



# Worser Bay School NEWS

Friday 26 June 2009

Greetings Kia ora nāmanāte Sawadee Zdravstvuyte Chao  
Kia orana Talofa Zdravo Willkommen Hej Ni Hao Fáilte

## OUR SILENT ART AUCTION!

Here is a sample of some of our auction items:



## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Art Materials' Payment:** This payment is now **overdue** - please pay if you haven't done so! Reminder notes were sent home yesterday.
- **Health Space** - Look out for it on page 2!
- **Monday 29 June at 9.00 am** - Morning Tea with Dean Whiting and Ray Ahipene-Mercer.
- **Wednesday 1 July, 5 - 6.30 pm** - Worser Bay School Art Expo at the Worser Bay Boating Club - please stagger arrival times.
- **Diary Thursday 23 July 6.30 pm** Parent Evening.
- **Voluntary Contribution & Photocopying/Classroom Expenses**  
Statements will be sent home today - please pay as soon as possible.

## Tēnā koutou te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Welcome to the last 'big newsletter' of Term 2. As usual, we all wonder where it has gone but see it as a good sign that plenty of learning's been happening in and around our school. Schools need to be focussed on continuous improvement - they are not static and they are not islands. Schools rely on the passion and commitment of, not only the staff, but also of the parent and wider community.

The new curriculum helps us to increase the opportunities for our kids to be at the centre of learning - we need to constantly check that we are expecting enough of them. Through our Enterprise work, members of the Wellington Business Community are aware of what's been happening in our school and are excited by what we are doing and how the key competencies/enterprising attributes are central. It is these qualities that employers are seeking.

Our Art Expo (when it comes together!) will be a wonderful celebration of children's creativity and learning. We look forward to seeing you there and rejoicing together at the end of another successful term.

Noho ora mai rā.  
Take care

Na

Jude

## Kuaha

On Monday 29 June at 9.00 am, we are meeting with Dean Whiting and Ray Ahipene-Mercer in the staffroom to discuss the background to the kuaha and any further possibilities the community may be interested in. Please feel free to come along and chat about it.

## WORD FROM THE BOARD

The Board has started the budget planning cycle for the 2010 calendar year.

This involves prioritising the school's needs, and more discretionary (but highly desirable) spending on the one hand, and balancing that against income on the other. One consideration is how to obtain the substantial amounts that are required because of the shortfall in Government funding. Unfortunately, that is a function of being a "decile 10" school – WBS obtains much less funding per child than lower decile schools.

The Board needs to consider what funds can be sought directly from the school community (parent contributions) and what funds can be obtained from other sources (including Home and School, and other fundraising). Given the economic climate, funding is not easy.

Input is always welcomed about possible fundraising and other activities that might limit the contributions sought from parents. The Board has recently appointed an active fundraising subcommittee which is looking to advance that. If you have any ideas for fundraising, or can support the Home and School with its fundraising activities (including sponsorship of the fair), please make contact. Doing so can only assist our children – meaning that the school can do more with and for them.

Paul McBride  
Board Member

## Art Expo - Worser Bay Boating Club, Wednesday 1 July – pop in between 5.00 and 6.30 pm

### The details!

We encourage you to stagger your arrival times. If everyone turns up at 5.00 pm, there may be a long queue! There isn't a lot of space, so feel free to arrive at a variety of times between 5.00 - 6.30 pm.

There is a gold coin donation per adult at the door, please.

There will be large group pieces for sale via a **Silent Auction**. These pieces will first be displayed at the Wellington Arts Festival in early August before being safely delivered to the purchaser. Winners will be announced in the Newsnote on Friday 3 July. No buggies, please, as they won't fit!

### Please remember to bring some cash!

"Adult Refreshments" will be available for \$5.00.

Cards/Postcards will also be available for purchase.

## Gifted and Talented

All schools are required to develop their own definition of giftedness. The following extract is taken from our draft guidelines.

There are a small percentage of children that have learning needs that are **significantly** different from their peer group.

In line with the evidence base supported by the Ministry of Education, Worser Bay School has developed the following **definition of giftedness**:

"At Worser Bay School gifted children may be, or have the potential to be, achieving at an *exceptional* level in one or more area and may require additional learning support or opportunities that are different to the usual classroom programmes. These children sometimes also demonstrate challenging behaviours or tendencies that may also require additional emotional and social support. Giftedness, in this definition of the word, can be found among people from all cultural, ethnic and social backgrounds".

Pop in and see me if you would like a copy of the draft.

## HEALTH SPACE

This is our final Health Space in the series! This week we are looking at:

### Health Communities and Environments

This strand covers such concepts as societal attitudes and values, community resources, rights, responsibilities, laws; people and the environment. This strand could include hazards in the home, simple safety practices, road safety, improving social or physical aspects of the environment, etc.

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 flexibility, manners and excellence in writing.

### Tautoru

Excellence in Writing - Natalie

Guldborg and Ian Blackburn

Manners - Nargis Sharma and Ruby Cowan

Flexibility - Patrick Moore and Anneke Houtman

### Āutahi

Excellence in Writing - Paris Dawson

Manners - Thomas Moore

Flexibility - Ella Norrington

### Māhutonga

Excellence in Writing - Lene Quin and Luke Furness

Manners - Loretta Smith

Flexibility - Amelia McKay

Next week we are focussing on initiative and drive.

## Worser Bay School Craft Group

Here is our schedule for the remainder of Term 2:

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

## from ĀUTAHĪ

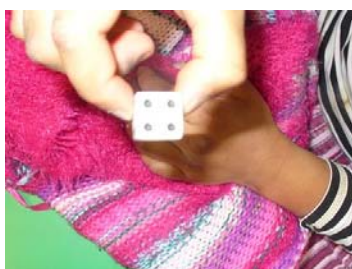
"In Āutahi we have been learning about poems. One poem we would like to share is **Seasons**:

'A peach tree grows by our gate.  
In summer it's a green umbrella.  
In spring it's a purple vase.  
In autumn it's a red bonfire.  
In winter it's a bare porcupine.  
A peach tree grows by our gate.'

by *Eve*

## TAUTORU News

"In maths we have all been learning some new games. One of them is called 'Mystery Dice'. You can have as many players as you like. You roll 3 dice and share two of the numbers but also say what they all add up to. You have to work out what number is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> dice e.g.  $5 + 6 + ? = 15$ . Can you work out the missing number?"



The 'Cubes' group have been learning about compatible numbers. Here is an example:  $4 + 5 + 2 - 7 = ?$ . Now you have to add  $5 + 2 = 7$  because you want to take 7 away. Then you are just left with 4 so  $4 + 5 + 2 - 7 = 4$ .

Nero has been learning to add juicy detail to his writing, so it is easy for a reader to see it in their head.

Emma and Aidan have been working on finishing their biography poems so they can publish them.

Faith has been learning how many tens are in a thousand."

by *Thomas W and Ian*



"In reading we have a new thing. After reading lessons two groups come up and share what they have been learning. This gives others a chance to hear what other groups are learning to do."

by *Nico*

"We've been watching Chicken Run again this week. We were sharing which character we admired and which ones showed initiative. We have been watching it because we are looking for examples of enterprising attributes."

by *Caitlin and Dimitrije*

### A message from the Worser Bay School Bankers

If you are new to the school or have a child new to Worser Bay, you can expect a telephone call from one of our excellent school bankers (Sarah, Ciara, Abby and Sam EB). Banking is available from 8:30am - 8:55am in the library - we would love to see you there.

If you have any questions about school banking, then you can email us at [wbsbanking@gmail.com](mailto:wbsbanking@gmail.com) or you can contact the office for further details.

## From the HOME AND SCHOOL Movie Morning – Ice Age 3 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am

Roll up! Roll up! Ice Age 3 is opening for the school holiday period and we are lucky enough to get an early viewing at Reading Cinema Courtney Place. Please complete your forms and return with the payment by **this Monday 3pm (29<sup>th</sup> June)** so we can make this a worth while fundraiser for the school. We need to get an idea of numbers so we can book the right size cinema! However, if not enough tickets are sold, the movies may have to be cancelled. A decision whether to go ahead with the movie or not will be made following the close-off time on Monday.

If you do not have a form, please write your child's name, year, and number of child/adult tickets that are required on the outside of the envelope.

### Entertainment Books

Next week will be the last week to purchase Entertainment Books. If you are interested, please complete the yellow form, which was sent home with your children last Friday and hand into the office. Alternatively, you may wish to make an \$11.00 donation to the school, for the benefit of your child/ren. Thank you to all those families and friends who have supported this fundraising venture.

### School Fair – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Please diary our biggest fundraising event of the year! Put your thinking caps on - we are still looking for sponsorship and support from our community. Please e-mail us your ideas / contacts.

Plus, while you are clearing out those cupboards over the holidays, don't throw it out! Please hold on to your quality "white elephant", books, kids outgrown clothes, craft material / remnants and clean empty glass jars. We will be calling for your donations soon!

**Wanted!** Please advise Beth or Nicola (e-mail below) if you have storage space available close to school, eg. an empty garage. We will be looking to start collecting white elephant and clothing soon! So, watch this space and hold on to all your bits and bobs you manage to clear out!

### Your Co-chairs of the Home and School

**Beth Simpson & Nicola Lancaster**

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*A big thanks to the Home and School for the delicious pizza lunch they organised earlier this week - it was very much enjoyed!*

# DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>29</b> 9.00 am - Morning Tea with Dean Whiting and Ray Ahipene-Mercer re our Kuaha  Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	<b>30</b> School Banking	<b>1</b> Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)  Art Expo 5 - 6.30 pm Worser Bay Boating Club	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>End of Term 2 School finishes at the usual time.</b>  <b>Sunday 5 July</b> Movie Morning Ice Age 3 Reading Cinema 10.30am

**School recommences for Term 3 on Monday 20th July.**  
**Parent Evening - Thursday 23 July at 6.30 pm**

## OUR LATEST SPORTS RESULTS

### Miniball

Māhutonga:

Celtics - Lost 17-16 to the Lyall Bay Swifts.

But this was the best game they've played so far. Player of the day was Laura.

Spurs - Won 21 - 4 against the Scots' Superstars.

Great result, they played great defence. Player of the day was Lucas.

Āutahi:

Lakers lost 10-12 to Scots' Shooters.

**Netball:** Cancelled due to weather.

## Literature Research

Jenny McDougall is planning to invite some children from years 1 to 4 to take part in some research for the Diploma in Children's Literature. Jenny is interested in children's responses to picture books which deal with the topic of death - for example the recently published book *Death Duck and the Tulip* by Wolf Erlbruch.

The research will involve the children being read some picture books which are currently available in the Wellington City Libraries and answering some questions about what they thought of them.

Please contact Jenny on 380 8665 or [jenny@mcdougalls.co.nz](mailto:jenny@mcdougalls.co.nz) if you DO NOT wish your child to be involved or if your child has experienced a recent bereavement (even of a pet) as this may influence their reaction.

## A non-pc parenting show with Nigel Latta

"A hugely entertaining, informative and irreverent evening on how to get kids through the first ten years and stay sane. Come along and be regaled with stories of grumpy trousers, fussy eaters and restless sleepers; and learn about the ten principles for raising good kids. (Some language may offend.)"

**Tuesday 4 August at 7-9pm**

**The Riley Centre, Wellington High School**

[www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)

Tickets \$15.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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.

We would love to give the boys some experience playing in front of a big crowd and it's **FREE ENTRY**.

**Who:**

Saturday June 27 - NZ v Lithuania.

**When:**

Games at 7.30pm, Curtain-raiser at 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.

### Zealandia: The Karori Sanctuary Experience, Waiapu Road, Wellington (first left through the Karori Tunnel). Get in for a gold coin on Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 June - 10am - 5pm (last admissions 4pm)

Still not made it up the hill to Wellington's award-winning wildlife attraction? Our gold coin entry day is the perfect opportunity to see what all the fuss is about.

Weather permitting, we'll have the electric boat and BBQ running all day, and our Ranger Guides will be on hand to talk to you about our sanctuary's outstanding flora and fauna. You will also be able to check out some of our new attractions, like the swing bridge and lizard display and check on the progress of our new Visitor & Education Centre!

Call 04 920 9213 or visit [www.visitzealandia.com](http://www.visitzealandia.com) for more details.

### 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 Karate Holiday Programme and Wellington School of Cricket Holiday Programme have just arrived.

### To the Parents of Pre-Schoolers

The much-loved NZ author/illustrator Lynley Dodd will be at the Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie Plaza on Monday July 20th at 10.30 am, (the first day of the new term) to read her new book *Hairy Maclary Shoo* at a special storytime.

All are welcome. There is no charge and no need to book. You are invited to bring several of Lynley's other books for signing. Also, remember to bring your camera.