

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 Miniball (Yrs 5 & 6)	12 Te Reo classes commence 7 pm Staffroom	13 Flippaball Practice - 7 am Monet Time Miniball (Yrs 3 & 4)	14 Monet Time	15 Monet Time Flippaball
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	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 29th May and 1st June for Queen's Birthday Weekend.

SPORTS

Flippaball Results

Last week Worser Bay Blue lost 5-10 to Hataitai 1 and Worser Bay White drew 3-3 against Queen Margaret Blue Stars. Look out for our team at the pool, we have some cool new Flippaball caps.

Netball

Yr 5/6 netball 12.00 noon at EBIS. Be ready for warm up at 11.40 am. We are playing Miramar North Golden Ferns.

Newsletters

Our weekly newsletter will no longer be available in paper form - it will be posted on our website. Paper copies may be requested by Friday 22nd May.

We are also updating our email address list so that, at times, we can use email to contact parents. Please could you let us know your email address if you haven't already given it to us, or if it has recently changed (last updated August 2008.) Reply slip below, if required.

Email Address Reply Slip

Our email address is:

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Name of child/children:

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Cathy's novels focus on friendship, dreams and family dramas, and include titles such as Ginger Snaps, Indigo Blue, Dizzy and her latest book, Angel Cake. They are suitable for age 10 plus.

Competitive Netball

Join Pulse People at www.pulse.org.nz and get 20% off tickets for Pulse home games. Next game - Saturday 30th May, 2.00 pm, Pulse vs Steel at the TSB Bank Arena (Ticketek 0800 842 538).

Host Family Required

We require a caring, supportive and inclusive family to host an Italian boy who is coming to Wellington High School for one term in July. Accommodation is paid for.

Please contact Pamela Braddell at 385 8911 x 843 or pamela.braddell@whs.school.nz

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

Worser Bay School NEWS



Friday 8 May 2009

AROUND WORSER BAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK



It was Autahi's turn to take Assembly on Thursday.



Netballers and Miniballers practising for their winter sports' activities.

More of the Autahi children taking part in Thursday's Assembly. More on Page 2...



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Te Reo Lessons** - Commence **Tuesday 12 May** at 7 pm in the staffroom.
- **Parent Evening** - **Monday 18th May** at 6.30 pm.
- Advise the office of your **email address** - see Page 4.
- **Please diary: FRIDAY 29th MAY and MONDAY 1st JUNE - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND.** (Please note: Friday is a holiday as well as the Monday for Worser Bay School.)
- **Voluntary Contribution & Photocopying/Classroom Expenses** are overdue! Please pay as soon as possible.

Kia ora koutou

Our recent Student Led Conferences provided clear goals for planning and learning needs in Mathematics. You will probably already have had a couple of conversations with your child and with us about the Knowledge and Strategy components of the maths programme. This week, we've been assessing students to find out how they use numbers to problem solve.

In previous newsletters, we've mentioned the changing nature of the world and the kind of workplace our children will enter into. Prospective employers will increasingly be looking for staff who have problem solving skills and an understanding of concepts, rather than the ability to follow rules for calculating. Children need to be able to work things out in their head, learning that there is more than one way to solve a number problem.

When your child is working on a maths problem with you at home, expect them to use a combination of adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. If their answer is incorrect, encourage them to explain their thinking - they might be on the right track.

Learning through playing games provides good opportunities for children to learn about logic and strategies and consolidates their mathematical understandings.

Food for thought... do we spend as much time at home on maths related conversations with children as we do trying to improve their reading? There is a range of available online games and activities to help develop and reinforce your child's knowledge of number. Check out the NZMaths website for ideas:

<http://www2.nzmaths.co.nz/families/index.aspx> and <http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/node/1390>

Enjoy the Mother's Day Weekend!
Maria

WORD FROM THE BOARD

With the introduction of tomorrow's schools in the late 1980s, NZ schools moved from the central government of education boards to self management under the governance of the school community through Boards of Trustees.

At Worsler Bay School, we value an integrated and holistic approach to learning. A school and its community is a complex machine requiring its many parts to work cohesively together to achieve desired goals.

It's exciting to see this in action. We have a teaching programme that encourages our children to celebrate their talents, to be enterprising, to make the most of opportunities and to take the time to pursue their interests through individual and whole school learning. As a community, it is our job to work with the school, and to reflect and reinforce these ideas and values.

Being on the Board of Trustees is an opportunity to be proactively involved in the leadership of the school.

Kirsty Chamberlain
Board Member

Worsler Bay School Art Expo

"After we go to the Monet Exhibition, we are going to have our own Art Expo. Everybody will have their own piece of art showing and every area will have a main piece of art to auction off. Parents please help - do you have any ideas about donating stuff for raffling or auction?"

If so, please email Kath at kdelpor@worslerbay.school.nz."

by *Rose, Ella and Helen, E4E Group*

From TAUTORU

What a whirlwind week!

This week, Tautoru continued their weather focus but moved from learning about clouds to finding out about rainbows and light and how thunder and lightning storms are formed. We've talked about survival kits for natural disasters and we've painted some beautiful rainbows. See if your child can tell you the funny name we used to help us remember the colours of a rainbow.

With the wet weather clearly upon us, it's great to see children coming to school in their gumboots! However, gumboots aren't the warmest footwear and it is hard to sit on the floor when wearing them. To help keep snug and warm, please ensure your child has a spare pair of shoes or slippers to wear.

It's Mother's Day on Sunday...

Some children from Autahi shared poems about their Mums at assembly on Thursday.

Here's a small sample of their compliments...

My Mum makes me feel precious.
My Mum is intelligent.
My Mum could be the big boss or a dancer.
My Mum is a reliable cook.
My Mum is the best Mum in the world.
Mum, I think you would be a brilliant Wheel of Fortune player!

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Every Friday, Jude gives out Principal's Awards. The focus for these awards is shared on a Monday morning at Karakia. The Principal's Awards this week relate to being patient and positive and dealing with problems calmly.

Tautoru

Adam, James, Hariette and Aidan

Autahi

Kirstie, Zoe

Māhutonga

Kate, Lewis S

Next week, our focus is on being prepared and organised and gathering together the things you need for learning.

WELCOME

This week we welcome Kassious who joined us recently. Kassious has family here already.

We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.

PLEASE NOTE!

School will be closed on Friday 29th May before Queen's Birthday Weekend, so it will be a four day holiday break rather than the usual three.

Mark it in your diary now!

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 Donations and Photocopying/Classroom Expenses as soon as possible, if you haven't yet paid them.

News from MĀHUTONGA

In Māhutonga, we have been exploring line and texture. We went on a walk to collect a range of different leaves and then did rubbings and crayon drawings of them. We focused on the different types of lines within and around the leaves. We used these explorations to create cardboard print blocks and polystyrene print blocks.



We are starting to get ready for cross-country. We have been investigating the best techniques for running.

From AUTAHI

"In Autahi, we are learning to make leaf print blocks. Firstly, we had to draw leaves that overlap each other. If they were too small then we had to blow them up on the photocopier. Next we cut them out to glue them onto our cardboard. We are still working on these."

Taine

E4E

"We have been watching Bee Movie and Chicken Run. In Bee Movie, we have been learning about our roles and responsibilities. For example, the Pollen Jocks and Nectar Drivers all had different jobs in the process of making honey."

In Chicken Run, we have been learning about the Key Competencies. We looked at Ginger and how she managed herself. She also related to others because she encouraged other chickens to gather and build things to make inventions."

Finlay

"Ginger also showed initiative. We looked at the risks of the chickens staying and the chickens escaping. If they stayed they would have been turned into chicken pie!!

They kept on trying but they could have made improvements rather than creating a whole new invention."

Caitlin G

School Banking

School Banking has recommenced - Tuesday mornings, 8.40 - 9.00 am in the Library.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

A BIG Thank You to those families who have supported our school through the purchase of, or donation towards, the Entertainment Books. We still have a few books outstanding and payment, or return of the book, needs to be done NOW. Reminder notices were sent to families who have books outstanding earlier this week. Thank you to those who have supported this fundraising venture.

QUIZ NIGHT

12th June 2009

Diary this legendary, great, fun night out now! Get started on organising your team early - chat up all those friends, neighbours and relatives and persuade them to come along!!

SCHOOL FAIR

8th November 2009

Although Sunday 8th November still seems a long way off, the fair committee has planning well underway.

Business Support: Please put your thinking caps on and think of any businesses with whom you have a personal contact that you may be able to approach for support. Please e-mail your contacts/ideas to Beth Simpson: bruce.simpson@xtra.co.nz.

Pre-loved Clothing: Jolie Dickson is starting to collect clothes for our pre-loved clothing sale. If you have just had a clean out of your summer wardrobes to make room for those winter woollies, how about popping any good clothing you may no longer require along to her? Call Jolie on 388 4503.

Craft Group: Come along to our craft group on a Wednesday evening. We would love to see you - to either create craft for the School Fair or to just learn or pass on new skills and ideas. And, of course, to socialise! Join us at Miramar Plunket Rooms, Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.

Storage: Please advise Beth (e-mail above) if you have storage available close to school, eg. an empty garage. We are starting to collect clothing now and will be starting to collect for the white elephant stall soon!

So watch this space and hold on to all the bits and bobs you manage to clear out!