

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	26 Te Reo 7 pm ICAS Computer Skills	27 Flippaball Practice - 7 am Eastern Zones Netball Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	28 WBS Cross-Country Yrs 3-6 at 11.40am Yrs 1&2 at 12.30pm (Postponement date 4/6/09)	29 SCHOOL CLOSED for Queen's Birthday Weekend. Flippaball
1 June SCHOOL CLOSED for Queen's Birthday Weekend	2 Te Reo 7 pm	3 Flippaball Practice - 7 am Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	4 Assembly 2.20 pm Māhutonga	5 Flippaball
8 Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6) Board of Trustees' Meeting 7.00 pm	9 Eastern Zones Cross Country Te Reo 7 pm	10 Flippaball Practice - 7 am ICAS Science Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	11	12 Flippaball Quiz Night!
15 Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	16	17 Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	18	19 Orange Day Parade 9am - 12.30pm

SPORTS RESULTS

Flippaball:

Worser Bay Blue 5 - Holy Cross One 2
Worser Bay White 6 - St Marks Two 8

Netball:

Worser Bay 9 - St Patrick's Diamonds 16

Miniball:

Worser Bay Spurs 8 - Lyall Bay 22
Worser Bay Celtics 16 - St Marks Bulls 22
Worser Bay Lakers 8 - Seatoun Kura Kaupapa 14
Worser Bay Blazers 6 - Kilbirnie 4

Māhutonga cont'd...

Frozen

Isolated, remote, shivery
My kind of place
Because I can't stand sweltering heat
Freezing, scary, icy
The unforgiving wind ripping through the
Bleak landscape
Miserable, stiff, terrible
Icicles slowly cracking and
Shattering on the snow
by *Briana*



Photo by Jasper

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



'See behind the scenes' at Zealandia

Karori Sanctuary Trust are giving the public a rare opportunity to 'see behind the scenes' this Saturday, 23 May. Meet the staff members and volunteers who are making our 500-year vision a reality, and find out how *you* can get involved! A range of demonstrations, special talks and hands-on activities will be running throughout the day. \$14/adults; \$6/kids; \$34/family (2 adults and up to 3 kids); Under-fives and Members FREE. All proceeds support the ongoing conservation and ecological restoration work of Karori Sanctuary Trust. Ph: 920 9200; Web: www.sanctuary.org.nz.

Football Boots Sale

This Saturday, 23 May, Banks Shoes - official dress shoe sponsor of the Wellington Phoenix - are having a one day, 40% off all football boots sale. A great opportunity to get some new soft ground boots, or buy your hard ground boots for next season! Banks Shoes - Manners Mall Wellington, High Street Lower Hutt and Johnsonville Mall.

Family Camp at YMCA Camp Kaitoke

Bring the whole family and enjoy great camp activities like archery, games like Capture the Flag, campfires, food, and more family fun at YMCA Camp Kaitoke's Family Camp, 23-24 May. For more information, contact campkaitoke@ymca.org.nz or 04 526 7338 Emily Robinson, Programme Director, YMCA Camp Kaitoke.

Children's Bookshop - Meet Children's Book Author Cathy Cassidy

Author Cathy Cassidy, the British author of books for "tween-agers" will be at the Children's Bookshop, Shop 26, Kilbirnie Plaza, on Tuesday 26th May from 4.00 to 4.30 pm to meet her readers and sign copies of her books. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Brainfreeze Movie Premiere

7.00pm Friday 29 May

Newtown Community Centre (Cnr Columbo and Rintoul Streets)

Premiere screening of the short feature movie made at the Newtown Movie School Holiday Programme in April. Gold coin donation to cover the venue hire. DVDs for sale at \$15 which include the feature film and all the stop motion movies made at BOTH the January and April holiday programmes.

Plus, ice creams will be on sale - limit of one per person - we don't want anyone getting brainfreeze!

Newtown Movie School Holiday Programme

Registration forms are now available from the website: www.acumen.net.nz/pages/MovieSchool.html

We empower our children with a love of learning so that they are adaptable and creative.

Worser Bay School NEWS



Friday 22 May 2009

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

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
Friday 29th May and Monday 1st June

TAUTORU News



This week, we have been lucky to have some local experts come in and share their experiences with us. Stefan, Thanh's Dad, came and spoke to us about weather; Lucy, a local artist and textile designer, shared her work inspiring us with her sketchbooks and colour collections; our very own Thomas, from Māhutonga, showed us a needle felted ball he had made. The group enjoyed his patterns and were fascinated with how he got them to stay there! He also spoke about how to shear sheep and even has his very own shearing singlet. He told us you get very hot shearing sheep.

Our Monet Trip was great fun last week. We learnt a lot about how Monet painted. He held his paintbrush at the end of the stick and he used dots, strokes and lines so his paintings looked real.

In writing, we have been looking at different types of poems. We have written acrostic poems and we are working on bio poems. A bio poem is a poem that is about you. We shared some in assembly on Thursday.

Our cross-country is happening next Thursday. We are running at 12:30 pm, after the Year 3-6 children.

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **School Banking** - 8.40 - 9.00 am every Tuesday in Matariki.
- **Cross-Country** - Thursday 28 May at 11.40 am (Yrs 3-6) and 12.30 pm (Yrs 1&2). Come along and support our runners!
- **Weekly Newsletter and Email Address**
From Friday 5th June, our weekly newsletter will no longer be available in paper form - it will be posted on our website. Every Friday we will be emailing a link to our website. Please could you let us know your email address if you haven't already given it to us, or if it has recently changed.
- **Lost Property** - Please come and check the lost property boxes in the office - they are getting quite full.
- **Voluntary Contribution & Photocopying/Classroom Expenses** are overdue! Please pay as soon as possible.

Tena koutou te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Ngā mihi

Over the last week or so we have had so many great opportunities to support our strategic goal of 'an engaged community'. The whole school visits to Monet were extremely successful, not only in terms of student and adult learning, but in terms of recognition from the public as to how well-mannered, respectful and focussed our WBS students are. We heard this numerous times over the three days. I even had a parent say to me that this was the most relaxing school trip she had ever been on - now that's saying something! So a huge thanks and well done to all. Ka mau te wehi! (Fantastic!)

Furthermore, this week:

- Two local artists have worked with Tautoru students.
- Parents and teachers had the opportunity to learn more about how children learn to write and how they may be supported at home from an expert in this area, Murray Gadd.
- Parents and staff have had the opportunity to further improve our Te Reo Māori.
- Tautoru students have celebrated their learning by leading the assembly.

Phew, it's been action packed - we like that!

The consultation period is beginning for the national literacy and numeracy standards. You may have read about it in the Dom Post on Tuesday: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/2421487/Setting-ABC-standards>.

Parents have an opportunity to provide feedback about the proposed standards. You may like to complete the online questionnaire at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=sbOpseF6nT2zxzyfgALMww_3d_3d.

This is another way of keeping in the loop as to what is going on, keeping engaged. Come and see me if you would like to chat about it.

Hope it isn't too cold on the sporting sidelines this weekend.

Nāku noa

Nā

Jude

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Information evenings are a great way of keeping up to speed with what is going on in the classrooms.

Murray Gadd's obvious passion for writing made for a stimulating and rewarding evening on Monday night. I'm sure our teachers and children will have benefited greatly from working with Murray this year.

He emphasised the idea that, as parents, we can best teach our children by example, reinforcing the importance of taking the time to spend writing and reading with them. He asked the question 'Do your children see you writing?' ... they're both asleep right now must write a letter to Mum this weekend ... in between everything else, that is.

Kirsty Chamberlain
Board Member

From the Parent Evening with Murray Gadd**What can parents do to help their children become better writers?**

1. **Talk with your child** about the writing they are doing, especially at school.
2. **Talk with your child about what they might want to write about.**
 - This means helping them to come up with the details of their writing.
 - Remember that 'good writing comes from a flood of oral language'.
3. Encourage your child to '**have a go**' with **new words** ('sound out the sounds you can hear and move on') when they write.
 - Don't 'give them words' until they have had a go.
 - Don't expect 100% accuracy when children draft their writing.
4. **Ask them questions as they write** – for example;
 - 'What does that bit mean?'
 - 'What's happening there?'
 - 'What's going to happen next?'
5. **Correct their writing efforts positively and constructively.** In doing this, you must accept that children will not always express ideas as adults will.
6. **Praise them to the hilt** when they are making a really good writing attempt. This must include the impact/meaning of the writing as well as the grammar, spelling and punctuation.
7. Give them **authentic writing challenges** – for example:
 - keep a diary,
 - write their own invitations,
 - write a letter of thanks,
 - write episode/serial stories for the family.
8. Let them **see you writing**.

Remember:

- Writing at school is where students need to be challenged.
- Writing at home is where students need to **achieve success**.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards this week focus on two of our school values - honesty and respect.

Tautoru

Mackenzie, William, Kate M, John

Autahi

Barney, Alexandra

Māhutonga

Abby R, Rory

Next week, we are focussing on integrity and trust - two more of our school values.

Art Expo

Things are hotting up for the Art Expo. Over the next week, the Art Expo team will be working with their teachers and classmates to decide on themes and the medium that will be used. In next week's newsletter, we will provide you with further information including the cost of materials, dates and times.

Some of the works will also be represented in the Wellington Artsplash Festival 10th - 14th August. Our school mission statement is "We empower children with a love of learning so that they are adaptable and creative". Visual art is just one learning area in which we are providing opportunity for expression and experimentation!

Banking

The Worsler Bay School Branch of the National Bank has officially opened for 2009!

Our bankers are rearing to go and would love your support. Remember, bank hours are 8.40 - 9.00 am every Tuesday in Matariki. Every cent counts!

Voluntary Contributions/ Photocopying/Classroom Expenses

Many of you have taken advantage of the early payment discount and paid your Voluntary Contribution and Photocopying/Classroom Expenses - thank you. However, we would appreciate receipt of the Voluntary Donation and Photocopying/Classroom Expenses as soon as possible, if you haven't yet paid them.

News from MĀHUTONGA

"In Māhutonga, we have been exploring photography. We have talked about some of the elements used to create a good photo. These include framing, perspective, colour, balance and space.



Our photo is looking down to see the trees and the Worsler Bay Surf-lifesaving Club. We made the angle of the photo high to look down to the trees to get more perspective and to get more in the picture."
by Emily

In Kath's writing group we have been writing poetry. We are learning to make deliberate word choices to create a clear image in the reader's mind. We put ourselves in the position of a force of nature and personified them into a poem. Here are some of them:

The Wind

The wind is an eagle,
Talons sharp, beak hungry, soaring high.
Now he swoops – nearly knocking me down,
Sending an icy shiver down my spine.
He screeches, dives into the trees,
Tearing branches and leaves apart.
Once he finishes feasting,
He travels to his home.
by Ira

Fog

Floating through the streets
Like grey candy floss
Creeping along in the dawn
Blinding everything in its path.
Its so moist
It makes everything wet
As it lingers until dusk.
by Connor

From AUTAHI

The annual Worsler Bay School Cross-Country is going to be held next Thursday 28 May. Children have been practising hard in their areas and it would be great if you could come along and support our amazing runners. The event will begin at 11.40 am with the Māhutonga and Autahi students running first following a course along Marine Parade and up the zigzag path. If you are able to help with marshalling, please drop into Autahi and let us know. Tautoru will follow at 12.30 pm, running a course that has been set up around the school grounds. The postponement date has been set for Thursday 4 June, but let's keep our fingers crossed for fine weather.

"This week, Autahi and Māhutonga have come together to practise for cross-country. We have been running from the park facing the Surf Club up the steep zigzag to the car park up the top of Seatoun Heights Road. It was cold but awesome and fun."
by Paris and Tiana

"In Autahi, we have been learning about photography. We have learnt that there are five elements to photography. They are space, colour, perspective, balance and framing. Here is one of the photos we have taken."
by Caitlin G

**From the HOME AND SCHOOL****Entertainment Books**

Thank you to all those families who have purchased the Entertainment Book/s or sent in a donation for the school, it is greatly appreciated. There are only a few payments or books outstanding, so please return them to the office NOW.

The Quiz Night

The infamous Quiz night is on 12th June at Miramar Central School Hall. Get together your team, work mates, family and friends.

The Fair

Our planning is well under way and we need your help in finding some sponsors! Do you have a contact that may be interested in investing in our community? Contact Beth 388 8951 or email bruce.simpson@xtra.co.nz.

Worsler Bay School Craft Group

We have decided not to meet on a Wednesday every week, as we think more people will be able to come along if we meet on a different day each week. Here is our schedule for the remainder of Term Two:

Date	Time	Venue	Craft
27 May	9am	Polo Café	
3 Jun	9am	Polo Café	
4 Jun	7.30pm	Miramar Plunket Rooms	Knitting
10 Jun	9am	Polo Café	
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	