

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 AGM Home & School 7.30 pm - Wine & Nibbles	17 Student-Led Conferences Start →	18 →	19 →	20
23 Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	24	25	26	27

MORNING AND LUNCH-TIME BREAKS

We have had several calls recently from parents wanting to know morning break and lunch time hours, so here is a reminder:

Morning Break	11.00 - 11.40 am
Lunch Break	1.00 - 1.40 pm

Also, school begins at **8.55 am** and finishes at **3.00 pm**. If your child is late for school, he/she **MUST** collect a late pass from the office.

Check your Community Directory as it contains many answers.

SPORT

WBS Swimming Sports - Monday 6th April: More information to come.

Netball (Years 4-6)

If your child is interested in playing, please collect a registration pack from the WBS office and return the completed forms plus payment by Monday 16 March. Any questions, please phone Sue Haberfield on 380 8250.

Miniball (Years 3-6)

Please send in the form below by 16 March if your child is interested in participating.

Reply Slip - Miniball (Years 3-6) - My child/children wish to participate in Miniball.

.....Child's Name

.....Child's Name

Parent's Signature

I am able/unable to assist. (Please circle one).

Lost Property

If your child has mislaid his or her clothes, please come and check the lost property on the bench in front of the office. It will be sent off to the Salvation Army on Friday 20th March, so next week is your last chance!

WORSER BAY SCHOOL, 168 Seatoun Heights Rd, Miramar, Wgtn 6022
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Girl Guide Biscuits (plain, chocolate and mini-chocolate) are available for sale from Carolyn B in the office. To place an order, phone 939 7281. All biscuits are \$3.

WANT TO PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE IN 2009? WANT TO SEE THE RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP THAT OUR FAMOUS KIWIS WON?

Then come to Martin Luckie Park, Berhampore on Tuesday 17th March from 3pm – 5pm. Take your photo with the World Cup that our famous KIWI Rugby League Team won for the first time in 2008. Come and get some free give-aways, play some games, join in on some skills sessions, learn to tackle and play the ball the way they do it on NRL. All boys and girls from age 5 up are welcome and if you want to play league this year and sign up, we'll give you a free mouth guard when you pay our super cheap fees. (Family discounts apply as well!)

If you can't make it on World Cup Day then come to our registration days at Martin Luckie on Sunday 22 March from 1pm or Saturday 28th March from 10am or ring or text Shelley or David Feehan, Phone 385-7311 or 027 4493389 if you are keen to play for the mighty Eagles this year!

If you join our club, uniforms and all equipment are provided; you will only need to provide boots and a birth certificate. All coaches are qualified; training is at Martin Luckie Park, Berhampore.

Meridian Kids' Bike James 2009

Wellington—Sunday 10th May (Entries close 4 May.) Please take a look at www.kidsbikejams.co.nz for further details.

Zonta Club of Wellington

The **New Horizons for Women Trust** is holding its fourth annual Pre-Loved Fashion Sale on 21 March and we need your help to make it a success. Your unwanted clothing can help provide awards to assist women with no qualifications to embark on tertiary education for the first time, and to fund research into issues of interest to women. If you have good quality, contemporary items of clothing that you can spare - including bags, scarves and even coat hangers, let us know and we'll come and pick them up. Email prelovedfashion@paradise.net.nz with your address and phone number and you will be contacted.

Our sale will be held from 9 am to noon on Saturday 21st March at St Andrew's on the Terrace Church Hall in Wellington.

WANTED

Wanted lawnmower and/or petrol weed-eater. Good working condition please. Contact Cathie 388 4752.

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

Worser Bay School NEWS

SLCs MUST be booked by 3.00 pm Monday 16th March—it would be a shame for your child to miss this opportunity!

MĀHUTONGA CAMP

The Flying Unicycle

This painting shows how I was feeling about the flying unicycle on camp. The colour around the top is dark blue and that represents me thinking about going on the flying unicycle. The green circles represent me being keen, the yellow between the circles is me feeling nervous. The purple spikes represent me feeling excited. The red & yellow circles represent me feeling calm & relieved.

Thomas D



Camp Painting Story

It's blazing hot. We're standing in the bush hiding from the Kicking Kiwis, the Terrible Tuataras and the Wild Wekas. We've found water and shelter - all we need to survive is food. We're so hungry and the game's almost over. We know that food is close to the watering hole and you're safe in the watering hole and we can look from there. Blood's pumping through my head. It's hard to think. We make a run for it down and we're safe but the Terrible Tuataras and the Kicking Kiwis are close so we can't look around. Now into the gym and to the cafeteria peeking out the door Emily sees the food card. We're finished - all we have to do is make it to the conference room safely and we win.

Abby S



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **SLCs - Must be booked by 3.00 pm Monday 16th March.**
- **Netball & Miniball** - Registrations for netball and reply slips for Miniball **MUST** be in by **Monday 16th March.**
- **Home & School - AGM Monday 16th March & please return your yellow slip offering help with the H & S fund-raising events for 2009.**
- **Diary: WBS Swimming Sports - Monday 6th April.**
- **Diary: The Inventors' Workshop - Wednesday 8th April.**
- **Lost Property - One Week to Go!**
- **Offer support to our Road Patrollers.**



Friday 13 March 2009

Kia ora koutou

What a fantastic turn out for the Fun Run on a windy Tuesday evening. It was also wonderful to see so many parents out there with their running shoes on too. To all of you who put all the hard work in behind the scenes – the planning, the prep and the delivery, all superbly managed, well done!

As our goal is to continue to build an inclusive school culture, this week the teachers have started their professional learning on 'Circle Time'. This is being introduced over the next few weeks as part of our school-wide health programme. Circle time is a structured session which benefits both the teachers and students by supporting the development of communication and social skills. It also focuses on teaching students positive ways to resolve conflict through peaceful problem solving.

We aim to find ways to actively promote our school values:

- Respect for each other, our environment and ourselves
- Honesty integrity and trust
- Reflecting the bicultural/multicultural nature of Aotearoa/New Zealand
- Challenging and supporting each child
- Integrated and holistic approaches to learning

Student Led Conferences starting next week will be another great opportunity to see these values in action from all members of our school community, when you and the teachers join together to support the children in their learning journey.

Thanks to those who have ticked and returned the slip registering your support for the upcoming community events this year. Please return this important piece of paper asap!

We look forward to seeing you all at school. Have a lovely weekend!

Jude

WORD FROM THE BOARD

It was great to see so many active children, parents, and teachers at the Fun Run on Tuesday night. As I observed (from fairly far back in the field....) the enthusiasm of all involved was unmistakable, as was the real sense of taking our school into the community in which we are lucky to live. I'm not sure who was most delighted – our kids seeing their parents taking part, or us watching them race off into the distance!

A big thanks to the Home and School for making the Fun Run happen. While the biggest concern for many of us was how we'd go into a testing headwind, the Home and School had organised the run as well as a cracker BBQ. It was a great effort that was really appreciated.

The Home and School and Board work closely together. As our staff profile has matured we are not attracting the same levels of central funding for professional development as we once did. If we are to maintain and build on the high standards of teacher aide support and professional development that have been of direct and measurable benefit to our children's learning outcomes over the last couple of years, our school needs to raise about 30% more funds than we have in previous years.

Along with our Voluntary Contributions, the Home and School's contribution will remain a mainstay of our fundraising efforts.

For that reason it would be great to see as many parents involved in a way that works for you. You can play an active part in 2009 by returning the Home and School form that came in last week's newsletter, or get along to the Home and School's AGM which will be held from 7.30pm this coming Monday (16 March). While none of us can or should try and get by without our Mums who really do much of the 'heavy lifting', it would be great to see more of you Dads involved too.

In tough economic times it is crucial that we have a sharp focus on our overall fundraising picture, and the Board created a Fundraising Committee in late 2008 to do just that. The Committee will plan our fundraising needs over a three year period and examine immediate options to raise funds in addition to those that are on track to be raised within our existing school community. Kirsty Chamberlain (phone 977-8759 / email kirsty.chamberlain@paradise.net.nz) and myself (phone 388 8285 / email asewilson@xtra.co.nz) are looking for assistance from the financially-minded amongst you. While the time required will not be particularly onerous, the rewards will be plenty with improved learning outcomes for your children and your children's classmates. If you can help, please call either of us. If you don't, we reserve the right to twist your arm to help!

See you Monday night at the Home and School AGM!

Andrew Wilson
Board Member

The Inventors' Workshop is all go and planned for Wednesday the 8th of April. We are preparing for two sessions when the children will share their inventions with you and anyone else you would like to bring along!

Please mark the following times in your diaries: 1.45 - 2.45 pm and a late afternoon session 5.00 - 6.00 pm. We would like as many children as possible to be able to make both sessions. We will provide you with further details over the next couple of weeks.

Jude

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Every Friday Jude gives out Principal's Awards. The focus for these awards is shared on a Monday morning at Karakia. Next week teachers are looking for examples in the classroom and out in the playground of "Looking after our things" and "Using someone's name when we are talking to them."

This week our focus was on showing initiative and being well-mannered.

Congratulations to:
William, Leila, Faith and Andre from Tautoru, Millie and Trae from Autahi, and Lucas and William from Māhutonga.

Road Patrol

A big thank you to those three parents who have offered to help with supporting our road patrollers. We would appreciate some more help though! If anyone else is willing to spend a short time at the end of the school day helping at our crossings, please contact the school office.

Congratulations to Abby, Ciara, Sam EB and Sarah, our recently appointed school bankers. You made it through a tough selection process!!

From AUTAHI

In Autahi, we have been learning about some of the key competencies. They are:

- managing self
- using language symbols and text
- relating to others
- thinking
- participating and contributing

We did some freeze frames to demonstrate them. We had fun.
Paige

In Hamish's topic group we have made a trebuchet. We made it with wood, a metal pole, some screws, nails and a drill. We also made some little catapults with: a cereal box, a ruler, a bottle cap and a pen. The little catapults succeeded and were fun. We have not tested the big one but we know it will be exciting.
Finlay

From TAUTORU

"Rebecca went into the New Entrants to find out what they had been learning. Here's what they're up to:

Jack has been learning to make patterns with Maria.

Leila has been learning how to play Monster Mash.

Billy has been learning to write his name.

Will has been learning to skip count in 5s.

Pieta has been learning to read numbers on the number line from 1 – 20."

Maria's class are also bringing in their kindy profiles to share with each other. This will help them practise for their Student Led Conferences next week!

Lauren, Louise, and Anthony have started in our class. Lauren has enjoyed this class because she's had fun. Louise has enjoyed this class because she has lots of new friends in this class. Anthony just enjoyed this class.

We have been thinking about the simple machines we will be designing.

We have two or more frogs. Our tadpoles are learning to swim under the bark tunnels, and they are bigger than the frogs.

Now we have a BIG green caterpillar, it has purple claws and yellow eyes.

The frogs and tadpoles have swapped glass tanks. One of our Monarch Butterfly caterpillars has died. We think someone has stabbed them. We have a caterpillar 7 inches long. It has eaten quite a lot of gum tree leaves. It must've been hungry!"

Inventors' Workshop Update

Tautoru have been busy thinking about and designing their objects 'that make life easier'. Ask your child to tell you about their design and what it must include. A clue: we have been investigating these in recent weeks.

As part of the design process, the students will be making a list of materials needed to complete their prototypes. We will be supporting the students in making these lists and they will bring them home to share. Please collect anything you think may be useful for your child or others to share.

We will be asking for support during the making of our inventions. Please consider putting aside some time for this, if you can.

Wanted: Resources!

So ... look out for those lists. Clear out that third drawer and hunt for:



Screws; wedges – split pins, nails; pulleys – string, old chopsticks, pencils, milk bottle tops; wheels – round things; axles – straws, skewers; inclined planes and levers – those old broken tongs; gears – that broken clock maybe.

Keep the yoghurt pots, boxes, blocks, and polystyrene coming.

Place items in the boxes put out for these shared bits and pieces. One box is for named bags of bits for your child.

Some children will share their designs with you at their S.L.C. next week.

Ask them all about it. The more they can talk to you about their designs the more comfortable they will be when describing it to others.

Thank you, The Tautoru Team.

Head Lice

Head lice have reared their heads again! Please just check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

HOME AND SCHOOL AGM - MONDAY 16TH MARCH, 7.30PM IN THE STAFFROOM ALL WELCOME!

Some of the discussion points on the agenda:

- * Home and school policy statement
- * Home and School Constitution
- * What are your ideas on a name change for the Home and School?
- * Confirming positions held on H&S

Wine and nibbles will be served, so come along and really find out what Home and School have planned for 2009.

See you there!

SCHOOL DISCO

Our school disco will be held on Friday 27th March at 6pm - see the separate flyer!

P.S. It's not too late to return your yellow Diary/Volunteer slip. We appreciate as much help as possible.



Some happy Fun Runners last Tuesday evening!!