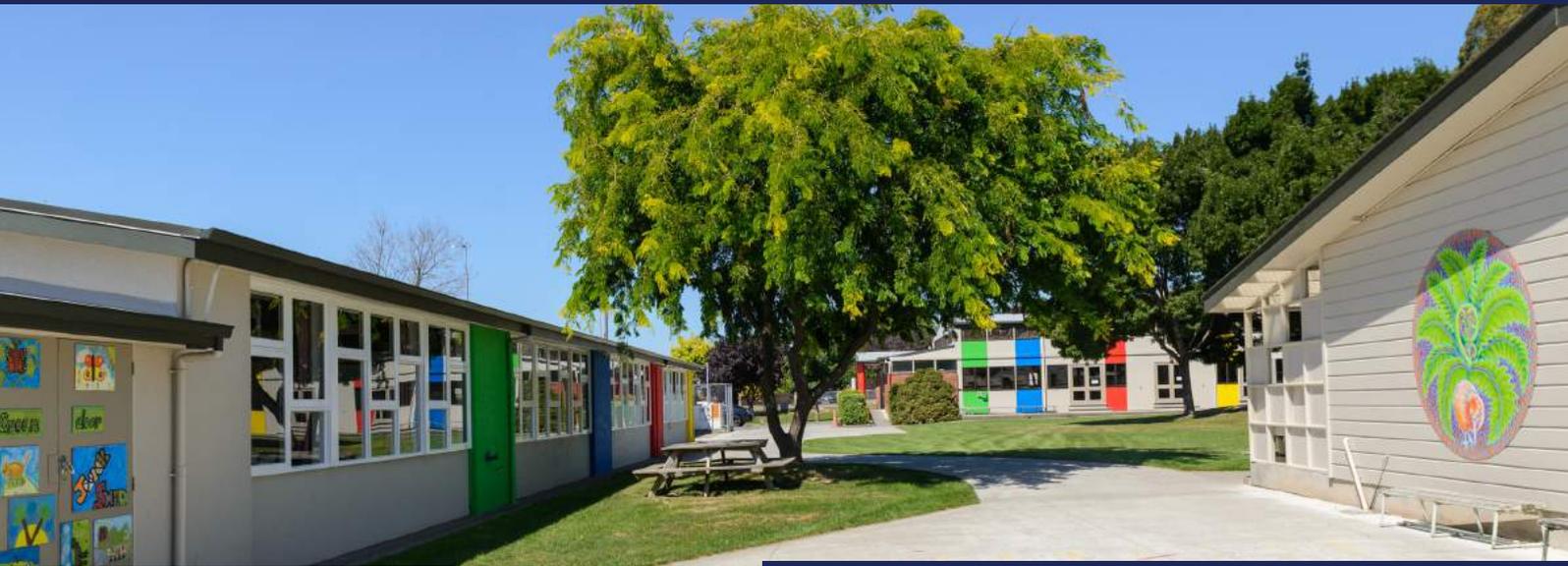


# WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 29th July 2019

Term 3 Week 2: 2019



## Principal's Message

**Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,**

Welcome back for the third term. Our hope is that families made the most of their time with their children, had a chance to relax and revive ready for what looks like another amazing term. As I get around the school to speak to the parents it becomes apparent that as much as we try to be on point with communication we sometimes miss the mark. We would love it if you felt more connected to the school and knew what was happening so that you could get involved any chance you have.

This term our 'Pillar' is; *Discovery*. Now, this means that each Hub will use this heading to focus their inquiry topic for the term. We will use our new 'Learning Links' section of the website to keep you informed of each Hubs topics so you can discuss learning with your children, at home. We will also use this section for good resources which could provide parents with direction at home in the area of numeracy and literacy.

All Hubs have Swim Week this term at the Stadium; this is five swimming lessons from expert coaches, across the week with buses to and from, during school. We have the annual Music Festival for our Choir and Dance Festival for the whole school; this is a huge event to get ready for so will replace our Open Evening. It is held at the Stadium and all classes will be performance ready in Week 10.

There are so many wonderful opportunities this term so keep in the loop with the Website, Newsletter, Parent Calendar, and most important - the School App.

**Ngā manaakitanga,**

**Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki**

## Welcome to School

Certificates handed out at Assembly 12:30pm Fridays

**Year 1-2 Punga Team**

**Ferns Room**

*Tane Grooby, Harry Dunn, Charlie McCallum,  
Oliver McElwain, Sophie Cadwallender, Kaideen Ughetto,  
Lily Black, Alexander Ison, Annabelle Hook*

**Year 2 Hub**

**Room 6: Aroha Cherrie  
Room 17: Finn Graham**

## ERO Review

Our ERO Report is in and we are delighted not only with some strong comments identifying the wonderful things happening at Witherlea School but the constructive next steps to ensure that we are improving and providing the 'best education' possible for our amazing students. ERO now uses a 'new' four scale rating system for schools; Needs Support, Developing, Well Placed and Strong.

Witherlea has been given Well Placed acknowledging the direction we are heading in is correct. Read the full report on the new website.

**VOLUNTARY  
\$105 DONATION**

**DRAW TWO WILL OCCUR  
NEXT IN TERM FOUR FOR  
THOSE FAMILIES WHO  
HAVE BEEN PAYING IN  
INCREMENTS. ANOTHER  
IPAD UP FOR GRABS**

*As per the governments 'Wellbeing' Budget decile 7-10 schools have been left out of the donations opportunity as they believe schools, like Witherlea, are self sustaining. This is premised with the fact that we get 80-100% of our voluntary donation as a top up which pays for; digital equipment, teacher aides, the school pool operating - all of which we could lose without the essential support of our community. Currently only 50% of our families support the school through the \$105 donation.*

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

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

# Term Events

## Term Three

### Week 1

**Monday 22nd July**

First day of Term 3

**Monday 22nd July - Friday 26th July**

Hub 6 Swim Week

**Thursday 25th August**

Coffee with the Principal: 8:30am

### Week 2

**Monday 29th July-Friday 2nd August**

Hub 5 Swim Week

*NO Coffee with the Principal this week*

**Friday 2nd August**

12:30pm Assembly: Hub 3-4

### Week 3

**Tuesday 6th-Thursday 8th August**

Kowhai Picton Trips

**Thursday 8th August**

Coffee with the Principal: 8:30am

**Friday 9th August**

Southern Jam

### Week 4

**Monday 12th August - Friday 16th August**

Hub 3-4 Swim Week

*Maths Week: across New Zealand*

**Tuesday 13th August**

Marlborough Schools Cross Country

**Thursday 15th August**

Coffee with the Principal: 8:30am

**Friday 16th August**

12:30pm Assembly: Hub 5

### Week 5

**Tuesday 20th August**

Marlborough Sevens Tournament

**Thursday 22nd August**

Coffee with the Principal: 8:30am

**Friday 23rd August**

Daffodil Day - Wear yellow & green

WSPCG Movie Night Fundraiser: School Hall

### Week 6

**Monday 26th August - Friday 30th August**

Hub 2 Swim Week

Life Education Bus onsite (2 weeks)

**Thursday 29th August**

Coffee with the Principal: 8:30am

**Friday 30th August**

12:30pm Assembly: Hub 1

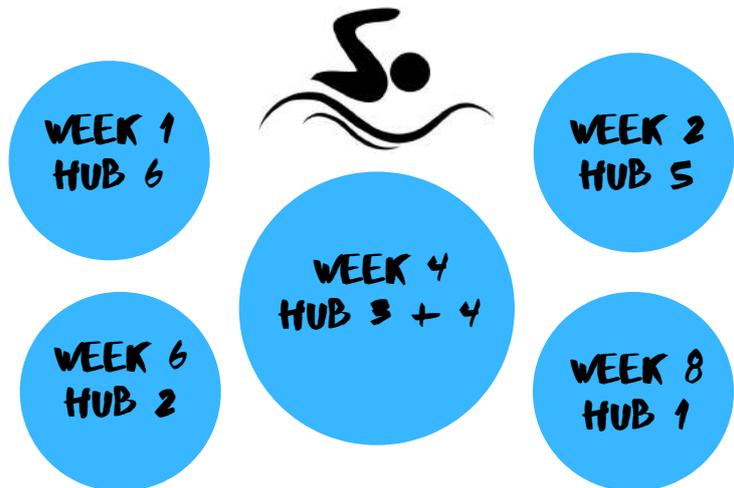
*Check out our new website with the Parent Calendar and Upcoming Events sections. Please also ensure you have the School App updated - this is our emergency messaging system.*

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

## Farewell and Welcome Back

Last term we farewelled Mrs Miriam Watson and Ms Sylvie Pinder-White who had been in a fixed term position while Ms Ariana Daniel was on Maternity Leave. Ariana returns to her Hub 2 Leadership role and teaching in Room 7. Mrs Sue Johnstone has taken up the offer to stay till the end of the year so that Room 5 may continue to grow under her guidance.

## Swim Week at the Stadium



Check with the office regarding the **\$35** cost for this which was invoiced at the beginning of the year. Students will need togs, towel and goggles during this week as stated above for each Hub.

## Watching over Scuttles

Many thanks to the Hogg, Lucas, Morrison and Turner families who kindly cared for our school cat Scuttles over the chilly holidays. Their kindness and compassion towards Scuttles is greatly appreciated.



# 2019 Rippa Rugby Team

Second place in Tasman

Max Ruffell (Captain)  
Connor Pugh (Vice Captain)  
Katie Pugh  
Tilly Tupouto'a  
Oscar Tupouto'a  
Karmah Hoani-Tito  
Gianni Skipper  
Drew Materoa  
Hayley McCormick  
Sam Marfell

*These students won the Marlborough Schools Tournament and travelled to Nelson to play for a spot at Nationals. Only one team can represent Tasman and the task on the day was huge - 10 of the top schools in the whole of Tasman, with only two representing Marlborough.*

*Witherlea went through top of their pool on the day with stella performances from all players. We anxiously waited to hear who we would face in the semi and it was... Rapaura, who we faced in the Marlborough Schools Tournament final. Both teams had improved since the last match so we did not take them lightly. The semi final was 8-5 to Witherlea.*

*We stood on Henley Park ready to face Henley School from Nelson, knowing that we were the only Marlborough team to ever make a final at this level. The game went back and forth with some heartbreaking moments and when the final whistle blew and the last tag was ripped the score was 8-7 to Henley. A 1 point game to decide our fate.*

*Even though our goal was to win the National Title and we didn't quite get there we also wanted to play amazing Rippa, work as a team and make our school proud. As the players walked quietly from the field and heard the celebrations from Henley we knew we had given it everything possible - maybe even more. Sport teaches us to aim high, set goals, believe in each other and accept defeat, gracefully.*

*It has been an enormous Rippa year and didn't just happen...we had an amazing support base and would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who gave up their time to get us there, supported us through the journey and helped us believe we could do it. Special thanks to Donna Tupouto'a for organising the accomodation and food in Nelson, the Materoa's for the gazebo, Fitzy for the assistant coach role during both tournaments, Phil Holmes for coaching the second team and refereeing us at school, and last but not least the players who joined the squad to get us ready;*

Brayden King  
Jess Kelly  
Noah Elkington  
Ben Muir

*The rugby season is not quite over yet! We have the Marlborough Sevens Tournamnet just around the corner on Tuesday 20th August at Lansdowne Park. Ms Harnett will be out and about coaching again.*

*Pictures of our amazing team are featured in the montage section on the back page.*

## Year 6 Camp: Bridge Valley

Our Year 6 students are off to Bridge Valley Camp again this year under the guidance of Kirstie Stone and Sonja Zydenbos. This is set for Week 9: Tuesday 17th -20th September. There will be notices home regarding this with requirements for Health Forms, Volunteers (Police Vetting) and the camp cost. All fees can be paid via internet, at the office or by automatic payment. If you have any queries or need any assistance please do not hesitate to ask.

## New Enrolments 2020

For all the Witherlea families who have children due to start in 2020 it is very important that we have the enrolments in at the office as our numbers affect the number of teachers we get allocated. The Ministry likes to know in term 3 for the following year.

Please drop by the office, pick up your enrolment pack and touch base with Rochelle who will put your name on our New Entrant list for 2020.

## New Website finally here!

We are delighted with how the new website has turned out. We encourage ALL parents to have a look through as we will use the next two terms to get all our information up to date. The **Parent Calendar** is on there too with **Upcoming Events** as a new feature.



## Road Patrol Supervisors

### Urgently Needed

Monday AM - School Gate  
Tuesday PM - Wither Road  
Wednesday AM - School Gate

If anybody is able to help,  
please contact Katie on;  
027 578 6202



FORTNIGHTLY 2019  
HELD IN OUR SCHOOL HALL @ 12:30PM



WEEK 2: 12:30PM  
HUB 3+4

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



The Pugh's; Katie and Connor link up in the middle of the field to cut teams apart with their fast pace and perfectly timed passing.



Witherlea Ripa Team 2019 #No.2 in Tasman



Witherlea team listening to half time strategy in the final of the Tasman Cup.



An amazing team led by Captain Fantastic; Max Ruffell. Always hard to front up at the end of a final and congratulate the opposition, who won 8-7.



Gianni making one last diving attempt to rip the tag from a Henley player in the final.

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