

# WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 29th October 2019

Term 4 Week 3: 2019



## Principal's Message

**Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,**

Standing next to our Tuakana and Teina Kapa Haka groups last Tuesday at Taiopenga was a moment of pure pride. As our senior (Tuakana) and junior (Teina) groups chanted, sung and worked in time to deliver haka and waiata performances, the Clubs of Marlborough rocked. You could literally feel the floor shake and the audience responded to the effort and pride from our tamariki (children). Kirstie Stone leads our Kapa Haka groups with support from Whaia Merehira, Matua Scott and many teachers. We make it a priority at Witherlea with all other students learning in the area we name, Te Ao, on a Thursday afternoon. In 2018 our Kapa Haka group had 48 students in it. This year we had to split the almost 200 students into a senior and junior group. As a school community we should be delighted with the number of students who participate in this form of cultural performance and gain confidence in their own, identity, language and culture.

We have also enjoyed, as a whole school, watching our students; jump, run, and throw during the Athletics last week. The whole school joining together in this event was largely down to Phoebe Meyrick and her organisation and was a success on the day with all students from New Entrants to Year 6 participating. We will use our Flag Raising ceremony to hand out the certificates however will inform you closer to the time with a date.

Hope you enjoyed the long weekend and the next one coming.

**Ngā manaakitanga,  
Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki**

## Welcome to School

Certificates handed out at Assembly 12:30pm Fridays

**Year 0-2 Punga Team**  
Ferns Room  
Katelyn F, Tayla K, Ruby P

**Room 3**  
Frances T

**Year 3 Kowhai Team**  
Room 17  
Maisie T



Witherlea School  
**BOOK FAIR**

Only one week to go!  
In our school Library after  
Marlborough Anniversary weekend.  
Open 8:30am-9am and  
2.30pm-3.30pm  
Milo night Wednesday  
6pm -7pm



## PROPERTY UPDATE

Room 3-5 have been completed and there is one week to go on Room 6-7 and the Library. Both these spaces should be completed at the end of this week ready for the Book Fair in Week 4.

Students are doing a great job staying away from the fences so that work can continue through the day. The top carpark is being used by the different trades and builders - please stay away from this space.

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

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

# Term Events

## Term Four

Week 3

**Wednesday 30th October**

Marlborough Tennis Tournament: Interschool Event

**Thursday 31st October**

'Coffee with the Principal': 8:30am

Week 4

**Monday 4th November**

**Marlborough Anniversary Day: School CLOSED**

**Tuesday 5th November - Friday 8th November**

Year 5 Mistletoe Bay Camp: Room 19 + 20

BOT Meeting 5:30pm -School Library

**School Book Fair ALL Week: In our Library**

**Friday 8th November**

12.30pm Assembly: Hub 3 & 4

Week 5

**Tuesday 12th November - Friday 15th November**

Year 5 Mistletoe Bay Camp: Room 18 + 20

Week 6

**Monday 18th November**

**Term 4 Teachers Only Day: School CLOSED**

**Thursday 21st November**

'Coffee with the Principal': 8:30am

**Friday 22nd November**

12.30pm Assembly: Hub 1 & 2

Week 7

**Monday 25th November - Friday 29th November**

Year 4 Pine Valley Camp: RoomS 15 & 17

**Thursday 30th November**

**Last 'Coffee with the Principal': 8:30am**

Week 8

**Tuesday 3rd December-Wednesday 4th December**

School Production

**Friday 6th December**

Certificate Assembly

Sports and Service Awards: Summer

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

**Tuesday 17th December**

End of Year Concert

**Thursday 19th December**

Last day of year: 12pm finish

### 2020 School Dates

**First Day of School:** Wednesday 29th January

**Waitangi Holiday:** Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February

**Term One**

Wednesday 29th January-Thursday 10th April

**Term Two**

Tuesday 28th April-Friday 3rd July

**Term Three**

Monday 20th July-Friday 25th September

**Term Four**

Monday 12th October-TBC



## Hats

We are a Sunsmart School therefore need to be wearing hats in T1 and T4. Can be purchased from the Office.

## Sponsorship Thanks

Witherlea Taniwhas Touch team with their new touch singlets. Thanks to Bailey Dewe at Harcourts for sponsoring the new singlets.



## School Statements and 2nd Prize Draw

School statements detailing outstanding amounts and donation requests were sent out during Week 1 of this term. Any payments can be made either by cash/eftpos to the office or by internet banking to Account Number 12-3167-0133327-00 (use child's name as reference).

Your child has been able to participate in many activities this year (Swim Week, Arts, Fundamental Skills Week etc) for which we do not receive government funding. In addition we are constantly trying to resource our school and keep our ICT equipment and books up to date for which we rely on parental donations.

**Pay your school donation in full before 5th December and be in to win an ipad in our second prize draw of the year!**



Witherlea School Parent  
Community Group

MEETING  
5th November 2019, 7.30pm  
School Staffroom  
All welcome!

# Merit Certificate Awards

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

## Anna B-R

*Consistently working to a high standard in ALL areas!*

## Cerys L

*Cerys, you turn up to class each day with a big smile and superb manners. You are organised and self motivated, keep up the great effort and work.*

## Laylani M

*Well done Laylani, you are showing determination to do your best in everything at school. When you sit down to work you are able to stay focused.*

## Ash M

*Wow! What a positive attitude you have towards every challenge at school! This is why you have made such good progress this year, especially with reading and Maths.*

## Aaron S

*You have consistently set high standards for yourself all year, your self management is fabulous and you are a role model for your classmates. Well done Aaron - you can feel very proud of yourself!*

## Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

Hamish H, Harry N, Tui O,  
Nikolita A, Cienna E



Congratulations to all the competitors during Athletics Day 2019 and the parents and caregivers who raced each other then pulled the Year 6 students into line with the Tug-o-War.

## Donation Update Notice

There is a lot of confusion in the news presently regarding the donations that schools can opt into. Unfortunately it is not all schools; they deem Decile 9-10 schools able to collect donations from their parents/community therefore we do not qualify for the option from the government. We also miss out on Decile 1-4 funding and in many cases do not qualify for centrally or nationally funded professional learning and development from the Ministry because we are Decile 9.

2020 we will still ask our community to support us via the \$105 donation from each child which goes towards; funding teacher aides across the school, running our school pool in Term 1 and 4, property upgrades, professional learning and development for our teachers and anything that the Ministry funding falls short with (can vary year to year). We could not keep our school running without your support. While the donation is just that; a donation - please know that we rely on this in so many ways.

# LIGHT

# PARTY

## THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

### 5.30pm – 7.30pm

### @ ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE, 26 BURLEIGH RD BLENHEIM

### \$2 per child or \$5 a family

(All Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Interactive Show // Lolly Scramble // Carnival Games //

Prizes // Bouncy Castles // Mini Jeeps // Balloon Animals //

Face painting // Toddler Area // \$1 Sausage Sizzle //

Food Stall and much more . . .

And a Prize for the Best Dressed  
(Nice dress-ups only please)



For more information  
Contact Amber on 578 9053

## Taiopenga Pride

A huge thank you to all the people who made 2019 Taiopenga possible for our students; Kapa Haka uniforms thanks to Tash Stewart and all her hard work so that our tamariki could stand proud on the stage together and represent Witherlea. Congratulations to our kaea and karanga boys and girls who led both groups.



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



The Witherlea School contingent at the the Marlborough Duathlon



Our Witherlea School Year 5-6 touch team showing us their new uniforms sponsored by Bailey Dewe at Harcourts.



The parents showing the kids how it is done in the sprint race at Athletics



Our amazing Tuakana (senior group) performing at Taiopenga



The Year 6 Tug-o-War trying their very best against the adults.

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