

WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 23rd November 2020

Term 4 Week 7: 2020



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

It is hard to believe we are already in Week 7 of our final term. This year has been interesting on so many levels with LOCKDOWN in term one, bubbles and Online Learning in term two, events on and off in term three and our unwavering community who have sent their children to school every day with smiles on their faces and ready to learn.

We decided as a school and as a Board that the focus this year would be on PROGRESS. We wanted to measure our children in terms of 'where they started the year' and the progress they have made as individuals. Just like your own children are different, everyone of our learners is different too. They have strengths and weaknesses and their progress across areas or even within areas can be so different. We are proud of the mahi (work) that has been put into; behaviour, learning to learn and of course their progress and achievement. You will see this when you receive the End of Year Formal reports for our Year 2-6 students, in week 10.

We have many events coming up on the calendar so please make sure you know where to find it; on the website or in the School App. We do endeavour to communicate via many platforms; email, newsletter, Seesaw, School App and Website but if you have any queries our wonderful admin staff are always at the front desk ready to help.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki

School Organisation for 2021

It takes time to organise a school of this size and a number of things impact on this organisation; number of students enrolled and due to enrol which sets the staffing for the coming year, the number of students in each cohort or each year which impacts number of classes in teams and staff who are leaving and coming. We have had interviews this term for two fixed term teachers and are delighted with the number and calibre of applicants. Joining us for 2021 will be Harriet Mackle in Year 1 and Angela Ives in Year 3-4.

Punga Team; New Entrant-Year 1

Ferns Room

Angela Clark
and

Sue Holmes/Amy Lucas

Room 4

Harriet Mackle

Room 5

Dan Stephens

Punga Team; Year 2-3

Room 11

Larrissa Robertson

Room 12

Catherine Stringer

Room 13

Richelle Henderson

Kowhai Team; Year 3-5

Room 15

Maree Herdman

Room 16

Naomi Anderson

Room 17

Hazel Halton

Room 18

Angela Ives

Kauri Team; Year 5-6

Room 6

Ariana McIntyre

Room 7

Kelsie Brown

Room 8

Matt Robertson

Room 9

PJ Muir

"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

Term Events

Term 4

Week Seven

Monday 23rd November - Friday 27th November

Tuesday 24th November

Marlborough Athletics (Year 5-6 selected)

Week Eight

Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December

Wednesday 2nd December

Year 6 Leavers Assembly and BBQ

Week Nine

Monday 7th December - Friday 11th December

Pine Valley Year 4 Camps

Monday 7th December

December Board Meeting: 5:30pm (Library)

Wednesday 9th December

Year 3 EOTC Day @ Witherlea

Thursday 10th December

Year 5-6 Leadership Day @ Witherlea

Friday 11th December

COMs Team Assembly

Service and Sport Awards for 2020

Week Ten

Monday December 14th - Friday 18th December

Last week for 2020

Monday 14th December

2020 School Reports go home - Year 2-6

Tuesday 15th December

End of Year Picnic and Concert

Wednesday 16th December

Class Swap - 2021 Transition Day

Friday 18th December

School Closes @ 12pm for 2020 (Last day for the year)

Library Book HELP

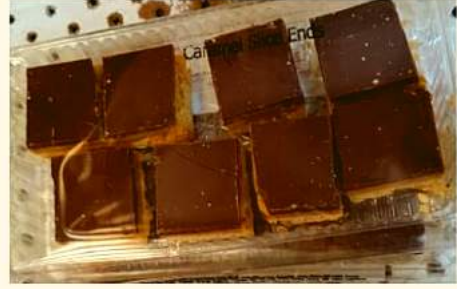
Just before LOCKDOWN the teachers issued as many of our library books as possible to support the children at home. Some of these books have been issued without a name.

Currently we are missing many of our treasured Library Books so we are asking all our families and whānau to check at home by looking in the cover or on the spine of the book for Witherlea School.

Please bring these books to the office and pop them in the bin provided.

Thank you so much for your support with this.

The Great Witherlea Slice Sale!



Thanks to the amazing generosity of the team at Four Square Picton, we have a pallet load of chocolate and ginger slices to sell as a fundraiser for Witherlea School!

Slices will be on sale after school
Wednesday 18th November to
Wednesday 25th November
\$4 per slice (cash only)

If you can help us with our sales to friends and family or can do a shift at the school gate, please contact Tash at wspcg@witherlea.school.nz



Let's Go!

OSCARS Summer Holiday Programme

- Pine Valley
- Bunnings DIY
- Brayshaw Park
- Arts & Crafts
- Water Games
- Baking
- Games
- Pools



Pre Christmas Dates:

Woodbourne (age 5 - 13, 7:15 am - 5:30 pm)

14th - 23rd Dec

Redwoodtown (age 5 - 13, 8 am - 5:30 pm)

21st - 23rd Dec

Blenheim (age 5 - 9, 8 am - 5:30 pm)

21st - 23rd Dec



January 2021 Dates:

Woodbourne (age 5 - 13, 7:15 am - 5:30 pm)

6th Jan - 5th Feb

Redwoodtown (age 5 - 13, 8 am - 5:30 pm)

6th Jan - 5th Feb

Blenheim (age 5 - 9, 8 am - 5:30 pm)

6th Jan - 5th Feb

For more information contact
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<https://www.breadoflife.org.nz/>

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair

Term 4 WINNERS

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

Punga; Year 1-2

Hub 1

Gus M, Charlotte G, Lexi R

Hub 2

Beau F

Kowhai; Year 3-4

Hub 3

Lily D, Harry D

Hub 4

Ryley M, Elias T, Grace M

Kauri; Year 5-6

Tane Mahuta and Uenuku

Leilani M, Eva K, Ash M

Early Words Programme

**Congratulations to these students for
completing their Early Words;**

Kamryn A, Sam C

Be Kind Be Fair Be Fair Term 3 Winners

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



World Diabetes Day

What an amazing day last Friday with the whole school turning out in their BLUE to support our last charity for the year - Diabetes. This is very close to our hearts with children in our school, children who have left and within our community who have diabetes and benefit from the continued research, education and support needed as this is a huge impact on their lives and lives of their families and whānau.

Thanks for the generosity again from you all. As a school we raised \$572 to send to Diabetes Marlborough.



2020 BOT Elections

Just a reminder to the community regarding our Board Elections. There is a box in reception to put all voting papers and the final day for voting is 4pm on Friday 4th December.

2020 Book Fair a RECORD

The children at Witherlea School LOVE to read and the support from the families and whānau is outstanding. The annual Scholastic Book Fair held in our Library each year generates new books for the school with a commission on all stock sold. This year was another record with \$9144 worth of books and accessories sold. THANK YOU to everyone who supported this event.

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair

Kia Atawhai, Kia Ora, Kia Tika



World Diabetes Day

Another great response from our community who raised \$572 for 'World Diabetes Day' in recognition of our students and the families affected by this illness.



Celebrating our Diverse Cultures

Two stunning girls from Fiji and India both of Indian descent teaching us about their unique culture. Their parents also came in to explain their culture more deeply.



Enviro Team Presentation

Our Enviro Team - 'Green Ninjas' presented to the staff last week with vision for the school grounds on their quest to make Witherlea a completely sustainable school. Remarkable, hardworking students who have been guided by Anna Crowe from EnviroSchools (funded by the council).



Our Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair Role Models

These four amazing children loved their lunch out with the principal as a reward for their behaviour in our playground and classrooms. Next draw will be in two weeks.

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