

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 Parent Evening 6.30 pm Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	19 Te Reo 7 pm	20 Flippaball Practice - 7 am Eastern Zones Netball (postponement date 27/5) Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	21 Assembly 2.20 pm Tautoru	22 Flippaball
25 Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	26 Te Reo 7 pm	27 Flippaball Practice - 7 am Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	28 WBS Cross- Country	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 Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	11	12 Flippaball Quiz Night!

SPORTS RESULTS

Flippaball:

Worser Bay Blue lost 4-6 to St Marks and Worser Bay White won 10-2 against Miramar South.

Netball:

Worser Bay 11 - Miramar North Golden Ferns 0

Note for those children walking from Totara Road to school:

Message from the Wellington City Council Removal of hazardous trees - outside 3 Totara Rd, Seatoun Heights

We have received a letter from the WCC advising that several large pine and macrocarpa trees will soon be removed from reserve land outside 3 Totara Road as part of the WCC's hazardous tree removal programme.

The trees are being removed to eliminate the risk they pose to property, power lines and the road. The work will be carried out by contractors, Treescape. It will commence on Monday 18th May and should take four days, weather permitting.

Machinery will be used during the removal but Totara Road and Awa Road will remain open with traffic management in place.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Netball and Football Fans!

We will be having the Pulse Netball Team and Phoenix Football team here at the Hataitai Netball Courts this Saturday, 16th May.

They will be on Court 3 from 10am - 11am and engaging in some fun games for the chance to win tickets to their next home games! Spread the word and let's support our Wellington Teams! !

Top Wellington Divers in Action

Students from Wellington schools will feature strongly among New Zealand's top competitors at the Diving New Zealand Winter Championships 2009 this weekend. The competition at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie, provides an opportunity to watch a sport that's seldom seen other than on TV.

Wellington Diving is the top club in the country with several divers aiming to qualify for the Australian Junior Elites later this year. Some will also be continuing their build-up towards qualification for the Commonwealth Games in India next year.

The competition runs from 9am on Friday and Saturday, 15/16 May. Entry \$1. We would love to see as many students and their families who are able to visit the Kilbirnie pool to support your local divers.

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.

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Worser Bay School NEWS



Friday 15 May 2009

- See you Monday at 6.30 pm!
- **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND**
Friday 29th May and Monday 1st June.

EXCEPTIONAL TALENT!

Five Worser Bay School children competed at the Wellington Interzone Swimming on Monday. What a great opportunity for these talented young athletes to show what they can do - and show us they did! They had some fantastic results, making it through most of their heats to the finals.

Louise 2nd in 50m Freestyle, 4th in 25m Breaststroke and 4th in 25m Butterfly

Kirstie 2nd in 25m Breaststroke

Zoe 2nd in 25m Backstroke

Fraser 3rd in 25m Butterfly and 5th in 50m Freestyle

Ciara 4th in 25m Backstroke

Congratulations to you all!



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Parent Evening - Monday 18th May** at 6.30 pm.
- **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. Instead, 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. Requests for a paper copy must be received by Friday 22nd May.
- **Voluntary Contribution & Photocopying/Classroom Expenses** are overdue! Please pay as soon as possible.

Kia ora koutou

We have had some great feedback from the Ministry of Education this week about our School Charter. They have sought permission to publish it and use it as an exemplar as it is "such an evidence based document". We are thrilled with this recognition as it certainly has been a lot of work and a huge team effort, but worth it!

Wondering what a charter is?

Every school has a charter that contains its strategic plan and goals and targets for student outcomes. Our big targets in 2009 are:

- To increase student achievement in numeracy.
- To increase student achievement in writing.
- To continue to increase student achievement in reading.
- To increase student engagement and student voice.
- To continue to strengthen sports and PE programmes.

We then have more specific goals for individual students and groups of students within these. These tight plans keep us very focussed and limit distractions from all the other masses of things we could be doing in any given year. It keeps us on the straight and narrow! At the end of the year we compare our achievements against these goals and complete something that is called an "Analysis of Variance" which basically means - Did we achieve the outcomes we were hoping to? If not, why not?

If you would like to learn more, give me a bell and I would be very happy to talk you through the charter.

Have a warm weekend and hope to see you Monday evening.

Jude

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WORD FROM THE BOARD

You may have noticed a bit of tagging around the school after the holidays. What is great, though, is to see so many of you up at the school in the weekends, just enjoying the space - it's a lovely place to be on a sunny day! Maintaining a presence around the school helps deter vandalism. If you do notice some tagging that has not been cleaned off or painted out, please make a note of it in the maintenance book in the office.

Thanks for your help in caring for our place.

Kirsty Chamberlain
Board Member

TAUTORU News

In the afternoons we have had turns at music and dance, painting, and felting. We get to choose two out of the three activities to do for two 3 week blocks. We are working towards making art works for the art expo later in the term.

During our reading time we've been looking for 'long a' and 'short a' sounds in words.

Fleur and Rachel have sent spelling notebooks home. Words will be tested and tricky and new words will go home each Thursday. Here are some creative ways to practise:

- on scrap paper
- on large pieces of paper with crayon/felts
- with magnetic letters or chalk
- write it in the air, say it, star jump it, etc.

We are trying out all sorts of different ways to learn them at school.

Tautoru have started designing, planning and training for cross-country in week 5. Keep this time free!



Phil Dickson from the Wellington Art Club shares some of his passion as a meteorologist and artist!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards this week focus on being prepared and organised and gathering together the things you need for learning.

Tautoru

Jaida, Declan, Caitlin, Helen

Autahi

Ella N

Māhutonga

Matt

Next week, we are focussing on two of our school values - honesty and respect.

**Congratulations!
We are thrilled for Maria!**

Maria Lloyd has been awarded one of eight national educator awards provided jointly by Asia NZ and AFS. Maria is off to Delhi, India, in the September school holidays for 3 weeks.

This is a wonderful personal achievement for Maria and also great for Worser Bay School. You will be hearing a lot more from Maria later in the year, as when she gets back from India she will be sharing her experiences and learning with both the school and the wider community.

Banking

The Worser 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 created cardboard printing blocks. We explored the different lines and textures we could see and feel in different leaves. These are some of our finished prints.



We have also been writing poems about the different seasons. We have been learning about personification and how we can use this in poetry writing. Personification is when something non-human, like the season winter, is described as if it was human. Here is a poem that the Green writing group created together:

Winter

*Winter stomped through Wellington
like Jack Frost
turning autumn to winter,
surrendering the sky colourless -
every tree crying at their loss
until spring takes it back.*

From AUTAHI

Report from Monet

"Yesterday, in Autahi, we went to Te Papa to see the Monet Exhibition. Before we went into the Exhibition we went around the museum answering questions - we had to find clues. It was quite fun and some were hard. Before we went into Monet we read a book about Monet and his garden, and it was about a little girl who had to chase her dog into Monet's garden. It was a great exhibition - there were quite a lot of cool paintings. The coolest ones were the one with Monet's garden and the one with the lily pad."

Barney and Albert

**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 and they need to be returned immediately. Further reminder notices will be sent out this week, so please return your payments or books 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.

Worser 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
20 May	9am	Polo Café	
21 May	7.30pm	Miramar Plunket Rooms	Beading
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	