

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3, Week 10, Friday 7 October 2011



The Music Inquiry is full steam ahead!



We found out that sound needs air. When you take the air away from something you can't hear it, but it is still making it. So if stars die in space you can't hear it.

The soft material absorbed the sound and doesn't make an echo. When sound waves hit a jagged surface they will bounce off in different directions and that will make the sound weaker. On a concave surface it produces an echo, but it is just very faint. On a flat surface it produces a loud echo.



## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- Please get to school on time (**by 8.55am**).
- Remember your **SUNHATS**.
- Book your **Student Led Conference** now! Bookings close on Thursday 27 October.
- **Swimming - Term 4**  
Permission Slips and Payments are now due (see page 4).
- **Athletics Day - Tuesday 25 October** (see page 4).
- Remember the **Brainteaser** (page 3).  
Get your entries in by **Thursday 27 October**.
- **School begins for Term 4 at 8.55am on Tuesday 25 October and ends on Friday 16 December at 1.00 pm.**
- **Rising Fives, Term 4** - Next term 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.
- Please diary **Wed 14 December 5.30pm - Christmas Wrap** (Whole School) and **Thurs 15 December - Year 6 Leavers' Dinner and Parent Drinkies!**

## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

One of our goals this year was to provide a range of opportunities for you to feel like you are up to date with the learning that's happening in and outside of the classroom. Yesterday's Open Afternoon was another one of those opportunities.... so great to see you taking it up..... yes, time is precious and flies by! Before you know it, your children will be at secondary!

Speaking of the future and carrying on with a similar theme from the last newsletter, you may be interested in the latest results from The Competent Learners' study. This study, through the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER), followed the lives of 500 young people and revisited 401 of the participants when they turned 20. Once again, what shone through as very important in regards to success at school were also those attitudinal competencies ..... "**higher levels of perseverance, communication, social skills, curiosity and self management supported higher achievement**". So, again, celebrating the strong emphasis on the development of the 'whole child' we have at Worser Bay.

The study also found that "more than half of the children who had low performance as 8 year-olds still went on to gain NCEA Level 2 or 3..... that means children's support from teachers and parents, the learning opportunities they had in and out of school and their interactions with teachers and parents enabled them to make real progress...".

For a decent read, visit: <http://www.nzcer.org.nz/research/publications/forming-adulthood-past-present-and-future-experiences-and-views-competent-learners>.

So, hope you have booked in for your SLC. Please remember, bookings close the first Thursday of the new term (27 October) and there is oodles of learning to share and thoughtful next steps to discuss.

Thank you for your engagement this term, let's look forward to an invigorating summer (or more summery!) term.

No ora mai ra!

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES (SLCs)

It's that time again soon. The SLC provides the second formal opportunity of the year to celebrate learning and set goals together.

**Dates:** Monday 31 October to Friday 11 November 2011  
**Bookings Close:** Thursday 27 October

The instructions re booking are as follows:

- Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home)
- Enter the Worser Bay School Code **FP97G**

**TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News**

What a fantastic term! As discussed on numerous occasions, reflection is a key part of learning so we asked the students what their highlights have been and what they have enjoyed most this term. We look forward to sharing much of this at Student Led Conferences and to another wonderful term to come.

I liked making my art-work and learning about how other artists do their art, like Gretchen Albrecht and Andy Warhol - Lia

I loved doing art because of the painting and using different colours - Zamyah

I liked getting my hands messy in art! - Anthony

**ART**



Making our Bat Buddies in sewing has been so much fun!



**READING**



I like all the different types of writing we have been doing, like writing about things you do (recounts) - Liam G

**WRITING**

I liked discovery about Obsidian in my reading. It has very sharp edges and the Maori people found it and they used it for making knives - Jack H

I liked learning about pa in reading - William H

**MATHS**

I likes maths because I'm interested in counting - Billy

I've liked maths because there is lots of choice and you get to decide what you want to do - Leo W

I liked learning to count on - William H



I like learning languages because if you go to a different place you will know what to say and it is fun.

If you go somewhere different you can understand.

Sophina & Emma R



**LANGUAGES**

## A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

Well done on such a fantastic term! It has been hard to be inside with the wet weather in this last week, but the children have worked hard at remaining positive, calm and aware of others.

Our learning this term has taken us from exploring why we write and the power that words hold, to the science of sound and beyond. We are looking forward to using this knowledge of how sound works as we go forward into writing our own songs. Next term's work will be super creative and an exciting way to finish off the year.

### STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

You will have all received a notice as to who you need to book in with to hear about your child's fantastic learning and progress. This is your child's maths teacher. Please note that the correct login code is **FP97G**.

It is great to see so many have already booked in. Remember that you are only able to book online and the system will close on Thursday 27 October, the first Thursday of Term 4. Spaces are filling up fast, so get in while you can!

### BRAINTEASER

What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?

Bring your entries to the office by Thursday 27 October.

The answer to last week's Brainteaser was "A Clock". Congratulations to the winners - Billy, Georgia and Ruby C.

### Health Consultation 2011

By now most of you have hopefully had a chance to jump on the website and view the 2009 Health Consultation results.

Some of you will recall the large scale gathering of information from the health consultation in 2009. The consultation provided us with some important information that has helped to shape our current health curriculum. Follow the link to the website (if you haven't already)

[http://www.worserbay.school.nz/files/Health\\_Consultation\\_Final%20Summary.pdf](http://www.worserbay.school.nz/files/Health_Consultation_Final%20Summary.pdf)

to read the full 2009 report, including the key findings and recommendations.

Two years down the track, much of this information in the report is still relevant. However, as always, reflection is vital to moving forward and so we would like to get your feedback and any further thoughts.

- ◆ Do you think there is anything missing?
- ◆ Have our priorities changed?
- ◆ What do you think is most important or relevant for our Worser Bay students?

Please have a chat as a family over the holidays. Send an e-mail to [hmcræ@worserbay.school.nz](mailto:hmcræ@worserbay.school.nz) with the header Health Consultation 2011, or jot down a note to be returned to the box labelled Health Consultation 2011 in the school office.

Whether it's a couple of bullet points or a short essay, we'll take it as it comes. Perhaps you can give each point some sort of priority ranking too.

We welcome your thoughts and ideas, and look forward to receiving them.

### STATIONERY

Please talk with your child to see if they need anything new for next term. Most children need more pencils and a named pencil sharpener. They need to have all stationery with them and ready to go for the start of Term 4 so they can be on top of that self management. Thanks.

### HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

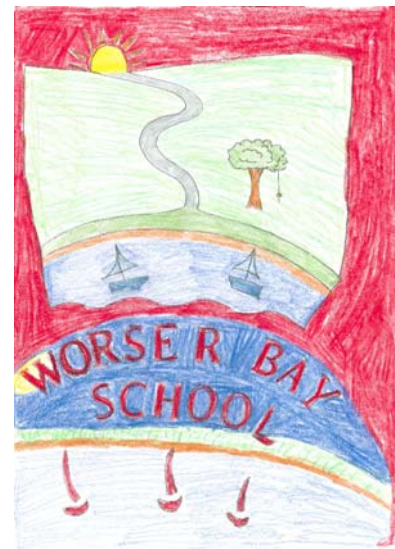
If you have any time over the holidays, it would be great to share a favourite poem or a poem that you love. This could be from a favourite song, a childhood favourite or one from the poetry walk through town.

Athletics Day has been moved to the first day of Term 4 (Tuesday 25 October), so it would be great to practise throwing a vortex and quoit, long jump and sprints.

Happy holidays and catch you at the SLCs!

### Congratulations!

We had some great entries for the cover of the 2012 Homework Books. Congratulations to Caitlin for designing the winning cover. We look forward to seeing your artwork in print - well done!



### Sports Prize Giving

With yet another term coming to an end we would like to send out a big thank you to all the coaches, managers and parents who have helped to look after our Worser Bay sports teams. We couldn't run these teams or offer the children these sporting options without your help and dedication so... Thank You.

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.

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

\* Recognising and complimenting others about their learning.

**Tautoru-iti and Tautoru**

Rory MM

**Autahi**

Fern, Frankie, Jack K and Pieta

**Māhutonga and Matariki**

Coco, David and Ian

**And for athletics last week from Māhutonga and Matariki...**

Albert, Harley, James, Matahi and Tiana

Next week's focus is:

\* Being ready for learning, motivated and organised.

**Staff News**

Shelley has stepped into the Year 0-3 team with ease this last term and we thank you again, Shelley, for your commitment to the children's learning. Happy house-moving and we are sure to see you here from time to time on a casual basis.

Thanks also to Marion, who has been supporting special needs in Tautoru-iti on a part-time basis this year..... we wish you well in your many ventures!

Marylyn has one more term at WBS before she retires..... so we will all need to make it a good one and ensure she leaves, after many years of dedication to the school, on a total high! Details about a "Thanks, Marylyn" celebration for her will come out early next term - very early in fact, as it's such a short term!

**Summer's on the way** - Next term, wearing of sunhats outside will be compulsory, so remember to bring a sunhat to school from the very first day of Term 4!!

**A note from the Office:**

There have recently been a lot of children arriving after 8.55 am, when the bell is rung. Please endeavour to have your child/children at school by this time. However, if they are unavoidably late, meaning that they will be marked as absent on the roll, please make sure they do not go directly to the classroom but come to the office, write their name in the Late Book and take a Late Pass to give to their teacher.

This system is to ensure your child/children have arrived at school safely and they are accounted for.

**2012 Term Dates:**

**Term 1:** Wednesday 1 February to Friday 6 April

**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 and Tuesday 4th June, and Friday 24th August will be additional school holidays.

**Athletics Day, Tuesday 25th October at 9.30 am**

Just a heads up that our whole School Athletics is coming up on Tuesday 25th October (**the first day back in Term 4**), weather permitting. Postponement date will be the following Tuesday - 1st November. Please note that we had to change the date due to a timetable clash.

**Welcome** to Sam whose family is new to the school and who started with us during the latter part of this term.

We look forward to guiding your development and learning.

**Year 4, 5 and 6 Netballers**

Please return your netball uniforms as soon as possible.

**TERM 4 SWIMMING 2011**

Swimming lessons will be commencing in the first week of Term 4. The days and times for each teaching area are as follows:

**Tautoru-iti and Tautoru**

**8 lessons - Fridays, 28 Oct to 16 Dec (11am - 12pm)**

Buses leave at 10.30am from WBS and 12.30pm from the Aquatic Centre.

**Autahi**

**8 lessons - Wednesdays, 26 Oct to 14 Dec (10 - 11am)**

Buses leave at 9.30am from WBS and 11.20am from the Aquatic Centre.

**Māhutonga**

**8 lessons - Thursdays, 27 Oct to 15 Dec (11am- 12pm)**

Buses leave at 10.30am from WBS and 12.20pm from the Aquatic Centre.

**The cost is \$48.00 per child and must be paid prior to going.**

**Reply Slip - TERM 4 SWIMMING**

My child/ren ..... has/have permission to travel by bus to the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre to participate in the Swimming Programme.

The cost is **\$48.00 per child**.

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ Cash / Cheque

I have paid \$\_\_\_\_\_ by Internet

Banking to the Worser Bay School Account

**03 0521 0138582 000** (Reference: **Swimming**)

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

Signed: .....

## From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Thank you to the parents and staff of WBS for all your support to the Home and School through this term. It has been a busy term with a Market, a Disco, a Raffle and Calendars as fundraisers, not to mention the planning of the famous fair! That's the main focus for us next term and it will need everyone's involvement in some or many ways. It's our small school community bonding project – a great way to meet new people and catch up with old friends.

### From the Fair Committee:

#### Only 4 weeks to go until Fair Day!

**With 2 weeks of school holidays and then 2 short weeks of school before the fair we would love you to make it a family project – “What can we make for the School Fair?”**

- Plant some herbs? Split some plants?
- A crafty creation? Fancy hair clips? Pretty cushion?  
A toy craft kit?
- A few pots of jam / relish / chutney / marmalade?
- Make some fudge / toffee / coconut ice?
- Little fruit cakes?

#### Flyer Delivery

Would you like a flyer for your staff noticeboard? You can now download one from the website.

The flyers are now available to pick up for delivery. If you volunteered but have not got your flyers to deliver, please phone Sarah Gunn on 934 9778.

#### Lucky Dip

We would love some more items to wrap for the children's lucky dip. Do you have work keyrings / drink bottles / caps? Perhaps you have some little items left from a birthday party? Do you have an idea or contact? Leigh Signal would love to hear from you – 977 2883.

#### Cake Stall

The cake boxes are not far away! However, if you would like to make some sweets/fudge/coconut ice (over the holidays) the bags will be available to pick up from the school office. If you have an idea or a cake question, please phone Jodi O'Regan on 380 8871.

#### Fair Deli

Please read the recipe sheet for the deli (attached to the school website) to see how you may be able to contribute to our famous deli stall. A school holiday project? For more information, call Steph Calder on 388 7379.

#### We are on the Web!

Look out for the new tab on the left hand green column of the school web page – the recipe sheets, the flyer and final countdown information is all available for you to download to share with friends, family or colleagues at work – spread the load/love!

#### Don't forget to clear out those cupboards over the school holidays...

ready for our Last White Elephant drop on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 12noon. This is also the weekend you can book in a collection for any larger items or furniture. To organise a collection phone Olive on 388 7020.

#### Got a Fair Question? Need a job on Fair Day?

**Phone Nicola on 380 9339 – we would love to hear from you!**

**Hey Kids - How proud are you of Miramar?**  
Why not use the school holidays to create that fancy dress outfit for the Fair Parade?

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?

Eleni Moore,  
Chair of Home and School  
[moore@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:moore@vodafone.net.nz) or 388 8137

### We are very proud to announce the arrival of the official Miramarian T shirt!

These have been designed as an ongoing fundraiser for Worsler Bay School but they will be released at a special price for school families to order ready to wear for the school fair.

The T-shirts are a quality 100% cotton blue unisex T-shirt with the logo "Proud to be called a Miramarian" (see below).



They are available in the following sizes:

**Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL and 2XL**  
**Youth sizes: YXS, YS, YM, YL**

The T-shirts will sell for \$30 at the School Fair but if you place an order before 4pm on Thursday 20th October 2011 they will be just \$25.

You are able to pay by cash or cheque (made out to Worsler Bay Home and School) to the school office at the beginning of Term 4 or by direct credit to the Worsler Bay Home and School Account - 060513 0304691 00 (**Ref: T-shirt and your surname**).

If you would like to place an order, please email me the amount, size and your preferred method of payment by 4pm on Thursday 20th October.

Nicola Lancaster  
[nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz](mailto:nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Spring Gala, St George's Church, Ferry Street, Seatoun

Saturday 8 October 11 am - 2 pm  
Miramar-Seatoun-Strathmore Anglican Parish  
Contact Beverley 388 2725

### Seatoun AFC Junior Soccer Holiday Programme

17 - 21 October, 9.00 am - 12 noon, Seatoun Park  
5 - 14 years (boys and girls)  
\$90 per child for full 5-day programme or \$25 per day  
\$60 for each extra child per family or \$15 per day  
The clubrooms at Seatoun Park will be available for the full programme, so it will run rain, shine, hail or snow.

For further information and to request a registration form please contact: Terry Hills at [terry.hills@xtra.co.nz](mailto:terry.hills@xtra.co.nz) or on 0274 303654 / 388 5575

## CAPITAL E

### A Curious Wonderland – Age 3+

**8 - 22 October (not Sundays) - Drop In 10am - 4pm**  
Enter Capital E's topsy-turvy terrain where up is down and small is big and rabbits can tell the time. As you wander through the Fortress of Doors into Heart Palace, through Wonderland Wood and into the Jabberwocky's Lair, you may sometimes feel like your eyes are deceiving you. This is a journey you won't forget with crafts, games, riddles and tasks along the way. If you are a fan of flamingo croquet and not afraid of being shrunk or enlarged, this is the adventure for you. Wonderland Wanderer's will be rewarded with an Unbirthday cup-cake to decorate and take home.

### Songs of the Sea - Ideal for age 2 - 7

**Sat 8 October 2pm, Mon - Sat 10am & 11.30am**

When the stars of the Milky Way part to make way for a boat captained by the Shaper of the Universe, you know Songs of the Sea is going to take you on an unforgettable journey. The whole family will delight in this fabulously imaginative and enchanting tale that reveals where all the fish in the sea came from in a collage of brilliantly coloured puppets, song and dance. Written by Peter Wilson, directed by Kerryn Palmer and Bill Guest and featuring puppets by Sue Hill, this production weaves together stories of the sea, including how the children of Te Ika Ra, the lonely sunfish, and Te Ika Marama, the bright moonfish, got their rainbow colours.

### Creative Brains workshop – Age 10+

**Tues 18 Oct 1.30 – 3.30pm**

Know someone small with a big brain? This is their chance to become an official Capital E Creative Brain. We like delivering workshops that kids love. Creative Brains Workshops have resulted in some brilliant ideas, like our Alien Invasion workshop, and we're sure this year will be no different. This is how it works — eight volunteers come to Capital E to brainstorm brilliant ideas and the concept that everyone likes the most will be incorporated into one of our upcoming school holidays.

Visit: [www.capitale.org.nz](http://www.capitale.org.nz) or Tel 04 913 3740 for more information.

### Art Classes

Art Classes for children, after school in Term 4. Please email [marion.hughes@clear.net.nz](mailto:marion.hughes@clear.net.nz) for more details.

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### Drama Holiday Workshop

10 and 11 October at Miramar Central School Hall  
9am to 2pm, 7-11 year olds, \$40 per day  
Explore your imagination, create interesting theatre.  
Discover hidden talent. Come along in the October School Holidays, bring a friend and have fun.

Contact Kelly Pickering for payment details at [grasshopperadmin@gmail.com](mailto:grasshopperadmin@gmail.com) or Jo Rogers on 021 124 2067. Book early to secure a place. Bring morning tea, lunch and a bottle of water.

### Wellington Harrier Athletic Club - Children's Athletics

We offer track & field coaching and events for athletes aged between 5yrs and 14yrs and commence our season on Saturday 15 October at Newtown Park from 11.30am to 1pm. The first two Saturdays (15th and 22nd) are "Open & Registration Days" to allow prospective members to come along and experience a club day environment, and/or for registrations to be taken.

Further details can be found at [www.whac.org.nz](http://www.whac.org.nz) – click on Children's Athletics. If you have any queries, please contact our children's section manager Louise McDonald [louise@retail.org.nz](mailto:louise@retail.org.nz) or 027 270 3555.

Also, our Athletes With Disabilities Programme (AWD) runs from Saturday 15th October from 10am to 11am and this is open to all ages. For further information, please contact [ghenry@actrix.co.nz](mailto:ghenry@actrix.co.nz).

### Seatoun Arts & Crafts 40th Annual Exhibition & Sale

Opening night with refreshments, Fri 28 October 7 - 9pm;  
Saturday 29 October 9am - 6pm & Sun 30 October  
11am - 4pm.

Come and see a wide variety of art made by local artists. There will also be craft stalls and a special 40th Anniversary gallery wall.  
Free Entry, St Christopher's Hall, Forres Street, Seatoun  
Contact Beverley Alexander on 388 2725.

### Worser Bay Life Saving Club - Open Day

**1pm, Sunday 30th October**

We are a friendly, family-orientated club, situated handy to the school. Our club helps your children become more competent and confident in and around the sea.  
Registration from 1pm then Club Day from 2pm.  
IRB rides and fun activities for all ages.  
[www.worserbaylsc.org.nz](http://www.worserbaylsc.org.nz)

### Lost Property!!

Our Lost Property box is still overflowing. Please come and check if your child's missing clothes are there. They will be given to the Home & School for the Fair if they are still unclaimed by then!



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