

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 March Māhutonga - Camp →	3 Māhutonga - Camp	4 Māhutonga - Camp	5	6
9	10 WBS School Fun Run 5.30 pm Worser Bay	11 → (Postponement Date)	12	13
16 AGM Home & School 7.30 pm	17 Student-Led Conferences (More information will come out soon.)	18	19	20
23 Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm	24	25	26	27

SPORT

Miniball and Netball will begin in Term 2 (Years 4 - 6)

This week we give you a taster of what putting yourself up for managing a miniball team entails. Next week look out for information about netball.

Miniball is a more simple form of basketball. It is a fast and fun game and a great way for kids to let off steam mid week. The games are played after school on Wednesdays during terms two and three at the Kilbirnie Rec Centre.

An in-depth knowledge of basketball isn't a pre-requisite and it is a great way to get involved in your child's sport. The games last 30 minutes and consist of two 12 minute halves. As a manager your main role is to sub any extra players on and off the court and help 'hoorah' the team and referee at the end. The referees are there to help the team learn the game and will give some guidance as will the school.

When you put your hand up the school will give you some background to the game and provide any support you need. Give it a go!

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Alliance Francaise

Learn French from one years old...
Alliance Francaise is a non-profit organization. For more information call 472 1272/ email alliance@paradise.net.nz or www.french.co.nz

Demi-Pairs Available

The Campbell Institute is looking to place several Demi-Pairs with families over the coming months. A Demi-Pair studies in the mornings, and then works for the family in the afternoons/evenings, helping with childcare, housework and/or cooking, in exchange for accommodation and a small stipend.

Demi-Pairs are usually from France, Germany or Switzerland, and stay 12 to 24 weeks.

Please contact Susan McQuade 803 3434 or info@campbell.ac.nz.

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

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

Worser Bay School NEWS

2009 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY OUT TODAY!!

A Note from MĀHUTONGA

In Māhutonga we have learning about strong verbs and adjectives and how to use these in our writing. We have been thinking about how these words help to create a mood in a piece of writing. These pieces of writing show how we have made deliberate choices in the words that we choose to create a specific mood. Can you identify the mood in these?

*"The sea, dark and drowsy, quiet and still,
Longing... longing for dawn,*

*The sea, bright and perky, loud and moving,
Waiting... waiting for set."*
Rory

"As he jumped into the icy cold water all he saw were black gloomy jelly fish. He felt empty. There wasn't a murmur to be heard."
Sam D.

We have been learning about complementary colours and shapes. We used these to create silhouette portraits of ourselves:



We have also been thinking about how we can work together and as part of a team. This will be very important when we are on camp next week. We are all very excited!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- Diary Fun Run - Tuesday 10th March at 5.30pm (Postponement date 11/3)
- Can you help with road patrol? See Page 2
- Have you returned your payment option slip for Voluntary Contribution to the office?
- Are you keen to help with Miniball?



Friday 27 February 2009

Kia ora koutou

This week, as a school, we have been focussing on team work and risk taking. Team work aligns really well with the 'participating and contributing' key competency and risk taking with 'managing self'.

We are encouraging students to take a leap with their learning, that it's OK to make mistakes, that it's OK to be wrong. Dr Cheryl Doig, a NZ educationalist, in her work on self management, provides us with some tips for developing self-management in students. One of these is sharing stories about risk taking and making mistakes. She suggests that, as adults, if we are to encourage students to take risks, then we must take risks ourselves, and that it's important to share personal examples and build stories from the community. She provides a great example of this.

Sheryl Sandberg, Google's former vice president of global online sales and operations, committed an error that cost Google several million dollars. When she realised she had made a mistake she informed Larry Page, Google's co-founder. His comment was *"I'm so glad you made that mistake, because I want to run a company where we are moving too quickly and doing too much, not being too cautious and doing too little. If we don't have any of these mistakes, we're not taking enough risk."*

Source: FORTUNE October 2, 2006

Maybe you have a personal story you can share with your children this weekend?

Have a great one!

Jude

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WORD FROM THE BOARD

The big property project over the Easter break is going to sort out that drain on the sea end of the centre court area – the one under the trees. There are some tree fellers coming to groom the trees and we hope to solve the problems of that slippery walkway around Māhutonga, by letting in a little more light. There will be two Working Bees, before and after the work, on Sunday 5th April and then on Sunday 26th April, to move a few plants and to clean up ready for Term 2. We'll be reminding you pretty much every week from now on. Please come along. The Working Bees are always a good social event as well.

Thank you to all the families who have paid their voluntary contributions already, and to those who have let the office know when they will be paid. We have had a fantastic response! If you haven't yet, please do let the office know, as soon as you can. when and how much you will be paying.

Have a wonderful weekend

Katherine Butterfield, BOARD CHAIR

From AUTAHI

"In the mornings we glue cameos in our writing books. Cameos are sheets that have short stories that we highlight."

Martha

"In maths, we have been learning part whole numbers. Part whole numbers are when you have a question like $7 + 6 =$ so you take away 3 from the 6 and get one 3 and add it to the 7 and it makes a 10, so you do $10 + 3 = 13$."

Taine

"In Autahi some students have shown great interest in the simple machines. They will be making a medieval game using simple machines. They are: Eve, Caitlyn Yee, Finlay and Johannes."

SITUATIONS VACANT!

Road Patrol is a big responsibility, and as you know our school doesn't have the easiest crossings in the world! Whilst we try and have a teacher on the crossings, in the afternoons they can't always be there on the dot as they often need to be in their classrooms after school to wind up the day, chat to pupils and connect with parents.

Are you able to help assist the children in providing adult supervision at the road crossings?

We have several after school positions available for parents who would like to assist our road patrollers. Wednesday and Friday have been snapped up already - thanks!

Please give it some thought and let the office know if you can contribute in this way. It's also great way to meet other parents and get to know a whole host of local children!

WELCOME

We welcome Lewis S. and his family back to Māhutonga and into the Worser Bay School Community. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning in your final year here!

Māhutonga Camp

Yeeshah! Year 5/6 along with Kath, Matt, Hamish and our willing parent helpers are off to Camp Kaitoke next week.

Get a great rest this weekend and we are looking forward to catching up with you out there or hearing all about it when you get back!

After School Care

Following on from last week's notice... If your child is not going to After School Care please remember to contact the After School Care centre as well as the school.

And a reminder for next week - if your child is going to camp and usually attends After School Care, please call Cathie 021 0416561 to advise.

Wheels Day has been made safer!

We also request that wheels day, as we know it, is only scooters and skateboards. Although we love our kids to be active the bikes are taking up too much of our limited space. We will work with the children to organise a specific bike event in the future.

School Security- please help us out!

One of the difficulties in the school is securing all doors at the end of the day. The unique design of the school makes it easy for people to move from one area to another. Sometimes this means when teachers have locked and thought an area is clear there may still be people who come in the classroom through another access way.

Please help us out - if you do come back into the school building in the afternoon please ensure all doors are locked and secure before you leave.

From TAUTORU

"We've been making simple machines in the afternoon, so we have a better idea how to make moving machines.

Embla made a crane, Liam made a digger, Harriette made a bulldozer. John made a pulley and wheel and axle. John made his pulley with popsicle sticks, a box, and some string. And he made his wheel and axle out of a box, some cardboard, and a straw.

Nico interviewed James and Will from Maria's room.

N: "How have you been working?"

J & W: "Numbers and inventions"

N: "What have you been designing?"

J & W: "Waving man and waving ears."

N: "What has the teacher been teaching you?"

W: "Levers"



We have 10 tadpoles and some of them have legs. One of them has one leg! And one of them has no arms but 2 legs!

We had a great start to the week - Thomas W brought a caterpillar to school, it was very big! The leaves he brought for it also have caterpillar eggs on it!

We are learning to build simple machines, like Leonardo Da Vinci. We also have a new monarch butterfly in our class. Please come and have a look at it.



Just a note from the teachers: Fleur and Rachel's class change their library books on a Monday and Maria's children change their library books on a Wednesday!"

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

"Thomas' caterpillar was shedding its skin. It wasn't an ordinary caterpillar. It has spines. It was green."

Henry

"I have three chrysalises on my swan plant"

James

From the HOME AND SCHOOL
Two important dates to diary.**Worser Bay School Fun Run - Tuesday 10th March**

The Fun Run starts from the green area opposite the Worser Bay Surf Clubrooms. The distance is 2km. Please be there by 5.30pm as the run starts promptly at 5.45pm.

More information is coming home with this newsletter!

Home and School AGM, Monday 16th March, 7.30pm in the staffroom.

All welcome - we would love to see you there.

