

## DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	31	1	2	3
6 WBS Swimming Sports - whole school	7 H & S Meeting 7.30pm	8 The Inventors' Workshop 1.45-2.45pm and 5-6pm  Eastern Zone Swimming Sports	9 Last day of Term 1. <b>School finishes at the usual time of 3.00 pm.</b>	10 <b>Good Friday &amp; beginning of School Holidays</b>

Please note: School recommences for Term 2 on **Monday 27th April** at the usual time of **8.55 am**.

### SPORTS

**Flippaball Results** - Last Friday, both of our Flippaball teams played a great game. Worser Bay Blue won against the Seatoun Crocs 9-4 and Worser Bay White won against the Seatoun Stingrays 9-0. Well done!

**Netball Practice** - Thursdays 3.20 pm starting Thursday 2nd April.

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Signed: .....

### The Dominion Post - SmartSubs

Start a new subscription to The Dominion Post with SmartSubs and help Worser Bay School. SmartSubs is a new fundraising opportunity for schools in partnership with local communities and The Dominion Post. With a SmartSubs subscription all you have to do is nominate Worser Bay School, and The Dominion Post will give the School \$20 cash, and \$50 newspaper advertising credit.

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Having a newspaper in the house is a great way to encourage your kids to have a hunger for current events and issues and to be better informed for class discussions and school projects.

(Applies to new subscribers only.)

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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.

The Worser Bay Life Saving Club is holding an **Open Water Swim** on Saturday 28th March. Included is a 200m along the shore swim for 9-12 year olds at 3.30pm. Cost is \$5.00 and children can pre-register or register on the day from 11.30am - 3.00pm. Entry forms are available from local pools. All participants receive a swim cap from Swim for Life. For more information, go to: [wbswim09@hotmail.com](mailto:wbswim09@hotmail.com)

### Netball Holiday Programme April 2009 Netball Wellington Centre

A fantastic programme designed to develop and upskill prior to the season commencing! Registration forms available from the school office.

### Capital Football Holiday Camps

To register see registration forms at [www.capitalfootball.org.nz](http://www.capitalfootball.org.nz). There are also Holiday clinics being run by Karori/Onslow Junior football, email: [aprilskills@wkafc.org.nz](mailto:aprilskills@wkafc.org.nz) and Wellington United, email: [ian.rogers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ian.rogers@xtra.co.nz)

### For Adoption

Our cockatiel is looking for a new home. He's been living with us for 5 years, but we will be travelling abroad soon and unfortunately cannot take him with us! He does not require a lot of care and attention and does not make a lot of noise. He cannot speak, but knows a few cockatiel songs. He comes with his cage. If you want to adopt him, contact Natalia at 388 5248.

### Starlight Express for Skylight Charity Preview, 30th June 2009, 7.30 pm Wellington TSB Arena - \$50

Skylight is one of the three charities involved, so be sure to mention Skylight when you purchase your tickets. The revenue generated will enable them to provide more services to children, young people and their families whose lives are rocked by trauma, loss and grief. (\$45 from every ticket sold will go to Skylight as the nominated charity.) All tickets must be purchased through Ticketek. Phone booking line 384 3842, or call into the MFC Ticketek Box Office only. Bookings cannot be made via the internet. Purchasers must identify the name Skylight to ensure the purchase is allocated to them. For more information about the show, go to: [www.starlightexpressnz.com](http://www.starlightexpressnz.com)

*Next week, news from  
Māhutonga, Autahi and Tautoru  
will appear as usual!*

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

# Worser Bay School NEWS



Friday 27 March 2009

## INVENTORS' WORKSHOP



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April we will be holding an Inventors' Workshop at school. This is a chance for students to showcase their ideas and the technological process that they have been through over the term.

Our focus for this unit is on the 'thinking' key competency which is linked to the enterprising attributes of 'generating creative ideas and processes' and 'evaluating and monitoring' these ideas.

The unit is based in the Technological Practice strand of the technology curriculum where the aim is for students to learn how to plan for practice, identifying the appropriate resources and steps they need to take. They have been given the chance to test these ideas and will be evaluating the outcomes against what they were asked to do. We have already heard excellent problem solving conversations and seen the students working well with others in teams to create their models.

We would love to have you along to view the journey of their learning process on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April between either 1.45 - 2.45pm or 5 - 6 pm (or both)! Refreshments available at the later session.

### ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Te Reo Maori** - get back to us by **Monday 30th March** if you are interested.
- **WBS Swimming Sports 6th April** - Return slip by **Wednesday 1st April**.
- **The Inventors' Workshop** - **Wednesday 8th April**.
- **Working Bees** - **Sunday 5th April and 26th April 10.00 am**
- **Monet Time** - Return slip by **Thursday 9th April**.
- **Voluntary Contribution & Photocopying/Classroom Expenses** - Have you returned your payment or payment option slip to the office? Don't forget, any monies owing to Worser Bay School can be paid by Internet Banking - look in the Community Directory for bank details.

### Kia ora koutou

Time flies when you are having fun, they say, so in that case there's plenty of fun around this place!

Last week I included a piece from Dr John Edwards about how we can support children in a safe environment to find out who they are. As well as what happens each day between 8.55 am and 3.00 pm at school, we have a couple of big things coming up which will also support this idea of risk taking. School Swimming Sports and the Inventors' Workshop are perfect opportunities to extend the realm of the comfort zone, maybe the disco tonight could act as a catalyst for some of our children also. New experiences can be challenging for many of us but with a strong focus on developing an inclusive culture here at Worser Bay, a culture where mistakes are welcomed and discussed, we hope that we provide opportunities for self discovery.

I must also mention the great interview on nine-noon last Friday with Sir Ken Robinson. I don't want to sound like a broken record, but he is definitely well worth a listen, please do - it's 30 minutes long.

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/20090320>

Sir Ken believes we are still preparing children for yesterday's world. His latest book, "The Element: How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything", is being published in New Zealand in June this year, it sounds like a good choice.

Polish up those dance steps and see you tonight at the disco

*Jude*

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**WORD FROM THE BOARD**

*With the end of Term One and Easter not too far away, a reminder of the Working Bees that are taking place from 10am on the Sundays each side of Easter.*

*On Sunday 5 April, we'll be moving plants and preparing for the work on the pathway next to Māhutonga that will be done over Easter. Shovels, gardening tools (secateurs, clippers, etc), crowbars (yes, fellas, there will be a chance to break stuff up!), brooms and rakes will all be needed.*

*The pathway and drain will be reconstructed over Easter and a number of trees will be professionally trimmed so more light can be let into the classrooms over winter. Wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes and possibly chainsaws and saws will be needed. If you are bringing chainsaws and saws, please ensure you keep a close eye on them so no one gets hurt and please bring the necessary safety gear with you to ensure you don't get hurt.*

*On Sunday 26 April, we'll be putting gravel on the new path's edges and getting the firewood ready for delivery to the Firewood Raffle winner. Look out for firewood raffle tickets on sale in the next few weeks. If luck is on your side, it will be a cheap way to get your winter wood delivered to you!*

*The Working Bees are a great way to put a little something back, spend time with the kids, and get some exercise and fresh air all at the same time. Bring some morning tea to keep the energy levels up, and if you can't make it along, a contribution to the morning tea for the workers would be much appreciated. Just drop it into the staffroom.*

*I know you'll all be looking forward to tonight's disco as much as your children are, and look forward to seeing you there.*

Andrew Wilson  
Board Member

**MONET TIME**

Next term, the whole school will be off to Te Papa over the course of three days to learn more about Monet's world. This fits in beautifully with our focus on connections this year. How do colours connect? How do thoughts connect?

On Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 and Friday 15 May, buses will leave at 9.30 am and return at 12.15 pm. Each group will have a one hour guided tour of the exhibition and an hour delving into other treasures at Te Papa.

We would love you all to come along but we are only able to have three adults accompany each home group free of charge. That's six on each day. It will have to be "first in first served" and no toddlers, please. If you commit to come, please come! We endeavour to work things out so that parents who help out work with the group their child is in but there may be some instances where the logistics do not work.

The following groups will be going on these days:  
Wednesday 13 May - Autahi and 10 Year 2s  
Thursday 14 May - Tautoru  
Friday 15 May - Māhutonga

The cost is \$8 and must be paid prior to going. Reply slip on Page 4.

**Monet....to Worser Bay....watch this space!**

**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 the focus is on being flexible and dealing with change and managing resources.

Congratulations go this week to:

**Tautoru**

James G and Connor MM for always completing their work in the given time; Dimitrije for inventing and Louise for finishing her work.

**Autahi**

Jack H for extra effort and finishing tasks and Zoe M for creativity.

**Māhutonga**

Ciara and Abby S for creative ideas and Sam D for finishing his work.

**HELP - WE NEED SOMEBODY !!**

We have currently been reorganising and updating the Junior Readers. In order to get this 'project' completed, we are having a Readers' Working Bee on Wednesday 1st April from 9.30am to 11.00am. If you are able to come and help with labelling, 'stickering' books and making book cards, please could you let Suzanne in Autahi know by Monday 30th March. Any help is much appreciated. A big thank you to the parents who have been giving their spare time to get this job completed. It will look great when it is all finished !!



**Katie Barton-Ginger** has joined our staff as an ESOL tutor. Our school community is becoming increasingly multicultural and Katie will be working with a number of students to support them in developing their fluency in English. Welcome on board, Katie!

*Please, please do not park over driveways and on yellow lines when you are dropping off and picking up children from school.*

**From the HOME AND SCHOOL**

**DISCO! See you tonight for a spin around the dance floor! Please make sure your children are checked in and then out by you and the adult on the door so we can be sure that all children are kept safe.**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, the eldest child in each family will be given an Entertainment Book to sell. The cost of each book is \$55 and the school benefits \$11 from each book sold, so it is a worthwhile fundraiser for our school. The books also have the benefit of providing many discounts and savings on a number of cafes, restaurants, family entertainment and activities, accommodation and rental car hire. Please take the time to look at the book and, if interested in purchasing, please return your money to the school as soon as possible. If you are not interested, a family member or work colleague may be interested. Alternatively, you may be interested in making an \$11 donation to the school, to benefit your child/ren.

We will be starting to collect money and books on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**"What does Home and School mean to you?"** We would like a name change to reflect more of what we do and who we are within the Worser Bay School community. Having discussed some ideas at our AGM, we would like to open it up for your creative contribution. If you have an idea for a new name or you think it should in fact remain the same, please email your ideas to: [nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz](mailto:nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz).

Some of the suggestions from the AGM:  
"Families@WBS"  
"PTA"  
"WBS Families' Association"

**"What do we do?"** The main aim of the Home and School is to provide a link between the school and our community. To bring the whole school community together through social activities, and to raise funds to provide improved facilities for the school community.

**"Why should you get involved?"** Children perform better at school where there is parental interest and involvement. It is also a good way of meeting others. Without the help of volunteers in the past, many of the extra resources at school would not have been available. Do consider where you may offer a little of your time this year; complete a yellow Diary/Volunteer form and come along to the next meeting.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.**

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS**

As you may already know, next Monday, 6th April, is the School Swimming sports. The sports will be held at Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre between 12 noon and 1pm (Tautoru) and 11.30am and 1.30pm (Māhutonga and Autahi).

The approximate programme for the day runs like this:

**Autahi and Māhutonga**

Competitive races, then relays and team activities.

Children from Years 3-6 will be given the opportunity in class to put their names down for the competitive races, this, however, is not compulsory and generally we advise that children are able to swim at least 50 metres.

The next section of the day is fun relays and team activities and for this we would like everyone to take part. It is held in the shallower end of the pools and is a good chance for those less confident swimmers to have some fun. If your child is a smaller or less confident Year 3 and is not sure about being in the big pool, they have the option to join the Tautoru syndicate as we want it to be an enjoyable day for everyone.

Parents are most welcome to come along to offer their support and maybe even help with time-keeping, place spotting and recording. Please let Matt and Hamish know if you are available to help.

**Tautoru**

Tautoru's swimming festival will consist of a series of fun events to encourage water confidence. They will take place in the 'Spray' area of the Aquatic Centre.

The Tautoru students and those from Autahi who are not confident in the main pool will leave school by bus at 11.30am. Our fun events are to take place from 12 - 1 pm. We will be arriving back at school by 1.30pm.

We need your help. Can you give us a hand dressing children or helping run a fun event? Please let Maria, Rachel or Fleur know ASAP so they can allocate people to activities.

Tautoru have the use of the splash pool and will also be having lots of games and fun activities.

**Transport and Cost**

Children will travel by bus to the pool.

Buses for Autahi and Māhutonga will leave at 11.00 am and return at 2.00 pm.

Buses for Tautoru will leave at 11.30 am and return at 1.00 pm.

The cost, which includes the bus and pool entry, is \$4. We need the money and permission slip back by Wednesday 1st April. We will not be following up on permission forms or money. If children haven't paid or returned their form before this date, they will be staying at school. Thank you!

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..... has permission to travel to and participate in the Swimming Sports at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre on Monday 6th April. The cost is \$4 and must be paid prior to going.

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