

WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 25 May 2020

Term 2 Week 7: 2020



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

This newsletter has been a LONG TIME coming and it is such a wonderful feeling connecting with you all again via this platform and based at school.

The reopening at Alert Level 3 has been relatively seamless and that is because of our community and how each of you have followed our new protocols or asked if you have been unsure.

Popping into each of the classrooms on day one it was so apparent that the children were so ready to be back at school as they were settled and engaged. Having children back in our classrooms has been so amazing and having the teachers doing what they do best; connecting, motivating and inspiring each learner makes everything around us disappear.

Our COMs Team have delivered the Flag Raising via digital platform into our classes and our Assembly Team will be doing the same. COVID-19 has taught us all a lot. It has taught us about what is IMPORTANT, what and how we should focus our time and resources.

We are all excited about how this will shape and change our school - we will keep you informed every step of the way and look out for an Online Learning Feedback Survey in your inboxes!
Ngā manaakitanga,

Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki

Welcome to School

As soon as the alert level has changed at school, we will organise a time to officially welcome these students:

Year 1- 2 Punga Team

Ferns Room

*Kamryn A, Elaine H, Casso K, RJ, Ruby L,
Meredith M, Aurora P, Janaya P, Ayden P,
Gurleen T, Caius T, Jake V,*

Collecting Children Process

Our process for collecting children during the school day for appointments has now changed.

If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please let us know in advance what time you will be coming on site.

Upon arrival at school please sign in and report to the school office. Our office staff will collect your child from the classroom.

Please allow plenty of time before your appointment in case your child is somewhere other than their usual class.

"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

Term Events

Term 2

Week Seven

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

SCHOOL UNDER ALERT LEVEL 2

If you DO NOT need to come onsite please stay off
If you HAVE to come onsite we need you to complete the CONTACT TRACING

Monday 25th

Board of Trustees Meeting: 5:30pm - Library

Week Eight

Tuesday 2nd June - Friday 5th June

Alert Level changes to be confirmed

Monday 1st June

Queens Birthday Holiday

SCHOOL CLOSED

Week Nine

Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June

Events TBC according to Alert Level status

Week Ten

Monday 15th June - Friday 19th June

Monday 15th - Tuesday 16th

Hub 1 @ Fundamentals: Stadium 2000

Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th

Tane Mahuta Hub @ Fundamentals: Stadium 2000

Week Eleven

Monday 22nd June - Thursday 25th June

Monday 22nd - Tuesday 23rd

Hub 4 @ Fundamentals: Stadium 2000

Wednesday 24th - Thursday 25th

Hub 2 @ Fundamentals: Stadium 2000

Friday 26th June

Teachers Only Day

SCHOOL CLOSED

Week Twelve

Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July

Monday 29th - Tuesday 30th

Hub 3 @ Fundamentals: Stadium 2000

Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd

Uenuku Hub @ Fundamentals: Stadium 2000

Friday 3rd July

Last Day of Term Two

Fundamentals Programme Update

We are so delighted to be working with the Stadium 2000 Fundamentals Team to be delivering a 'new' version of this amazing programme for 2020.

With some careful planning and ensuring that we are following Health and Safety protocols each Hub from Year 1-3 will be doing full days at the Stadium and our Year 5-6 students will be getting 3 days.

The whole programme will be run in the pool complex and these will be the activities covered;

- **Water Polo**
- **Snorkelling**
- **Underwater Hockey**
- **H2O Heart Start**
- **Learn to swim**
- **Water Safety**
- **Aquatic Team Building**

We will be sending out letters with further details so please ensure you have paid this part of the school activity fees as we continue to support this essential community resource for Marlborough.



BASKETBALL @ LEVEL 2

SKILL SESSIONS

45-minutes

4pm-4:45pm
5pm-5:45pm
6pm-6:45pm
7pm-7:45pm

9 players per group
Up to 3 groups running at once
\$5 per session

Registration Link:
<https://forms.gle/MRnukySj3WJGdQCG8>
(also found on website)

Reports and Interview Update

Before LOCKDOWN our teachers had prepared our 'new' style reports which have our Term 1 Curriculum Judgements for; Reading, Writing and Mathematics (this is where each child was at the end of the previous year - 2019) which gives a true indication of where each child starts the year. In turn, this will show true progress across the 2020 year.

Now, in the ideal world we would have Parent Teacher Interviews the following week (which were planned) to ensure understanding of these reports and how we can together support your child to reach their potential. This year these were postponed and we are unable to reschedule them until the start of Term Three - TBC.

All teachers and management thought it was important to get these out even though we are unable to meet straight away. These reports have targeted areas for the year (what we focus on to support each learner) and also what each child wanted to personally focus on to start the year.

Many of our learners have already moved on from the beginning of the year markers and are well on the way to making 'good' progress. If there was anything of concern then our teachers will contact you regarding next steps however outside of this our teachers are unable to meet until Alert Level 1.

It is important to remember that every child will progress at their OWN rate and it is vital that comparisons are not made between children as just like life there is diversity; everyone has strengths and weaknesses.

Within each curriculum area and level there are a multitude of steps/skills and capacities to master which will take you to the next. As students learn each step they need to consolidate and practice in order to master - this takes different amounts of time for each child.

We believe these reports should give you a snapshot of the beginning of the year and the steps we will take to continue the learning journey.

We will let our community know when we reschedule our Parent Teacher Interviews so that we can ensure that your child's progress is celebrated and that we navigate the next steps for their learning.

For now we are all focused on learner wellbeing so that they feel connected back at school - without this there is no learning.

Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

Charlie M, Emily G, Georgina T, Zene W,

Witherlea Student Wins Prizes

Before LOCKDOWN we wanted to celebrate Henry's achievement as a resident artist with his winning 'Giraffe' entry into the World Wildlife competition.

We are so proud of you Henry!



Highly commended

The following animals and entrants have been highly commended:

- Giraffe - Henry Morrow, aged 5, Witherlea School
- Jewelled Gecko - Elbe White, Auckland
- Kapapō - Emily Anderson, aged 10, Centennial School, Waitmate
- Linn - Carter Levy, aged 7, Beachlands School
- Penguin - Pippa Anderson, aged 10, Omarama School
- Red Panda - Ellen Riley, Alexandra Primary
- Rhino - Sam Hardy, Year 6, Glentunnel School
- Saola - Felix Kong
- Sea turtle - Gina Peng, Breen Intermediate
- Shark - Frankie Wong, aged 7, Queenstown Primary



Giraffe



Jewelled Gecko



Kakapō



Lion

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



Our beautiful Year 3-4 students at the Treehouse from Room 11, 12 and 17.



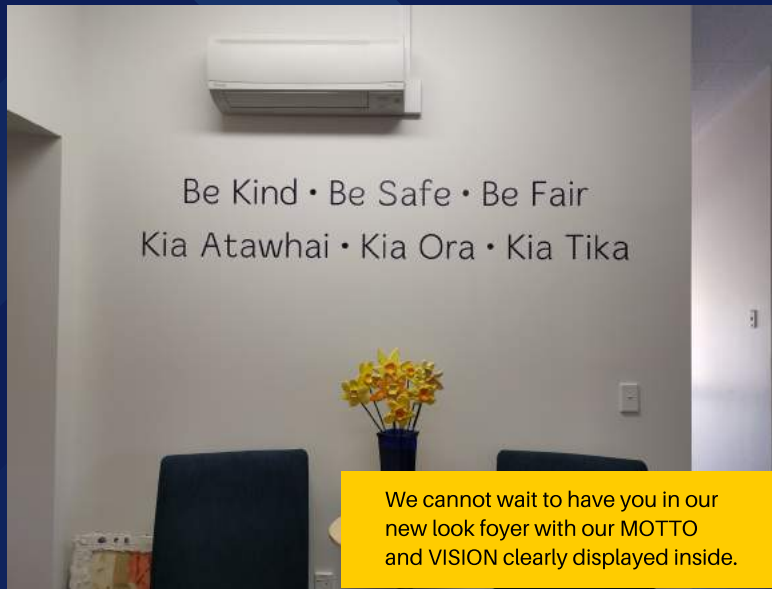
Mondrian chalk ART making our school look brighter from Room 20 students.



Mrs Nelson and Mrs Turbitt with all the devices packed up ready for delivery during LOCKDOWN.



Welcome back to our FERNS students some of whom were only at school for a week or two before LOCKDOWN so are starting school again.



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

We cannot wait to have you in our new look foyer with our MOTTO and VISION clearly displayed inside.

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