



# Worser Bay School NEWS

Friday 6 November 2009

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

All the Fun of  
the Fair!



## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

This year we have been aiming to make stronger connections in all sorts of ways. For a start, our big theme has been "Relationships, Cause and Effect". Connections must come into that somehow!

It's just brilliant when we see our WBS children making connections independently. You will see plenty of this at home on a daily basis. I spoke at the last Parent Evening how we would like to improve the connection between home and school, by moving away from only home backing up the learning at school, but also how school might support all of those rich learning experiences at home. It's a tricky one. I have spoken with a few parents in passing to pick their brains, and still haven't come to any conclusion. If you have any thoughts on how we could do this, I'd love to know!

Would you believe that we are well into the throes of 2010 planning even though we have a heap to get through before 18 December? Life certainly zooms by. Let's provide opportunities for our children to love every minute of it!

After a full on 'schoolie weekend' last weekend, I'm sure many of us are looking forward to a bit of space this one. Have fun out there.

Noho ora mai rā.  
Na

Jude

## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Please collect** any equipment kindly loaned for the fair - electrical cords, etc.
- **Diary:** Worser Bay School Carol Evening - Tuesday 15th December
- **Diary:** Year 6 Farewell Evening - Thursday 17th December.  
Year 6 Parents - there will be something special for you too, so be sure to mark it on the calendar!
- **Years 3-6** - Payment of \$5 for tennis due by Friday 13 November.
- Situations Vacant!

## WORD FROM THE BOARD

Well, what a weekend it was! Thanks to all of you who gave of your time, energy and – yes – money, to make the *Worser Bay School Fair Circus - the Greatest Show on the Face of the Earth(us)!!!!* such a spectacular success.

Special thanks to the Fair Committee which was ably and energetically led (and, yes, this is the right time to name and fame) by the Home and School co-Chairs Nicola Lancaster and Beth Simpson, who were supported by Catriona Lewis, Sue Haberfield and Carol Toomer. I know they are grateful for the support of the wider Home and School and you, the school community. The number of you who gave of your time was fantastic and made for a spectacular day. Even the weather gods showed up after an overly long absence! I have received a lot of unsolicited positive feedback from people outside of our immediate school community about the buzz and atmosphere on the day. We did ourselves proud!

Also, a very special thanks to Jude and the teachers and staff who not only made a terrific contribution to the Fair (with Suzanne organising the kids' contributions leading up to the fair and her unstinting face painting on the day worthy of being singled out), but who also gave up a fair chunk of their Saturday to work with the Board and plan priorities for the next few years.

This Ring Master went home on Sunday a very happy (helped just a touch by a Tuatara Pilsener or two...) and slightly hoarse chap!

**Andrew Wilson**  
Board Member

## AUTAHI News

We have been talking about the success of the fair all week in Autahi. It was a fantastic experience shared by bargain hunters of all ages.

Throughout the year we have been making links to our prior learning across many different curriculum areas. The fair was a great chance to see examples of how students could use their initiative and drive to contribute to a stall.

You may have seen Kirstie's 'Ladybug Launcher' for sale on the craft stall. This showed the application of prior learning from our Term One Inventors' Workshop. This particular unit had a Technology focus. You can read more about Kirstie's design and testing process below.

Another example was the range of Yayoi Kusama inspired hats available for purchase. These were created by Ella in Māhutonga.

### Lady Bug Launchers

"The idea of making ladybug launchers came to me when we were learning about Leonardo da Vinci and the six simple machines. My ladybug launchers are an example of a lever. They are very simple to make and fun to use. My friends really liked using them and that gave me the idea of making them for the school fair.

I made ten for the fair and they all sold out very quickly. I used scrap pieces of wood and old test pots of paint so they were all made out of recycled materials."

by *Kirstie*

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards this week will be awarded for being respectful and behaving appropriately in public and for excellence in the Arts.

### Tautoru

Excellence in Art: Caitlin, Embla, Ian and Henry A

Being respectful and behaving appropriately in public: Anthony, Ellie, Fern, Will A

### Autahi

Excellence in Art: Sebastian

Being respectful and behaving appropriately in public: Matt

### Māhutonga

Excellence in Art: Ella and Ciara

Being respectful and behaving appropriately in public: Lewis and Amelia

The Principal's Awards for next week are for taking risks by using new vocabulary in writing, and for honesty.

## Situations Vacant:

### Seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers for new Numeracy and Literacy initiative

You will be aware that we are always on the lookout for different ways to engage our school community by developing partnerships and increasing involvement between home and school. The process of learning has become a delicate web of high expectations, trusting relationships and connections to bridge gaps between what is known and that which remains to be learnt.

Recent data collated from numeracy and literacy assessments has identified a handful of students whose skill and confidence level are cause for concern. In order to provide them with significant support and to improve their achievement, we are looking for a group of parents who are keen to be trained in an intensive programme designed to boost achievement.

The programme will focus on students whose numeracy knowledge or reading fluency is causing concern. The aim will be to move these targeted students closer to the expected achievement for their year level.

It is hoped enough parents will come forward so we can run a 15-30 minute daily programme over 5 weeks. Not only will you benefit by increasing your awareness and understanding of numeracy or the process of learning to read, you will also be supporting several students to sustain their motivation and manage their learning goals.

So... think you could spare one hour a day for 5 weeks? Want to find out more?

**Please speak with Maria or Suzanne to register your interest.**

## A note from MĀHUTONGA

We have been making connections with our learning from last term by putting it into a new and different context. Students have been building their key competencies of working in a team towards a common goal within the Medieval Mayhem unit. The connections between reading, writing and oral language are strengthened as students plan and discuss their stories together before writing a diary entry for their character. It also allows students to use their strengths as some students draw and others complete a map. Time and resource are another set of skills they are developing as they work in their co-operative groups.

The students are in groups of four, and each student in the group writes a diary about the adventures of their character in the group. Here, Lucas introduces his character:

### “Order of the Chicken

**Name:** Jordan McDuff

**Whom:** Jordan is a loyal priest of god and is a member of the Monks' Monastery. A cunning strategist, in his younger years he was a commanding officer, master of surprise and ambush. After his parents died in a war, the monk settled down for a holy life serving God. After many years he progressed in the art of healing and schooling, he became a famous teacher and doctor healing a lord near death.

Now, near sixty, he has settled in his home town Mosca, Wales. But McDuff became restless as his younger spirit thirsted for adventures and set off into the world as a traveller. In his voyages he became a member of the Order of Chicken containing a jester, a determined craftsman and a young, but headstrong, knight.”

Next week, we will share some diaries of exciting adventurers.....

## News from TAUTORU

### Communication in Tautoru

This week Tautoru tapped into community expertise and invited Peter and Brenda to share their knowledge about clothing in Medieval times. The children enjoyed seeing Peter model many very different kinds of shoes, hats and coats, and Brenda showed us how a chemise was worn. The cotton underwear was interesting, as was the idea of keeping clothing fastened using a drawstring, ties or brooches rather than zips and buttons. The children were able to draw comparisons with fabric types worn several hundred years ago and what we wear today. The notion of upper and lower classes was a new insight for them, too! Do you know what a 'cut purse' is? Ask your child if they remember about this medieval role!



The teachers were also communicating and sharing ideas this week with a group of teachers visiting us from Sweden. They talked to the New Entrants about their writing goals and listened to child directed conversations about portfolios... they even took away a copy of a unit plan to translate into Swedish about 'Communities' in Medieval times! All in all, a valuable week communication-wise!

**WELCOME** to Hunter, Sean and Emma who joined us over the last few weeks at Worser Bay School. They all have family here already. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.

## From the HOME AND SCHOOL Thank You!

To all the families, staff, friends and the wider Worser Bay School community for your role in holding “The Greatest School Fair on Earth” – it certainly felt like it was! An amazing effort from all, with a fantastic result of \$22,000 raised. Well done and thank you!

**‘Fair Wash Up’ -  
8pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
in the Staffroom**

No rubber gloves required, just some constructive feedback and ideas for next year. Come and join us for drinks, nibbles and a relaxed feedback session.

**Next Home and School Meeting -  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7- 8pm**  
in the staffroom (before the ‘Fair Wash Up’). All very welcome to attend.

**Your Co-chairs of the Home and  
School:**

**Beth Simpson & Nicola Lancaster**

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The clothes have heaps of buttons. Liam



# DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9</b> BOT Meeting 7pm	<b>10</b> Home and School Meeting - 7pm  'Fair Wash Up' - 8pm, Staffroom	<b>11</b> Autahi - Swimming  Eastern Zone Athletics (Postponement Date 18th Nov)	<b>12</b> Māhutonga - <b>No Swimming</b>	<b>13</b> Tautoru - Swimming  Payment due for tennis.
<b>16</b> Tennis starts Years 3-6	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Autahi - Swimming	<b>19</b> Māhutonga - Swimming	<b>20</b> Tautoru - Swimming
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Autahi - Swimming	<b>26</b> Māhutonga - <b>No Swimming</b>	<b>27</b> Tautoru - Swimming

## Dates of important events coming up:

Tuesday 15th December - Carols

Thursday 17th December - Year 6 Farewell Evening

## SPORT

**Tennis** - In weeks 6, 7, 9 and 10, Year 3-6 students will be heading down to the Miramar Tennis Club to participate in the Grasshoppers' Tennis Programme. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to get a look at the club, develop hand-eye co-ordination, have some fun and challenge themselves.

There is a cost of \$5 dollars per child. Please complete the permission slip below and return with payment to the office by Friday 13 Nov.

### Flippaball Results

Worser Bay Blue won against Kilbirnie Dolphins 13 - 3

Worser Bay White won against Kilbirnie Porpoises 7 - 3

No Flippaball games for the next two weeks owing to pool exclusions

### Reply Slip - TENNIS - Please return by Friday 13 November

**Please note:** If your child has not returned the money and the signed form, they will have to miss out on this great opportunity and stay at school.

..... has permission to go down to  
Miramar Tennis Club for Tennis Lessons.

The cost is \$5.00 and must be paid prior to going.

I enclose \$.....

I am able/unable to assist. (Please circle.)

Signed: .....

Contact telephone number: .....

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### Thorndon School Art Auction

Tonight - 6 November 2009  
Thorndon School Hall, 20 Turnbull Street  
Doors open at 6:00pm  
Auction begins at 7:30pm  
Entry by Koha  
Complimentary glass of bubbles  
Complimentary nibbles  
Entertainment  
Cash bar

Approximately 50 lots of affordable art with works by Andrea du Chatenier, Sir Michael Fowler, Emma McCleary, Dee Guja, Mario Mazzorona, Colyn Nicholls and Helen Wilson, among others.

Live auction and silent auction.

### Pauatahanui School's Lamb & Calf Day

THIS weekend, Saturday, 7 November  
from 10am to 2pm – Rain or Shine  
(12 Paekakariki Hill Road).

Pouring cups of tea with real diggers,  
photos with the Bledisloe Cup, Climbing  
Wall and, of course, all the usual Country  
Fair Fun!!

### Worser Bay Life Saving Club Open Day

Sunday 8 November at 1pm at Worser Bay  
Beach - new members welcome.

Follow the link below to the WCC website  
e-petition for the repair of Maranui's SLSC  
building: <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/e-petitions/>

**Wanted to Rent:** House for short or longer  
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