

WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 26th November 2019

Term 4 Week 7: 2019



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

We are just two Newsletters from the end of another successful year for all our learners at Witherlea. Planning for 2020 is all but completed and we have some key events to look forward to as we say goodbye to our current Year 6 students and gear up for the end of year celebrations; Year 4 Camps still to be completed, COMs Team Certificate Assembly (celebrate our students who contribute/give service to our school), Year 6 Leavers Evening and Final Assembly, and our annual End of Year Picnic which provides an opportunity for ALL students to perform one last time and our community to finish the year together.


School's across Marlborough have been looking at the start of year dates making sure we use our **'Teacher Only Days'** provided by the Ministry and finish the 2020 school year on a reasonable date for families. We have had to change the first day of school to **Monday 3rd February** so that we finish **on Friday 18th December in 2020**. This is different from our initial planning and Calendar however most schools in Marlborough will be following these 'new' dates.

Another key area we have organised is our teacher and classroom placements. This takes time as we consider all variables so that our classrooms are balanced. We will be arranging our Kauri Team (Year 5-6) going forward in composite classes; year 5 and 6 students together which will help to manage fluctuating cohort numbers and provide flexible and collaborative teaching and learning programmes specific to this age group.

We have 'class swaps' planned in Week 10 so that children will get to see and be with their 'new' teacher and classmates - supporting a smooth transition for 2020. The name of your child's teacher for 2020 will be on the *End of Year Report* going home on Friday of Week 9.

These last few weeks together are going to be epic - let's make the most of every moment as we end 2019 on a high.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki

 WITHERLEA SCHOOL 2020 ORGANISATION				
KAURI TEAM (SENIOR YEAR 5-6)				
ROOM 18 YEAR 5-6 MISS JEMMA HERDMAN	ROOM 19 YEAR 5-6 MRS ARIANA MCINTYRE HUB LEADER	ROOM 20 YEAR 5-6 MR MATT ROBERTSON HUB LEADER SCIENCE/ENVIRO	ROOM 8 YEAR 5-6 MISS PHOEBE MEYRICK SPORTS COORD	ROOM 9 YEAR 5-6 MRS PJ MUIR ARTS LEAD
KOWHAI TEAM (MIDDLE YEAR 3-4)				
ROOM 15 YEAR 4 MAREE HERDMAN SENCO	ROOM 16 YEAR 4 NAOMI ANDERSON ARTS LEAD	ROOM 17 YEAR 3-4 HAZEL HALTON TEAM LEADER HUB LEADER WITHIN SCHOOL LEAD	ROOM 11 YEAR 3 LARRISSA ROBERTSON AND SHONTELL GREEN JOB SHARE	ROOM 12 YEAR 3 CATHERINE STRINGER HUB LEADER
PUNGA TEAM (JUNIOR YEAR 1-2)				
FERNS ROOM YEAR 0-1 MRS SUE HOLMES AND MRS AMY LUCAS JOB SHARE AND RELEASE MRS ANGELA CLARK TEAM LEADER HUB LEADER TRANSITION	ROOM 3 YEAR 1-2 MR DAN STEPHENS	ROOM 4 YEAR 1-2 MRS JORDAN SCHOLLUM	ROOM 6 YEAR 2 MS SONJA ZYDENBOS	ROOM 7 YEAR 2 MISS KELSIE BROWN
RELEASE TEACHERS				
	MRS RACHAEL POTTINGER	MRS SUE JOHNSTONE	MRS JANE WALKENHORST	MR PHIL HOLMES (HUB PLANNING)
ANDREA HARNETT PRINCIPAL	KIRSTIE STONE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL	PHIL FUNNELL DEPUTY PRINCIPAL ACROSS SCHOOL LEAD	MARION BARAKAT READING RECOVERY	

Above is the organisation of the school for 2020. We have one 'new' staff member; Dan Stephens and we welcome back Shontell Green from Maternity Leave. We are so lucky to have a stable and experienced teacher base at Witherlea.

"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

Term Events

Term Four

Week 7

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

Thursday 28th November
Last 'Coffee with the Principal': 8:30am

Friday 29th November
New Entrant Transition Meeting 2-3pm

Week 8

Tuesday 3rd December-Wednesday 4th December
School Production

Friday 6th December
Certificate Assembly: 12:15pm
Sports and Service Awards: End of Year

Diabetes NZ Charity Day - wear blue/yellow/green. Gold coin donation

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 (1 hour)

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

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

2019
Donation
Draw 2
Thurs 5th Dec

DONATIONS/ACTIVITIES

SURVEY RESULTS

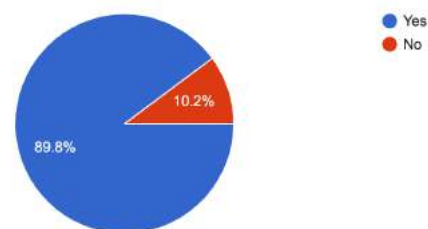
A huge THANKS to all the families who filled in the survey regarding our extra programmes/activities that we value at Witherlea and would like to see continue. Here are the results from 73% of our community.

We will continue in 2020 to offer Fundamental Skills@ \$25 per child, Swim Week @ \$35 per child and Camps for our Year 4-6 students. Any families that need assistance can set up a payment plan at our office and/or seek support through Andrea Harnett (a meeting can be set up to discuss).

The feedback that you have provided has been invaluable to us as we look to improve all aspects of Witherlea School in 2020.

Do you believe the donation is important for the school?

197 responses



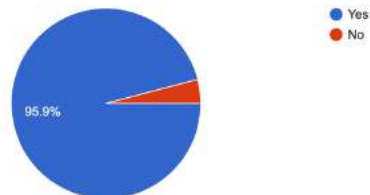
Should Fundamentals continue at Witherlea? We will pay the \$25 per child?

197 responses



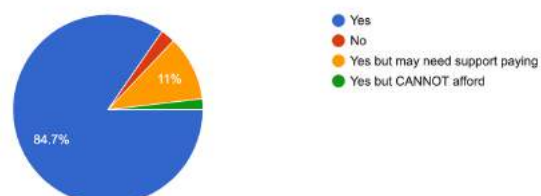
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197 responses



Should 'Camps' continue at Witherlea? We will pay the total cost of this event?

163 responses



2020 School Year

Due to the Ministry giving schools/teachers 8 teacher only days that need to be used in the next 2.5 years to address workload, Marlborough schools will be using three in 2020, three in 2021 and two in 2022. This means we have had to change the start date for next year so that we do not finish too early in December.

2020 School Dates

First Day of School: Monday 3rd February
Waitangi Holiday: Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February

Term One

Monday 3rd February-Thursday 9th April

Term Two

Tuesday 28th April-Friday 3rd July

Term Three

Monday 20th July-Friday 25th September

Term Four

Monday 12th October-Friday 18th December (12pm finish)

Teacher Only Days 2020

These are the dates below ;

Term One: None

Term Two: Friday 29th May (Week 5)
Confirmed across Marlborough

Term Three: Friday 4th September (Week 7)

Term Four: Friday 20th November (Week 6)

Merit Certificate Awards

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

Ruby A

Taking risks in her learning and for always showing our school values!

Finlay C

Working hard on his writing goals and for always being a kind and supportive member of Room 4!

Noah C

Having an increased focus in all your learning. You are making a big effort to take risks and try your best.

Hayley C

You have absolutely SHONE in the Performing Arts this year Hayley! The enthusiasm and joy you showed in the Dance Festival and the Kiwi Can Jam performance was evident to everyone, and you lit up the stage with your smile!

Tyler G

What a fantastic camp you had Tyler. You made the most of each opportunity and challenged yourself.

Meg H

Wow, you have made such progress with your reading this year and it is fabulous to see how much more confident you are about EVERY part of school!

Hero K

Your enthusiasm, positive attitude and the kind, considerate way you treat others have made you such an awesome member of the class, Hero!

Elliott L

Always being kind and inquisitive. You are always there to cheer on a friend and make someone smile.

Leo M

Excellent "wonderings" in the Inquiry Learning topic, "Where in the World?".

Jonny M

Writing 6 clear sentences and thinking of excellent questions in Inquiry Learning.

Sophie M

What a brilliant year you've had Sophie! Thank you for being organised and self motivated. Tino pai!

Maddy M

Beginning to proof read her own writing and for great questions in Inquiry Learning.

Chloe M

The way you live the school values. You are kind, empathetic and an ever present bright smile. You are a friend to all and a delight to be around.

Maz S

Writing a sentence independently, using letter sounds and word cards!

Petra V

You have been taking risks in your learning and with such a positive attitude. We love how independent you are becoming!

2019 Book Fair



We have had another successful Book Fair this year selling \$8241 worth of books. We would like to thank the parents who helped out with sales and also the wider school community for your continued support of this great event. The commission we earn from the Book Fair will be spent on books for the library.

*'Happy Reading'
The Library Team*

Witherlea School Drama Club's production of...

THEY EAT SUNSHINE, NOT ZEBRAS



Tuesday 3rd December 2 - 3pm

Wednesday 4th December 3.30 - 4.30pm

~ Gold Coin Donation ~ Witherlea School Hall ~



Have fun with the Summer Reading Programme
at Marlborough District Library (Blenheim)

Join up and start from

Monday 9th December

*Programme finishes
Friday 17th January 2020

- Read Books
- Earn Rewards
- Fun Activities

And it's Free!



Be quick - places are limited!

For ages 5 -12 years

Ask at the library for further
details or phone 520 7491



Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

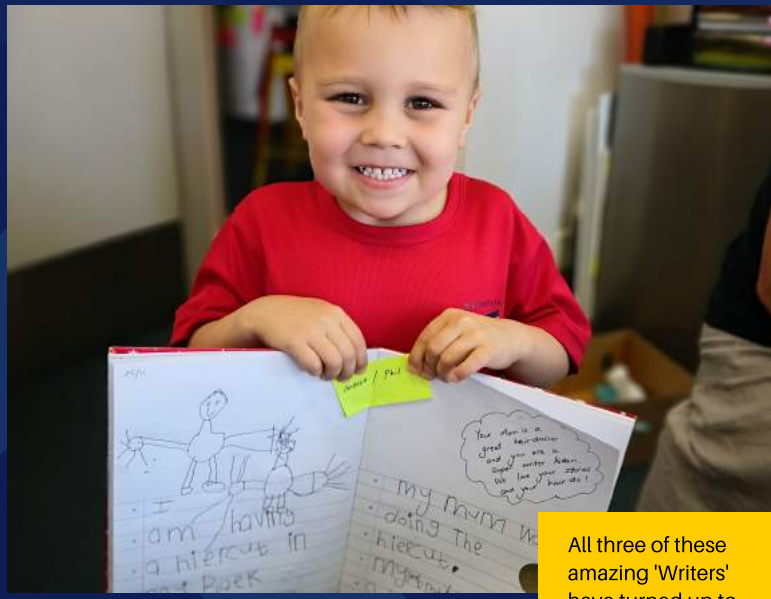
Sienna B, Theo F, Annabelle H, Lila S

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

Robotics in Action

Ten amazing students spent last week learning through hands on 'Robotics' sessions with Mrs Turbitt so they can lead for 2020;

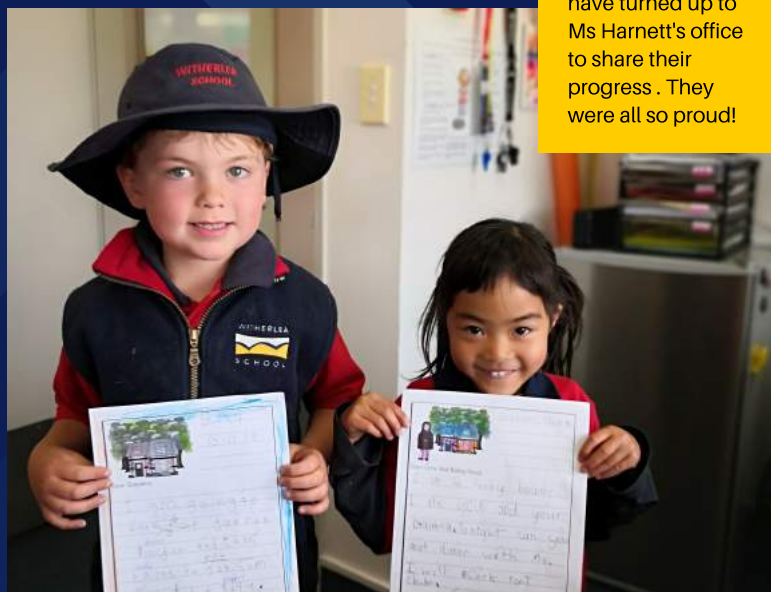
- Day 1:** Discovering Edisons - what can they do?
- Day 2:** Coding, EdScratch, EdBlocks and EdPy
- Day 3:** Writing lesson plans and teaching another student



All three of these amazing 'Writers' have turned up to Ms Harnett's office to share their progress. They were all so proud!



'Hands on' Mathematics with a finished piece of Art Work from our Year 6 students



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