

# WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 24th February 2020

Term 1 Week 4: 2020



## Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

As a school, one of our most important documents is our **CHARTER**. This guides our Strategic Direction and maps out our annual plan and targets for the year. We always set lofty goals for our leaders, teachers and learners. The Board of Trustees, most important job, is to ensure we stay on track, evaluate how we are going and keep our focus on our student outcomes. You can find the **CHARTER** on our website along with our Analysis of Variance (how far away we were from meeting our targets and why) and our Annual Report which outlines our finances.

We are very proud of the improvement approach we have at Witherlea, our Action Plans which create clear pathways for us, so we can reach our goals, together.

Witherlea School is also a proud part of the Piritahi Kahui

## Welcome to School

Welcome certificates will be handed out at Assembly on Friday, Week 5, 12:30pm;

**Year 1- 2 Punga Team**  
**Ferns Room**

Gus A, Blake B, Sam C, Antonio M,

Ako; this involves ALL schools in Marlborough. Being part of this means we look at our student data and decide on targets as a whole education community. In 2019, Witherlea began an investigation into Mathematics so that we could decide on the best action, resources and/or professional learning and development (PLD) for our teachers.

Many other schools were facing the same challenges so we were able to, collectively, get PLD funded through the Ministry in the area of Mathematics, for our teachers.

We have started DMIC PLD (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities) this term which means all our teachers get mentors and will be developing a new set of mathematics teaching skills. This way of teaching will take time to learn however our teachers are very excited. We have a number of other initiatives and all of them support our **VISION; Empowering ALL learners to reach their potential in an innovative community.**

You, our community are a big part of helping us make this a reality and we look forward to connecting with you on the learning journey and celebrating our progress together throughout 2020.

**Ngā manaakitanga,**  
**Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki**

**"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"**

**Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community**

# Term Events

## Term 1

### Week Four

#### Thursday 27th February

Coffee with the Principal: 8:30am (Staffroom)

### Week Five

#### Wednesday 4th March

Marlborough Primary Schools Cricket Tournament  
Yr 5/6 Boys

#### Thursday 5th March

Coffee with the Principal: 8:30am (Staffroom)

#### Friday 6th March

Assembly 12:30pm  
Tane Mahuta Hub - Room 8, 9, 20

### Week 6

#### Thursday 12th March

Coffee with the Principal: 8:30am (Staffroom)

### Week Seven

#### Thursday 19th March

**NO Coffee with the Principal (Gala)**

#### Friday 20th March

Marlborough Swimming Sports

Assembly 12:30pm (Outdoor)  
Uenuku Hub: Room 18 and 19

#### Sunday 22nd March

**Witherlea School Gala 11am**

### Week Eight

#### Tuesday 24th March

Tackle Sevens Term 1 Tournament

#### Thursday 26th March

Coffee with the Principal 8:30am (Staffroom)

#### Friday 27th March

St Johns Fundraiser - Gold Coin Donation  
Black and White Mufti Day

### Week Nine

#### Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

Parent Teacher Interviews booked through  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

(Term One Report sent home once interview is booked)

**Early Finish - 1pm on Tuesday 31st March**

#### Monday 30th-Tuesday 31st March

Grip Leadership Trip: COMs Team (Christchurch)

#### Thursday 2nd April

Coffee with the Principal 8:30am (Staffroom)

#### Friday 3rd April

Assembly 12:30pm  
Kowhai: Hub 4 - Room 15, 16, 17

### Week Ten

#### Monday 6th April - Thursday 9th April

Hub 2 Fundamentals TBC

#### Tuesday 7th April

SCHOOL PHOTOS - individual and class photos

#### Thursday 9th April

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

# FAREWELL TO OUR COLLEAGUES

We have a number of colleagues leaving us next week and at the end of the term which we wish to announce and farewell together with our community. Some have been with us for a short time and some a much longer time.

### CYRIL DAWSON - CARETAKER

Cyril has been with us for over a year and a half and has made his mark on Witherlea as he has cared for the school grounds, outdoor learning areas and by supporting the health and safety needs of the school. Cyril brought his own unique style to this role and will be finishing on Tuesday 3rd March.

### RACHAEL POTTINGER - RELEASE TEACHER

Rachael has been in almost every classroom at Witherlea as a release teacher and brings a world of experience to a role that is often hard to fill. Rachael has been able to adapt, be flexible and support our learners over the past 4 years. She is going to be sorely missed as she has slotted into every team with her caring, calm manner towards our students and staff. We wish her all the best with her new role as a New Entrant teacher at Whitney Street School.

### KIRSTIE STONE - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Kirstie has been part of Witherlea School for almost 20 years and in this time has led some wonderful initiatives within the school and community. She has devoted her career to education; teaching, learning and leading and will leave Witherlea a better place. Kirstie currently leads our Wellbeing, Pastoral Care, Collaborative Practice and has led Teams, Hubs and of course guided many students to success and transitioned them to the next stage of their education (Bohally). Kirstie has grown the cultural competence at Witherlea through deep connections with our Iwi, local advisors and has guided our Kapa Haka, proudly to many Taiopenga performances which grew from 48 students to almost 200.

We wish Kirstie all the best for her future endeavours in education and know whatever she pursues it will be making a difference for learners, their families and any community she is involved in. We extend a huge thank you for the years of service and dedication to Witherlea School and all the lives she has touched on the way. We will keep you posted regarding how we farewell such a big part of our school.

# A NEW COLLEAGUE TO WELCOME

### KELLY OGILVY - EDIBLE GARDENS AND UENUKU HUB

Kelly brings all her experience as a Science teacher to Witherlea and starts the Edible Gardens lessons this week with our Year 1-2 students in Punga. Kelly will also pick up a release component next term in Room 18 and 19 on a Wednesday. Kelly has skills with Mathematics and Health and PE; netball, cross country and gymnastics. She will be such an asset to Witherlea.

Witherlea School  
Gala 2020

Trash & Treasure  
Drop Off Times



Saturday 22nd February  
Saturday 29th February  
Saturday 7th March  
Saturday 14th March  
10am - 12pm  
Underneath Room 8 (field side)

**Please remember we CANNOT accept electrical items or car seats**

Witherlea School  
Gala 2020

LUCKY DIP FRIDAY!



6th March 2020!

We'd love donations of new items that can be used in our Lucky Dips!

DON'T FORGET POINTS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO EACH CLASS FOR THE NUMBER OF DONATIONS AND THERE WILL BE A PIZZA LUNCH UP FOR GRABS!

Witherlea School  
Gala 2020

Class Donation Buckets



Buckets will be in classes from Monday 24th February until Friday 13th March!

We'd love donations of new items that can be used as prizes or included in Silent Auctions and Mystery Bags

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Gala 2020

CHOCOLATE FRIDAY!



13th March 2020!

POINTS FOR CHOCOLATE DONATIONS:  
Bar - 1 Point  
Family Block - 2 Points  
Pack (treat size) - 3 Points  
Boxes - 5 Points  
THERE'S A PIZZA LUNCH UP FOR GRABS FOR THE CLASS WITH THE MOST POINTS!

# Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

Bailey Bruce

## The Music Room



We would like to introduce you to 'The Music Room' - an innovative studio in Blenheim offering a variety of music lessons suitable for all children. We currently offer saxophone, clarinet, flute, recorder, piano, theory, and fun general music programmes for under 7s.

Lessons are private, after school sessions.

This term we have a special offer available for primary schools in Blenheim. If you publish our details in your newsletter, along with the code **WITHERLEA10**, all children who sign up from your school (and quote the code) will receive 10% off their fees for the rest of this year! In addition, for every new student who signs up using your code, we will donate a piece of musical equipment to your school. EVERYONE WINS!! See [www.themusicroom.nz](http://www.themusicroom.nz)

## New Reports and Interviews

After speaking to many parents in 2019 it became clear knowing 'where your child is at' in their learning, earlier than Term Two, was on top. So, we have created a 'new' report which will go out just before the Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 9, this term. It will have an individual target and a personal goal. We have added our new aspirations for our students which marry up with our Key Competencies. Another feature will be 'student voice' to capture what is important to the learner.

Along with a new report we will be rolling out 'Spotlight' with our Year 5-6 Team.

This is an online learning platform so our parents, teachers and learners can map each child's learning journey. It will replace Seesaw and the School App.

The Parent Portal will be activated schoolwide in Term Two and requires every parent to have an email so login is secure. The office will touch base with families

**WITHERLEA SCHOOL**  
Aspirations: Aspiring to the Sky  
Empowering all learners to reach their potential

STUDENT NAME: Helely Moxie  
CLASS: Year 5  
GROUP: Year 5  
TERM ONE  
TEACHER NAME: Ms Harrett  
ATTENDANCE: satisfactory

**INITIAL REPORT**

**READING**  
Graduate Profile: *Make connections and use them to understand texts*

**WRITING**  
Graduate Profile: *Communicate ideas and thoughts clearly and effectively*

**MATHEMATICS**  
Graduate Profile: *Use mathematical knowledge to solve problems*

**LEARNING**  
Graduate Profile: *Engage and persist in learning*

**CURRICULUM AREAS**  
New: Yes/No/Change/Not Done

**TARGET LEARNING AREA:**  
We will focus on Mathematics throughout this year and encourage students to participate in the learning goals, where we focus them and our class. We will also focus on growth mindset, ability to make goals and use resources as learning, TEACHER SUPPORT

**PERSONAL GROWTH AREA:**  
Money will need to track our and targeted the organization all for the organization for learning. This is an essential personal management skill and can be learned and practice across all curriculum areas.

**GENERAL COMMENT:**  
You have started this year with great enthusiasm and you are supporting your classmate to the final goal area by modeling our outcomes and role. You have made a good level of supporting others. Look forward to helping you reach your goals this year and to!

**STUDENT VOICE:**  
• Friends  
• Favorite subject  
• New class sport  
• Strengths

**TEACHER SIGNATURE:**  
**PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE:**

who do not have email addresses so that we can get our school up and running with these new and exciting learning features.

## INTERSCHOOL SPORT

### Rugby Sevens

Tackle Rugby Tournament played during school time; trials and practices will be held at school. Mouthguard essential to play. Tournament on **Tuesday 24th March @ Lansdowne Park.**

### Marlborough Swimming Sports

This event is for Year 5-6 students with Phoebe Quirk selecting the team before the competition on **Friday 20th March** (newsletters to go out to the Swim Team)

### 5 x 5 Basketball: Have a Go day - TBC

More details regarding this event will be sent out to students in Year 5-6 who wish to take part and teams will be selected closer to the date; **Thursday 26th March.**

### Rippa Rugby

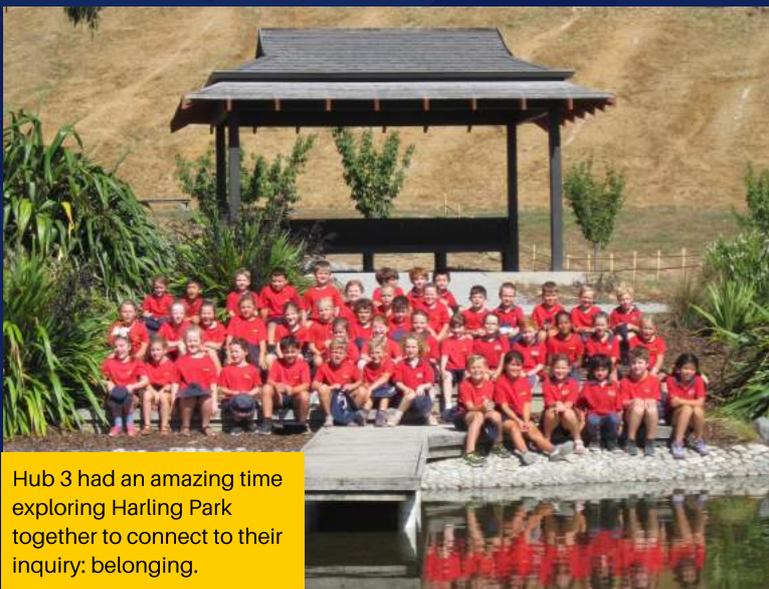
Students (girls and boys) have signed up for firstly a Girls Tournament in term two then the major Marlborough Rippa Tournament which is mixed. Training will commence in Week 6 for these events.

**For any sporting queries please email Mrs Phoebe Quirk; [phoebeq@witherlea.school.nz](mailto:phoebeq@witherlea.school.nz)**

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



A big thank you to the Witherlea School community for supporting Nelson Marlborough Youth Type 1 Diabetes by dressing up and wearing blue. The money you raised went to support our youth and their families at their annual camp held this month. It's a camp promoting support, education and friendship. Your generosity is appreciated.



Hub 3 had an amazing time exploring Harling Park together to connect to their inquiry: belonging.



Our Ferns 'Creativity Zone' is now complete and they were ALL able to take part in the baking to thank the builders.



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