



Worser Bay School NEWS

Friday 12 June 2009

Greetings Kia ora nāmas'te Sawadee Zdravstvuyte Chao
Kia orana Talofa Zdravo Willkommen Hej Ni Hao Fáilte

OUR KŪAHA GOES UP



Our kūaha goes up and Dean explains its significance to the children. See inside for a full explanation!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Art Materials' Payment:** Please pay \$10/per child towards Art Materials as soon as possible - payment was due by Friday 12 June.
- **Are you able to help in Tautoru in the afternoons?** (see page 3)
- **Health Space** - Look out for it on page 2!
- **Diary Worser Bay School Art Expo - Wednesday 1 July, 5 - 6.30 pm.**
- **Diary Thursday 23 July 6.30 pm Parent Evening**
- **Voluntary Contribution & Photocopying/Classroom Expenses**
Please pay as soon as possible, if you haven't paid as yet.

Tēnā koutou te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Ngā mihi

We are thrilled to have our kūaha, our special entrance to the school completed. This concept has been the subject of community discussion for a long time now, about the last 7 years or so, therefore this is a great achievement! A special thanks to Dean Whiting, conservator, artist, and former parent in our school community, who has worked through a number of iterations and spent many hours to get to this place. Me te mihi nui, Dean.

This project has featured in our strategic planning and aligns beautifully with our goal of 'Celebrating Our Place'. It's also good timing with Matariki/New Year Celebrations starting soon - 24 June 2009 to 24 July 2009. Please see: www.matarikifestival.org.nz.

We had our final community Te Reo Maori class on Tuesday evening. Joan Costello, our kaiako/teacher, was patient and kind and did a sterling job with us! Tēnā rāwā atue koe, Joan.

We will be working on implementing the new curriculum for teaching Te Reo Maori in English medium schools over the next 2 terms. If you would like to find out more about this document, please check out: <http://tereomaori.tki.org.nz/Te-reo-Maori-curriculum-guidelines>.

Enjoy the weekend and if you are 'quiz nighting' tonight, have a WOW time!

Nāku noa

Nā



Kūaha Worser Bay School 'Te Rā-whiti' The rising sun

*E te hihi o te rā e kōkiri kei runga e,
Tarahaua, e, pikipiki ake ra e,
Ngā moutere tahoratia mai te moana!
Kāāore iara, pikipiki ao, pikipiki ao,
Ka puta iara kei tua e!*

The sun's rays that shoot up, stretched out,
Climb up over the islands spread out on the sea!
Oh climb up over the world, climb up over the world,
Reach the other side!

The kūaha has a symbolic message regarding the celestial world of the Māori, the greatest of which is the sun, *te rā*. In the Māori world of creation the sun, moon, and stars, were placed by Tāne onto his father Ranginui (sky father) to adorn him after the anguish of the separation from Papatūānuku (earth mother). Through this he created the celestial bodies that have occupied the sky since. The kūaha makes reference to these, to the left the moon, *marama*, to right the stars, *nga whetū*, and *te rā*, the sun in the centre. Back in time when Whetūkairangi pā was occupied by Ngāi Tara (where the school now stands) these elements would have been of prominence. The pā would have been a good vantage to observe the passing of these celestial bodies and is inferred in the name of the pa itself, *Whetūkairangi*, consuming stars. This would have been particularly important around the period of matariki when observation of the stars helped to foresee the future and the potential bounty of the planting season ahead.

Today, we can still observe the passing of stars, sun and moon, just as they did many hundreds of years earlier from this same site. When the children arrive at school in the morning, they will be greeted by the morning sun rising in the east over the Ōrongorongo mountains and reflect, as the people of Ngāi Tara did, on what the day will bring.

HEALTH SPACE

Movement Concepts and Motor Skills

"In which students develop motor skills, knowledge, and understandings about movement, and positive attitudes towards physical activity."

This includes movement skills, positive attitudes, science and technology (i.e. use of equipment) and challenges and social and cultural factors (i.e. rules, fair play).

Questions to get you started....

- What does this mean for us/our family?
- How important do we think this is?
- What does it look like at school? At home?
- What could it look like at school? At home?

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards this week focus on PATIENCE and EXCELLENCE IN READING.

Tautoru

Declan, Reuben C. and Dimitrije for Patience.
James G. for Excellence in Reading.

Āutahi

Caitlin G. & Caitlyn Y. for Excellence in Reading.

Māhutonga

Greta for Patience.
Felix for Excellence in Reading.

Next week, we are focussing on encouraging and influencing others to make good choices, enthusiasm and also excellence in maths.

Online Newsletter

Please remember, our newsletter is online. If we have your email address, we will send you a link to our website each Friday as a memory jog. We will work on the formatting so that it is more user friendly for you to print to A4 as well. Please remember that you can request a paper copy, as previously, by letting the office know.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Due to increasing pressures from other commitments in her life, Lucy Ross will be resigning from the Board of Trustees at the end of this school term. Thank you, Lucy, for the effort you have put in during your time as a board member and making this important contribution to the school and community. We look forward your continued participation in school activities as an engaged community member.

See you tonight at the quiz. Let the games begin!

Mā te wā

Kirsty Chamberlain
Board Member

from ĀUTAHĪ

"We are making spray paint prints. We are exploring ways to print. We have used rollers and spray paint.

My print is of a Halloween lantern."

by Jack H



"My print shows three light sabres."

by Joshua

TAUTORU News

We have had a very busy week this week!

We have started our second choice for art exchange in the afternoons. In painting, we are looking at photographs we have taken and then having a go at painting by using water colours. In music and dance, we have been learning to move to different rhythms and tempos - speeds.

In class, we have been watching the DVD of Chicken Run. We are watching it to look for characters showing their initiative – this means doing things without being asked or told to. It means using your head.

Our school has a new sculpture, you might have seen it. Here is some writing about how we feel when we look at it.

"I love our kūaha. Our kūaha is at the front of our school. It reminds me of the moon and the stars. Thank you, Dean Whiting."

by Ella

"I feel like I'm in the sun and stars. I can see the moon. The stars are right in front of me."

by Aidan

From Tautoru teachers

It's an exciting time as we prepare our works of art for the Art Expo. This kind of project is not possible without many hands making the work lighter. We will struggle to be able to show you our full potential without this support... can you help us in the afternoons?

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Your very last chance to book your seat for our WOW Quiz Night!!

7.00 for 7.30 pm start

Tonight - Friday 12th June

Miramar Central School

\$15.00 per person and BYO.

We'll be ordering pizza for supper, so bring some change.

Join in - team diversity is embraced!

Look out for the **movie fundraiser – Sunday 5th July at 10.30 am.**

Information coming home today and also accessible on our website.

Don't forget the **fair** is looming...

Keep storing things and sharing ideas. Talk to your friends and colleagues - do they have access to a product or service that we could use?

We are still looking for a sponsor. Talk to Jude or one of the committee.

Worser Bay School Craft Group

Here is our schedule for the remainder of Term Two:

Date	Time	Venue	Craft
16 Jun	7.30pm	Miramar Plunket Rooms	Candle Making
17 Jun	9am	Polo Café	
24 Jun	9am	Polo Café	
30 Jun	7.30pm	Miramar Plunket Rooms	Felting
1 Jul	9am	Polo Café	



Yummy Apple Stickers!!

Please keep collecting those Yummy Apple Stickers - forms available from the office and on the school website.

Parking

Last week we reminded parents not to park on yellow lines. Some of our neighbours are also having issues with parents parking in front of garages and blocking them in. Please live our Worser Bay School values and respect others and their property.

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6) Payment due!	16 School Banking Regional Cross Country	17 Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	18	19 Orange Day Parade 9am - 12.30pm
22 Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	23 School Banking ICAS Spelling and Writing	24 Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	25	26
29 Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	30 School Banking	1 Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4) Art Expo 5 - 6.30 pm Worser Bay Boating Club	2	3 End of Term 2 5 July Movie Morning Ice Age 3 Reading Cinema 10.30am

OUR LATEST SPORTS RESULTS

Flippaball:

Worser Bay Blue 7 - 10 St Marks One
Worser Bay White 5 - 3 St Bernards

Miniball:

Māhutonga

Celtics won 18 - 14. Player of the day was Matt.
Spurs won 20 - 2. Player of the day was Caleb.

Autahi

Lakers won 12 - 10 against MNS Thunder - a very exciting game!
Player of the day was James.
Trailblazers lost 18 - 2. Player of the day was Polly.

Netball:

WBS lost 14 - 3 to the Houghton Valley Shooting Stars.

Cross-Country

Last Tuesday, the Interzone Cross Country was held at McAlister Park. The course was tough, and competition fierce. We were very proud of all of our runners. Not only did they give it their best, show determination and a 'can-do' attitude, they were also highly supportive of each other. 'School spirit' was certainly evident!

Congratulations to all of you and especially to Josef and Kirstie who will be representing the Eastern Zone on Tuesday in the Regional event. Kia kaha!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Worser Bay Civil Defence Centre is hosting a special event on Tuesday 16th June at 7.15 - 8.15 pm at Worser Bay School.

- Will you know what to do if we have a pandemic crisis, a major earthquake or a tsunami?
- Have you got the skills it will take to help in an emergency?
- Do you have any idea where your nearest Civil Defence Centre is?
- Do you have any idea what the Civil Defence volunteers do in an emergency?

This is NOT a recruitment evening!

We would simply like to invite you to come along to this FREE informative evening!

- You will hear from the Miramar Civil Defence Manager who will give you an overview of the role of the Civil Defence in our Community.
- Receive suggestions for your emergency plan and supplies.
- Learn to fill out the Red Cross Registration Forms.

With this specific (free) training, you'll be a valuable resource in any major CD emergency.

Please RSVP to Derral Barnes, 970 9793, to confirm attendance.

MIDWINTER KNACK

Beautiful original NZ made craft!
Saturday 20th June, 9.30 am - 1.30 pm
Berhampore School Hall
Britomart Street
Berhampore
knack.market@gmail.com

School Holiday Programmes

Just a reminder that we have a green file in the office foyer (by the laminator) with information we have received about school holiday programmes.

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