

WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 27th October 2020

Term 4 Week 3: 2020



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

Last week was epic with 230+ students and staff participating in Taiopenga. Taiopenga is a Marlborough celebration of Maori identity, language and culture through the vehicle of Kapa Haka.

Our group was split into *Tuakana - Year 4-6* and *Teina - Year 1-3*. The whole school supported the Kapa Haka Team with the addition of our amazing parents; **Tash Stewart** (*single handedly sewed all the uniforms*), **Marion Terpstra** (*learned all the songs and played the guitar at all practices and performances*). Without this support we could never have achieved the amazing performances and results we did, this year.

We have further plans in 2021 to develop our Te Ao Programme and Kapa Haka so that our students can learn and develop key skills and confidence as New Zealand citizens. We are very proud of the way our school recognises, celebrates and continually grows in the Te Ao space.

We have a big couple of **SHORT** weeks with Whole School Athletics this Thursday, Year 4 Pool Trip next Thursday and the WSPCG Annual Disco next Friday night (see the Flyer for details).

The Term 3 **'Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair'** winners; *Kade N, Sophie P, Joshua A and Ella B* will join Ms Harnett for lunch on **Friday 30th October**. Each fortnight we recognise students across the school for living our motto and modelling this to other students around them.

Every student is on their own learning journey both academically and behaviourally - we create an environment at Witherlea which supports the growth and development of both aspects for every child. We are proud of all our learners as they make progress towards their own goals to reach their potential.

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

Leo S

Room 6

Ezra W

Whole School Athletics

The students have been training this term and last for our Athletics Day. It looks as though the weather will be kind to us and we would love for you to join us, grab a coffee from the 'Coffee Cart' and watch your children as they use their skills to; jump, run, and throw.

This will be our second year as a whole school. Please see the timetable below to see when/what your children will be doing.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9.15-9.45	High Jump	LJ/NR	Quoits	Sprints	Shot Put	Distance Throw
9.45-10.15	Distance Throw	High Jump	LJ/NR	Discus	Sprints	Shot put
10.15-10.45	Bean Bag Throw	Distance Throw	High Jump	LJ/NR	Discus	Sprints
10.45-11.05 Morning Tea						
11.05-11.35	Sprints	Bean Bag Throw	Distance Throw	High Jump	LJ/NR	Discus
11.35-12.05	Quoits	Sprints	Shot put	Distance Throw	High Jump	LJ/NR
12.05-12.35	LJ/NR	Quoits	Sprints	Shot Put	Distance Throw	High Jump
12.35-1.25 Lunch						
1.30	Meet on top courts, Sprint Finalists announced Finals raced Class v Class relays					

LJ- Long Jump, NR- Novelty Relay

"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

Term Events

Term 4

Week Three

Monday 26th October

SCHOOL CLOSED: Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 27th October - Friday 30th October

Thursday 29th October
Whole School Athletics Day

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

Kowhai Assembly 12:30pm in the Hall
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

Friday 27th November

Punga Assembly 12:30pm in the Hall

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

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)



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

2020 Marlborough Science Celebration

Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to the following students who gained recognition:

Gold AWARD

James C: *Carbon Cycle & Climate Change!*

Highly Commended AWARD

Bella S: *'Can I change the colour of a plant?'*

Ben L & George G: *'German Flying Bombs'*

James P: *'Bike Generator'*

Josephine W & Jess K: *'Apple Oxidation'*

Meg H & Cynthia J: *'Engines'*



Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair

Term 3 WINNERS

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

Going to LUNCH with the Principal

Kade N
Joshua A
Ella B
Sophie P

Early Words Programme

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

*Robert B R, Bria C, Connor F,
Evalyn H, Jed R*



Years 0-2 - 5.15pm-6.45pm

Years 3-6 - 7.00pm-8.30pm

Tickets \$3

ONLY on sale outside the office

Wednesday 28th October to Wednesday 4th November 3.00pm-3.15pm

No tickets will be available after the 4th November

Important Information

THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN IS OUR PRIORITY - PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THIS INFORMATION

- Please ensure your children are aware of who is collecting them
- Only collect YOUR children unless arranged with the other parents/caregivers
- NO child will be released to walk home alone, regardless of how close they live
- Current Witherlea School Pupils ONLY
- Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend - no charge
- If you have children attending both discos, please ensure you collect your Junior children **before** queuing to sign in your older children
- Senior children will not be permitted into the hall until all Juniors are accounted for
- Children should bring their own, clearly named water bottle

Items for Purchase

We have a range of exciting Glow Products, Food and Drinks available for children to purchase from \$1-\$4.

Helpers Needed

For this event to go ahead we need lots of helpers! If you are able to lend a hand please contact Kylie on 021 147 7043 or email wspcg@witherlea.school.nz

Summer Football

JUNIOR SCHOOL LEAGUE (5 a-side) - Wednesdays

Starts: Wednesday 11th Nov

Finishes: Wednesday 16th Dec (6 weeks)

Held at A&P Park;

4.30pm - 5.00pm: 5-6 year olds

5.30pm - 6.00pm: 9-10 year olds

If your child is interested please contact Lars Hamann on lars-hamann@gmx.net or on 0211 903 136

DRUM LESSONS

TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW FOR 2021

For Witherlea School students ages 7+

To register or for more information, please contact:

Aimee Moore - Drum Tutor

Ph/Txt: 027 696 5662

Email: aimeemooredrums@hotmail.com

Facebook: @aimeemooredrums

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/drumstix-drum-lessons>



Kids after school art club for 8 to 13 year olds
with local artist & tutor Paula Kerslake



TERM 4

ART ADVENTURES

ABSTRACT ART

MONDAYS 9 / 16 / 23 November
3.30pm to 5.00pm

Early bird fee \$76 if you register before 2 November (class fee \$93)

ARTY SCULPTURE

WEDNESDAYS 11 / 18 / 25 November
3.30pm to 5.00pm

Early bird fee \$79 if you register before 2 November (class fee \$96)

Over the 3 weeks we will create cool artworks, share ideas & have fun.

All art materials provided.

Bookings essential

To book a place go to www.eventspronto.co.nz/artschoolmarlborough

Marlborough Art Society
204 High Street
Blenheim

artschoolmarlborough@gmail.com
0273341388
paulakerslake.com



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



2020 Taiopenga
This year has been so disruptive so to have our Kapa Haka successfully perform has been a significant success for the school, staff and every child who participated.



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