

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 5/9 - Friday 5 March 2010



We are loving our new technology!

## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

This week I have met with a number of parents of children new to the school. It has certainly been a great way to reinforce why we do what we do and how parents and the school fit together. During these conversations "What makes Worser Bay special?" has certainly been a focus. Our unique team teaching environment, the flexible multi-age and the fact that everyone knows each other and play and learn together across the age levels, the focus on the individual have all stood out as key features of our place.

It's so affirming that we are all on the same page when it comes to celebrating what we are about!

Noho ora mai ra.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jude".

Jude

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for: Keep going when things get tough (showing determination) and having a "can do" attitude... Can you do this? Yes, you can!

### Tautoru

Emma, Khailin, Wilbur and William - determination

### Autahi

Emma - determination  
John and Ian - "can do" attitude

### Māhutonga

Aimee and Emily - determination  
Ella G and Jacob - "can do" attitude

Next week's focus will be: Sharing and listening to ideas and using these ideas or feedback to make improvements.



Top right and above: Chinese Dragons ready for our Chinese New Year Celebrations

## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Tennis Money - Yrs 3 - 6** due now - details page 4.
- **Entertainment Book Flyers** - order and pre-pay now.
- **Ukestars!** - Tuesdays from 7.30 pm and **Ukuleles for Sale** - details page 4.
- **Chinese New Year Celebration and Noodle Lunch** - Friday 19th March from 12.30 pm - details page 2.
- **Family Fun Sports Evening** - Tuesday 30 March, 5 - 7 pm - details page 2.
- **Enrolments are open** - tell your friends and neighbours.
- **Voluntary Donation** - Please pay as soon as possible. \$50 discount if paid by the end of Term One (1 April).

## WORD FROM THE BOARD

March already! And a busy March it will be too.

In the lead up to the Board elections in May we have been re-reading our governance documents and checking that we have recorded the things we do, so it'll be a breeze for new board members to step on in. This is a great opportunity to review how far we have come in our own understanding of the role the board plays in the governance of the school. The Board of Trustees model has some unique characteristics, but it's very much like a board of directors and it's an experience accessible to anyone in the community, parents and non-parents alike. If you have a tweak of interest, and we don't know about you yet, come and have a chat with a current board member.

Enjoy our late summer!

**The Board of Trustees**



*We are loving our new kiva!*

**Q:** How many children can you fit in one space?

**A:** A lot!

## From the HOME AND SCHOOL

### **Chinese New Year Celebrations and School Noodle Lunch – Friday 19 March from 12.30pm**

It will be a day of celebration with the Children's Lion Dancing and review of their Asian focus so what better lunch than Noodles?

There will be a plain noodle soup with a choice of toppings; such as vegetable, egg or chicken

Each bowl of Noodles will cost just \$4. Please pre-order for your child so they don't miss out and parents are very welcome to order one to so they can come along and join in the fun.

### **Entertainment Books**

Thank you to those families who have taken advantage of pre-paying for their entertainment books. Your bonus offers will be sent home with your child this week. Keep the pre-paid orders coming in. Alternatively, if you do not want to purchase a book you can make a \$12.00 donation to the school. Tell your friends, family, work colleagues and sport groups that Worser Bay are selling the entertainment books and encourage them to purchase from Worser Bay. Additional flyers are available at the school office. Remember, for each book sold the school benefits \$12.00, so get behind this fundraising venture!

### **Jewetts Real Estate – a reminder...**

Jewetts Real Estate were our Principal sponsor for the Fair. Steve Farrell was very supportive both financially and with practical help. If you are thinking about any real estate moves, please consider choosing Steve and his team in Seatoun in appreciation of their support.

**Any sale linked to the promotion of Jewetts by Worser Bay School, Jewetts will donate \$500 to the School.**

Jewetts can be found at 17 Dundas Street, Seatoun or at [www.jewetts.co.nz](http://www.jewetts.co.nz).

Don't forget to mark your calendars:

### **Family Fun Sports Evening**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 5pm to 7pm  
Miramar Tennis Club and Miramar Park  
Mark it on your calendar, dust off your sports shoes, challenge the children to find a game that they can beat you at and come along for an evening of fun, fitness and food.

Chair of the Home and School

**Nicola Lancaster**

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### **Noodle Lunch Order for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Child's Name .....

Tautoru / Autahi / Māhutonga (please circle one)

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Tautoru / Autahi / Māhutonga

Total lunches: .....@ \$4 = .....

I have paid by: (please circle one)

Cash or Cheque (enclosed) / Internet Banking

For Internet banking please use your child's surname and 'Lunch' as a reference. The Worser Bay Home and School account is 060513 0304691 00.

### **Worser Bay School Enrolment Scheme**

With families seeking job opportunities both out of Wellington and out of NZ (good for them, sad for us) combined with extra space, we have a fabulous opportunity to welcome up to 20 new children across the school from out of our home zone in 2010.

Many of you have been asking, so the time is nigh! Get out there and let your friends, families and neighbours know that enrolments for the remainder of 2010 are open and applications close on **Friday 26 March 2010 at 3.00 pm.**

For further information please contact our Office Manager, Carolyn Anderson, on 939 7281 or email [canderson@worserbay.school.nz](mailto:canderson@worserbay.school.nz).

## News from TAUTORU

This week in Tautoru we are developing our oral language skills by learning to share our experiences and interpret and respond to others' ideas. This is setting the background for developing and strengthening self and peer assessment.

Our focus on writing is also helping the children to draw on a wide oral vocabulary of nouns, verbs and adjectives to get the message across to the audience. You would have seen an example of this language experience in the newsletter last week with our fruit hedgehogs.



*Focus on Writing Feedback*



*Another Chinese Dragon*

## from AUTAHI

We have been making close observations this week - by studying inanimate objects and noticing the play of light on them; by viewing the artworks of Artist Fatu Feu'u to examine the symbols he uses; and by scrutinising our own stance on the digital projector to note how we can improve our throwing technique.

In the coming weeks, we will be closely studying life in/on and around the Rocky Shore. If you are out and about, take a closer look and notice how things change in the course of a day. Look up also and study the changes of the moon over the month.

We have also been identifying synonyms - words with similar meanings - during Vivid Vocab. How many synonyms can you spot for 'observe'?

## A note from MĀHUTONGA

Kia ora from Māhutonga! Due to the excellent weather we have been able to get outside play games and get active.

So what have we been doing for health and physical education?

*"Through learning and by accepting challenges in health-related and movement contexts, students reflect on the nature of well-being and how to promote it."* - New Zealand Curriculum

So far this term we have been focusing on the skills of throwing and catching. We have been learning what good throwing and catching looks like. We know that to achieve success we need to: 'catch, cup and cushion'; move behind the ball; step into the throw; keep your eyes on the ball and the target.

What a lot to remember!

We have even reviewed our technique on video 'just like the professionals' to see what we really look like and to see if we are successful in what we are learning. Then we get to play games that involve these skills; dodge ball, kingpin, rob the nest and scatter ball, just to name a few.

But wait, there is more! Every morning we have 15 minutes of fitness where we develop cardio, strength and flexibility. This sets up for the day and helps develop our locomotor skills (running, jumping, skipping and hopping) but it also helps with our concentration and focusing skills.

Circle time and developing our class treaty are also part of Health and PE - we develop our attitude and values, and understanding relationships between individuals.



*Māhutonga Getting Active!!*

## SPORT

### Eastern Zones Cricket

Eastern Cricket was a huge success - the Wizards and Warlocks descended onto Kilbirnie Park on an 'out of this world' Wellington day to do battle with all-comers. We won some, lost some, and drew some.

Our biggest success was the way Worsler Bay School students represented the school and themselves. Our parents were fantastic and supportive. Thank you, Carol, Glenn, Julia and Sofia.

### Flippaball

Our team is playing at 5 pm tonight! No results from last week, as unfortunately we had to cancel as many of our players were unavailable.

### Tennis - Years 3 - 6

On Monday and Tuesday next week (8 & 9 March), and the following week (15 & 16), Years 3 - 6 will be starting tennis at the Miramar Tennis Club. Years 4 - 6 will be going on Monday, Year 3 will be going on Tuesday. Please ensure students have adequate sun protection and footwear so that they don't miss out.

Please make payment of \$5 per child to the office by Friday 12th March.

### Reply Slip - Tennis

I enclose \$5 for:

.....  
Child's Name

to take tennis lessons at the Miramar Tennis Club.

.....  
Parent Signature

### WORSE BAY UKESTARS!

Come and join in our jam session on Tuesday nights. Aimed at beginners, this workshop / jam session is a fun occasion for parents and friends to get together and perhaps get a head start on the kids who will be learning ukulele this year.

Tuesday nights 7.30pm in the Staff Space.

For more information, call Ty on 027 590 0009 anytime or 388 4086 at home.

Speaking of which...

### Ukuleles for Sale!!

We will have 20 gorgeous Mahala Ukuleles for sale from Monday. First in—first choice of colour!!

Mahala Ukulele	Retail \$55	WBS \$60
Tuner	Retail \$27	WBS \$30

Please buy from us - not only is it convenient and you don't need to pay for petrol and parking - you will be making a small donation towards our music programme!!

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Check out the Wellington Circus Festival** - on until 9th March at Waitangi Park - many free events. Highly recommended by one of our parents who happened to go along!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Preloved Fashion Sale

We're sorting like mad. Please give us even more to do! Only 8 days to go to **THE** sale of the year – the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Preloved Fashion Sale**, 13 March, 9am to noon, Wesley Church Hall, Taranaki Street. So .....  
Get the date and time in your diary:

Buy some fabulous new threads for yourself and, in the process, help the New Horizons for Women Trust to provide second chance education opportunities for women, and the ChangeMakers Refugee Forum to support refugee women settling in New Zealand. And .....  
Make some space in your wardrobe!

We invite you, ask you, implore you and plead with you, to donate fashionable items of clothing, accessories or jewellery in good condition that you once loved but can now live without.

DROP OFF donations to our sorting space between 9am and 12 noon this **Saturday 6 March**. Our space is at 210 Victoria Street (near the corner with Vivian Street). It is easy to park there. **Please do not** leave bags of clothes outside the door as we will not be there except on Saturday mornings, so they will be removed by the Council refuse people which would be a terrible waste.

OR DROP OFF donations at any one of the following:

City – Madame Fancy Pants, 217 Cuba Street  
City – The Mews, SSC Building, Molesworth Street  
City – The Johnson Group, Level 2, BERL House, 108 The Terrace  
Khandallah – Taylors Dry Cleaning, Ganges Road  
Newtown – Next Stop Earth Florists, Constable Street

Any queries, email me at [hazelkirkham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hazelkirkham@xtra.co.nz), text me on 021 383 226, or give me a ring.

Happy wardrobe weeding!

**Hazel Kirkham**

**Donations - Preloved Fashion Sale**

021 383 226

Please note: Here is the link to our **Google Calendar**:

<http://www.worslerbay.school.nz/wb-newsletter-and-calendar.html> (copy and paste to your browser).

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