

WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 9th September 2019

Term 3 Week 8: 2019



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

We are heading into the last two weeks of term and rather than easing off the pedal it is acceleration and full steam ahead for our teachers and learners.

At schools all around New Zealand problems can often occur and the rise of incidents in Term Three as students get tired, however inside our classrooms the students are settled, in the playground, as expected our students are; Kind, Safe and Fair.

We have our Year 6 EPro8 team; off to the semi finals in Nelson after coming second in their heat at Bohally last week. The other two teams came a close third and fifth, respectively. EPro8 stand for: Engineering, Problem Solving and Innovation where students spend 2.5 hours completing tasks using construction materials, batteries, circuits, pulleys and cogs to name a few. Thanks to Ms Zydenbos for preparing our teams and good luck at the semis.

Mr Robertson and his; "Discovery Group" have worked tirelessly for two terms to get their Science Fair projects completed and the display was fabulous. We wish them luck for the Marlborough Science Fair Competition this week.

Ms Harnett will sadly miss this years Music Festival however has been lucky enough to spend time with the Choir as they practice for this weeks event at the ASB Theatre. Well done for all the mahi throughout the year to get performance ready; thanks Mrs Anderson for the opportunities you give our singers.

We have our Year 6 students off to camp in Week 9 and they have been doing all sorts of preparation; teamwork, camp books, safety prep and are all excited about the opportunities at Bridge Valley. We are so lucky to have such purposeful learning opportunities and a clear EOTC pathway for our students as they progress at Witherlea. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have volunteered and the massive work that has gone into the preparation from our teachers; Kirstie Stone and Sonja Zydenbos.

Please take the time to read the 'Dance Festival Notice' to the right and the letter that will go home. From our end, it would be amazing to get the support of the parents for the process at the end that keeps all our children safe. We understand the frustration that waiting to sign off a child can cause however we have to account for all. Thanks in advance for support with this and we look forward to spending the evening with you, enjoying DANCE!

**Ngā manaakitanga,
Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki**

Welcome to School

Certificates handed out at Assembly 12:30pm Fridays
Year 0-2 Punga Team

**Ferns Room
Alsa Hamilton, Zene Wessels**

Year 4 Kowhai Team

**Room 17
Lil y Madden**



DANCE FESTIVAL NOTICE

The Witherlea School Dance Festival, "Planet Earth and Beyond" is nearly here!

Children need to be at the stadium by **6.10pm**. They should go straight to their class teacher, who will sign them in on a class list. Their teacher will be responsible for them for the whole of the show and they will stay with their class, until all the items are finished. The doors will also be open to spectators at 6.10pm.

We are requesting a **gold coin donation** from each adult spectator, to help us meet the increased cost of hiring the stadium due to earthquake strengthening. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Sensible, soft-soled shoes are a must for children and parents please.

After the show the children must stay with their teacher, until their parent/caregiver collects them and they are signed off the roll.

We know this process can take a while but please be patient; it is essential that we know that every child has left the stadium with their parent or caregiver.

"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

Term Events

Term Three

Week 8

Monday 9th September - Friday 13th September
Hub 1 Swim Week

Maori Language Week: across New Zealand

Wednesday 11th September

Music Festival: ASB Theatre - 'Our Choir'

Thursday 12th September

NO Coffee with the Principal

Friday 13th September

12:30pm Assembly: Hub 2

Sunday 15th September

Witherlea School Working Bee 10am-1pm

Week 9

Monday 16th September

BOT Meeting: 5:30pm in the school Library

Tuesday 17th September - Friday 20th September

Year 6 Bridge Valley Camp

Tuesday 17th September

Marlborough Science Fair
EPro8 Semi Final: Nelson

Week 10

TEACHERS ONLY DAY THIS TERM
WEEK 10: MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE DAY
'Time for the teachers to learn'

Thursday 26th September

Dance Festival: Stadium

Friday 27th September

12.30pm Certificate Assembly, Sports & Service Awards

Last Day of Term 3

Term Four

Week 1

Monday 14th October

First Day of Term 4

Thursday 17th October

NZ Shake Out; Earthquake Drill

Thursday 17th October

'Coffee with the Principal': 8:30am

Week 2

Tuesday 22nd October

Taiopenga: Clubs of Marlborough - Kapa Haka

Tuesday 22nd October - Wednesday 23rd October

Kowhai Safe Kids

Thursday 24th October

Full School Athletics Day
NO 'Coffee with the Principal'

Friday 25th October

12.30pm Assembly: Hub 5

Week 3

Monday 28th October

Labour Day Holiday: School CLOSED

Tuesday 29th October

BOT Meeting: 5:30pm in the school Library

Wednesday 30th October

Marlborough Tennis Tournament: Interschool Event

Thursday 31st November

'Coffee with the Principal': 8:30am

Week 4

Monday 4th November

Marlborough Anniversary Day: School CLOSED

Witherlea Sports Hub

Summer Sports Registration

CLICK ON THE LINK TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE
SPORTS HUB AND SIGN UP

TENNIS TERM 4 2019-TERM 1 2020

Tennis Registrations are now live on the SportsHub. It is open for Year 3-6. Season goes across Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020.

Registration closes Friday 13th September 2019.

TOUCH TERM 4

Touch Registrations are now live on the SportsHub. It is open for Year 3-6. Season starts Term 4 2019 and relies on 6-7 parents to step forwards as coaches or managers. Please support this great summer sport.

Registration closes Friday 13th September 2019.

Marlborough Cricket Notice

Marlborough Cricket is running a holiday programme for 5-12 year olds on 8th and 9th October 2019 from 9am to 11pm each day. For more information and to register please contact Artha on 021 704 776 or email: development@marlboroughcricket.co.nz



OSCAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
September 30th – October the 11th

Come and enjoy a fun filled programme these Spring Holidays
We have heaps of great activities planned

Holiday programmes at:

Woodbourne 5 – 13 year (7.15am – 5.30pm)

Blenheim 5 – 9 years (8am – 5.30pm)

Redwoodtown 5 – 13 years (8am – 5.30pm)

Morning and Afternoon tea provided

Only \$6/hour

WINZ subsidies available

Early bookings essential!

Registrations now open

Closing September 20th, 2019

Forms available at
Bread of Life Centre

14B Stephenson St
Blenheim

Enquiries: Phone Maryn Kotze
03-578 1355 or 022 699 0601

oscars@breadoflife.org.nz

Merit Certificate Awards

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

Caitlin Alexander

Wow! You are making great strides in all areas of your learning. Your positive attitude to learning is showing!

Stella Clark

Her quiet self-motivation and dedication - it's taking her great places!

Eva Clifford

You have a huge heart in your willingness to help others. Whether it be with their learning or being a great friend. We all appreciate your kindness! Kia Manawanui

Jimmy Francis

You are a fantastic member of Room 20, Jimmy. You work hard, are always willing to help others and have a really positive attitude. Keep up the great work!!

Lucas Healy

Lucas, you approach each day with a great attitude and always treat others with respect. Thank you for being self-motivated and hardworking.

Denzel Hoani-Tito

It is fantastic to see the BIG steps you are making with all your learning - especially Maths, and you should be very proud. Keep aiming high Denzel!

Charlotte Manson

Improving quality and quantity of her exciting writing! Ka pai!

Kade Nott

I am starting to see a huge difference in your attitude to your learning Kade and other teachers are noticing this too! You are making fabulous progress in all your work so keep up the great effort - we still have a term and a half to go!

Izzy Ogden

Her fantastic self management and organisational skills - she makes a great class leader.

Bella Perkins

The effort, skill and persistence that you display in your art work is really impressive, Bella. You have done a great job incorporating your artistic talent into your Science Fair project.

Charlotte Vercoe

You consistently get stuck into your work and take ownership of your learning. Stand proud of your work and your achievements! Kia Maia

The following students were all awarded merit certificates for moving up 2 stages in basic facts:

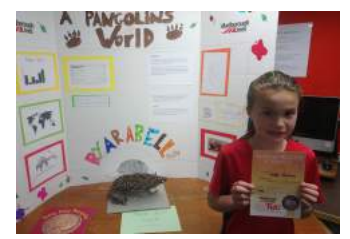
Baxter Clarkson, Connor Dell, Jahnaea Paul-Smythe, Max Pickering, Edyn Radovanovich, Sophie Rasmussen, Holly Taylor

Science Fair: "Discovery Squad"

We really do LOVE science at Witherlea and one of the extension ideas we had last year was to use our strengths; Mr Robertson to create a space where our students who LOVE science in the Year 5-6 team could work towards the necessary set of steps that lead to completing a Science Fair project and qualify for the Marlborough Science Fair.

Ms Harnett met with a group who explained the process, their topics, the renaming of the group to the "Discovery Squad" and the judging system which involved Mrs Schollum who judges for the Marlborough Science Fair. The students were engaged, passionate and were proud of the efforts by ALL students within the squad.

Check out the video created on the new Website of these amazing students, their amazing projects and learn about our "Discovery Squad".



Super Inventors Off to Nelson

Our 3 teams were amazing as the photographs show. And after 2.5 hours of problem solving the scoreboard below shows how close it was between our two teams; Super Inventors and Build it Up had 20 points between them. All of the 12 students representing Witherlea worked tirelessly to the hooter which sounded at the end. We are so proud of you all.

Rank	Team	Score
1	Renwick Einsteins	270
2	SUPER INVENTORS!	240
3	BUILD IT UP!	220
4	Lab Technicians	210



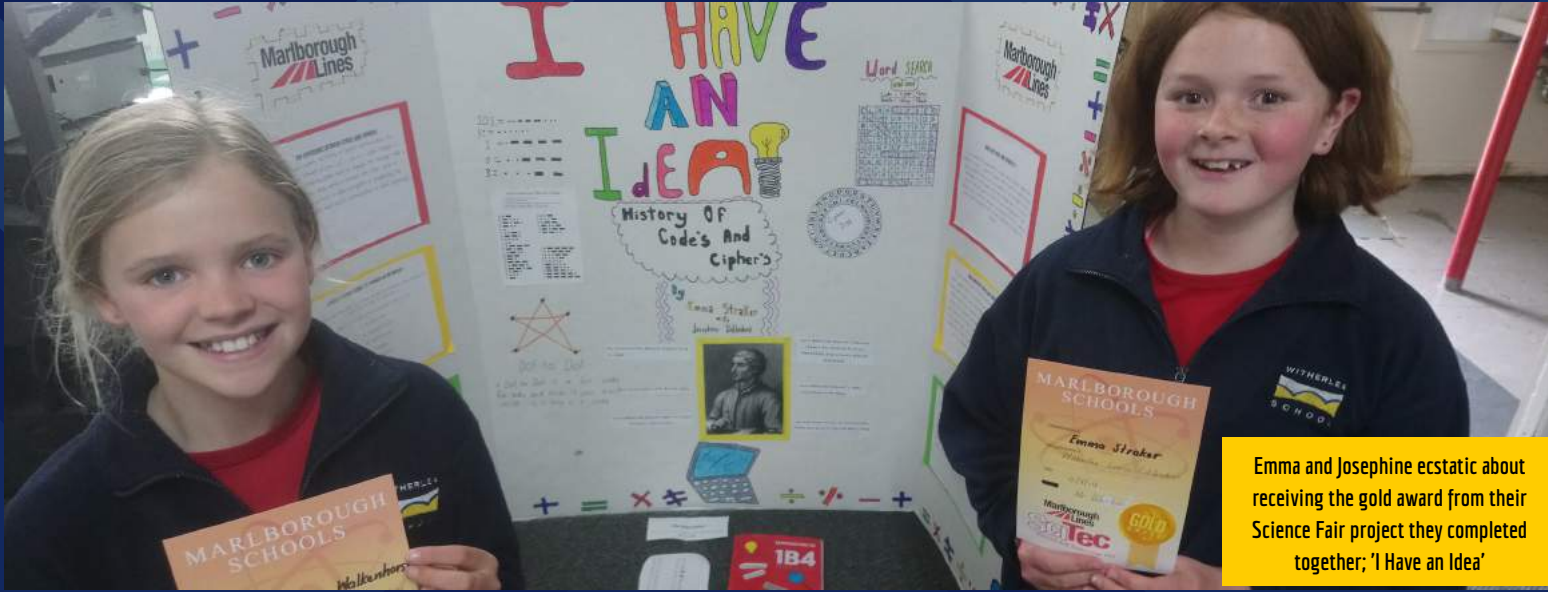
Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

Cairo Suleiman, Victor Hill, Lydia Parker,

Ollie Shannon

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



Emma and Josephine ecstatic about receiving the gold award from their Science Fair project they completed together; 'I Have an Idea'



Harold the giraffe visited assembly last week which was awesome. The Ferns gave him cards and a thank you.



Hannah worked extremely hard on her own to complete her project and get a gold award.



The EPro8 Challenge series really brought out the best in our Year 6 students; this is the SUPER INVENTORS working together.



Hub 1 went all out on Daffodil Day with team costumes; the school raised \$677 to go to the Cancer Society. What a super effort from the community.

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