

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



Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 6 Term 4 - Friday 19 November 2010



Summer is here!



Remember your hats!



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

We welcome Lillian and Robbie, two teachers all the way from the Institute of Education in Hong Kong, to Worser Bay School. They have 6 weeks in New Zealand and will be spending 12 days here observing and working with small groups of students. The learning won't all be one way either as I know our students and teachers will be able to learn a lot from them too. The New Zealand Curriculum emphasises a future, global focus, so what a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain more knowledge and understanding of China.

All curriculum should be consistent with the following eight principles:

- High expectations
- Treaty of Waitangi
- Cultural diversity
- Inclusion
- Learning to learn
- Community engagement
- Coherence
- Future focus

If you want to find out more about what sits behind curriculum 'decisions' please go to: <http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Curriculum-documents/The-New-Zealand-Curriculum/Principles> or click [here](#). As we constantly strive to improve our teaching and learning programmes, these need to be kept front of mind.

No ora mai ra!

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Assistance with Sport 2011 form**
(as soon as possible please - see last week's newsletter)
- **Order form for DVD**
(by Friday 26/11 - see last week's newsletter)
- **Next Assembly - Friday 26th November 12.30 pm**
- **Beach Education Return Slip**
(by Wednesday 1/12 - see page 5)
- **Year 6 Celebration - 9th, 10th and 16th December**
(by Friday 3/12 - see page 5)
- **Diary - Xmas Wrap - Wednesday 15th December**
from 5.00 pm, for a 5.45 pm start

And, don't forget our **Sushi Lunches!!** Orders to be in by 9.00 am on a Thursday for Friday. More information on our website.

Summerfest 2011!!

Be the first to know about what's in store for Summerfest 2011 - follow us on Facebook! Click on the link from www.worserbay.school.nz/summerfest2011

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

* Knowing when to lead and when to follow (taking turns).

Tautoru - Juliette and Emma R.

Autahi - Caitlin and Aidan

Māhutonga - Tiana and Ben

The focus for next week will be:

* Communicating ideas confidently and clearly to others.

REMINDER!!

If you are interested in being a coach or a manager of a WBS Team, please fill in the slip provided in last week's newsletter and drop it into the school office. It would be great to have a few names by the end of the week so we can start planning ahead. We look forward to hearing from you.

A Warm Welcome to Blake, who started with us this week, and whose family is new to Worser Bay School. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning!

Robbie, one of our visiting students from Hong Kong, working with a Māhutonga student with his maths activity. More details in Māhutonga news.



From the HOME AND SCHOOL

The fair committee enjoyed a few glasses of wine this week while writing a couple of hundred thank you cards for all the local businesses which generously supported our fair. If you had a business contact that you used for your fair stall and would like us to send a card, please contact me and I'll make sure that they get a thank you.

Some local businesses deserve a special mention for their generous support, for some over many years, and for some with no connection to our school other than they are local and happy to support us. If you are able to return the favour, personally or through your business, please do so:

- Jewetts Real Estate, Dundas Street, Seatoun.
- CPL – Commercial Print Ltd, Park Road Miramar.
- The National Bank, Kilbirnie.
- Mojo Coffee, Wellington.

The preliminary total raised on Fair day is \$26,000; another record year! Well done, everyone!

The Home and School Calendars have arrived!

The calendars will be handed out at school today. They look amazing!

WBS Silent Auction

"The great news is that the fair was a terrific success and the good news is that we have some rapid raffle and silent auction lots left and we are keen for these to go to good homes.

So click on the link <http://www.worserbay.school.nz/silent-auction-2010> and see the fantastic range of lots available: round of golf, gym memberships, hair vouchers and products, along with entertainment for the family.

With the holidays fast approaching and Christmas only around the corner, we encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to make a bid.

Online bidding commences on Saturday 20th November at 3pm and closes on Friday 3 December at 3pm.

This is a fundraising venture and it is important that we maximise the returns from our donations. While reserves have not been set, we reserve the right to decide if bids received are sufficient.

Good Luck!!!"

Nicola Lancaster, Chair of the Home and School
nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz



Eastern Zones Athletics

Last week 37 Worser Bay students did an excellent job of representing our school at Newtown Park for Eastern Zones Athletics. They all did a great job in their events and cheered on others in theirs. It was a long day, but much fun and challenge was had by all.

Well done to Leony, Corisande, Coco, Taine, Matthew and Aimée who all made it into Inter Zones! Thank you so much to the parents who helped and to those who took time to come down and support us.

A note from TAUTORU . . .

Co-operation has been high on the agenda this week in Tautoru, culminating in a group activity where students took individual roles as they built bridges out of two pieces of paper!



We folded up a bit of paper then we put some paper on top. Then we put a pen and a car on top and they didn't fall off. Oto

We folded a piece of paper and cut it in half. We folded one piece back and forwards and then we put the other piece of paper on top and we put the car on top of that to see how strong it was. The car didn't fall off. Embla and Fern

This current unit on "Roles and Responsibilities in the Community" has given us many opportunities for building group competence and to demonstrate interdependence. The Tautoru students are hitting on all the 'big ideas' – community, interdependence, co-operation and roles and responsibilities.

Thank you to all the parents who have responded to our 'Job Expo' requests. We look forward to meeting everyone and listening to your expertise next week. Lillian, our student teacher from Hong Kong, will be with us in Tautoru for the next 3 weeks for her teaching experience. Please feel free to say hello to her.



News from MĀHUTONGA

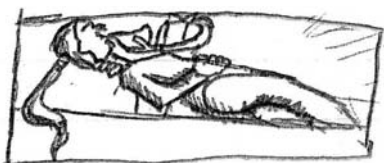
We have had a busy week in Māhutonga this week with a variety of special visitors, including our teaching student from China, Robbie. We wish him a big welcome and are looking forward to sharing our learning from and with him over the next two weeks. Already he has been sharing stories about China with us, including a legend about how the Great Wall was brought down by a girl called Ming Jiangnu.

I liked listening to the story, after the story we changed the ending and drew pictures to go with it.

The old lady appeared next to Ming Jiangnu's husband in a puff of smoke.



The old lady healed the man back to life with a special medicine.



Ming Jiangnu was surprised to see her husband alive and they got married. by Kira

As well as learning about other parts of the world we have also been practising our measuring skills in maths, linking them into newly acquired athletic skills.

We each did 3 jumps and 3 throws and then used the measuring tapes to measure how far each one was. You have to make sure you measure from zero. We also had to record the lengths using decimals. Kiwi group

We then took these measurements and created graphs to show the results.



from AUTAH

In Hamish's writing group we are planning to produce our own newspaper. We have been looking at what skills and key competencies we will need to perform the various roles such as reporter, feature writer, reviewer, editor, photographer, cartoonist, puzzle designer, advertising writer.

Some skills and attributes we have identified are creativity, not being shy, focus, writing interesting stories with juicy detail, creating a short sharp sentence, initiative, finishing tasks on time, interviewing, being an active member of the group, taking your time and doing neat work and knowing what people think is an appropriate photo.

We are trying to get some headlines and some articles for the newspaper. Also, we are focusing on a name for the newspaper. We're also trying to learn the key competencies and skills we would need to use. For example, we would need 'relating to others' – not arguing with the writer or reporter that it is a bad story so they shouldn't write it. You would need 'managing self' because you would need to try to keep the office tidy.

My favourite job would be the photographer. Thomas D.

We are going to need skills to remember things that have happened and put them into a story with all the detail at the top. We also need to be able to do things like when we are editing, to know that we should take out the middle bit if it doesn't relate much to the other part of the story. You need to explain why things happen. I'd like to be an assistant editor or a photographer. John

You need to manage self and think about what to put into it. You need to learn when to lead and when to follow in your ideas for the newspaper. Skills you would need would be how to write an advertisement, how to spell things, how to use a printer. Ian

I would like to be a photographer. I would need to manage self by focusing on my own work. You would need to relate to others by taking turns and letting other people lead in groups. Helen

I want to write the comic strips. I'd like to do that because you get to make up funny things. The skill you need is creativity. Ben



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Last orders...
for the Tuatara 6 pack deal
(\$5 donated to WBS for every
6 pack sold).

You have until mid-day tomorrow (Saturday 20 November) to place your order. To do so simply go to the Summerfest web page on the school website:

<http://www.worserbay.school.nz/summerfest2011>

Also, there are Summerfest 2011 postcards in the school office, please help yourself and send them to family and friends to help promote this community celebration and welcome back to all at the start of the next school year.

Wellington High School requires caring, supportive and inclusive families to host international students from Europe, South America and Asia for Term 1, 2011.

The accommodation fee is \$230pw. Please contact Pamela Braddell 04 385 8911 x 843 or pamela.braddell@whs.school.nz

Babysitter! Amy has recently returned home to Wellington from overseas to take up further study at Victoria University. She is 23 and lives locally. She has previous experience and loves kids! Please ring: 021 1648808.

Parties, classes, school holiday programmes

The Clay Penguin, 13 Hector Street, Seatoun
Ceramic painting and clay sculpture for children and adults
Contact: Nicola Dench 938-3356
email: theclaypenguin@hotmail.com

Cricket at the Basin

The Wellington Firebirds and HRV are pleased to announce that the Firebirds Kids Day is back! On Sunday 21 November at the Basin Reserve, all children have the opportunity to rub shoulders with the Wellington Firebirds ... and it's all free. The day consists of cricketing skills run by the Firebirds, giveaways, an autograph session, BBQ and ground tours for parents.

Begins at 10am sharp and goes through until 12pm (just in time for the BBQ).

"Re-Live the World Cup Fever"

An Exclusive Evening with Wynton Rufer with Special Guest, All Whites Player, Leo Bertos
25 November 2010, 7.30pm, Four Kings, Dixon Street.

The evening is aimed at promoting WYNRS in Wellington and understanding the opportunities for youth development nationally and internationally.

Tickets are limited at \$70.00 per person
RSVP: wynrs.rongotai@gmail.com by 21 Nov 2010

Makara Peak Festival Sunday 5 December

FREE Mountain bike tours and skills clinic, guided bush walks, dog walks, trail runs, planting, trail digging, and the Grand Loop Race (even a kids' version too!). Bring your family and friends down to discover Makara Mountain Bike Park. For a schedule of all the days' fun events check out: www.makarapeak.org

SURF LIFESAVING NZ BEACH ED



On Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th December Worser Bay School will be participating in a Surf Lifesaving New Zealand beach education programme. This is a great chance for all students to get down to the beach and practise and learn some important safety skills from trained lifeguards. The programme can cater for 80 pupils per day, therefore on the Monday Years 3-6 will hit the sand, while Years 0-2 will frolic on the Tuesday.

Programme Times

Beach Ed starts at 9.30am and ends at 2.30pm.

Venue Location

Worser Bay Beach

Parent / Teacher Ratios

Parents and teachers are expected to participate in both water and beach activities. The programme requires a minimum of 1 adult for every 5 students in the water. It is essential that parents and teachers bring their togs and be prepared to get wet. It is a good idea for parent helpers to bring wet suits if they have them. Most of the time our water activities are in the afternoon so some parents could arrive after lunch.

Parents don't have to watch children all of the time and the kids don't always have to stick together; it's just another layer of supervision used for the Beach Ed day.

Please fill in the form below if you are able to help on either of these days.

Beach Education Programme Reply Slip

I would be happy to assist with the Beach Education Programme.

Signed:.....

Child's Name:.....

Times and Date Available:

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YEAR 6 CELEBRATION

The time for bidding farewell to our Year Sixes is drawing near. We are currently busy creating our pages for the Year Six book and some students have started preparing their speeches for the End of Year Wrap, which will be held on Wednesday 15th December.

The following night, Thursday the 16th, we will be having the Year Six barbeque at school. Students will be working together at school to organise their desired menu for the evening.

In the week leading up to this final week, the Year Sixes will be having two beach days down at Worser Bay Beach, sailing and enjoying their last couple of days as Worser Bay students. There will be two sailing sessions, one on Thursday 9th December from 12.00 to 3.00pm and the next on Friday 10th from 9.00 to 12.00. We are grateful to the Worser Bay Yacht Club who have offered us these sessions. We would like to spend the remainder of these days down at the beach playing games together. It would be great to have some parents with us to share this time and so that we can make the most of it.

Please fill in the adjacent permission slip together with payment and an indication of whether you can help at any time on these 2 days.

Thank you for your support

Kath and Fleur

Year 6 Celebration Reply Slip

(Please tick where applicable and return to school by Friday 3rd December)

- I give permission for _____ to attend the sailing and beach days on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th of December.
- I am able to help on _____
- I am unable to help.
- I would like to order a Year 6 book, and include payment of \$15.
- I include \$5 to cover costs for the Year Six barbeque.

Signed _____