

WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 9th March 2020

Term 1 Week 6: 2020



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,

GALA VOLUNTEERS/SUPPORT

We have an amazing, SMALL and hardworking team of coordinators for our Witherlea School Gala. These are the people who start in October and work all the way through till days/weeks after the Gala has finished. To support this group they ask for volunteers to contribute in anyway possible; *before, during (on the day) and after*. **If everyone played one small part then the Gala would be manageable.**

The Gala is essential to the school - it goes into our budget each year and supports in so many ways and many of the facilities we have upgraded are due to this event. It is also an important community event, a tradition that the students, teachers, parents and community, LOVE!

We have 328 families at Witherlea and at the moment we are short approximately 47 volunteer positions/times. If you could commit to any role/job for even a smidgen of time, our Gala Team and our school would not only be grateful but relieved.

We have so many parents and caregivers ready to take on Ms Harnett's new stall; **Principal Pancakes**, to see who can make the most money for the school. Martina Sulieman is way ahead of all of us with the huge effort already put into 'The Closet Room'.

Get on board for our 2020 Gala, get to know some new people, make connections, support through volunteering and model participation an contribution to our children.

Your contribution makes a massive difference to our community.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki

Welcome to School

Welcome certificates will be handed out at
Assembly on Friday, Week 7, 12:30pm;

Year 1- 2 Punga Team

Ferns Room

Kieran G, Mia M

Witherlea School Gala



Help raise vital
funds for our school!

See the dates inside: sign up to support!

"Ararangi - Pathway to the Sky"

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

Term Events

Term 1

Week 6

Thursday 12th March

Coffee with the Principal: 8:30am (Staffroom)

Friday 13th March

GALA UPDATE

LUCKY KEYS GO ON SALE

CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

LAST DAY FOR DONATION BUCKETS

Week Seven

Thursday 19th March

NO Coffee with the Principal (Gala)

Friday 20th March

Marlborough Swimming Sports

Sunday 22nd March

Witherlea School Gala 11am-3pm

Week Eight

Tuesday 24th March

Tackle Sevens Term 1 Tournament

Thursday 26th March

Coffee with the Principal 8:30am (Staffroom)

Friday 27th March

St Johns Fundraiser: Gold Coin Donation

Black and White Mufti Day

Assembly Change of Date: 12:30pm

Uenuku Hub: Room 18 and 19

Week Nine

Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April

Parent Teacher Interviews booked through

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

(Term One Report sent home once interview is booked)

EARLY FINISH - 1pm on Tuesday 31st March

Monday 30th-Tuesday 31st March

Grip Leadership Trip: COMs Team (Christchurch)

Thursday 2nd April

Coffee with the Principal 8:30am (Staffroom)

Friday 3rd April

Assembly 12:30pm

Kowhai: Hub 4 - Room 15, 16, 17

Week Ten

Monday 6th April - Thursday 9th April

Hub 2 Fundamentals at the Stadium

Tuesday 7th April

SCHOOL PHOTOS - individual and class photos

Thursday 9th April

Farewell Assembly for Ms Stone

2:30pm on the Top Court

LAST DAY OF TERM

Merit Certificate Awards

Congratulations to these students who were awarded Merit at our last assembly;

Hunter C

You are a great help to others in the classroom Hunter. It's fantastic to see you sharing your skills and knowledge with your peers.

Cynthia J

What a brilliant start to the year you've made, Cynthia! Thank you for being an organised and motivated member of the class.

Harry L

Always striving for excellence in everything you do.

Jed R

Working hard in writing time. You have done some amazing writing, Jed!

Georgina T

Always having a go at new things and for being an excellent role model to the other students in our class.

Olivia W

Being a wonderful role model to your peers.



Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

Blake P, Yaduveer S

WINTER SPORT

Hockey

Winter Hockey registrations are now open via the Sportshub for Yr 1-6 children.;

Funsticks - Saturday mornings \$50

Year 3&4 - Monday afternoons \$55

Year 5&6 - Tuesday afternoons \$65

Registrations will close 25th March

For any sporting queries please email

Mrs Phoebe Quirk; phoebeq@witherlea.school.nz

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Rugby Sevens

Tackle Rugby Tournament played during school time; trials have been completed and training starts (looking for a B Team COACH). Mouthguard essential to play. Tournament on

Tuesday 24th March @ Lansdowne Park

Information letter to go home to competing team.

Marlborough Swimming Sports

This event is for Year 5-6 students with Phoebe Quirk selecting the team before the competition on

Friday 20th March (newsletters to go out to the Swim Team)

Witherlea School Gala 2020

Trash & Treasure Drop Off Times



IT'S THE LAST WEEK TO DROP OF
YOUR TRASH AND TREASURE!
Saturday 14th March
10am - 12pm
Underneath Room 8 (field side)



Please remember we
CANNOT accept electrical
items or car seats

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Lucky Key Sales!



Lucky Key's go on sale
Friday 13th March!
The winner will receive
this awesome Hoverboard!

Keys are \$5 Each

WE NEED YOUR HELP: VOLUNTEER

Calling all scientists, technologists, engineers and
mathematicians;

Some of our students will be taking part in the Wonder Project Rocket Challenge in Term 2. It's an amazing programme designed to get young Kiwis excited about STEM - science, technology, engineering and maths. The programme pairs STEM professionals with teachers to deliver the learning and we need more volunteers to help our kids design, build and launch water rockets!

Keen to help? It only requires 1 hour a week for 6-8 weeks during Term 2. The Wonder Project team provides all training and resources, including a rocket kit, a rocket launcher and all the learning modules. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to guide young people on the Rocket Challenge. We are looking for passionate and committed professionals working in STEM fields who want to make a real difference - and inspire wonder in the minds of young people in their community.

Register online at wonderproject.co.nz

Elements Nature Based Play



Did you know Elements Nature Based Play programmes are an option in Blenheim! Are you looking to give your children a different experience in the next school holidays? Have your children active & imaginative in the great outdoors.

Think huts, ropes, tools, water play, mud and paint! We have a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our days.

This April we have single and multi-day options:

- *Magic & Spells*
- *Huts & Hide-outs*
- *Messy Play Day,*
- *Neverland*
- *Elements Colour Run*

For children aged 5-13 years. Visit and like our facebook page. Holiday bookings are made through [click LINK](#) putting 'Elements NZ' as the 'school'.

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CHOCOLATE FRIDAY!



13th March 2020!

POINTS FOR CHOCOLATE DONATIONS:
Bar - 1 Point
Family Block - 2 Points
Pack (treat size) - 3 Points
Boxes - 5 Points
THERE'S A PIZZA LUNCH UP FOR GRABS FOR THE CLASS WITH THE MOST POINTS!

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Class Donation Buckets



Buckets will be in classes from
Monday 24th February until
Friday 13th March!

We'd love donations of new items that can be used as prizes or included in Silent Auctions and Mystery Bags

DON'T FORGET POINTS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO EACH CLASS FOR THE NUMBER OF DONATIONS AND THERE WILL BE A PIZZA LUNCH UP FOR GRABS!

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



Whole School out performing Jump Jam with Brett Fairweather the FATHER of Jump Jam. This photo shows ALL the teachers up dancing for the students. What a cool vibe, thanks Mrs Anderson for organising this event!



Meet our amazing new Assembly Team for 2020 - presenters and reporters; Leia, Ellie, Cushla, Maggie, Harry and Oliver.



The LUCKY KEY revealed at Flag Raising; keys go on sale this Friday 13th March.



Students from across the school involved in Drama with our outside expert; Eva - linking our Inquiry Unit: Belonging.



Please support the school and sign up to volunteer at the GALA; Ms Harnett has her stall organised - Principal's Pancakes.

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