

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 4, Week 7, Friday 9 December 2011



Kapa Haka

The Tautoru and Autahi Kapa Haka group has been learning Toia mai on 'Passion Fridays'. Come along to our Karakia on the last Friday of the term to see us perform.



We are so proud of 'Katy and da Kitty Kats' who organised their own 'gig' at Rita Angus last Saturday afternoon. Initiative, confidence and motivation is what we are aiming for and you are there!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Christmas Wrap** (Whole School)
Wednesday 14 December 4.30 pm onwards
Year 6 Leavers' Dinner and Parent Drinkies!
Thursday 15 December - 5.30 - 7.00 pm
- **School Ends for 2011** - Friday 16 December 1.00 pm
- **School Begins for 2012** - Wednesday 1 February 8.55 am. (Please be settled in by this time!)
- **Stationery 2012 Lists on Website** - please get sorted well before the beginning of Term One. (page 4).
- **Parent/ Teacher/Student casual catch up before school starts again in 2012** - Thursday 26 and Monday 30 January between 2.00-5.00 pm. (page 4).
- **Rising Fives** - will recommence in Term 1, 2012.

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

That old cliché that starts "It just seems like yesterday....." Well, I'm going to bring it to life, as it truly does seem a very short time ago I sat down to write the first piece for 2011 and now it's the last. Yes, folks, it's almost time to talk about the year that was, and what a year it has been! We have continued to make great gains in so many different ways and, as we have been planning our goals and actions for 2012, we know that it will be this time next year and what we will see is another upwards trajectory. There is no such thing as a dull moment, can't afford these around this place!

To all of our school supporters we wish you a fabulous festive season. We are looking forward to sharing a few things about what is happening in classes in 2012 before THE WRAP. Get in early to get a decent spot in the courtyard. If the weather isn't too good and let's face it, it is Wellington, we will be cheek by jowl in Tautoru!

No ora mai ra!

Jude

Jude



The buskers at the coffee roasters!

Two more poems from our Māhutonga students.

Beach

I could feel the salty air
Passing through my hair
I open up the shed and pull out
my boat
I see some people afloat
I see the rescue boat bobbing
up and down
I feel a thud as I crash into a
wave
I hear the main sheet creaking
I hear the centreboard hit the
sand
I feel the spray hitting me in the
face
I see the sand sweep up off the
beach

By Polly

YELLOW

Yellow is yellow looks like oranges, toothbrushes and toothpaste tastes like the world sounds like ukuleles look like rubber bands taste like January smells like blue looks like mountains taste like mizettes remind me of muffins look like a double-decker bus tastes like wheels remind me of caves look like pirates of the Caribbean smells like the sea tastes like salt looks like sugar tastes like clouds reminds me of pastry feels bouncy looks like orange smells like the sun yellow

by Martha

Passions and news from Autahi and Tautoru

What a fantastic term we have had. We are nearing the end of the year and it is time to celebrate the brilliant work we have produced during our passion Fridays.

Paper Craft with Suzanne



"I liked putting the paper strips together because they are all very colourful."

We have been creating a pattern paper flower pot. It has been fun to see special photographs of each other and the excitement is growing !



"I really liked making the pots. I am going to keep it in my room." Zamyah

"I've enjoyed making stuff for passions" Savva



We are playing chefs!

Autahi Readers

We are working on reading with expression while performing plays. It is an opportunity for the students to work together to plan, share ideas and get creative making props and costumes.

What we have enjoyed about school this year ?

"I have liked the teachers' sense of humour".

"I've learnt lots of new skateboarding tricks"

"My basic facts have improved and they are easy for me now!"

"I want to keep working on my comic strip"



A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

Print Making

Wai and Kayla came up from the City Gallery to teach some printmaking techniques. We looked at Tapa cloths and Siapo, and some of the artists from their *Oceania* Exhibition to motivate our artworks.

I am sailing...

Our Year 5s braved the wintery conditions and took to the sea. They were introduced to sailing by a team of 4 skilled instructors. What a great experience! Thanks to the Worsler Bay Sailing Club, and Sophie who accompanied them.

Homework

The only homework next week is to practise our Christmas Carols: *Jingle Bell Rock*, *Feliz Navidad*, *From Pastures Green*, *Count on Me*, and *So This is Christmas*.

Looking forward to hearing, and seeing, you all at The Wrap on Wednesday, and the Information Evening beforehand!

Preparing for 2012

It has been great to have the Year 3s through in our areas. We have been working together on co-operative tasks. Monday's challenge involved boat building using paper clips, newspaper, and a plastic bag. The boat had to float carrying 1/2 cup of sand, float for over 2 minutes, and on top of that had to look beautiful! This activity linked to the Year 3s knowledge of floating and sinking. Great work, everybody!



Busking

Postponement was not an option. We never even considered it. We braved the torrential rain and took our music to the streets of Wellington. Boy, were we rewarded! Not only did we have our fabulous parents supporting and encouraging, but we made \$128.10 and have secured a Gig! We have been invited to play at the premier of *The Muppet Movie* at the Embassy Theatre.

It was great to hear kids singing their original material on the streets of Wellington. They did exceedingly well. It was great to also share with Clyde Quay, building our connections to the City.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

* Singing with great gusto!

Tautoru-iti, Tautoru and Autahi

Arlo, William B., Molly D., Liv, Zoe, Jude, Hamish

Māhutonga and Matariki

Taine, Faith, Evie, John, Hemi, Aidan, John Mc

Our Principal's Awards for next week are for:

* Demonstrating fabulous school spirit!

Parent/Teacher/Student casual catch up before school starts again in 2012

If you are able to, the teachers would love to catch up with you and your child at the inaugural 'stationery drop off and hello to 2012 time'. Teachers will be in their spaces on Thursday 26 January and Monday 30 January between 2.00-5.00 pm. Pop in, get the tote tray and stationery sorted, get in 'the zone'.

If your teacher/s haven't had a decent catchup, they will call you within the week to say 'hello' and touch base.

Please diary as if you can make it, it would be beneficial.

(Stationery lists are on our website home page - <http://www.worserbay.school.nz/>)

Staff News

Since the last piece on staff news we do, in fact, have some more news!

Fleur has decided to go out and seek new opportunities and explore the world. We wish her well and thank her for her youthful exuberance, French accent and positive relationships she formed with the young and not so young! Fleur, you came to us 4 years ago as a beginning teacher and now it is really time to go out there and let your light shine brightly. We look forward to keeping up with your travels and experiences!

Sophie was here many years ago and returned part time more recently with a main objective in helping us to get that transition to school working well, she has totally succeeded! Sophie, we thank you for your attention to detail, your dedication to the school and know that you will really enjoy the return to supporting the smooth running of a number of Early Childhood Centres out there in the Hutt. We know you certainly won't be a stranger and will still be a WBS parent and, who knows, may even return again some time!

As a consequence we are thrilled that Jemma Rapson, whom many of you know already, will be increasing her time with us and working on a part-time basis across the school. I observed in Jemma's classroom over a period of time many years ago, in a former life, and all I can say is I am totally thrilled that our children and staff will benefit from her expertise and talents.

Luckily, Caroline Lockyer, another very experienced and super talented teacher, is stepping in at short notice to provide us more time and breathing space as we recruit for another teacher for 2012.... you never want to rush these things! Caroline is studying for her Masters next year and was happy to provide support to us in the interim. In fact, she's excited! We hope to have appointed a new teacher by Mid March.

Board Shorts

The last Board meeting of the year was held this week and provided an opportunity to reflect on what a great year we've had in 2011. The Board and staff were delighted to be able to celebrate extremely high levels of student achievement which really is built on the teaching team's excellent understanding of the needs of each of the students. Where challenges exist (and they always will), these are well known with plans in place to address them. We can have every confidence that our goal of Excellence in Achievement is well and truly on track and we are performing well above standard!

The proof of the (Christmas!) pudding is, as they say, in the eating and the achievement results confirm that we are blessed to have a highly skilled, hard working, and Highly Effective Teaching Team. Thank you to the teaching and wider team for all of your efforts throughout 2011 - you are very much appreciated. We will, of course, be sad to farewell Marylyn, Fleur and Sophie over the next week. Thank you all for your contributions. All the very best for your future adventures, and we look forward to keeping in touch as you remain connected with our school community. Looking ahead, we're delighted to extend a very warm Worser Bay welcome to Danny, Gemma and Caroline.

Tuesday night's first get together of the Worser Bay School Crew was the start of an exciting journey further enhancing Community Engagement and, of course, sharpening our focus on the school's fundraising needs. The ideas were fizzing and, along with our existing and very important Home and School, School Fair and Summerfest initiatives, we can be confident we've started on an exciting journey to the nirvana of enhanced sustainable fundraising.

With action plans and budgets for 2012 in the last stages of completion, we also know we're very well placed to continue to build on the strong foundations that have been put in place in recent years and take our very special school from good to great.

Finally, we get the opportunity to Celebrate Our Place in the next week or so with a range of year-end events. We look forward to seeing many of you at those but if we don't get a chance to catch up with you all, have a very safe and happy Christmas and wonderful holiday, and we can all look forward to a great year in 2012.

Andrew Wilson
Board Chair

THE WRAP

Approximate order of events!

- 4.30 - 5.20 pm
Sossies for sale and teachers in and around classes/ hello and brief outline of programme for 2012.
- 5.25 - 5.40 ish
The fabulous parent UKESTARS!
- 5.40 - 6.40 ish
Year 0-3 Song - All junior children need to be up the front ready to roll at 5.40, then return to and stay with families for the remainder of the evening unless they are playing in a music group.

Year 4-6 Song - All senior children stay with families until they are called up, then return to families unless they are saying a speech, or are in a music group.

- Year 6 Speeches
- Then children, parents, staff, extended whanau, neighbours, pets.....whoever wants to come along singing a few Christmas songs, interspersed by a few children's music groups and brief adult speeches!
- Finale

Please help us to keep things running along smoothly by taking care of your own children and not letting them go crazy on the playground and interrupt the speeches and singing. The intention is for THE WRAP to be a family time.....teachers need to enjoy themselves, celebrate and not feel like they are 'on duty'!

If it's wet, and it's looking likely, be prepared for extremely cramped conditions!

From the Home and School

Well, there is talent pouring out all over the school at the moment! Congratulations to the bands with their successful busking, who can only be inspiration to all of us that we all can be involved in raising the school profile.

Silent Auction and Mini Silent Auction

A BIG thank you to families, friends and work colleagues who supported the fair silent auction and more recently the mini silent auction. The total raised was \$6,143.16, which is an increase on last year's total. We are very fortunate to have such great support from school families, and local and national organisations, who have generously donated items for the silent auction. We are very grateful for their support and, of course, the support of you, the bidders.

Thank you, Stephanie, for your efforts and skill in working with many variety of companies.

Have a great Christmas and Happy Exciting New Year!

Eleni Moore

Ex Chair! of Home and School

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School Dental Clinic

The School Dental Clinic will be visiting Worsers Bay School for dental checkups for three weeks in February, commencing on Tuesday 7th February.

If your child needs further treatment, an appointment will be made for them to attend the clinic at Miramar Central School.

Thank You from the McDougall Family

Jenny, John, Aidan and Rowan would like to say a big thank you to the Worsers Bay school community for all the support shown to us over the past year during Jenny's breast cancer treatment. This has included 'meals on wheels', books, a weekend break, transporting the boys around and having them over for play dates, not to mention the cheerful smiles and greetings. All were most appreciated. What a wonderful community we live in. We are looking forward to an exciting and healthy 2012!

REMINDERS! Lost Property Reminder

As usual, any lost property not retrieved by the last Wednesday of the term, will be given to a local charity.



Summerfest 2012

**3.00 - 6.00 pm Sunday 26 February
Worsers Bay Boat Club**

Celebrate summer and our local community at this family friendly event where you'll enjoy beer/food tasting, live music, and kids' entertainment. Tickets will be on sale at The Christmas Wrap (\$5 pre-sales, they'll be \$10 at the door).

To make it all happen, we will need helpers from the school community to do a variety of tasks on and before the day. Thanks to those of you who have already offered your assistance. If you can help out, please contact kirsty.chamberlain@paradise.net.nz or come and talk to me at the Summerfest ticket sales at The Wrap.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Seatoun AFC Junior Soccer Holiday Programme

20-23 December, Seatoun Park, Hector Street, Seatoun
5 - 14 years (boys and girls)
For further information, contact Terry Hills
Email: terry.hills@xtra.co.nz or call 0274 303654

Inverloch Art School - Holiday Children's Art Classes

Classes run from Wednesday 4 January until Friday 6 January, three days, from 9.30am - 1.30pm. Please see our website www.inverloch.org.nz and find Summer School. See you there!

Wellington Basketball Association Holiday Programme

January 2012 promoting "Healthy Lifestylez" and proudly supported by The Cancer Society, will be held at the ASB Sports Centre, 72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington's newest and premier indoor stadium. For details contact: info@wellingtonbasketball.co.nz

Junior Circus classes for 5-7yrs are starting in 2012. Class times are 3.30-4.30pm at the Wellington Circus Hub, 11 Hutchison Road, Newtown. Kids are welcome to do a free trial class. Wellington Circus Trust also has programmes for Preschool Circus for 3 & 4yrs, Kids Circus for 8-12yrs, Teens and Adults. See programme details and make bookings online at <http://www.circus.org.nz>. Gift vouchers are available. Email info@circus.org.nz or call 4784568.

Junior Learn To Sail

Professionally run by qualified instructors using optimist dinghies. Held at Worsler Bay Boating Club, Marine Parade, Seatoun, Wellington.
Summer 2012 Schedule: 9 - 13 January and 16 - 19 January
Go to www.wbbc.org.nz for more information and enrolment form.

Piano lessons for Adults - If you would like to learn or continue with piano lessons. Contact: Kerry Wood 388 9719 or 021 1877196 kezzarock@gmail.com

East Care After 3 Inc - A non-profit community group Do you need After School Child Care next year?

East Care After Three (ECAT) in Miramar is a non-profit community group run by a parents' committee.

- ECAT provides a safe environment.
Multiple roll calls and child pick-up from local schools for travel back to the community centre.
- 1:10 ratio (one supervisor for every 10 children)
- Big healthy afternoon tea provided.
- Outdoor park and play equipment.
- Different indoor activities each day to suit all the children
- Homework space provided
- OSCAR approved and audited every two years by Child Youth & Family.
- Oscar funding of fees available for lower income and some middle income families.

ECAT: where children are safe and happy

For more information and to enrol,
phone Cathie on 920 5998

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