

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3, Week 6, Friday 9 September 2011

## Tautoru Iti's Igloo!



*Celebrating our biggest collection of bottles for the igloo - we got 20!*

*Gluing the igloo.*



*Building the igloo together.*



*The igloo is rising! Keep those square milk bottles coming!*

## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Matariki and Māhutonga Only**  
Please bring along a \$5 koha for our performers if you haven't already done so.
- **Home and School Raffle**  
It's not too late to enter the next two raffle draws (see page 4).
- **'White Lights' Disco**  
Please return your reply slip and payment by **Tuesday 13th September** (see page 2).
- Fair Drop Off at school this Sunday 11 September from 10am to 12 noon (see page 4).

## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

We are just over half way through the year and I have been reflecting on my time here at Worser Bay School. I tell people who ask me how my 'new' job is going that it is a fantastic place to come to work every day. I get off the bike after my morning ride, just a little sweaty and stretch my old limbs overlooking the splendour of Te Whanganui a Tara, and I breathe. It is great to have this feeling of space and calm to head into the day. I think this remarkable setting affects our kids too.

As well as enjoying the special environment, our Year 4-6 students now have an understanding of the historical importance of the school. The Inquiry which ran over half of Term 1 and all of Term 2 helped our students connect to this significant historical site. It was exciting for us all learning so much about the rich past of this area. That people lived here at Whetukairangi Pa in some form or other for the best part of the last 500 to 700 years is simply amazing and really made an impression on our students.

There is an almost rural friendliness to our school. I quickly felt at home with the staff group, a most welcoming group; but beyond this is a culture in which staff are asking reflective questions, exploring ways in which we can improve our teaching practice. This is the culture created by Jude and the team here of which I have had the benefit of becoming a part.

Worthy of mention too, is the parent and community involvement in the school, something I find quite phenomenal. Schools are really authentic points of connection for a community and because, as they say, it takes a village to raise a child, our children at Worser Bay are clearly being well looked after by the community.

No ora mai ra!

John



The lucky winners of the second Home and School Raffle draw

**"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." ~ Clay P. Bedford**

## TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

*In learning a new language, children will recognise that language and culture is organised in particular ways and also make connections with their own language(s) and culture(s).*  
**The New Zealand Curriculum**



*"We practised writing our names in Japanese."*

As part of our on-going focus on developing the students' global awareness and a celebration of what is the same and different about us all, we have begun learning languages on Wednesday afternoons.

The children will be introduced to French, Korean, Japanese, Mandarin, German and Maori over the next 5 weeks. They will learn simple greetings, colours, body parts and even a few songs along the way to make learning a new language fun and engaging.



Speaking and learning a foreign language is a very rewarding experience and being able to string a few phrases together can open new doors, foster friendships and break down barriers. It does require a lot of practice, practice and repetition. Please encourage your children to teach the family what they have learnt and share some of your own language skills!

*"I'm focused on writing my name in Korean."*



*An old classic "Atama, kata, hiza, ashi – head, shoulders, knees and toes!"*

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

\* Showing a positive attitude towards others in the playground.

#### Tautoru-iti and Tautoru

Danielle and Isaac

#### Autahi

Arthur and Maya

#### Māhutonga and Matariki

Harley, Katie and Freya

Next week's focus is:

\* Supporting each other in our learning in class.

### NEW INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE

We have a new tab on the website called **Class Learning Link**.

We will be adding information about the class programme and examples of children's work. Click on either the Year 0-3 or Year 4-6 area.

The power point slides from the Term 3 parent workshops are now available there.

## Worser Bay School 'White Lights' Disco

**Friday 16th September, 6 - 8pm**

**Salvation Army Hall, Miramar**

Dress in white and 'glow' at the last School Disco of the year! Tickets are \$5 per child (adults free). Get in quick - it's only two Fridays away!

To purchase tickets, please return the slip below to the school office by **Tuesday 13th September**.

*Sorry, this event is just for Worser Bay School families.*

### Reply Slip - Worser Bay School Disco

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tautoru / Autahi / Māhutonga (please circle) would like \_\_\_\_\_ Disco Tickets at **\$5 each**.

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

I have paid \$\_\_\_\_\_ by Internet Banking to the Home and School Committee Account

**060513 0304691 00**

(Reference: **Disco** and **Family Name**)

Please return by **Tuesday 13th September**.

## A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

It was great to round off our mini Inquiry of *The Power of 'The Word': Why write?* with author Mandy Hager coming in to talk to us last Friday. She shared that she first thought about being a writer when she was about 10 because she entered a writing competition and won a prize. She also told us that she wrote about certain themes or topics to encourage people to think about their actions and about how they could change their actions to improve the future. Her main message was that becoming a writer requires hard work, dedication and practice.



The main outcome from our mini Inquiry was that kids begin to see themselves as writers, so it was great to hear a published writer talk about the challenges and rewards of writing.

*Mandy Hager explains the importance of deciding the purpose of your piece of writing before you start.*

### HOMEWORK

Our Library poster competition is continuing through to next week as the criteria notice was handed out later than intended.

Please keep an eye out for the homework sheet that will be coming home with your child each Monday.

### MATHS

In Maths we are beginning to explore fractions.

We had a great session going on a fraction scavenger hunt on Wednesday. Not only did the kids work together as a team but we were able to dispel some common misconceptions. It was great to see the children sharing their knowledge and making connections with equivalent fractions. Understanding fractions requires working with concrete materials. What better place to explore this than in our concrete playground.

Thinking about fractions can be applied in the home, particularly when making and baking in the kitchen. It would be great to make the most of the opportunities that arise...Pizza anyone?

Some children are also creating their own codes, by which to communicate. Maths can be creative! Apparently 4.25 (divided by) means hi!



*Fractions are everywhere!!*



Musician Brannigan Kaa came in to perform for us, which was an exciting way to tune in to our Music Inquiry - *The Sound of Music: What would the world be like without it?*

He played some songs in Te Reo and English. It was interesting to hear his version of "Sing a Song of Sixpence" and a song about a male bus driver called Polly!

He encouraged us to think for ourselves, to be an individual and to come up with our own voice and ideas.



## From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Congratulations to our second raffle winner, Kelly Moore and her family, who won a hamper full of fresh fruit and vegetables. It's still not too late to join in for the remaining two raffles. If you wish to buy your ticket, it will be \$5.00 for 2 weeks and your money can be either left at the school office or paid into the Worsler Bay Home and School account:

**06 0513 0304691 00** (Ref: Raffle)

### School Disco Helpers

If any parents and their children would like to help with the disco preparations, please contact Angela Paul on 388-8305 or [prstar@xtra.co.nz](mailto:prstar@xtra.co.nz). We would really appreciate supper donations, which we can sell on the night. These would need to be delivered to school or the Salvation Army Hall on Friday 16 September.

## Republic of Miramar Fair Sunday, 6th November 2011

### WBS Fair Flag Competition

Thank you to all of the 34 children who made a fantastic effort with their entries – you have made our job incredibly difficult – watch this space!

### Fair Flyer Delivery

We will have 4000 flyers to deliver around the suburb over the labour weekend. If you are able to help deliver, please contact Sarah Gunn on 934 9778 or email [sarah.gunn@clear.net.nz](mailto:sarah.gunn@clear.net.nz).

### Fair Deli

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

### We are now collecting:

- Clean, small jars, lids and ingredients for the Deli.
- Small treasures for the Lucky Dip (suitable for both boys and girls aged 3 to 10ish!).
- Clean second-hand clothes for the Clothes Boutique.
- Craft items.
- Books, DVDs and puzzles.

Please place these items in the boxes outside the staffroom (or inside if wet).

### Reminder!

Fair Drop Off at the school this **Sunday 11 September from 10am to 12 noon**. Please bring along all those items that we can sell at the fair - books, children's toys, baby and toddler items, clothes, crockery.... (Look out for the yellow slip in your child's bag.)

### Silent Auction

Thank you to those families who have kindly donated items for the Silent Auction, it is very much appreciated. The wider community has also been very generous in their support and we are starting to gather a selection of great accommodation, art work and travel.

We are still on the look out for more items to make it the Silent Auction of all Silent Auctions, so if you are a builder, a plumber, accountant or have another business that you wish to promote further we can help. We can offer your business exposure on the flyer (which is distributed to thousands of homes in the area), on the school's website (when the Silent Auction goes live) and on the day. Please contact Stephanie Wilson on 388 8285 or [asewilson@clear.net.nz](mailto:asewilson@clear.net.nz). to be part of this amazing opportunity, an opportunity for you and your child/ren at Worsler Bay School.

**Next School Fair Meeting:** Tuesday September 20 at 7:30pm in the staff room – Come along to see how you can contribute to this amazing project.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### YMCA Camp Kaitoke's CAMP OF ROCK!

Start a band, learn guitar, drums, keyboard, dance, and vocals, and perform for a live audience these holidays with YMCA Camp Kaitoke's CAMP OF ROCK! If you're not so musical, we also have traditional Y-camp where you can try archery, kayaking, forest games, and campfire cooking. And for those horse lovers, we have a level 2 and level 4 horse camp. Sound like you?

Email [emilyrobinson@ymca.org.nz](mailto:emilyrobinson@ymca.org.nz), phone 04 568 3252 x7 or go to [www.ymcawellington.org.nz](http://www.ymcawellington.org.nz).

### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

We are a full primary school with a strong Catholic tradition. We have an exciting Year Seven and Eight programme that has a major focus on Leadership which each student participates in throughout their Intermediate years. A significant number of our students have moved on to become prefects at the local colleges including roles of Head Prefect, Deputy Head and also Sports Captains. Several former students from Holy Cross have also achieved the status of being Dux of their college.

If your child is a Catholic and you are looking for an exciting Intermediate education based on our core values and rules, 'Respect People, Respect the Environment and Be a Learner', we invite you to come and meet with us, and to look around the school to see what Holy Cross is able to offer your child.

A Holy Cross School prospectus pack has been left at your school office for further detailed information about our school.

**2 Athens Street, Miramar, Wellington, Phone 388-7189,**  
Email [administration@hcm.school.nz](mailto:administration@hcm.school.nz)

### JUNIOR CRICKET

Junior Cricket Registration Day is fast approaching, it will be held on Saturday 24 September. Cricket is a very rewarding sport where you make new friends and gain great skills. To have fun in the sun and play cricket this summer, just contact your local club and sign up. For times and venues of your local club's registration day just go to [www.firebirds.co.nz](http://www.firebirds.co.nz)

### SPORT

#### Year 4/5 Netball

It was great to see the sun shining for Saturday's netball game. The team all played well against the Newtown Keas. Player of the Day was Millie who provided great team support on the court. This Saturday's game is against Hataitai Cheerios on Court 4 at 1 pm. Please be at the Practice Court at 12.30 for warm up. Thanks in advance to those parents who are able to help out with duty this week. Please be at the white portacom at 11.30 am if you are able to help with selling drinks and cooking sausages.

#### Year 5/6 Netball

The Year 5/6 Netball team had a great win last weekend, beating Island Bay School 13 - 4. Eve got 'Player of the Day' for her great defence and intercepts. This week we play St Patrick's at noon on Court 6.

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