

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 2, Week 10, Friday 8 July 2011



The Ukulele Group visited the Rita Angus Retirement Village on Monday. We managed to squeeze in a few piano items as well!

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

What a great way to spend a Monday afternoon - singing and strumming, and even a piano recital or two, down at the Rita Angus Retirement Village. Both the children and residents got plenty out of the experience.

Getting out into the community and contributing something back is something we have been wanting to increase. The upcoming Art Exhibition at St Christopher's Hall in Seatoun is another new relationship for us and one that we are keen to foster. Yes, we really are widening the net! Similarly, Summerfest 2012 has a focus on bringing a number of local businesses into the Worser Bay tent. We are on a roll!

A school has a key role in a community and whilst many things in our society have developed and changed, schools really do bind families together and, in some ways, remain pretty central. That's why it was so great to have so many of you out and about early at the Matariki Brekkie and loving the opportunity to make connections. The Art Exhibition promises to be another wonderful chance for a chinwag and also to appreciate our children's talent.

I, for one, am very proud of what they can achieve. We are cranking the expectations up and they are responding! Change is the overarching theme for the year - let's not be afraid!

See you at the Exhibition..... with bells on!

No ora mai ra!

Jude

P.S. Check bags for the SLC Summary - home today!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **SLC Summaries - home today - well, hardly a 'summary'!**
- **Worser Bay School Art Celebration -** Wednesday 13th July (see page 4)
- **Twitter** - now part of WBS's Emergency Plan (see page 5)
- **Check the lost property box before the holidays** - this is your last chance to find that missing item!
- **School** finishes at the usual time **Friday 15th July**, and recommences for Term 3 on **Monday 1st August** at 8.55 am.
- **Parent Workshops - It's a date!** Please diary the next date for 'Parent Workshops', Thursday 18 August. We will be having 2 workshops on this day - one from 3.30-4.30 and another from 6.00-7.00 pm. The purpose of these workshops is for you to feel 'in the know' and have the heads up on what support your child/ren may be seeking from you at home. The details will be included in the first newsletter of next term.
- **Materials for the Whare** (see page 3)
- **PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER - it's full of all the IMPORTANT STUFF!!**



See more of our art works at the Worser Bay School Art Celebration next week!

Harley

"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".

TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

We have had a very creative week putting the finishing touches on our beautiful artworks and are all looking forward to celebrating another fantastic term at the Art Exhibition next Wednesday. See you there!

There will be some new additions to the Year 0 - 3 teaching team next term. We will be welcoming a new member of staff (taking up Rachel's position), Kath will also be teaching in Tautoru/Autahi on Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Marylyn will be in on Wednesday and Thursday (while Kath teaches in Tautoru-iti).

As with students learning, we, as teachers, are always inquiring and reflecting on our practice moment by moment (as teaching takes place), day by day, and over the longer term. We have been completing reading, writing and mathematics assessments, checking in with where students are at and planning for next term.

This information is being used to regroup students in relation to their most current needs. So... expect some changes next term; students may have new reading, writing or maths teachers and may also be in new groups. Be sure to keep reading the newsletter which will keep you up to date!



The children are enjoying their art activities - working with glitter proved very popular, drawing koru (some even on the playground) and paper maché.



Swimming Sports' Reports!

Today I went to the swimming pool. First I went in a bus. My favourite part was going in the water fountain. Parker

Today I went to the swimming pool. My best race was the crawling race. Milly

I was by the pool and I was happy because I ran and swam. Louise

A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

This week Māhutonga has been building a whare (maori house). We've decided to build the whare to get a feeling of what it was like at Te Whetu Kairangi Pa. We started looking at Maori Pa so this building is helping us to imagine what it was like. It is lots of hard work! So far we've moved the wood to the right place, laid out the foundations, cut the wood into the right length, and dug the holes for the cut wood.

Reuben said, "We had to measure out the space with string and decide how big it should be. Then we started digging the holes."

"We dug holes to put wooden poles in the ground. We cheated because we used spades and rulers, the holes have to be 50 cm deep," said Barney.

"It was 2m wide, 3m long and 1.5 m high. We measured bits of wood then cut them and shoved them into the holes and then placed rocks in the holes for a strong foundation," said Oliver.

We are hoping to have the frame completed by the end of the week so will be lashing it all together with the flax rope we



have made. We will be doing this today and tomorrow. Keep an eye out for it and come and chat to us about the progress we are making. We need more wood for cladding the walls and nikau palm for the roof - if you have any or know where we can get some, please let us know. We still need some materials to fill the wall in, so if you have some bamboo, flax, wood, could you please bring it in? **Thanks!**



Matahi

Reuben



The recent research projects that students have been bringing in on present day Miramar compared with the past, have been a great improvement from the first attempt and we have been really impressed with the students' increasing depth of questioning, knowledge and understanding. The skill of questioning is key to inquiry and is ongoing.

We are now looking at the future of this area and who makes the decisions for change for us. We are looking at how we can have a 'voice' in that change.

In art, students have been looking at the art work of Hundertwasser. We have noticed his rhythmic use of line and bright colours. Hundertwasser was an architect and an artist and was passionate about the environment and conservation. He is well known for designing the Kawakawa public toilets from recycled glass bottles.

Hundertwasser believed that there were no straight lines in nature and applied this to his architecture and art work. We have used this idea in our colourful artworks.



Orange Day Road Patrol March

Last Friday, the Wellington City Council said a big "THANK YOU" to all of the Road Patrollers in the area. We marched from Parliament to Civic Square. We made up chants so people knew what school we were, and we carried a banner. After arriving at Civic Square we went into the Town Hall where it was rather noisy. There were some performances and prizes given. We had a great time and are looking forward to it next year. Thank you to all of the parents who came along with us and who came out to wave to us!

EZ Hockey

After being postponed, it was great to get out and play six games of Hockey against other schools in the area. Our Competitive and Developing Teams played really well together and experienced losses, wins and a draw. It was fantastic to see the improvement and confidence improve as the games went on. Well done to all the players and thanks again to the supporters and helpers, especially Andy who helped grow our skills, we really appreciate it.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

- * Having a sporting attitude!

Louise, Felix E., Emma S., Wilbur, Gretel, Blake, Jack C.C., Emma R., Kirstie, Coco, Thomas W., Sophina, Eloise, Martha, Matt R., Alexandra, Brynn

Next week's focus is:

- * Maintaining positive energy until the very last day of term!!

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

I would like to start with a congratulations to the teachers/staff for a very successful Matariki breakfast celebration. I have had a lot of feedback about what a great morning it was from those who could attend. Also, thank you to the teachers/staff who allow many of us to participate in a range of activities where we can. I have had the privilege of helping at Matariki, the Orange Day parade, and the EZ Hockey. Every parent there has been amazed at how adaptable and resilient our kids are. We are very fortunate that we have teaching staff that continue to actively support us.

Cook Book

A reminder that we would still love your recipes for our cook-book fundraiser which we will now launch next year – we think it could be a great little fundraiser and want to make sure we can put in the time and energy required to make it fantastic. Please email any recipes to Steph Calder or contact me if you would like to be involved in any way
stephanie.calder@ihug.co.nz

Kids Market

A reminder about our stall at the Hill St Kids' Market on Saturday 20th August. If anyone can contribute something we can sell, please contact me (e.g. lemonade, cupcakes, fudge, sweets, toffee apples, etc).

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

You are invited to the first Fair meeting of the year:
Monday 11th July 7.30pm
 at
Nicola's House
48 Totara Road (next to the fire, with wine/choc?!)

To start we will need to settle on the theme, confirm the date (Sunday 13th November at this stage), and make a start on organising sponsorship letters and booking equipment.

So come along and help get the ball rolling!
 RSVP is lovely but not essential. If you are unable to make Monday - there will be plenty of more opportunities to get involved.

Have a theme idea for the Fair? Would like to know more?
 Email me: nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz

If you have any questions regarding Home and School or what we have going on, please contact me either at school (Thomas M's or Patrick's Mum) or by phone or email (see below).

Have a great break.

Eleni Moore
 Chair of the Home and School
moore@vodafone.net.nz or 388 8137

Board Shorts

It's a great coincidence that about the time of Matariki, the Maori New Year we can also celebrate a new year for the current Board of Trustees.

Looking back we can be justifiably proud of the academic achievement of our children. Our fantastic teaching team are doing a great job of making sure that all our children are curious and willing to learn. It's important to note that we have high expectations for our children's learning, potentially higher than those expectations of the national standards.

We also recognise the commitment you have to helping your children be the best that they can be. Working together as a community we are certainly doing our part to create an excellent learning environment, contribute to our wider community, and help Wellington be a great city, and New Zealand be a great country.

This has been reflected in the ERO report which has just been received from the Education Review Office. It should be online in the next couple of weeks and we will celebrate it with you in more detail next term. It's great!

For the coming year we'll be continuing to focus on celebrating our place, excellence in achievement, supporting our highly effective teaching team to constantly strive for excellence, and an engaged community. In the short term, we have a particular focus on culture and communication.

Thank you all for your contribution and let's look forward to

Worser Bay School Art Exhibition is coming to a place near you! Please diary: Wednesday 13 July 5-7 pm, St Christopher's Hall, Forbes Street, Seatoun.

Come on down between these times and be impressed by our children's art and a splash of musical talent (both adults and children!). You will also need to bring some pocket money as there will be nibbles, 'adult refreshments' and the like.

SPORT

Netball Year 4/5

It was a chilly day, but the year 4/5 netball team played a great game of netball on Saturday. Congratulations to Leony for being Player of the Day, for outstanding defending in the goal circle. This Saturday's game is at 1pm on Court 1. Please be at the practice court at 12.30 for warm up. This will be the last game of netball for the term.

Year 5/6

Another good game last week and although we lost, we had moments of greatness! Last week 'Player of the Day' went to Eve for her hard work defending our goal and making some great intercepts. Well done, Eve. Also a big thank you to Sue, Katherine and the other helpers for doing our Future Ferns spot checks.

This week we play St Patrick's Girl Power at 12:00 pm on Court 4.

'What we've been up to...' on the website.

Have a look at: <http://www.worserbay.school.nz/wb-what-we-have-been-up-to.html>

Jenny has been very busy updating our website with all Worser Bay School's recent activities! It looks great!

Using Twitter to get Emergency Information from Worser Bay School

We are now using Twitter as a tool to enable parents to access information if there is ever a **dire** emergency at Worser Bay School. Follow this link to tell you all about it and how to sign up: <http://goo.gl/QYJ1L>

Thanks to everyone who previously requested to follow **@WorserBaySchool** on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/WorserBaySchool>) which we've now tidied up and opened up to the world. The account is managed by Jude.

[@WorserBaySchool](https://twitter.com/WorserBaySchool) will only be used in times of school emergencies and thus we expect it to be a very quiet/inactive account. Unfortunately, Twitter has seen it wise to remove your follow requests yet not add you to the list. **Please follow [@WorserBaySchool](https://twitter.com/WorserBaySchool) one more time** - this time you won't have to wait for any request confirmations.

Thank you again and don't hesitate to pass on this info to other parents and relevant people.

(Another key emergency account to follow is [@WemoNZ](https://twitter.com/WemoNZ) (Wellington Emergency Management Office).



Our Lost Property Box is STILL bulging at the seams! We would really like to see all these lost items returned to their original homes, so please come and check through them. You may be surprised at what lost items turn up! Just check too, at home, that you haven't mistakenly got someone else's gear. **Everything still in the box at the end of next week will be sent off to a local charity shop - so get checking now!**



Whare Building in Māhutonga

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Te Awa-a-Taia Kanikani - Roller Disco

Haere mai - put on your skates and enjoy a night full of fun with manaakitanga activities for the whole family.

There are limited numbers of skates/blades for hire so bring your own. Trikes (for little ones) and scooters permitted but no boards, please.

Featuring performance by Seek Dance Crew.

6.30pm-9pm, Ramere/Friday 8 July
 Kilbirnie Recreation Centre
 Phone: 499 4444
www.wellington.govt.nz
 Cost: Gold coin donation.
 Kai available for purchase.

Come and see an **Alfred Hitchcock classic - North by Northwest** at the **Roxy Cinema, 7pm on Monday 11 July**

Tickets \$20 cash in the Cinema 1 foyer from 6.30pm. Or call Kirsty on **977 8759** or 027 206 8134 to secure your ticket now!

It will be a great night at the movies and you will be helping the Wellington High School Girls' 1st XI Football Team go to a tournament.

Miramar Tennis Club Holiday Programme

Monday - Friday, 18 - 22 July, 9.00 am - 12 noon
 A fun-filled week of tennis, with indoor tennis activities in case of rain. Sign up now, as spots are limited. All ages and all levels. Matchplay will be held in the afternoons for interclub level players.

\$125 per week or \$30 per day.
 Contact MTC Head Coach, Reilly Smith
reillyosmith@gmail.com, 021 855790

Inverlochy Art School will be running its very popular **School Holiday Programme** during the upcoming school holidays (18 - 22 and 25 - 29 July). Please call Mark on 939 2177 or email manager@inverlochy.org.nz or look and book on-line www.inverlochy.org.nz.

Wellington High Performance Aquatics (WHPA) would love to see some spectator support from Wellington schools at the upcoming Asia Pacific Rim Junior Diving Invitational. Young divers from some of the world's leading diving nations will be in action at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre from the evening of Friday 19 August through to Sunday 21 August. For more info, see www.whpa.co.nz.

Do you need to escape to a peaceful haven every few weeks?

How about a beach house in Paekakariki with shared ownership and shared expenses? Spacious, tidy, comfortably furnished with 3-4 bedrooms, open plan living area. On beach front with superb sea views and fantastic sunsets.

If you would like to find out more about this opportunity, see Carolyn A in the school office.