

# WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 11th November 2019

Term 4 Week 5: 2019



## Principal's Message

**Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,**

Firstly, thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have been in the school with sausage sizzle, Book Fair and those who have been on camp and are yet to go. We couldn't do any of these amazing things without you.

Across all school in Marlborough and New Zealand, planning for 2020 is well underway; budgets, classes, teachers, school organisation, review of programmes and events, all take place in Term 4 so that decisions can be made for the following year.

We have an IMPORTANT survey that we need every family to fill in regarding our extra curricula programmes we run. We need to know how valued and supported they are so that we can plan, book and organise, if they are to go ahead in 2020. Paper copies will be in the office. We ask that only ONE per family is filled in.

We will be busy during our Teachers Only Day next Monday 18th November working together to create our 2020 classes, learning about the priorities for 2020 with the new curriculum, having time to plan together with the new formations of teachers and making sure that the teachers have space to review, refresh and redesign our events so that our students learning is relevant and engaging.

We have been spending many hours looking deeply into Mathematics which is part of our Local Curriculum Design using our new VISION and Aspirations. We have been looking at Assessment and Reporting which is affected by our new approaches and how we can show this clearly to students, parents and the Board. We will be seeking parents who are interested in discussing the current reporting and what they believe is important so that we can reflect this. We will put out dates and times for this in the coming weeks.

We thank you in advance for all you do, your smiling faces around the school and the trust you have in us so that we can make the best decisions for our school moving into the future.

**Ngā manaakitanga,**

**Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki**

## Welcome to School

Certificates handed out at Assembly 12:30pm Fridays

**Year 0-2 Punga Team**  
**Ferns Room**  
*Arnica A, Amelia C*

## PROPERTY UPDATE

The Scaffolding has been taken down outside the Boiler Room however this is still a NO GO Zone while Scotts lay the new floor down.

Classes 3-5 and 6-7 have had the initial construction phase completed which is the new air conditioning units, cabling and the 'new' fire alarms.

## CLASSROOM MOVEMENT UPDATE

Our Ferns Room upgrade is taking longer than expected and they will be in Room 21 for the remainder of Term 4 with the exception of Week 6 when they will be in the Library.

- Room 11 +12 should be back in their classes on Tuesday 19 November - Week 6.
- Room 20 will be working in with Room 18 and 19 during Week 6.
- Room 8-9 will be in the Library in Week 8
- Room 18-19 will be operating out of Room 10 during Week 9-10.
- Room 15 and 16 will be operating out of the Library during Week 9-10.
- Room 17 will be in Room 13 during Week 9-10

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

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

# Term Events

## Term Four

### Week 5

**Tuesday 12th November - Friday 15th November**  
Year 5 Mistletoe Bay Camp: Room 18 + 20

### Week 6

**Monday 18th November**  
**Term 4 Teachers Only Day: School CLOSED**

**Thursday 21st November**  
'Coffee with the Principal': 8:30am

**Friday 22nd November**  
12.30pm Assembly: Hub 1 & 2

### Week 7

**Monday 25th November - Friday 29th November**  
Year 4 Pine Valley Camp: Rooms 15 & 17

**Thursday 30th November**  
**Last 'Coffee with the Principal': 8:30am**

### Week 8

**Tuesday 3rd December - Wednesday 4th December**  
School Production

**Friday 6th December**  
Certificate Assembly  
Sports and Service Awards: Summer

### Week 9

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

**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

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

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

## 2020 School Year

### 2020 School Dates

**First Day of School:** Wednesday 29th January  
**Waitangi Holiday:** Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February

### Term One

Wednesday 29th January - Thursday 9th April

### Term Two

Tuesday 28th April - Friday 3rd July

### Term Three

Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

### Term Four

Monday 12th October - TBC

### Possible Teacher Only Days 2020: TBC

The Ministry has given schools/teachers 8 teacher only days that need to be used in the next 2.5 years to address workload. Marlborough schools are trying to coordinate these together. These are the possible dates below;

**Term One:** Friday 20th March

**Term Two:** Friday 29th May (Confirmed across Marlborough)

**Term Three:** Friday 4th September

**Term Four:** Friday 20th November

## Donation Update Notice

There is a lot of confusion in the news presently regarding the donations that schools can opt into. Unfortunately it is not all schools; they deem Decile 9-10 schools able to collect donations from their parents/community therefore we do not qualify for the option from the government. We also miss out on Decile 1-4 funding and in many cases do not qualify for centrally or nationally funded professional learning and development from the Ministry because we are Decile 9.

2020 we will still ask our community to support us via the \$105 donation from each child which goes towards; funding teacher aides across the school, running our school pool in Term 1 and 4, property upgrades, professional learning and development for our teachers and anything that the Ministry funding falls short with (can vary year to year). We could not keep our school running without your support. While the donation is just that; a donation - please know that we rely on this in so many ways.

Please take the time to fill in our Community Consultation Survey for decisions regarding the 2020 school year. We need information from every family regarding the extra programmes our outtised providers deliver; Fundamentals, Swim Week and Camps. All families with email addresses have been sent a link, the LINK has been added to School App and we have paper copies available too.

Witherlea School Drama Club's production of...

## THEY EAT SUNSHINE, NOT ZEBRAS



Tuesday 3rd December 2 - 3pm

Thursday 4th December 3.30 - 4.30pm

~ Gold Coin Donation ~ Witherlea School Hall ~



# Merit Certificate Awards

At our last assembly, Certificates of Merit were awarded to:

## Kavan B

*The high quality writing you are producing - ka pai tau mahi!*

## Lincoln F

*Personal Best work in Maths! Great number ID to 100. FNWS and BNWS to 20. Numbers before and after to 20.*

## Leonard H

*Leonard you are an enthusiastic learner who is committed to doing your best. You take responsibility for your learning and have made amazing progress in all learning areas. Keep up the mahi you are putting in!*

## Alexander H

*Making amazing progress in all areas. You are soaking up all information and challenging yourself to succeed in your learning. Kia Maia, Stand Proud!*

## Roman H-T

*being a kind and caring student and for always having a go at new things.*

## Emily H

*Being an excellent role model in class and for putting A1 effort into writing!*

## Madison J

*Not once but twice last week your kind and caring heart shone through. You are a selfless and thoughtful young lady. You showed all of the values of a Witherlea School learner and we are so proud of you.*

## Jess K

*Your exceptional service to our class and school and the kindness you show others.*

## Finn M

*Making a huge effort to focus on your learning and showing perseverance with challenging tasks. Keep up the fabulous work.*

## Jack M

*Making great progress in Maths and for always having a positive attitude*

## Terry M

*It is fantastic to see the BIG steps you are making with your learning, especially Maths, and you should feel very proud. Keep aiming high Terry.*

## Kate M

*Kate you consistently put 100% effort into everything you do. When things get tricky you persevere, show courage and try again. You have a great growth mindset. Tino pai Kate.*

## Natalie P

*Amazing management skills! Natalie you stay on task always getting your work completed. You are an active worker when working in a group, you quickly settle to work and are always organised for school. Wow Natalie, you are a great role model in Room 11.*

## Morgan S

*The incredible mindset and questioning skills you bring to all of your mahi!*

## Shanya T

*Independently writing and submitting a story to Toitoti - Young Writers Journal!*

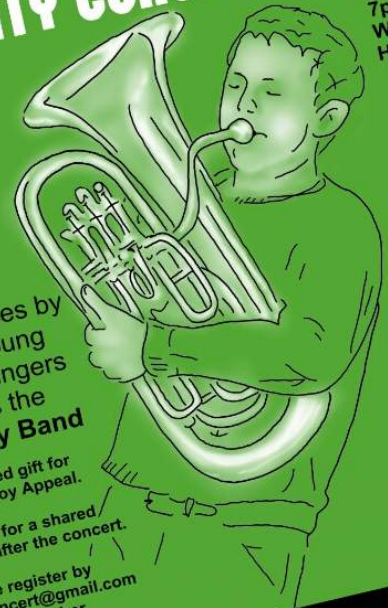
## Joey W

*Always giving his best in every area...with a smile! Incredible spelling and writing this week!*

# Tempo! CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA CHARITY CONCERT

FRIDAY  
22 November

7pm at the  
Wesley Centre  
Henry Street



Enjoy performances by Marlborough's young musicians and singers including guests the Salvation Army Band

Entry: New, unwrapped gift for the Salvation Army Toy Appeal.

Please bring a plate for a shared Christmas Supper after the concert.

Performers, please register by emailing tempoconcert@gmail.com by Wednesday 20 November

Tempo!

Today's Emerging Musicians Performing Onstage

2019 Season

Tuia 250 is the celebration across NZ of the Endeavour and Cook. Here is what is on for the family...

## Tuia 250 Events

[www.totaranui250.co.nz](http://www.totaranui250.co.nz)

Thursday  
Nov 21

### PŌWHIRI MERETOTO/SHIP COVE

Cultural welcome to the Tuia 250 flotilla led by tangata whenua iwi. Reserve closed.

Friday  
Nov 22

### WELCOME TO TUIA FLOTILLA

From 10am be part of Marlborough's biggest ever welcome, as the flotilla arrives into Picton. Kapa haka and other community groups will join the Mayor in greeting the crews from Tahiti, Aotearoa and Australia. At night, stroll along the foreshore to see a mesmerising 3D animation and light installation, sponsored by Interislander.

Saturday  
Nov 23

### MEET, EXPLORE, EAT LIVE MUSIC & LIGHT INSTALLATION

**10am-4pm:** Explore the flotilla vessels, meet the crew. Experience the wonders of the Tuia Mātauranga Roadshow, visit a star navigation dome, learn about conservation activities.

**3pm-8pm:** Discover the Kete Kai Street Market, featuring food from a diverse range of cultures along with Māori crafts and performers.

**10am-8pm:** All day entertainment.

**8pm - late:** Light Installation thanks to Interislander and Fly My Pretties FREE CONCERT, Picton Foreshore.

FLOTILLA  
OPEN DAY

Sunday  
Nov 24

### DUAL HERITAGE SHARED FUTURE

**10am-4pm:** Explore each of the five flotilla vessels and meet the crews. Learn about migration, conservation, sail & rope handling, the lunar calendar, using a star compass, discover the fascinating Tuia Mātauranga Roadshow and visit a portable planetarium. Bring a picnic and stay all day.

FLOTILLA  
OPEN DAY

## Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

Alex I, Logan W



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



All pictures feature our Year 5 students who went to Mistletoe Bay last week on their CAMP. An amazing experience!



**Caythorpe**  
FAMILY ESTATE



**MARLBOROUGH  
ACADEMY OF DANCE**

Marlborough Academy of Dance  
Proudly Presents the Caythorpe Family Estate Season of...

**MISSION: POSSIBLE  
QUEST FOR THE KEY**

**NOVEMBER  
16TH & 17TH  
ASB THEATRE  
MARLBOROUGH**

AN ORIGINAL  
TALE TOLD IN  
MUSIC AND  
DANCE



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