

WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 10th December 2019

Term 4 Week 9: 2019



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

We are finally here...we have made it. Actually - not just made it but made it in absolute style. There are not too many places like Witherlea School with students turning up bright and bubbly, ready to learn, right till the end.

We are so proud of all of our students, their progress and their individual and collective achievements. When we look back on the year and reflect on all the ways in which we can be proud - there are too many to list. How lucky are we?

The next two weeks will be filled with; pride and a little sadness as we farewell the spectacular group of Year 6 students - the class of 2019, who are off, ready, for the next stage of their education. They have been taught by many teachers throughout their Witherlea journey and all have contributed to the success of this group. The Year 6 Leavers Evening is this Wednesday and Final Assembly on Friday @ 2:15pm. Our Year 6 teachers, Ms Stone and Ms Zydenbos have been preparing the students for their transition so both of these events will be amazing.

When students leave, we often have to say goodbye to long standing families, some of whom have been in the school for many years. Their contribution during this time is too hard to put into words. Thank you! Thank you for being part of our community - this is somewhere you can always call HOME.

Have a safe and happy holiday to all my other families, enjoy your beautiful children and we will see you in 2020.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki

WITHERLEA FOOTBALL STARS



Our Year 5-6 students took to the ASB Showgrounds last Friday with a huge amount of support from our wonderful parents and caregivers, supporting and coaching. The students loved the day and the Witherlea School Warriors Team ended the tournament on top, winning the 2019 Football title. As usual our students did their best but also behaved according to our school Motto; "*Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair*". Thanks for organising the group Ms Meyrick and Ms Zydenbos - it was such a fun day for all.



"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

Term Events

Term Four

Week 9

Monday 9th December-Wednesday 11th December
Pine Valley Camp 3: Room 16

Tuesday 10th December
December BOT Meeting

Wednesday 11th December
Year 6 Leavers Evening

Friday 13th December
Final Assembly run by our Year 6 Hub
End of Year Reports go home

Week 10

Monday 16th December
Class Swap to meet new teacher for 2020 (1 hour)

Tuesday 17th December
End of Year Breakup: 5:30pm Picnic

Postponement Day: Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December
Last day of year: 12pm finish

2020 School Year

First Day of School: Monday 3rd February
Waitangi Holiday: Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February

Term One

Monday 3rd February-Thursday 9th April

Term Two

Tuesday 28th April-Friday 3rd July

Term Three

Monday 20th July-Friday 25th September

Term Four

Monday 12th October-Friday 18th December (12pm finish)

Teacher Only Days 2020

These are the dates below ;

Term Two

Friday 29th May (Week 5)
Across Marlborough

Term Three

Friday 4th September (Week 7)

Term Four

Friday 20th November (Week 6)

WSPCG Final Meeting

A huge thank you to ALL the parents who helped the Witherlea School Parent Committee Group , WSPCG, in 2019 either by donations, support, working in volunteer positions on; *Sausage Sizzle, Road Patrol, GALA (before, during and after), Calendar Art, Movie Night, and Quiz Night.*

Without all your support we would not have the blinds through the school, the new locks, 'new' Kapa Haka uniforms and getting ALL students to get to CAMP.

SCUTTLES - FINAL VET VISIT 2019

Scuttles our Witherlea School Cat had her annual check up with Mr Stuart Burrough at VET MARLBOROUGH. Scuttles was checked and given her up to date inoculations. Mr Burrough said she is being very well cared for by her friends at Witherlea. We are very appreciative of the special care she gets from VET MARLBOROUGH and Mr Burrough. Scuttles is pleased to be home after her adventure!



Year 3 'Kiwiana Day' 2019

Thank you to ALL the whanau who came into the school last week to ensure our Year 3 Fun Day (EOTC) was a success. The students absolutely loved it and we cannot offer experiences like this without the support. Other photos on the back page.



Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

**Benson B, Roman H,
Lexi R, Leila B**

South Fuels: Fuel for Schools

South Fuels runs a programme where local businesses who receive bulk fuel deliveries nominate a school and for every 2 litres of bulk fuel they purchase the school receives 1 cent. Once the school reaches \$1,000.00 we are able to purchase selected Sport or Technology Packages.

Last week Maisie Davison of South Fuels delivered our technology package from our latest \$1000 reward. Ben, Sophie & Blake were on hand to gratefully receive the Panasonic 50" Full HD LED Smart TV, along with a Saunas Premium Series Tilting Wall Bracket & a Google Chromecast. The children are looking forward to using this in their classroom next year.

Witherlea School is very appreciative of South Fuels and their 'Fuel for Schools Programme'. A BIG THANK YOU goes to the following businesses who have nominated Witherlea School as their chosen school for their bulk fuel deliveries:

- **Port Underwood Contracting Services Ltd**
- **Robinson Construction Ltd**
- **Saint Clair Family Estate**
- **The Nines Trading Ltd**
- **Villa Maria Estates Ltd**
- **Waihopai Vineyards Ltd**



OSCAR
4 Kids

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
18th - 20 December | 6 - 28 January

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
CHOCOLATE FACTORY
STRAWBERRY FARM
SKATE PARK WATER SLIDE
FAIRY DAY BAKING MOVIES
HOCKEY & NETBALL SKILLS
WAIRAU VALLEY TRIP
KITE FLYING AND MORE!

Blenheim: 8am-5.30pm | Ages 5-9
Redwoodtown: 8am - 5.30pm | Ages 5-13
Woodbourne: 7.15am - 5.30pm | Ages 5-13

For more information call Maryn Kotze on
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MSD Approved. Work & Income NZ OSCAR subsidy available
\$8 per hour with morning tea and afternoon tea provided.



FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP US EARN REWARDS

The ANZ Schools Programme provides us with resources and rewards to inspire our school community.

If you're looking to take out a home or business loan, simply provide the name of our school when speaking with an ANZ representative. When your loan is drawn down, we will receive credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre on items like sporting equipment and computers.

To discuss an ANZ home or business loan, visit your local ANZ branch, or call a Home Loan Specialist on **0800 269 4663** or a Business Specialist on **0800 269 249**.



Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair Kia Atawhai, Kia Ora, Kia Tika



Lauren and Angus showcasing the 'Edisons' we got through the ANZ points programme. They are so excited about getting these robots into the classrooms.



Thank you to all our whanau for supporting the Diabetes fundraiser; \$520 will be sent to Diabetes Marlborough who support our local families. Such a generous community.



The Year 3 Kiwiana groups; cooking, tenting and thoroughly enjoying the experiences that the local environment offer.



Well done Drama Club and Mrs Muir for a terms worth of 'mahi' which ended in the epic showcase of Witherlea talent. You made us so proud...again!



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