



Worser Bay School

NEWS

Friday 19 June 2009

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

WE ARE ALL LEARNERS!

In the photo, teacher aides Carolyn, Jenny, Sue and Katie (ESOL tutor) are pictured with colleagues from Miramar Christian School. Worser Bay teacher aides are involved in professional learning together focussing on the school's strategic goals - *Teachers who strive for excellence and Excellence in Achievement*.

We want our children to develop self-assessment skills, be reflective about learning and commit to their next steps so we need to provide them with regular opportunities to share their achievements with their peers and other adults in the classroom. One way of doing this is to support them as they interact positively with teacher aides and teachers, giving them time to make cooperative decisions and deliberate on the selection of work samples which show their increased achievement. Teacher aides are becoming a valuable link in this process – a resource too valuable to relegate to photocopying and laminating tasks!

We aim to see change in the attitudes, values and knowledge of all learning partners as students, teachers, teacher aides and parents work together and share a common understanding for improved achievement.

With Student Led Conferences coming up in Week 5 of Term 3 it is a timely opportunity to be evaluating student goal achievement and selecting work samples for the learning portfolios.



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Art Materials' Payment:** This payment is now overdue - please pay your child's \$10 if you haven't yet done so!
- **Can anyone help with our Art Projects? Please let us know.**
- **Please ensure your child/children have suitable warm clothing for both indoors and outdoors in this cold weather.**
- **Health Space** - Look out for it on page 2!
- **Diary Worser Bay School Art Expo - Wednesday 1 July, 5 - 6.30 pm, at the Worser Bay Boating Club.**
- **Diary Parent Evening - Thursday 23 July 6.30 pm.**
- **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

The subject of **Health** is not only current at WBS but a regular in the media right now. You may have heard about the new resource about sexuality education available to schools this week. This is very topical as we look at what our children need and what it is we could focus on in our health programme.

On Tuesday's nine-noon this resource "The Sexuality Road" was discussed. Questions such as "Is 9 years old too young to start discussing pubertal change?", "What information at what age?", "Is it the job of teachers or the job of parents or both?" were raised. If you get a chance have a listen as it will provide you with further ideas to think about:
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/20090616>.

This article provides a fairly good outline also: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/2500027/Nine-year-olds-to-be-taught-about-sex>.

We are looking forward to our discussion at the next Parent Evening, Thursday 23 July at 6.30 pm. This week in our Health Space we are looking at Relationships with Other People (see Page 2).

Then, of course, there is the swine flu. We are keeping an eye on the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health's websites as to the latest information for schools/workplaces. Please remind your children to be vigilant with hand washing and if they are unwell, please keep them home. For the latest information, go to:
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/world/swine-flu/2515515/Government-enters-next-swine-flu-phase>.

Calm days are few when the weather is extreme but I suppose some great poems have been written about Wellington's weather over the years, so there is a positive side to it! A personal thanks to the teaching staff for their flexibility in recent times of need, it's a gift!

Ngā mihi to the Home and School and all of those who contributed to make the Quiz Night, last Friday, so much fun. It sounds like many answers had to be purchased, so well done Quiz Masters!

We look forward to catching up with you at the Arts Expo, Wednesday 1 July, 5 - 6.30 pm, at the Worser Bay Boating Club.

Noho ora mai rā
Take care
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WORD FROM THE BOARD

Pig flew – Swine flu

No doubt you are being inundated with swine flu information and news (no doubt including some misinformation).

As a real and imminent issue affecting the health of the entire community, the WBS community is not immune (sorry!). It is always important that you keep your sick child home from school to avoid spread throughout the school. That is even more important with this flu.

Given the pandemic, there is also the potential for WBS to be closed for a period. That will be a decision taken by public health authorities. Although we hope that will not occur, it would be sensible, given what has already occurred elsewhere in Australia and NZ, to give some thought now to how you would provide care and supervision for your children if that occurs.

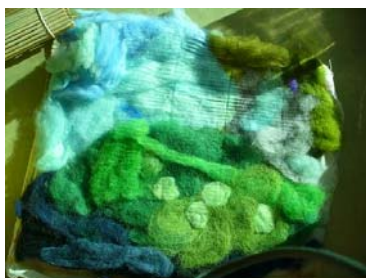
Check out <http://www.moh.govt.nz/influenza-a-h1n1> for updated information.

Stay healthy!

Paul McBride
Board Member

Don't forget the **Worser Bay Art Expo** is fast approaching!! See you on Wednesday 1 July, 5—6.30 pm at the Worser Bay Boating Club.

The students in Tautoru have been doing felting. Here is a photograph of Louise's lovely felting.



Why Study the Arts?

“Arts education explores, challenges, affirms and celebrates unique artistic expressions of self, community, and culture.”

In working through the arts, students learn more about themselves and the world they live in. They learn to respond creatively and make connections with their own experiences and those of others.

Through the visual arts, students develop visual literacy and learn how to view their own world from different perspectives. They also learn how to work independently and collaboratively on projects.

For more information, see www.nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz.

TAUTORU News

Light and Colour Units in Tautoru

“In the library, the students of Tautoru have been learning about light and colour. Can you help us answer some questions?”

They are on the back wall of the library and you can write the answers on the yellow papers. Thank you.”

John, Evie, Aidan, Caitlin M and Nico for the students in Tautoru

HEALTH SPACE

Relationships with Other People, in which students develop understandings, skills, and attitudes that enhance their interactions and relationships with others.

This includes such things as identity, sensitivity, respect, and interpersonal skills.

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 encouraging and influencing others to make good choices, enthusiasm and also excellence in maths.

Tautoru

Excellence in Maths - Will W and John
Enthusiasm - Kate R and Ruby

Āutahi

Excellence in Maths - Polly and Taine

Māhutonga

Excellence in Maths - Sam EB & Finn
Enthusiasm - Lottie

Influencing others to make good choices - William

Next week, we are focussing on flexibility, manners and excellence in writing.

Enrolments

To help us with our future planning, can you please let us know if you know of any children living in the home zone who are intending to enrol at our school, who haven't as yet.

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.

from ĀUTAHĪ

"We have been learning to describe the weather and something that has already happened. This is called a recount.

When we wrote this we were writing about the horrible and miserable weather over Queen's Birthday weekend."

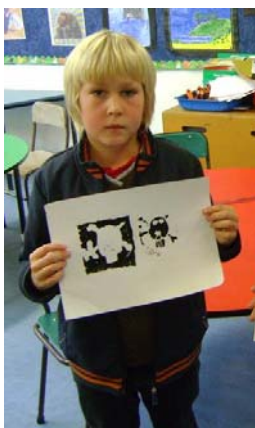
by *Millie*

"It was a gloomy, relaxing Sunday. My Dad walked into the lounge and he had forgotten what time Millie was coming. He said "Millie will be here soon" but Mum had said that Millie would be here in one hour. I was standing in front of the fire. The fire felt warm and cosy and it made the room look bright. Knock, knock - at last Millie had arrived. (You might be wondering who Millie is. I am lucky because my younger friend has the same name as me.) We had chocolate pretzels and chocolate fish. They were yummy."

by *Millie*

"I got out of the car on Saturday morning at Cobham Park. Hoot, hoot, the whistle blew. The kick-off took place. The game had started. Oliver took it up and passed to Thomas, who shot the goal. The score was 11 for my team and the other team's score was 4. There was a lot of running and scoring, and in the end we won. I felt good."

by *Jacob*



"In printing we have been learning about stencils and prints. My stencil is of a soccer ball. My print block is of a skull.

by *Albert*



A great time was had by all at the Worser Bay Home and School Annual Quiz Night!

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Entertainment Books

A HUGE Thank You to all of those families who purchased or gave a donation for the Entertainment Books, it is greatly appreciated by the School. This week, yellow flyers will be sent home with all children, providing another opportunity to purchase a book (for new families) or additional books for friends and families. In the office a display book will be available so you can look at all of the fantastic offers and savings which can be made on accommodation, restaurants, cafes and activities. All orders can be placed by signing the yellow form and returning to the office with your payment. Just remember, with every book purchased \$11.00 is donated to the school. So get behind this great fundraising venture for the benefit of your child/ren at Worser Bay School.

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who made Friday night's Quiz fantastic fun. Philip & Bruce did an excellent job of keeping the teams on their toes with only 3 points between the top four teams. The winning team was "No Idea" - they didn't fool us!! In the best of WOW tradition we had some amazing hats, a bizarre bra and 'out there' outfits, plus the imagination on the table challenge. Thank you, contestants! We'll see you back next year!

Ice Age 3

Sunday 5th July at 10.30 am

We have booked a theatre at Reading Cinema in Courtney Place - please help us to fill it!!

Adults \$15, Children \$12

Cheques to be made out to Worser Bay Home and School.

Worser Bay School Craft Group

Here is our schedule for the remainder of Term Two:

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

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Lost Property to Charity	3 End of Term 2 5 July Movie Morning Ice Age 3 Reading Cinema 10.30am

OUR LATEST SPORTS RESULTS

Flippaball

WB Blue 1 – 8 Hataitai

WB White 8 – 11 Holy Cross

These were the last games of the term due to the pool closure.

Miniball

Māhutonga

Celtics - won by default

Spurs - had a BYE

Āutahi

Trailblazers - lost 18 - 2

Player of the day was Joshua who played great defence.

Lakers - won 12 - 0

Player of the day was Eve who hustled well all game.

Netball:

Worser Bay 11 – 0 to Roseneath

Cross-Country

On Thursday, the Wellington Regional Cross Country was held at Karori Park and fortunately it turned out to be a beautiful winter's day. Kirstie and Josef, representing Worser Bay School, ran extremely well but the competition was very tough!



One of our happy Worser Bay runners!



The girls take off!!



Yummy Apple Stickers!!

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES



MID-WINTER 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

Come and see the Junior Tall Blacks for FREE

Basketball New Zealand would like to invite your school and extended family and friends to come and see our national U19 team play before they take on the world in Auckland on July 2-12.

As part of the build up to the FIBA U19 World Championships for Men 2009, our national U19 team, the Junior Tall Blacks will be having 3 games that are open to the public.

We would love to give the boys some experience playing in front of a big crowd and we need your help to get people there... and it's **FREE ENTRY**.

The details are included below, and it would be really appreciated if you could pass this on to your friends and family

Who:

Wednesday June 24

NZ v Egypt

Thursday June 25

NZ v Egypt

Saturday June 27

NZ v Lithuania

When:

All games at 7.30pm

Curtain-raisers: 5pm

Where: Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua – if you haven't been there yet, it is a great brand new facility (located next to Countdown and Pak 'n Save), and now second home to the Wellington Century City Saints.

Child minder available

A reliable and responsible second year university student is available for child minding over the holiday period and at other times. Please call or text Amy on 027 477 1030.

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. Information about a school holiday programme for netball has just arrived.

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