

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 February	17 Home & School Meeting, 7.30 pm in the Staffroom.	18 Kiwi Cricket EZ - Kilbirnie Park (Cancellation Day 25th)	19	20
23 BOT Meeting 7.00pm in the Staffroom	24	25	26	27
2 March Māhutonga - Camp	3 Māhutonga - Camp	4 Māhutonga - Camp	5	6

Selection Criteria for Eastern Zones Sports

Māhutonga students, in collaboration with the teachers, have decided on a selection process for Eastern Zones Sports this year. As students have set the criteria, they will have a clear understanding of who, what and why, and the process will be transparent for everybody. Please discuss the criteria with your child.

- There will be a trial for cricket, soccer, hockey and miniball. The teachers will note players with good skills.
- Teachers will then also look at student's attitude and behaviour in school. Students need to consistently demonstrate that they are:
 - * good listeners
 - * respectful of adults
 - * good team players - share the ball, etc.
 - * good encouragers, ie. don't put people in their team down
 - * can positively represent our school.
- Consideration will be given to students who play a sport outside of school.
- For swimming, cross-country and athletics, there will be whole school sports from which representatives are chosen. These sports will also include representatives from Year 4s in Autahi.

The dates for Eastern Zones this year are:

Cricket	18 February
Swimming	8 April
Netball	13 May
Cross-country	9 June
Soccer	5 August
Hockey	26 August
Miniball	28 October
Athletics	11 November

Please Note:

Students selected for EZ cricket will be bringing their permission slips home today.

The school will not be chasing up **permission slips** - if students do not bring their **permission slip** back on Monday, they will not be able to go.

As you are aware, children require a blue Worser Bay T-shirt, as stated on the Stationery Lists for 2008 and 2009. Students must wear this T-shirt when representing the school at an Eastern Zones event.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tennis National Open Day

Together with local tennis clubs, Tennis NZ is promoting a National Open Day on Sunday 15th Feb. The day is for people who used to play tennis or those who want to learn – both adults and children. Miramar Tennis Club is the host in this region and the Club will be open from 1pm with coaches and members available to give advice, information and time on the tennis court. There will be special offers and prizes and rackets available to use. Miramar Tennis Club is at Miramar Park, Darlington Road, Miramar. Email miramartennis@xtra.co.nz or visit www.miramartennis.org.nz.

Seatoun AFC

Junior Registrations at the Seatoun AFC club rooms, Seatoun Park, Sunday 15th Feb, 12-2pm.
Queries: contact Suzie Bogner 04-388-5953 or bognargreen@xtra.co.nz.

Miramar Rangers AFC

Junior Registrations.
New members and enquiries welcome. Contact Junior Club Captain Alison Masters, telephone 387-4405 or email mrfcjuniors@xtra.co.nz.

Oriental Rongotai RFC Juniors Ories Club Rooms

Registration Dates and Times:
February 21st, 12.00 - 2.00 pm
With a Hurricane Player:
28th February - 10am - 12 noon
7th March - 10am - 12 noon
14th March - 10am - 12 noon
28th March - 10am - 12 noon.

Poneke Junior Rugby Registrations at

Poneke Rugby Club, Kilbirnie Crescent.
Saturday Feb 21st - 11am-3pm
Meet the Hurricanes between 12pm-2pm.
Friday Feb 27th - 3.30pm-6pm
Saturday Feb 28th - 12pm-2pm
Friday March 6th - 3.30pm-6pm
Saturday March 7th - 12pm-2pm

Fees \$30. Enquiries to Sue Sparkes on 04 904 4066 or visit www.ponekerugby.com.

Penguins Inline Hockey Open Day

(Ice hockey on roller blades.)
If you enjoy skating or would like to give it a go, please come to our Open day on Sunday 1 March 3pm – 5pm Kilbirnie Rec Centre (between pool and library). Ages 7 and up. For more information, contact Claire on 934 1344.

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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 13 February 2009

From TAUTORU

What a great start to the year we've had!

We've got a new class name - we're called Tautoru, and we've been learning new routines to start and finish the day. In the morning, we put our hand-writing books at our tables, after we've hung up our bags. In the afternoon, we wait in the classroom until Fleur or Rachel can see our parent or caregiver, and then we can go.

We've also been practising Jump Jam inside to help us learn and remember the steps.

On Monday, we went to the Da Vinci exhibition. To learn more about him we have been doing some mirror writing, lemon writing, and code cracking.

Ask your child to tell you what they did and what the code said!



Tautoru New Entrants braved the elements yesterday to help Michael Gray change one "flat" tyre on his racing car.



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- Please let the school office know if you have changed any of your contact details in the past few months.
- A reminder: Please return the Community Directory slip if you **DO NOT** want to be included in the 2009 Community Directory (slip on page 2).
- Eastern Zone Cricketers - please bring your **Permission Slip** back on Monday 16th February or you won't be able to participate.

Kia ora koutou

This week we have caught up with many of you on the Da Vinci trip, at the Picnic in the rain or over the telephone. The beginning of a school year is always an important time to reconnect and plan how we can best support each other.

There has been a lot happening in our city recently - the Sevens, Chinese New Year festivities, Waitangi celebrations and soon the Cuba Street Carnival will be in full swing. It was great to have the opportunity to take the whole school to the Da Vinci Exhibition this week. This experience provides the motivation for the children as we kick start our Simple Machines focus. It's time to get creative!

Last term, I spoke about Guy Claxton and his thinking about the importance of 'learnacy'. If you would like a refresher, please go to: <http://www.guyclaxton.com/>.

Some of you may have already come across Sir Ken Robinson, an internationally recognised leader in the development of creativity, innovation and human resources. He agrees with Guy Claxton's thinking and believes that there is not enough emphasis on creativity in our schools or workplaces. We recommend his entertaining clip "Do schools kill creativity?" http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html.

What do you think?

Have a great weekend

Jude

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WORD FROM THE BOARD

Welcome back everyone. It's going to be another busy year at Worser Bay School, and as always we need your help! At this time of year the board are focused on financial matters, and in particular, on gathering maximum support for the Voluntary Contribution, and on seeking out the business-minded people in our community to help us develop a long-term fundraising strategic plan.

You will all be receiving an invoice for the Voluntary Contribution in the next few days. As a high decile school, Worser Bay receives much lower Ministry of Education funding than a lower decile school would. The expectation is that our school's community will be able to raise the shortfall. Therefore, we do rely on your contribution. Please, if you can, pay early, and perhaps think about adding a little extra. And don't forget to fill in a tax return – these contributions are tax deductible!

Our Fundraising Sub-Committee needs help from all you Accountants, Economists, and Financial Guru types out there! We need assistance in preparing a long-term strategic plan. Your assistance and ideas would be enormously appreciated. Please call Andrew Wilson (388 8285) or Kirsty Chamberlain (977 8759).

**Katherine Butterfield
BOARD CHAIR**

From AUTAHI

This week we had a great trip to Wellington City to see the Da Vinci Machines' Exhibition. We saw lots of examples of Da Vinci's inventions and we loved doing the hands-on activities.

We also visited lots of different sculptures around the city and we did some observational drawings of these.



Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the trip. Your help is always appreciated.



WELCOME

We welcome Connor and his family to the Worser Bay School Community. Also, Will, Declan, Isabelle, William, Juliette, Billy and James who have siblings here already! We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.

Capital E National Arts Festival

Book now for the Capital E National Arts Festival, 7-21 March - New Zealand's largest arts festival for children and their families. There is an incredible line-up of New Zealand and international professional performers. Be quick, the last festival SOLD OUT.

Festival programmes are in the school office or online at www.capitale.org.nz.

You can also book online or by calling Capital E on 913 3740.

Wheels' Day Wednesdays

Over the next few weeks, the children will be exploring ways of improving our Wheels' Day Wednesday. You know how much space we have, so there is plenty of opportunity for enterprise in action!

In the meantime, if your child brings a bike to school they **must bring a helmet - no helmet, no bike riding.**

A Note from MĀHUTONGA

We are looking forward to a fantastic term. We have camp coming up in just 2 weeks, from the 2nd to 4th March - hope you all have your camp forms in!

Over the next 2 weeks, the students from Autahi and Māhutonga will be working in mixed groups exploring simple machines in the context of either:

- Machines and Leisure - exploring toys and things we use to have fun.
- Tactical Machines - exploring and making war machines - past, present, future.
- Household and cooking gadgets.
- Getting into the mind of the Genius - exploring and making the inventions and machines of Leonardo da Vinci.

Students have chosen the area they would like to explore. If you have any knowledge or are able to help in the afternoons to build, please talk to Kath, Matt, Marylyn or Hamish.

We would also appreciate it if you have any of the following materials to lend/donate:

Wood; wood glue; dowel rods; bolts; milk cartons; weird and wonderful gadgets in the kitchen that make our lives easier - that children can use and explore; old toys we can take apart and put together in different ways.



One of our Māhutonga students enjoying a game with the younger children.



Enterprising Attributes

This week, some of our prospective bankers from Māhutonga worked with a Human Resources Consultant to start developing their Curriculum Vitae. Education for Enterprise is about finding those authentic contexts for learning. These students are learning about life outside of school while they focus on developing key competencies and enterprising attributes, especially:

- Using initiative and drive
- Matching personal goals and capabilities to an undertaking
- Negotiating and influencing
- Collecting, organising and analysing information
- Communicating and receiving ideas and information

We wish them all luck in the job process!

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Our first meeting of year will be held on Tuesday 17th February in the staff room at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD (continued)

Flute Teacher

Amie Sinden - BMus Hons
Phone 021 872 692 / 972 9800 or email amiesinden@gmail.com
Able to teach from home (Strathmore Park) or potentially come to your house. Instruments available for hire locally. \$25 - \$28 per lesson.

Cello Lessons Available

If you are interested in giving the cello a try, or are looking for a teacher, please call Margaret at 021 268 9567 for a free trial lesson. Margaret holds a Masters Degree in Cello Performance from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, USA and has taught in several countries.

Wellington Music Centre

Saturday Morning Music Classes at Evans Bay Intermediate School Hall within school terms. Enquiries to: Wellington Music Centre 083242400 or 027 489 7979

Music Learning Centre 2009

Email info@musiclearning.co.nz for more information.

Irish Dancing Classes for All Ages

Please contact Mary Beth for more information: 021 138 6344; Marybeth@scoilrincetaylor.com; www.scoilrincetaylor.com.

Weetbix Go for Gold Tryathlon 2009

Wellington - Sunday 8th March
Please take a look at www.weetbix.co.nz for further information.

HOME WANTED TO RENT for Optimist Nationals being held at Worser Bay

from 8th - 15th April 2009
Please email kwallis@orcon.net.nz.

**Reply Slip for
Worser Bay School Community Directory**

Our family **does not** wish to be in the 2009 Worser Bay School Directory. (Only complete if you **DO NOT** want to be included.)

Name/s of Child/Children

Signed

Please return by 17 February 2009.