

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Mad Scientist Dress Up Day! Last day of Term 1. School finishes at the usual time of 3.00 pm.	10 Good Friday & beginning of School Holidays
Working Bees - Sunday 5th April and 26th April - 10.00 am School Holidays - 2 weeks				
27 April School recommences for Term 2 at the usual time of 8.55 am. BOT Meeting - 7.00pm	28	29	30	1 May

SPORTS

Flippaball Results - Last Friday, Worser Bay Blue won 8-6 against Holy Cross 1 and Worser Bay White had some tough competition and lost to Miramar Central 0-13.

If anyone (who doesn't already play) is keen to play Flippaball in Term 2, please let the office know by Tuesday 7th April. There will be no Flippaball in Term 3 due to a pool closure.

Netball Practice - Thursdays 3.20 pm (including Thursday 9th April)

Eastern Zone Sports Term 2

Netball - 13th May (20th cancellation date) Hataitai
Cross-Country - 9th June (12th June) Newtown Park



Reply Slip - Monet Exhibition. Please return by Thursday 9th April.

..... has permission to go on the Monet Exhibition trip on:

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. I enclose \$8 for my child.

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

Signed:

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Girl Guide Biscuits (plain, chocolate and mini-chocolate) are still available for sale from Carolyn B in the office. All biscuits are \$3. Tel: 939 7281.

School Holiday Programmes

There is some information in a green folder in the foyer about school holiday programmes - if you see anything that interests you, just ask and we will make a copy for you, eg. Wellington City Libraries School Holiday Programme; Sports Programmes; YWCA Programme.

Meridian Kids' Bike Jams

Wellington - 10th May
(Closing date - Monday 4th May)
Please see www.kidsbikejams.co.nz for more information.

Do you have baby items you no longer want? Pregnancy Assistance would love anything you are able to donate so they can continue to provide pregnant women and new mothers with the clothing, bedding and cloth nappies they need for their babies. Label 'Pregnancy Assistance' and drop off at the St Vincent de Paul shop in Newtown or phone 3897122 for more information.

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.

'Cars In The Capital' - Classic Cover Insurance NZHRA 2009 National Hot Rod Show

11-13th April 2009 (Easter) at the TSB Bank Arena, Wellington. Opens at 9am each day. Bring your family along to see New Zealand's top Classic and Hot Rod Cars on display. Adults \$10. Children (5-14yrs) \$5. Family pass \$25 (2 adults & 2 children) Under 5yrs free.

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Worser Bay School NEWS



Friday 3 April 2009

Kia ora koutou

It was exciting to open the mailbox on Tuesday and discover the new curriculum for the teaching of Te Reo Māori in English-medium schools. This document has been 25 years in the making and I'm sure it will provide us with a new confidence as we explore how we incorporate the teaching of te reo Maori into our local curriculum.

As the Minister of Education, Anne Tolley, said at the launch:

"Te Reo Māori is one of our country's official languages. It is a taonga, yet some teachers and schools have found themselves limited to teaching days of the week and short greetings in te reo.

....these schools and teachers can now be supported to achieve a greater fluency in te reo, a greater understanding of tikanga Māori, and a greater confidence in working with families, whānau and community"

This is the final newsletter of the term. Next week please expect more of a news note of reminders before the slower pace of the Easter break sets in and all caution is thrown to the wind. We hope to see many of you at the swimming sports and/or the Inventors' Workshop next week. You can also expect Student-Led Conference (SLC) summaries to come home on Thursday, so please check the bag contents thoroughly!

Another reminder to diary Monday 18 May. Murray Gadd (internationally recognised Literacy Consultant) will be taking you through:

- * how children become effective writers;
- * what teachers do to help children become effective writers;
- * what parents can do to help their children become effective writers.

Come along, meet up with other parents and have a chance to chat with your child's teacher. Further details will come out early next term.

Have a lovely weekend and I may even catch you at the Working Bee on Sunday?

Michelle

MAD SCIENTIST DRESS UP DAY - LAST DAY OF TERM!!

KIWI INVENTORS SKYPE KIWI INGENUITY IN MALAYSIA



On Thursday afternoon, 25 budding inventors from Worser Bay School took time out from their workshop to Skype Malaysia and locate fellow Kiwi inventor John Noble. John has just released his most recent invention - the Haiku fan - and our kids were privileged to see it debut on the Internet today. You can check it out at <http://www.haikufan.com>.

Our conversation with John lasted about 30 minutes during which time the children learned that he had followed pretty much the same process they did throughout this term when they explored ideas, designed prototypes, built models and tested their simple machines for durability and meeting the purpose and success criteria. Brief discussion within the group afterwards revealed they had made connections on several different levels as they listened to John.

When the videoconference ended, one of our 5 year old Skypers stayed behind quietly contemplating and smiling happily to himself... "I really love that sort of thing," he said. That says it all!

We will be unveiling our own presentations at the "Inventors' Workshop" next Wednesday 8th April - come along to view the journey of your child's learning process between either 1.45 - 2.45 pm or 5 - 6 pm. It would be great to have as many children as possible at the evening session to share their inventions. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is unable to come. Refreshments will be available at the later session.

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Working Bees - Sunday 5th April and 26th April at 10.00 am.**
- **Swimming Sports - Monday 6th April.**
- **The Inventors' Workshop - Wednesday 8th April.**
- **Monet Time - Return slip by Thursday 9th April.**
- **Mad Scientist Dress Up Day - Thursday 9th April (last day of Term 1).**
- **ICAS - Entries to the Office by Thursday 9th April.**
- **Voluntary Contribution & Photocopying/Classroom Expenses - Last Week for Discount!** Don't forget, any monies owing to Worser Bay School can be paid by Internet Banking - look in the Community Directory for bank details.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Thank you, Home and School, for organising the Disco last Friday night. I understand a great time was had by all and there has already been discussion in our house as to when the next one might be - a sure sign of success!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Working Bee 10.00 am this Sunday 5th April. There is a specific project that Andrew Wilson referred to last week, clearing an area of garden by Māhutonga so that a path and drain can be reconstructed. But there are also lots of other jobs to be done - cleaning gutters, general grounds maintenance, specific tasks in the classrooms - so we would really appreciate your help.

There is also a second Working Bee on Sunday 26th April - same time, same place with a specific task of getting gravel onto the new pathway. At this Working Bee there will be an opportunity to purchase some firewood resulting from the tree trimming that is scheduled to take place during the school holidays.

With four school days to go, I was thinking about all the events that have happened this term: the school trip to the Da Vinci exhibition, the school picnic, Māhutonga Camp, Eastern Zones Cricket, student led conferences, student assessments, school swimming to come on Monday, as well as the day to day classroom teaching. We have great staff at Worser Bay and a well deserved thank you is also required to Jude and her team for a great first term.

Lucy Ross
Board Member

News from MĀHUTONGA

We have been doing lots of writing this term. We have been working on evoking strong images in the reader's mind:

Woodlice

"When the lights are off and the heaters are off I then curl myself into a ball like a woodlice under the floorboards of my house then wade up in the dark in the moist damp wood." Fraser

Archery

ffff!ffff!ffff! Arrows pounded the target as we let arrow after arrow sink themselves into the target. Adrenalin dances through my veins as I pull the long black shaft up to my cheek. The bowstring slips from my fingers, the arrow flies through the air like a bullet and buries itself deep into the wood of the target." Ben Mac



Working on developing our
Enterprising Attributes



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 using kind words and solving problems yourself.

Congratulations go this week to the following students for being flexible and managing resources:

Tautoru
Isabelle, Nargis, Will and Danielle

Autahi
Kirsty and Paige

Māhutonga
Holly and Thomas D



Some of our inventors! (See also Page 4.)

Some friendly reminders:

The Lost Property will be sent off to the Salvation Army next Thursday, the last Thursday of the term, 9th April, at 9.00 am. Please check for any missing clothing.

Remember, please, to take scooters, bikes, etc, home after school - we are concerned about them going missing overnight!

Please remember, for all out of school activities, that if money and permission slips are not returned by the required date, we will not be following up on permission slips and money. If children haven't paid and returned their form before the stated date, they will be staying at school.

If you are walking through our school grounds during the holidays and see anything remiss, please ring the number listed on the notices around the school.

From AUTAHI

"In Autahi we have been making simple machines. The simple machines are:

A pulley
A wheel and axle
A cog
A wedge
A lever

We are using these machines in our toys and bug catchers.

Paris has been doing a parachute, Polly has been doing a moving see-saw and I have been doing a pulley. On Wednesday the 8th parents are invited to Tautoru to see everybody's inventions. Please come along!"
Caitlyn

From TAUTORU

Last week Tautoru hosted assembly. We shared some writing and our maths art.

Ian and Joe interviewed some children in Rachel and Fleur's room. Here is what they found out:

"John has been learning to do cubist drawings. Anneke has been learning to solve problems in maths. Ruby has been learning to look for shapes. Aidan has been learning to make patterns. Thomas D has been learning to put finger-spaces in between his letters.

Helen and Evie have been learning to count to 100 in 2s and add and take away. Bella and Tasia have been learning to keep their letters on the line and only use capital letters at the start of sentences and for names."

Rebecca interviewed some children in Maria's room. Here is what she found out:

"Will has been learning to make sail boats and do monster paintings.

Jaida has been learning to count in 5s."

Tautoru's Emperor Gum Moth Caterpillar has turned into a cocoon!

I.C.A.S. 2009

The ICAS – International Competitions - are for students in years 4-6. The information is not used as assessment information as it doesn't reflect the New Zealand Curriculum.

Some of our children like a challenge and these competitions are just that. So we are very willing to organise these competitions if your child wishes to enter. Have a chat with your child and see how they feel about this opportunity.

The competitions will be held on the following days:

Computer Skills Wednesday 27 May - \$7.50	Writing Tuesday 23 June - \$14.00
Science Wednesday 10 June - \$7.50	English Tuesday 4 August - \$7.50
Spelling Tuesday 23 June - \$9.50	Mathematics Wednesday 19 August - \$7.50

We require payment for the **total number of entries** by **Thursday 9th April** at the very latest. (Please list subjects required together with total paid.)

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped us make Friday night such a great disco. From checking the children in, to rebel rousing, to washing up, to providing food, to staying to tidy up at the end. it was wonderful to feel so well supported. The yellow volunteer/diary forms have certainly helped us enormously contacting people for help. If you haven't returned yours but would still like to offer your services you can still hand one in to the office.

Entertainment Books are 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 \$11.00 donation to the school, to benefit your child/ren.

Please return your money and/or books to the office before the end of term.

If you would like to pay by direct credit, you can transfer \$55 in to the following account:

Worser Bay Home and School Committee,
The National Bank
060513 030469100 50

Please give your Name and E Books as a reference.

A reminder from last week:

"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 perhaps you think it should in fact remain the same please email your ideas: nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz.

"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 Diary/Volunteer form and come along to the next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday 7th April 7.30pm in the staff-room. All are welcome to attend.