

WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 8 June 2020

Term 2 Week 9: 2020



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

We seem to be heading back to a new normal as the county shifts to Alert Level One and schools all over New Zealand take stock of what is truly important (learning) and how we can take what we have learned during LOCKDOWN and make a difference for our learners back at school. Here are a few key ideas to focus on;

- *students managing themselves - 'Student Agency' (driving their own learning)*
- *digital fluency levels of students and teachers (skills and capacities that are missing/lacking and what is important)*
- *screen time and use of technology*
- *3 factors to effective and efficient teaching which will enhance ALL learning - face to face and online (digital): "scaffolding, differentiation and feedback"*

In the next few weeks and months we will be rolling out 'Seesaw' across all classrooms and Hubs so that we have one consistent and cohesive platform - parents and caregivers will sign up when their children enter in the Ferns Room and this will carry through to every classroom during their journey.

We have been lucky enough to have started our Digital Fluency PLD journey due to COVID-19 and ALL teachers have been learning and applying this in their classrooms starting with 'G Suite - Google Apps for Education'. We have all been working very hard from the start of LOCKDOWN, right through the holidays and as school opened its gates again and into this term which is why we will be having our **'Teachers Only Day' in Week 11 on Friday 26th June**. This will give All our hard working teachers a chance to stop, reflect, plan and organise for Term 3.

We thank you for your support with this as we aspire to *'Empower ALL our learners to REACH their potential.'*

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

Deacon N, Jack T

COVID-19 UPDATE

As we move into Level 1 school will start to look as it used to with a few key changes to 'how we do things' - we are looking at making a few changes because of what we have learned from our COVID-19 experiences. It is a chance to really embrace what education could really look like.

It will be wonderful to connect with our parents and caregivers again however we will still ask that children do not come to school before 8:30am as classrooms open at this time, not earlier. The 'Contact Tracing App' is a great way to track where you are/have been or continue to use the SchoolApp 'Check In' - it's your choice.

Following the Prime Ministers announcement regarding Alert level 1 we wish to invite you ALL to our first 'Flag Raising': TBC on one of our mornings. This is going to become a really important event at the start of our week. We will present our *'welcome to school'* certificates to our new children and their whanau. You are most welcome to join us in our Hall on a Monday morning during Terms 2-3 (to avoid the wet/cold weather) and outdoors during Term 4 and 1 (top court).

We have our COMs Team running this and we kick start the week with waiata and culture in the spotlight.

"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

Term Events

Term 2

Week Nine

Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June

*Flag Raising: TBC - 8:55am in our Hall
Welcoming our NEW students to school*

Week Ten

Monday 15th June - Friday 19th June

"Sport begins across the region this week"

*Restarting: Choir (Tuesday 2pm-3pm)
Kapa Haka (Monday 2pm-3pm)*

Monday 15th - Tuesday 16th June

Hub 1 @ Fundamentals: Stadium 2000

Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th June

Tane Mahuta Hub @ Fundamentals: Stadium 2000

Friday 19th June

Uenuku Hub 'Digital' Assembly - available ONLINE

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

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Uenuku Hub @ Swim Week: Stadium 2000

Tuesday 30th June

Matariki Morning - 7.30am

Friday 3rd June

School Singing and Waiata Assembly

Friday 3rd July

Last Day of Term Two

Term 3

Week One

Monday 20th June - Friday 24th July

Flag Raising: Monday morning 8:55am - Hall
Welcome back to Term 3 - Coffee Cart from 8:20am

Term 3 Events

Parent Teacher Interviews

Cross Country

Swim Weeks

School Photos

Year 5-6 Camps

Tane Mahuta: Teapot Valley

Uenuku: Bridge Valley

New 'Digital' Assemblies: alternate Friday's

Omaka Marae Visits

TRU Ripa Rugby Tournament (Year 5-6)

Teachers Only Day: Friday 4th September

Fundamentals and Swim Week

Some letters were sent out last week with \$20 on it - this was an error as Fundamentals with the buses is a \$25 programme. Apologies for this.

The other change/error is that Uenuku Hub: Room 18 and 19 will be having their scheduled Swim Week in Week 12 from Monday to Friday rather than the advertised Fundies.

Uenuku: Room 18 and 19 and Hub 3: Room 11 and 12 will have their Fundamentals in Week 5 of Term 3 now.

All other Hubs/Teams will have their Swim Week in Term 3 as scheduled earlier in the year. This extra programme is \$35 per student and gives them 5 lessons from expert swim coaches across the week.

EOTC: Camps

The Ministry has informed us this week that ALL trips and camps planned can go ahead for 2020. This means our two Year 5-6 groups will be heading to *Bridge Valley and Teapot Valley* next term in Nelson. Matt Robertson and Ariana McIntyre, our Hub Leaders have/will send letters home. You are most welcome to set up automatic payments for this \$230 camp now to ensure it is paid by the due date.

Pine Valley will also go ahead for our Year 4 students in Term Four.

We are planning on taking our Year 5-6 cohort of students to Mistletoe Bay in 2021 as an alternate venue and experience for our Year 5-6 students. This will ensure they get the diversity of experiences in these two distinctly different areas and we use our local environments.

Winter Sport is BACK!

We have sports teams finalised and ready to go in these codes; Basketball, Hockey and Netball

Basketball

Skills sessions: 45 mins \$5 per session. Registration:

<https://forms.gle/MRnukySj3WJGdQCG8>

Hockey

Year 5-6 teams start on Tuesday 16th June at the Turf.

Year 3-4 teams start on Monday 15th June

Funsticks (Year 1-2) start on Saturday 20th June

Netball

Year 3-4 teams start on Friday 19th June at Lansdowne Park

Year 5-6 teams start on Saturday 20th June at Lansdowne Park.

NETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2020



Date: 9 July 2020

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Where: Lansdowne park (Netball Courts)

Cost: \$20 per player incl. lunch

Marlborough netball is partnering up with Oscar to give your child an unforgettable holiday experience. The day will be filled with fun activities e.g. Netball Skills, Team building Games, Bouncy Castles and Zumba (Dance Fitness). Include all age groups.

To Register: [Click Here](#) or go to www.marlboroughnetballcentre.org.nz

HYNDS

PAK'n SAVE

bed bath & beyond

Williams

countdown

Kapa Haka Support

As the alert levels change we begin to start up our performance groups again. We wish to invite parents and caregivers who have a skill in guitar, Te Reo or Kapa Haka to come and support us with our 'new look' Kapa Haka which will be on Monday afternoons 2pm-2:55pm. We have a team of staff members ready to go and Whaea Merehira to offer expertise but it would be wonderful to connect with our parents and caregivers too. Please email; office@witherlea.school.nz if you are willing and able.

Winter Planting

Thanks to our AMAZING new Caretaker we have over 800 new plants in the ground around the school. These include;

- 534 preennials
- 200 bulbs
- 17 grasses
- 8 roses
- 12 miscellaneous

You will also notice the beautiful garden with our own Witherlea book and our VISION; 'Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky' on it. Mr Atyeo has been working tirelessly getting the school looking beautiful. We are so lucky to have him and his passion for our school.

See the photos in the montage below.

Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

Zene W, Xaver H

Lennox Crowe Video Award

Witherlea was very impressed with the work of the Crowe family during LOCKDOWN and the winning article; see the [Stuff Article](#) here and the video.

Take a look at this amazing ex-Witherlea student, Lennox who is certainly making his mark in the world.

We currently have James Crowe, his little brother in Year 6 and part of our COMs Team, his father Peter Crowe on our board and his mother Anna Crowe who works as our EnviroSchools facilitator supporting science, sustainability and Maori perspectives.

A huge thanks to ALL the Crowe family and what they bring to our community.

Matariki Hui and Hikoi

Tuesday 30th June: 7:30am

We would like to formally invite our community to our celebration of Matariki: Maori New Year. This is our annual event with a difference. Last year we decided to walk (hikoi) up to the Tea House and we would like to continue this going forward. Once up there we will have a karakia (blessing) and we will sing together (waiata), then return for our Milo and Marshmallows.

Here is a timetable for the morning;

- School community gathers on top court at 7.30am
- Welcome and Staff Waiata
- COMS Team Matariki and Instructions
- Kapa Haka perform a Waiata
- Hikoi up to the Tea House: Karakia/Waiata together
- Hikoi back down to the Hall and enjoy; Milo, marshmallows and scones (prepared by our staff)

Please: BYO cup for Milo's: this is part of our EnviroSchools Philosophy (Sustainability)

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair

Kia Atawhai, Kia Ora, Kia Tika



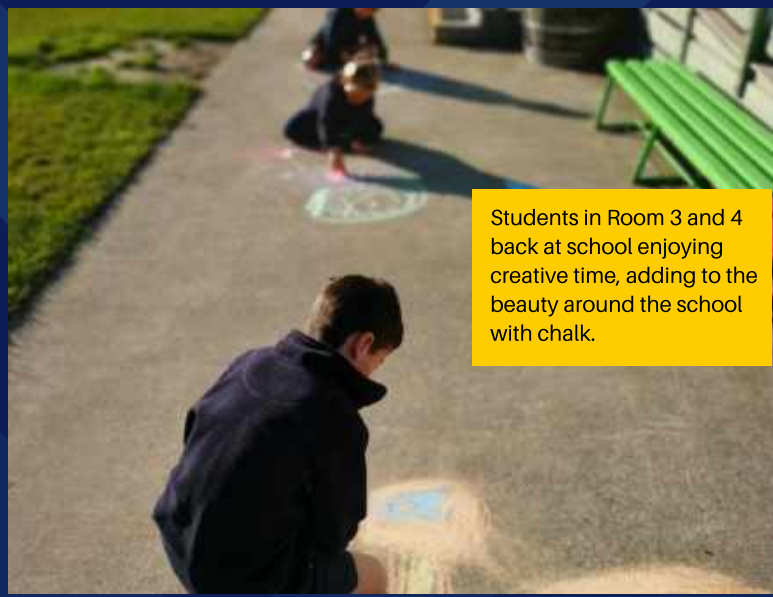
One point perspective geometric art in our Library thanks to Room 18 and 19.



Our 'new' Ms Henderson in Room 6 captivating her learners with Fairy Tales. We are so lucky to have amazing teachers at Witherlea.



Mr Atyeo's beautiful creation at the front gate using flowers and his building skills.



Students in Room 3 and 4 back at school enjoying creative time, adding to the beauty around the school with chalk.



Our new school Korowhai (cloak for our Kaea) which will hang in the foyer with our chosen Karakia.

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