

WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 12th October 2020

Term 4 Week 1: 2020



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

Witherlea is open again for the final term of 2020 which has turned out to be a very interesting year for us all, professionally and personally.

We have our **Pillar; Celebrations** which takes achievement objectives directly from the Social Sciences Curriculum Area (old Social Studies) and it supports our broad integrated curriculum at Witherlea. Be sure to pop into the classrooms to see this in action.

Instead of finishing term four with our hugely successful '**Learning Showcase Day**' we will invite our community in to '**celebrate**' with us via our ;*Year 6 Final Assembly, Year 6 Leavers BBQ, COMs Team Sport and Service Assembly, and our End of Year Picnic* where every class will celebrate their year with a performance.

Staffing News

Mrs Phoebe Quirk and Mrs Jordan Schollum will be finishing at the end of Week 5 this term as they begin Maternity Leave, we wish them so much joy with their first children. Mrs Jane Walkenhorst (Room 8) and Ms Janine Sorenson (Room 4) will be taking the reins for the last five weeks of term.

We will also see Mr Phil Holmes back on a Friday in Room 20 and Mrs Penny Edwards on a Friday in Room 5. We welcome all these teachers who know Witherlea School either into our community or as part of our staff.

Term four is set to rock and will feature many events to enjoy together. All can be found on our Parent Calendar (SchoolApp and Website) as well as in each Newsletter.

We look forward to engaging with you at ALL and EVERY event.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Andrea Harnett - Tumuaiki

Welcome to Witherlea

We welcome our new students at our flag-raising on Monday mornings;

Year 1-2 Punga Team

Ferns Room

Koen A, Oliver M, Jessica R, Oisin S,

NZ Curriculum and Our Pillars

Social Sciences is one of the eight curriculum areas that we are legislated to teach in New Zealand. At Witherlea, this is taught in an integrated way via our termly inquiry units called - **Pillars**.

Integration is about ensuring students are; *reading, writing and numerating* wherever possible through these units (which are usually motivating, engaging and connect to the real world) while also linking other curriculum areas (*Te Reo - Languages, Science, Technology, Health and PE, The Arts*)

Social Sciences

Using a social inquiry approach students:

- *ask questions, gather information and background ideas and examine relevant current issues*
- *explore and analyse people's values and perspectives*
- *consider the ways in which people make decisions and participate in social action*
- *reflect on and evaluate the understandings they have developed and the responses that may be required*

Inquiry in the social sciences is also informed by approaches originating from such contributing disciplines as *history, geography, and economics*.

Please have a look at our website for the full Witherlea Curriculum Delivery Plan that outlines our local curriculum and the NZC.

"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

Term Events

Term 4

Week One

Monday 12th October - Friday 16th October

Tuesday 13th October
Marlborough Leaders Day (Year 6)

Friday 16th October
Marlborough Mountain Biking Competition

Week Two

Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October

Tuesday 20th October
Taiopenga Festival at MGC (details in letter)

Week Three

Monday 26th October

SCHOOL CLOSED: Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 27th October - Friday 30th October

Thursday 29th October
Whole School Athletics Day (**NB: NEW DATE**)

Sunday 1st November: Nominations Close for BOT

Week Four

Monday 2nd November

SCHOOL CLOSED: Marlborough Anniversary Holiday

Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 6th November
Friday 6th November
WSPCG Disco for Witherlea students
Details to come

Week Five

Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November
Annual School Book Fair - Library

Monday 9th November
November BOT Meeting: 5:30pm in the Library

Wednesday 11th November
Book Fair - Milo and Marshmallow 6-7pm

Friday 13th November
Diabetes NZ Day - Dress Up in Blue
(Gold coin donation)

Week Six

Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November

Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th November
Kowhai Safe Kids
Marlborough Athletics (Year 5-6 selected)

Friday 20th November
Teachers Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Week Seven

Monday 23rd November - Friday 27th November
No events at this stage

Week Eight

Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December

Wednesday 2nd December
Year 6 Leavers Assembly and BBQ

Friday 4th December
COMs Team Assembly
Service and Sport Awards for 2020

Week Nine

Monday 7th December - Friday 11th December
Pine Valley Year 4 Camps

Monday 7th December
December Board Meeting: 5:30pm (Library)

Wednesday 8th December
Year 3 EOTC Day @ Witherlea

Thursday 9th December
Year 5-6 Leadership Day @ Witherlea

Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for
completing their Early Words;

*Gus A, Quin C, Will D, Evie H, Antonio M, Meredith
M, Mia M, Gus M, Aurora P, Janaya P, Gurleen T,*



School Board of Trustees Election 2020

Nominations are open for the election of 3 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Sunday 1st November 2020.

You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on the 4th December 2020.

Signed

Raelene Gilchrist

Returning Officer

More Than Just GARDENS

We have been delighted this year to welcome Anthony Atyeo onto our Witherlea staff as Caretaker. From the moment we employed 'Ants' we knew he was different. He has managed to bring our school back to life and has planted over 800 bulbs and flowers which have now come to full bloom.

Anthony has also worked with groups of children utilising his extensive skills in construction and mathematics; he is the GeoCity **Honorable** .., he has created bridges with an EPro8 Team, created a usable shed for Kelly Ogilvy who runs our Edible Gardens Programme and worked extensively with our Enviro Team.

Many schools struggle to get and keep amazing people like Anthony and keep their property looking as good as Witherlea does. Our Operations Grant never takes into account; rising wages and/or costs associated with people - this is **WHY** fundraising is so vital for us.



Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair

SHOUT OUTS

**Congratulations to these students
for living our school MOTTO**

Hub 1: Ferns, Room 3 and 4
Deacon N, Blake B, Xaver H, Lily B

Hub 2: Room 6 and 7
Olivia W, Kelsey D

Hub 3: Room 11 and 12
Makenzie L-B, Marialucy T

Hub 4: Room 15, 16 and 17
Ella M, Stella C, Keira-Leigh W

Uenuku and Tane Mahuta Hubs
Our Kaitiaki - Guardians
Room 18, 19, 20, 8 and 9
*Fade M, Brooke B, Neve S,
Jai C, Pippa M*

Learning Showcase a Success



A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who turned up to our final day of term three to see our; *Kapa Haka groups, Choir, and Jump Jam groups.*

It was such a successful day for us all, children, adults, proud parents and grandparents. It was so great seeing the classrooms bulging and alive as adults were shown the learning from the term and all the hard work that leads to **PROGRESS** in learning.

Our **PILLAR** last term was; '**Discovery**' that connects directly to our Science Curriculum area. We focus on one main curriculum area per term which guides our inquiry and integrated unit.

We will be making our 'Learning Showcase Days' a regular event in term one, two and three with term four focused on 'Celebrations' which will end with many key events where the community will be invited in again to share in the learning and **PROGRESS** of our amazing students at Witherlea.

WSPCG DISCO

(Details to come)

06/11

Friday 6th Nov
Witherlea School Hall



Sports Update

All summer sport has been organised and we thank every teacher and parent that has put their hand up to coach or manage to ensure our kids get to participate in our summer sports.

Please support all the coaches for this season and comply with the Witherlea 'Code of Conduct' for sport - this can be found on the Sports Hub.

3 x 3 Basketball

See the details on the Flyer

Witherlea Summer Teams

All players, coaches and managers have been contacted about the start of the season for;
tennis, touch and volleyball

Marlborough Basketball Association

3x3 Summer League

Tuesday nights – 6 weeks

13th October – 17th November

Year 5 & 6 4-5pm

Year 7 & 8 5-6pm

College/Seniors 6-7pm

\$5PP (PAID IN ADVANCE, OR CASH ON NIGHT) – NO PAY, NO PLAY
TEAMS MADE ON NIGHT

FIRST IN FIRST SERVED (LIMITED TO 60 PLAYERS PER AGE GROUP)

OUTDOOR COURTS

NO SIGN UPS REQUIRED, JUST TURN UP ON THE NIGHT

PRIZES GIVEN OUT EACH WEEK FOR WINNERS



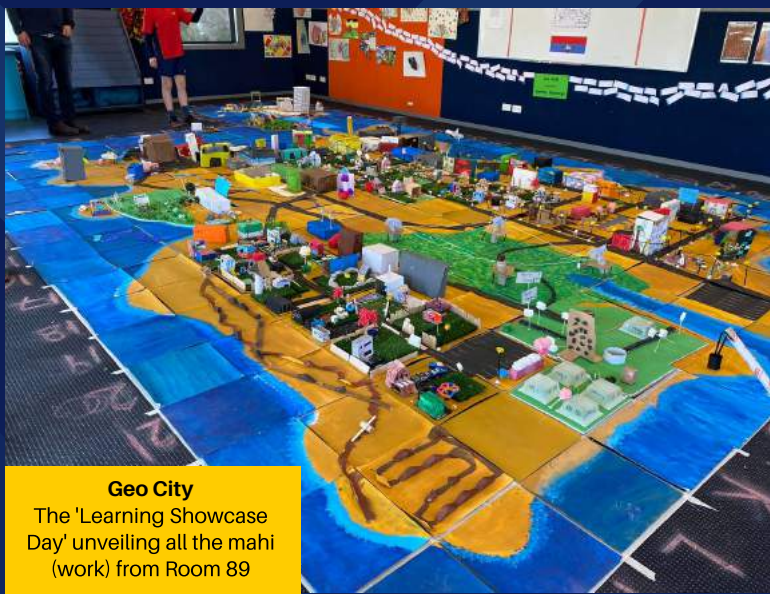
Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair Kia Atawhai, Kia Ora, Kia Tika



Term 3: Learning Showcase Day
The school and community turned out for a beautiful day of performances and a celebration of our learning and PROGRESS for the term. See the Tuakana Boys above performing the Haka.



Year 5-6 Boys Basketball
"We missed out on the win this morning! But it was a great game and Dom got MVP in our grade! That was exciting!"



Geo City
The 'Learning Showcase Day' unveiling all the mahi (work) from Room 89



TRU Rippa Rugby
This epic sporting event finally went ahead last week of term; A Team finished 6th and the B Team finished 3rd.

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