

DIARY

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 23 BOT Meeting 7.00pm in the Staffroom | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 New Parents' Morning Tea 9.00 am All welcome! |
| 2 March Māhutonga - Camp → | 3 Māhutonga - Camp | 4 Māhutonga - Camp | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | 10 WBS School Fun Run 5.30 pm Worser Bay | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 16 AGM Home & School 7.30 pm | 17 Student-Led Conferences → | 18 → | 19 → | 20 |

Community Notices (continued)...

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

Our acclaimed programme encompasses a huge body of developmental drama activities aimed at increasing the confidence, self esteem and verbal skills of all students. Enthusiastic participation is encouraged at all times and students present a short, scripted production at the end of each year for parents and friends. Above all, our drama classes are great fun!

For more information or to confirm a placement to start, phone our Manager, Denise Wakem on **388 9710**.

Football Season is on its way!

FOOTBALL CLINIC FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
(Ages 7 to 14 years of age) - some experience in Football is required

WHEN: Term 1 School Holidays
(Monday to Friday 9 am - 1pm: April 20 - April 24)
WHERE: Scots College
WHO: Jose Quijada Level 3 FIFA Coach and his team of merry men!
HOW MUCH: \$100 incl GST
(for early registration - until 13/3 - \$115 from 14/3 - 8/4)

LIMITED NUMBERS

Registration Forms available from WBS School Office.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Weetbix Go for Gold Tryathlon 2009

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

Homes Wanted to Rent/Swap

Worser Bay Boating Club is hosting the Optimist National Champs at Easter 2009, with over 200 young sailors competing from around New Zealand and overseas.

Many families travelling to the event are looking for accommodation near the club.

If you are going to be away for the Easter/ School Holiday break (or considering it) and would like to rent/swap your home to a sailing family, then please contact:

Ali Middleton: phone 388 7175,
email: mids.seatoun@vodafone.co.nz
(From 8th – 15th April 2009)

WORSER BAY SCHOOL

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Worser Bay School NEWS



Friday 20 February 2009

A Note from MĀHUTONGA

Don't our blue T-shirts look great!



We have had a wonderful week. The students are building good relationships and learning to work together in an enterprising manner, which is a good lead in to our camp.

On that note, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CAMP FORMS HAVE BEEN RETURNED AND PAYMENT MADE TO THE OFFICE!

The Eastern Zones were fantastic. It was great to see the excellent team work and good sportsmanship displayed by all. Well done, Māhutonga!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- Māhutonga Camp forms with permission and money must be handed into the School Office by Monday 23rd February.
- Diary New Parents' Morning Tea - Friday 27th February in the staffroom.
- Diary Fun Run - Tuesday 10th March at 5.30pm
- Can you help with road patrol?

Kia ora koutou

You may have been hearing quite a bit at home about simple machines recently. I have even heard about a bit of catapulting going on across the dinner table! The big question for this unit of work is "How are connections made?" It is very much a technology and science based topic.

Technology comprises of three strands: Technological Practice, Technical Knowledge, and the Nature of Technology. Teaching and learning programmes may integrate all three areas but sometimes a unit may focus on only one or two areas. Simple Machines is proving to be an excellent context for learning and is engaging students from all ages. There are so many opportunities to develop our enterprising skills / key competencies in this unit too and as we set to work in preparation for the "Inventors' Workshop" later in the term. Our staffroom drawers have been constantly raided this week, where has that ice cream scoop and egg beater got to?!

If you would like to find out more about the technology curriculum, please go to page 35 at:

<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/the-new-zealand-curriculum>.

Thanks also to the offers of assistance from our inventors out there in the community

Have a lovely weekend

Jude

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P.S. **The blue WBS T-shirts looked great at the cricket.** Thanks to all of you for making such an effort to ensure the cricketers were properly attired. They certainly looked and behaved like a team. I'm sure having a 'school identity' supported this too.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Our little school works best when our community works together to help it along. We always need helpers and elbow grease. The Home and School group had their first meeting this week and have a busy schedule of events planned for the year. Can you help? Please get in touch if you can.

As mentioned last week, a letter/invoice is coming out for the Voluntary Contributions. Further information regarding where our money goes will be available from the office early next week.

We have a major property project over the Easter break, re-roofing the drain and path around the northern end of Māhutonga. This will involve a Working Bee before and after the construction work, so please diary one or, if you are really keen, both of these dates:

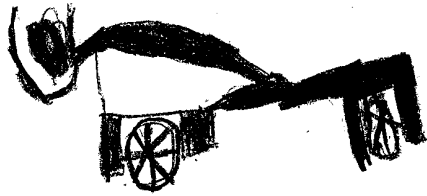
Sunday 5th April
Sunday 26th April

Oh, and the Board has its first meeting for the year on Monday night in the Staffroom from 7pm.

Katherine Butterfield
BOARD CHAIR

From AUTAHI

"We are learning about simple machines that were used in battles. We have seen a catapult that was used in the Medieval times"
by Liam



"We have been making our own books about Da Vinci and what he has made. We have a great time and it was fun being in another group".
by Georgia

Road Patrol Parent Help, Please!

We would love help with road patrol after school, please. This would be from 2.50pm to 3.10pm. Can you help?

We want to keep our children safe... sometimes it's a struggle for teachers to get out "on the dot" even though they try their best. Please let the office know if you can.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE**After School Arrangements**

Children are coming into the office after school to use the telephone. Arrangements for after school **must** be made in the morning - our telephone in the foyer is for **emergencies** only - not for checking arrangements or organising 'play dates'. Please discuss this at home to avoid disappointment when the answer is "No"!

If your child is booked into After School Care, please let us know if there are any changes to the arrangements. If the office has not been officially informed, by a parent or caregiver, they will be sent to After School Care.

WELCOME

We welcome Embla and her family to the Worser Bay School Community. Also, Leila who has a sibling here already! We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.

Sunhats

It's hard to believe some days, but is still the summer term. All children need to bring a sunhat to school every day. Please talk about this with them and ensure it is named. Hats are easily misplaced and we currently have a number of them in lost property. They need rescuing!

Wheels Day Update

Wheels Day has become so popular that we are experiencing growing pains. This week the children and staff have been doing a spot of problem solving. We have had some creative suggestions from the children - ranging from installing traffic lights which are connected to the staffroom, so that the teachers can see who has broken ranks as the child's name will pop up. (Very elaborate and possibly costly!) A cuckoo clock with a stop / go function was another idea along with different lanes, new routes, pedestrian crossings and the like. It is fabulous to have the children so involved with the idea generating and our next step is to sift through the suggestions and develop a plan.

Wheels Day will change - we will have the details by next Friday's newsletter. In the meantime, children can still bring wheels along next Wednesday.

Banking update

Sean Woodcock, the Manager of the National Bank in Kilbirnie met with our prospective bankers this week. He gave them some more insight into the National Bank as an organisation and shared the values of the bank and what they are looking for in their Worser Bay School branch staff. CVs are due in, interview skills will be nurtured next week and it won't be long before the selection process is made and training can begin down at the Kilbirnie Branch. What a great experience for our children!

Lost Property

The Lost Property is piling up extremely quickly! Please come and check it out by the end of next week as all unclaimed clothing is all going to be sent to the Salvation Army on Friday 27th February.

From TAUTORU

We have three baby tadpoles in Tautoru's area. Two of them have grown little legs. Come and have a look at them.

We are planning and designing our own simple machines like Leonardo Da Vinci did over 500 years ago.

We are looking forward to our first assembly of the new year.

Help needed:

There are several small, ongoing tasks that always need doing in Tautoru. Are you free for an hour every now and then? Please see Maria, Fleur or Rachel if you are able to help with:

- Mending big shared books and smaller readers
- Mending bean bags
- Cleaning scissors
- Printing and laminating Numeracy games



Tautoru students having fun at their Developmental Morning and Māhutonga students, acting as newsreaders, at Assembly last Thursday.

**From the HOME AND SCHOOL****New Parents' Morning Tea**

Friday 27th February at 9.00 am in the staffroom. Come along and have a coffee and meet other parents.

Worser Bay School Fun Run

Tuesday 10th March
Distance is 1km. Starts from the green area opposite the Worser Bay Surf Clubrooms. Please be there by 5.30pm as the run starts promptly at 5.45pm.

No entry fee – this is a safe fun run for adults and children.

There will be BLTs, sausages and fruit salad for sale afterwards, so bring some change and have dinner cooked for you!

SPORT**Miniball and Netball Terms 2 and 3, 2009 - Years 4 - 6**

Next week, in the Newsletter, we will be asking for children to register their interest in playing Miniball and/or Netball for Terms 2 and 3.

We also need volunteers to help with these sports - managing, coaching or umpiring. Without your assistance, these sporting opportunities for our children may not be able to go ahead. We will provide more information as to what this entails in next week's Newsletter.

Reminder re EZ dates & T-Shirts

The dates for Eastern Zones this year are:

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

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.