

# WITHERLEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday - Rāhina - 22nd February 2020

Term One Week Four



## Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou Witherlea whanau,



Three weeks gone just like that - in a flash!

The highlight of Week 2 was definitely our Coffee Cart, open classrooms and our 'Mihi Whakatau' to welcome the new teachers, students and their families and whānau. This gave our Year 6 student leaders a chance to showcase their skills and the 'new' look Flag Raising with the Karanga and Haka embedded.

It was also wonderful to see everyone at our annual 'Meet the Teacher' evening so that our parents deepen that essential relationship with the classroom teacher. Prof. John Hattie states that; "Positive Parent-Teacher relationships are one of the factors for success at school."

We pride ourselves at Witherlea on our ability to address most issues, no matter how small, as they arise. It is timely to remind our families and whānau the first port of call is always the classroom teacher because these are our frontline staff who hold the knowledge of their learners and who design the learning within their classrooms. The full process for addressing issues is on the School Website and is on the next page for reference.

We have our first Assembly for the 2021 year on Friday starting with the Kauri Team and this will be held at 2:15pm in our Hall or outside if weather permits. We would love to see as many of you as possible to celebrate the learning from our ākonga.

Ngā manaakitanga,

**Andrea Harnett - Tumuaki**

## Nau mai ki te kura o Witherlea

We wish to welcome these new students and their families and whānau to our school and community;

### Punga - Hub 1 (Ferns)

Sam B, Amelia-Rose C,  
Freddie M, Charlotte M

Welcome to School Certificates are given out at our  
Flag Raising on a Monday morning at 9am

## Zoning and Siblings

Many New Zealand schools operate a ZONE that binds us to very strict entry rules. This is to prevent overcrowding and ensures all schools are attended by the people in their local area, first and foremost.

If your child has entered Witherlea under the ballot system meaning they are OUT of ZONE or you have shifted house after one of your children has started school IN ZONE but are now OUT of ZONE then we want to make you aware that siblings do not get automatic entry to Witherlea.

Siblings, like all other students, would have to come in under the ballot system. This is advertised in the local paper in October each year and only operates if there is space the following year (this will be 2022).

So, if you come to the office to enrol your child and your address is OUT of the ZONE then you will not be able to enter until a ballot has been decided upon. There is more information on our website regarding the priorities of entry which sibling is number two.

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

Empowering all learners to reach their potential in an innovative community

# Term Events

## Term 1 - Wahanga Tuatahi

### Week 4 - Wiki Tuawha

Monday 22nd February- Friday 26th February

#### Monday 22nd February

Coffee with the Principal - following Flag Raising

#### Friday 26th February

Assembly: Introducing Kauri 2021

### Week 5 - Wiki Tuarima

Tuesday 1st March- Friday 5th March

#### Monday 1st March

Coffee with the Principal - following Flag Raising

#### Tuesday 2nd March

WSPCG Meeting - Staffroom 7.30pm

#### Friday 5th March

New Entrant Meeting @ 2:15pm  
(Staffroom)

### Week 6 - Wiki Tuaeono

Monday 8th March- Friday 12th March

#### Monday 8th February

Coffee with the Principal - following Flag Raising

#### Friday 12th March

Assembly: Introducing Kowhai 2021

### Week 7 - Wiki Tuawhitu

Monday 15th March- Friday 19th March

#### Monday 15th March

Coffee with the Principal - following Flag Raising

#### Friday 19th March

Initial Reports go home for all Year 2-6 students

### Week 8 - Wiki Tuawaru

Monday 22nd March- Friday 26th March

Monday 22nd March-Wednesday 24th March

Parent-Teacher Interviews

#### Tuesday 23rd March

**SCHOOL CLOSED @ 1pm**

Early Finish for Interviews 1:30pm-7pm

#### Thursday 25th March

Marlborough Swimming Champs

#### Friday 26th March

Assembly: Introducing Punga - Hub 2 2021

### Week 9 - Wiki Tuaiwa

Monday 29th March- Wednesday 31st March

#### Wednesday 31st March

Marlborough Tackle Sevens Tourney

#### Thursday 1st April

**TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

## COVID UPDATE



It wouldn't be a year without COVID popping up and the changing of Alert Levels. It is very important that if we were requested to go into LOCKDOWN again that we were able to provide learning that suited students of different ages and stages. Part of this is knowing 'how many devices' would be required in homes. We ONLY provide Chromebooks and this is to our Year 3-6 students. We have a simple '3 question' Google Form to complete at the start of every year so we are ready to deploy if needed.

Every classroom has Seesaw, so ensuring you are signed up for this is at the start of every year is important. All Year 3-6 students have Google Accounts, however, this only starts at Year 3 so these students 'begin to learn the basics' through till the end of Year 4.

Our Year 5-6 students should be able to manage themselves digitally and access their learning via Google Classroom, their own drives and can use Google Meet.

We will have a website for parents to access ideas/learning experiences at home otherwise if children or families are having to self isolate for extended periods hard packs can be created to support learning at home.

## 2021 Assemblies: Alert Level 1

The assembly time for 2021 has changed this year to 2:15pm and will go through to 2:45pm. We will try and hold these assemblies outdoors for Term 1 and they are designed to introduce our four teams; *Kauri, Kowhai, Punga and the Ferns*. These assemblies are held fortnightly and are on even weeks starting Week 4, this week being the first.

We give out our 'Welcome to School' and 'Early Words' certificates at our Flag Raising on a Monday at 8:55am - all are welcome at Alert Level 1.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

These are a little different this year and came out of some great thinking and discussion time with all the teachers during our 'Learning Days' at the start of the year.

We have decided to have our Parent Teacher Interviews before creating our Initial Reports: Year 2-6 students. We are going to spend part of the meeting looking at where each child is and then creating goals for learning together.

We know our parents have important aspirations and information regarding their own children so having you as part of the process in reporting is a natural next step, for us as we join forces and support All our learners to reach their potential.

So, we ask all parents and caregivers to attend these meetings. We also ask that families that may be split only book ONE meeting and come together during that time, for their child. We only allocate one meeting per child so this is important and ensures all children in each class get a fair deal.

A code and LINK to the site will be sent out via Seesaw.



# OUR SCHOOL PATHWAY

## Concerns

### Complaint Resolution Pathway

We have a clear pathway to solve issues and come to either a shared understanding or a resolution at Witherlea School.



## Early Words Programme

Congratulations to these students for completing their Early Words;

Hazel B, Madelyn T-K



## JOIN FOOTBALL FOR THE WINTER SEASON!

Junior Season starts Saturday 17th April!

To play, you just need to register to a Club, so email one of the Clubs in the list below and they will get you registered and into a team!

RANGERS AFC  
rangersafc@clubcoord.com

BLENHEIM VALLEY  
blenheimvalleysports@gmail.com

REDWOOD  
redwoodfootballclub@gmail.com

TROJANS  
stephen@callcare.co.nz

RENWICK  
cristina@versatile.co.nz

PICTON  
pictonfootballclub@gmail.com

Registration day Sat 20th Feb, 10am-12pm  
at Endeavour Park Pavilion, Picton

**2021 CLUB  
REGISTRATION DAY**  
Wednesday 17th Feb  
at A&P Park 4-6pm  
If you want to see face to face,  
come along and register!



**Marlborough  
Football**  
www.marlboroughfootball.co.nz

## Sports Hub Update

### Summer Sport Term One

Rippa Rugby - 5 Weeks = Landsdowne Park (Y1-Y6)

Summer Hockey = Turf (Year 3-6)

Tennis = continues from Term 4 2020

All afternoon sports have been coordinated and managers/coaches will be notified with their team names and contacts.

Please ensure if you have signed up for an afterschool sport you pay the fees for this extra curricula activity via the Office or Online

### Interschool Sport Term One

Rugby Sevens Trials and Tournament = Wednesday 31st March

(Tackle rugby and is an in-school event)

Marlborough Interschool Swimming: Thursday 25th March

Any sporting queries can be sent to [dans@witherlea.school.nz](mailto:dans@witherlea.school.nz)

## VOLUNTEERS Needed

### LIBRARY

We require a reliable person to put away Reading books in our Resource Room, which helps our children access a great many books on a regular basis. This can be done at any time that suits you and may take an hour a week.

Please contact Maree Turbitt in the Library if you are interested.

### ROAD PATROL

We have covered almost ALL supervision roles with our amazing parents however need 1 more adult for Wither Road on a Tuesday afternoon. If we are unable to find someone then we will have NO road patrol operating on this day.



# Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair

*Kia Atawhai, Kia Ora, Kia Tika*



**Witherlea's Term 1 2021 new starters**  
Our new Witherlea school students were welcomed at this weeks Flag Raising. We welcomed our youngest Ferns and new students who have moved to the area.



### Boys Haka - Finishing Pose

Our Flag Raising ceremony includes our Boy's Haka leaders who perform each Monday during the singing of the national anthem.



### Karanga Girls

As part of our Monday Flag Raising ceremony, our Year 6 Karanga girls begin our national anthem by welcoming our community to school and the beginning of a new working week.



## WITHERLEA SCHOOL PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP

### Meeting

7.30pm, 2 March 21 - Witherlea School Staffroom

**ALL WELCOME!**



**Witherlea Kindy came to visit**  
Witherlea kindy came and paid our Fern's room a visit last Monday

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