPORTS RESULTS

Miniball

Spurs - won 26-5.

Player of the day was Lene who played great defence.

Celtics won 24-18.

Player of the day was Matt who had a good all-round game.

Lakers won 32-0.

Player of the day was Barney who passed the ball and shot really well.

Trailblazers drew 6-6.

Player of the day was Joseph who involved his team-mates the whole game.

Netball

WBS won against Roseneath 7-1.

This Saturday is the last game for the year.

Flippaball – Term 4

Flippaball starts up again in the first week of Term 4 (Friday 16th October). If your child is keen to play, please email Carolyn at cbrett@worserbay.school.nz by Wednesday 9th September. We will have either one or two teams, depending on the number of children wanting to play and the cost will be around \$20 for the term plus the usual pool entry fee.

Practices will be at 7.00 to 7.45am on Wednesday mornings (starting 21st October) and games will be after school on Fridays.

Also, school photos are on Wednesday 23rd September, so we'll be having a Flippaball team photo too.



Fathers and children puzzling over the quiz at the Fathers' Day Breakfast!

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Miramar Tennis Club

Open Day - Sunday 6 September 2009.
 Darlington Rd, through Miramar Park Gates and next to Miramar North Kindergarten.

Miramar Tennis Club Mid-Week Section

Open Day - Friday 18 September - 9:15 – 11:15am.

Come along and bring a friend!

Free childcare available on the Open Day!

Yummy morning tea! Tel: 388 3629

Miramar Tennis Club Holiday Programme

Term 4, 2009 - Five Day Programme.

Visit our website www.miramartennis.org.nz or email: miramartennis@xtra.co.nz.

Miramar North Kindergarten

"Glow in the Dark" Disco

Friday 11 September, 5.30 - 7.00pm.

Salvation Army Gym, 63 Miramar Ave.

For all Junior Syndicate pupils and pre-schoolers.

Tickets available from deanosg@xtra.co.nz or 027 222 9903. Also door sales. \$5 entry includes a free gift. Food, drinks and glow sticks available.

Dads get into ZEALANDIA: The Karori Sanctuary Experience for free this Fathers' Day! ZEALANDIA is inviting local kids to treat their Dad to a free day out at Wellington's award-winning wildlife sanctuary this Fathers' Day. With some of NZ's rarest birds and reptiles living wild in this world-first safe haven, ZEALANDIA's the perfect place to discover NZ's native wildlife together as a family! Show Dad the view from our new aerial walkway and see if he's brave enough to face the cave weta in our old gold mine! Kaka feeding at 12pm and 1.45pm and tuatara talks at 1pm and 3.15pm. Dad gets in for free with a paying child. Best of all, you can bring Dad along even if you're just a kid at heart! More info at www.visitzealandia.com/events or call 04 920 9200.

All proceeds from ZEALANDIA support the conservation and ecological restoration work of Karori Sanctuary Trust.

Wanted to Rent

House wanted to rent - short or longer term on the Peninsula for family of four from October 2009. Please contact Andrea on 977 5757 or bloss@paradise.net.nz.

Indoor Soccer - Spring league

WIS Newtown

Are any 8 or 9 year olds interested in joining a team with Josef and Matt R for the new league starting next week?

Games are half an hour, played Friday afternoons. Car pooling envisaged!

Contact julie.williamson@xtra.co.nz.