

# DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4 May</b> Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	<b>5</b> Banking commences 8.40 - 9.00  Home & School 7.30 pm Staffroom	<b>6</b> Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Flippaball
<b>11</b> Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	<b>12</b> Te Reo lessons commence 7 pm Staffroom	<b>13</b> Monet Time  Eastern Zones Netball (postponement date 20/5)  Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	<b>14</b> Monet Time	<b>15</b> Monet Time  Flippaball
<b>18</b> Parent Evening 6.30 pm  Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Flippaball

## MONET TIME

Monet- it's nearly here!

Thanks to all of you who have offered to lend a hand with the Monet trip. As we have a quota of 3 parents per group, we have been very careful with our numbers. If you were one of the first 3 to offer help, you will be called by the teachers by Friday of this week and the plan for the visit will be discussed in detail with you well before the day so that you know exactly what the learning outcomes are!

We still have some outstanding payments and permission slips. If your child has not returned the permission form and money by Monday 4th May, they, unfortunately, will have to miss out on this opportunity and stay at school.

### Reply Slip - Monet Exhibition. Please return by Monday 4th May.

..... has permission to go on the Monet Exhibition trip on:

Wednesday 13 May - Autahi and 10 Year 2s  
Thursday 14 May - Tautoru  
Friday 15 May - Māhutonga

The cost is \$8 and must be paid prior to going. I enclose \$8 for my child.

Signed: .....

### Email Address Reply Slip

Our email address is:

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Name of child/children:

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Meridian Kids' Bike Jams**  
Wellington - 10th May  
(Closing date - Monday 4th May)  
Please see [www.kidsbikejams.co.nz](http://www.kidsbikejams.co.nz)  
for more information.

**International Dance Day**  
Saturday 2 May 2009 - 10.30 am - 5 pm  
Te Papa Marae and Level 2 Foyer.

Free public participation Dance Workshops and Performances.  
For more information go to:  
[idanceday.blogspot.com](http://idanceday.blogspot.com)  
and look in Feeling Great.

**Ridgeway School Fashion Show Fundraiser**  
**Thursday 7 May 2009 - 8.00 pm**  
**Te Whaea National Dance and Drama Centre, Hutchison Road, Newtown.**  
Iconic fashion designers and retailers such as Voon, Fin Clothing, Rex Royale, Miriam Gibson, Pumpkin Patch and more.  
Standard seat \$35 or upgrade to very limited front row Premium Seat for \$45.  
All tickets include a glass of bubbly and gourmet finger food by Wild Chef.

Tickets available from:  
The Ridgeway School Office or  
email [Ridgeway\\_school@hotmail.com](mailto:Ridgeway_school@hotmail.com) or  
contact Jacq @ 389 8160.

**SPORTS**  
**Flippaball** games today, Friday 1st May.  
Practices start next Wednesday 6th May at 7.00 am.  
**Miniball** starts next week - Mondays (Yrs 5 & 6) and Wednesdays (Yrs 3 & 4)

**Worser Bay School Cross Country -**  
Thursday 28th May  
**Eastern Zones Cross Country**  
Tuesday 9th June  
(Postponement day Friday 12 June)

**Swimming Lessons - Term 4**

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

# Worser Bay School NEWS



Friday 1 May 2009

## AUTUMN CLEANUP AT WORSER BAY SCHOOL!

Thanks to our hard-working Working Bee teams on two recent Sundays, the school grounds have had a clean up and a new, safer, path has been created beside the shrubbery or "fairy garden". Our trees were also trimmed and thanks to an eager group of Māhutonga boys, the mulch spread around the grounds. The grounds look great!



## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- Check this Saturday's Dominion Post for our advert for a **Teacher Aide**.
- **Monet Time** - Return slip by **Monday 4th May**. See Page 4.
- **Banking resumes on Tuesday 5th May** from 8.40 - 9.00 am in the School Library.
- **Te Reo Lessons** - Commence **Tuesday 12 May** at 7 pm in staffroom.
- **Parent Evening - Monday 18th May** at 6.30 pm.
- Advise the office of your **email address**. See Page 2.
- **Please diary: FRIDAY 29th MAY and MONDAY 1st JUNE - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND.** (Please note: Friday is a holiday as well as the Monday for Worser Bay School.)
- **Voluntary Contribution & Photocopying/Classroom Expenses** are overdue! Please pay as soon as possible.

### Kia ora koutou

It has certainly been a great week for growth! Today you will receive the Parent Information Handout keeping you up with the play with the focus for this term. Remember, you have a great opportunity after the Writing Workshop, with Murray Gadd at 6.30 pm on 18 May, to check in with your child's teacher/s.

Last term we had such a brilliant parent response to both the SLCs and the Inventors' Workshop. This term there will be plenty of further opportunities to strengthen the home-school relationship. As well as the Writing Workshop and Arts Expo there are plenty of other ways to build on existing relationships and learn more about what your child is up to at school. Whether it is by being directly involved in the classroom, working behind the scenes, supporting the Home and School events, coming along to a Home and School or Board of Trustees meeting, popping in and saying "Hi", coming up with a fundraising idea, recognising the work of the teachers/support staff, keeping an eye on the grounds, or shovelling gravel at the working bee! Opportunities a plenty!!

So, thinking about the indicators for our strategic goal 'An Engaged Community':

- Strengthening parent involvement through all years 0 - 6.
- Parents initiating involvement.
- Creative ways of bringing parents on board and encouraging participation.
- Providing opportunities for collaboration.
- Developing stronger connections with the local area.
- Increased shared understanding of how we all work together (parents, teachers, students and wider community).
- Developing learning partnerships.

It would be good to hear from you if you have any thoughts or can see any further opportunities.

Have a lovely weekend

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## WORD FROM THE BOARD

Welcome back, I hope you had a good Easter break and that the children are prepared for another busy term. A special thank you to those who turned out in the terrible weather on Sunday to cart gravel to the new pathway.

As part of the ongoing meetings scheduled throughout the year, the Board met on Monday night. Discussion took place around the important standard agenda items relating to the operation (finance and property) and achievements (staff, pupils and principal) of the school, and amongst other things also about us (the Board of Trustees) and our own code of conduct. We discussed whether we were maintaining and understanding the values and goals of the school and concluded that this area needed more focus. We discussed the importance of ensuring the needs of all students and their achievement as being the key priority and the Board felt that steps were in place to accomplish this. We questioned our own actions in publicly representing the school in a positive manner and considered our accessibility and involvement as board members to/with the school community, whilst acknowledging the conflict of being a parent and a board member. In essence, we considered what we are here to do and whether we are meeting our own expectations and those of the school community. What do you think? Get in touch with us if you have any suggestions.

The Board at Worser Bay School comprises the Principal, an elected staff representative and 5 parents. Every 3 years the community gets to vote for the 5 parent members (assuming, unlike last election, that there are more than 5 nominations) who they think are best suited to the role and the staff vote for the staff representative. March 2010 will be the next election so if you would like to find out more about what we do and how we do it, with a view to nominating yourself or someone else at the next election, or just because you want to know more, anyone of the parent board representatives would be happy to answer any questions.

**Board Member**  
**Lucy Ross**

## News from MĀHUTONGA

More writing from our Māhutonga students:

### The Leap of Death!!

We were in the middle of nowhere. In the distance we could see the terrible tuataras. They were stalking us. Right at that moment they began to sprint towards us. We scarpereed for the gorse bushes, there was a creek right in front of me. I looked behind me, there was a figure. Before I could say boom, they were charging towards me like a racehorse. I leaped over the creek like a wildebeest running from a lion. I stumbled on a rock and hurtled into a gorse bush. The only thing that could save me now - the whistle - that means they can't tag us any more. "Peeep" went the whistle, I was saved!!!

*Ben M.*

### The Mud Slide

I slid down the slide, slick with mud and water. Dark curls of excitement boiled up inside me, clumps of mud sticking to my togs. I shut my eyes as I hit the water, mud splattered across my face, wetting my body. I stood up, clouds billowing up under the water appearing in my foot steps.

*Bethany*

At the Inventors' Workshop last term.



## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Every Friday Jude gives out Principal's Awards. The focus for these awards is shared on a Monday morning at Karakia. The Principal's Awards this week relate to the key competency "Using Language, Symbols and Texts". We have been focussed on sharing ideas, using information and taking risks with speaking up in group or class discussions. Congratulations to:

### Tautoru

Patrick, Pieta and Aidan

### Autahi

Trae, Thomas

### Māhutonga

Ben M, Briana and Madi

## WELCOME

This week, at the beginning of another term, we welcome all those children who have joined us recently. Patrick, Bella, Tamrah and Felix who have family here already and Nargis, Mackenzie, Arthur and Natalie whose families are new to the school.

We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.

## Newsletters

Our weekly newsletter will no longer be available in paper form - it will be posted on our website. Paper copies may be requested by Friday 22nd May (if no internet access).

We are also updating our email address list so we can use email to contact parents. Please could you let us know your email address if you haven't already given it to us, or if it has recently changed. (We last asked for updated addresses in August 2008.) There is a reply slip on Page 4, if needed.

## Security around the School

Thanks to all of you who kept an eye on the school property over the holidays. We were hit with a bit of graffiti but otherwise remained in reasonable shape! Please remember to call the number below if you notice anything amiss or people behaving in ways they shouldn't. The security firm will come and move them on rather than you putting yourselves in a difficult situation. The number is: 570 3785 and say the fast code 'Worser'.

## From TAUTORU

Welcome back!

Will W, Ruby, Isabel, Fleur, Evie, Tasia, and Helen have been learning to make clouds. Ella spoke to Anneke and she said she knew clouds were made out of ice crystals and water.

Connor has been learning to sound out words he doesn't know, and Declan has been learning to put a full stop at the end of his writing. Nero has been learning to sit his letters on the line, add juicy detail, and finger spaces. Juliette has been learning to draw and write, Natalie has been learning about stories, and Leila has been learning to write words.

Joe discovered Will A and Patrick have been learning to skip count in 5s. Ben has been learning to count back from 20. Nicolas has been learning to count in 5s and 10s.

by *Thomas W, Ian, Ella, Rebecca, Nico, Joe, and Dimitrije*



At the Inventors' Workshop last term.

## From AUTAHI

In Suzanne's Literacy Group we have been learning to write similes. These help us describe things and paint a picture in the reader's mind.

"My hair is as curly as a snail's shell." *Tylah*

"In the morning, my hair is as wild as a lion's mane." *Sarah*

"My hair is as golden as the sun."

"A cheetah is as fast as a bolt of lightning." *Corisande*

"My hair is as soft as a feather." *Sasha*

"A snail is as brainless as a dry leaf." *Sebastian*

"A cheetah is as fast as the blink of an eye." *Thomas M*

"An elephant is as big as a teenaged T-Rex." *Jack H*

"An eel is as camouflaged as a chameleon." *Jacob M*

## School Banking

School Banking commences next Tuesday, 5th May from 8.40 - 9.00 am in the Library.

## From the HOME AND SCHOOL

### Entertainment Books

Thank you to all of those families who have purchased or made a donation for the Entertainment Books, it is very much appreciated by the school. There are still some payments and/or books outstanding, can you please ensure that **payment or return of the book is made now to the school office**. Reminders will be sent to those families who have not purchased or returned the books in the next couple of days. Thank you for supporting this fundraising venture.

### School Fair

Although Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November still seems a long way off, we have had an initial fair committee meeting this week. One of our first tasks is to look for sponsorship from local businesses; this may be in the form of sponsoring a stall, or providing products or services for auctioning or for the raffle. Please, please put your thinking caps on and think of some businesses that you may have a contact with who you would be able to approach to ask for support. Cold calling works to an extent, but of course businesses are more likely to give if there is a more personal reason or rapport with whoever is doing the asking. Please e-mail your contacts/ideas to Beth Simpson: [bruce.simpson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bruce.simpson@xtra.co.nz).

**Wanted!** Please advise Beth (e-mail above) if you have storage 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!

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. All are welcome to attend.**

### 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 Donations and Photocopying/Classroom Expenses as soon as possible if you haven't yet paid them.