

17th August 2018

Term 3 School Wide Value — Honesty

Kia ora, Moghrey Mie,

A great week of school completed again. I was fortunate to be asked to accompany our large group of students and parents to the Rainbow Ski Field on Tuesday. This was a great day for all and everyone seemed to really enjoy the day. What an awesome experience "outside of the classroom" to continue our students all round education. Many of our students took part in skiing, some in snowboarding, tobogganing and some just having a great play. It was also really great to see parents acting as pack horses and tow trucks for many students and not just their own! Growth Mindset. Have a go. We have some talented students on the snow and good to see them out in the local environment. Many thanks to Miss Allison and her team for organising this huge event and to all of our whanau for supporting this. We did have one and a half rubbish sized bags of lost property but are now down to a few pairs of gloves, six hats, sunglasses and ski goggles and some wet socks. Please contact the office if you think you are missing anything.



Also this week you may have noticed the strike by the NZEI teachers union on Wednesday across the country. This did not affect us as a school as Area School's have a different collective agreement (pay and conditions) but we fully support our colleagues and trust this can all be sorted as soon as possible to everyone's benefit.

Week five of term three next week and, for our senior students, a key time of focus upon NCEA and maintaining progress in this area. We have a mentor system at school where every student in Years 11-13 has a staff member chosen as a mentor. This mentor meets with their students and helps advise them regarding coursework, put them in contact with the appropriate person regarding possible careers and generally be another avenue of support within the school. As a small school this can be a very powerful tool to raise and maintain achievement.

Fundraising never seems to stop and I know many primary classes are starting or continuing with these efforts for next terms class camps. More information will follow from your class teachers and if you are unsure of when and where your student's camps are, please contact them directly. Camps are seen as a very valuable part of our school curriculum and we do not want anyone to miss out if possible.

Camp venues are:

Buller Room	Bridge Valley
Tutaki Room	Teapot Valley, Brightwater
Matakitaki Room	Kaiteriteri
Maruia Room	Marlborough Sounds
Year 9/10 Room	Christchurch

Have a great weekend, ready to go again next week.

Nga Mihi, Slaynt as shee.
Andy Ashworth
Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

Rippa Rugby Tournament - Rec Centre, 23rd August

Mid Term Break - Monday 3rd September

Inspire Festival, Nayland College - Thursday 6th – Friday 7th September

Book Fair - 10th - 14th September

Spring Flower Show - 17th – 19th September

School Photos - Wednesday 19th September

Last day of Term 3 - Friday 28th September

First day of Term 4 - Monday 15th October

Labour Day - Monday 22nd October



Morning Tea with Mrs P.

This week Mrs P invited Payton for morning tea and she decided to bring her good friend Ruby. Payton brought along her poetry book and a reading activity to share and Ruby brought along a story she had written at home about her trip to the ski field. Both girls loved going tobogganing - Ruby with her Mum, and Payton with her Dad. They said it was funny when their parents fell off the toboggans! Both girls said they like coming to school. Payton especially likes it when her teacher reads stories to them, and Ruby loves to write. Mrs P was happy to hear they enjoy stories, both writing them and reading them, as reading and writing are such important skills.

Mrs P asked if the girls were looking forward to the weekend. Payton answered excitedly that she was going to be celebrating her dad's birthday. She wasn't sure how old he was though... "16, I think," she said!! Ruby doesn't know how old her dad is either. "It's 6-something," she said!

Enjoy the weekend, girls!



Student Drop Off & Pick Up Only



When just dropping off and/or picking up your child/ren from school you are able to use the school staff car park if parking is a problem on the road, due to increased traffic.

Please keep your time to a minimum so everyone is able to safely pick up their children.



SIGNING CHILDREN OUT

A reminder to all parents/caregivers.....

If you are taking your child/ren out of school early please remember to come up to the office and sign them out.

There is a reason we require this and your co-operation is needed to ensure the systems we have in place work.



Ski Day Photos

Here are some wonderful photos of the ski day last Tuesday. There are a lot more on our Facebook page for you to enjoy.





Murchison Area School
Parent By-Election Notice
Murchison Area School

Board of trustees' by-election

Nominations are invited for the by-election of one parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form).

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday, 24th August 2018 and may be accompanied by signed candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 7th September, 2018.

Signed

Sandra Brown
Returning Officer
Murchison Area School

Student Accounts, Camp fees, School Activities etc

If you are wanting to pay by weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments to assist with student activities such as camps, stationery etc, these can be paid in several ways:-

Direct Credit into the school bank account
03-1354-0142625-00; or

Cheque, cash or eftpos at the school
office.

Please ensure you put your surname in the 'reference' section of your direct credit so we know who the payment is for.

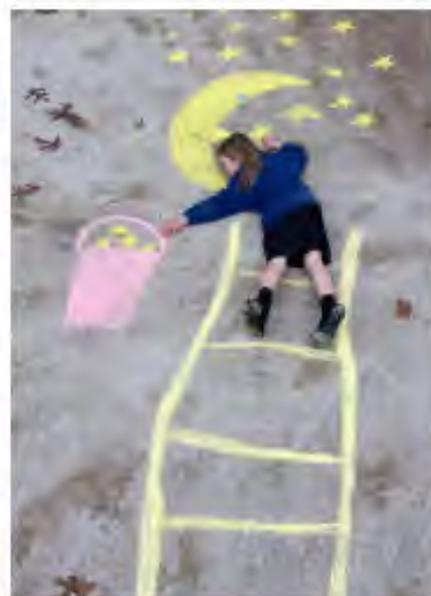
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Lynette in the office.



FUN DAY TUESDAY

While the kids are away, the rest will play! The 4r06 children had a fantastic time working together during a play-based, team building day of using their creativity.

Check out some of the magic moments we captured





Matakitaki Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Coupland's Bakery fundraiser. For final orders, please come along to Matakitaki's Bake & Raffle Stall, *The Home of Good Baking* this coming Monday 20th August from 10-12.



NEW FUNDRAISER: PERSONALISED BAG TAGS

Handmade by a local Stoke designer, colourful bag tags are the perfect gift idea for people of all ages. As a personalised name tag for school bags, or to attach to a keychain (no misplacing your tractor keys again!), they'll stand out so well



14 designs to pick from. bag tags are 6.5cm wide.

everyone will know the owner. Circular and strong, with your choice of name, colour and picture design; they're only \$4 each. Our supportive designer is kindly donating a percentage of each tag sold to Matakitaki's class camp.

Please see separate order form. Happy customising! 😊

Welcome to our school

Ethan Lash - Year 9



Lost Property

Once again the lost property box is full to overflowing. Is your child/ren missing items of uniform, non-uniform, lunch boxes, towels etc, etc (the list is endless)???

Please come and check here at school.

Unfortunately items are not named so we are unable to return to their rightful owner.

Please ensure your child/ren's clothing and other items ie: lunchbox's are named. Your assistance is needed and appreciated.

Matakitaki Camp Fundraiser

CAKE STALL & RAFFLES

Monday 20th August

10am-noon outside the Four Square

- Home baking
- Lotto/Scratchy raffle
- Meat raffle
- Bark raffle kindly donated by Bulk & General
- Firewood raffle for 2metres of next season's wood, kindly donated by Longford Firewood
- There will also be Coupland's Bakery order forms for pizza, pies, savouries and baking.
Delivery is Thursday 23rd August ☺

Many thanks to our generous local sponsors for their support of our Murchison Area School Children!

Thank you for your support ☺

Metaphor poems from Maruia Rm

The Beaver

A flat-tailed beaver
With teeth cutting wood
I hold onto him tight
While he stacks it up good

Teeth cutting through
He sees what he has done
He steps back then BOOM!
Now he's finished one
Coby Whittington

Popcorn Machine

A red-sided volcano
With mouth open wide
Sitting on the table
With popcorn inside

Turn on the switch
Spin the same route
After a while
Spewing it all out
Taylor Hawley

The Lawnmower

A grand mountain goat
Horns pointed and threatening,
Crawls along my lawn

Grass slowly diminishing
It chews and it chews
Collects it all up
It brings itself to a halt
No more noise to disrupt.
Mackenzie Thomas-Brough

Ceiling Fan Pegasus

An elegant white Pegasus
With majestic wings so large
Stays in the corner of my room
Head down in an arch

Lifting its wings high
Bringing them back down
I'm grateful, I cannot lie.
For it keeps me cool at night.
Sylvie Curtis

Upset Stomach

Rumbling upset tummy
In the kitchen wall
I fill it full of washing
Scrunched into a ball

Grumbling and burping
Bubbles spinning around
Beeping when it's ending
Filling the room with sound
Savannah Knight

The Speaker

Little happy parrot.
That really likes to talk.
Although he's a bird.
He cannot fly or walk.

Put on your favourite tune.
He will begin to sing
Remember to plug him in.
Or you will not hear a thing.
Nathan Elliott

Lawn Mower

Revvng maaaaaasss across the town.
Spinning blade as it runs.
Destroying anything in its ground.
Stomping on grass with rage.

Big buck-teeth when it saws.
Conking out when the fuel is done.
Sleeps in garages oddest place ever.
Wakes up tired from old age.
Devlin Telfer-Eggers

The Jug

An angry beast
Slowly bubbling and steaming
Burning whoever touches him
Water inside gleaming

Heating up the water
And spitting some out
With a ding he's done
Then I pour it from his spout.
Taylor Wilkins

Helicopter

A white bladed helo
Sends a cold breeze
When it feels power
Its propellers spin with eaz

It flies on my ceiling
The wind's a good feeling
It stays in its place
It is quite appealing
Joe Stuart

The Jug

A white feathered bird
With a beak flaming orange
Sits on my bench
And boils my water

I pour in the water
He swallows it up
And when it is done
I pour it into my mug
Sharni Stuart-Forbes

Metaphor poems from Maruia Rm continued:

Lawn Mower

A pure steel sheep
With silver strong wool,
I watch him outside
He's really quite cool,

He eats all my grass
He can eat so much
The lawn gets lower
It can't escape his clutch

Ryan Elliott

Found

Bracelet found near the picnic table in the intermediate/senior area. The image shown is not the bracelet found.



If you think this may be yours please come up to the office & see Kathryn or Sandy.

KidsCan Shoes

Did you know...?

If you are having difficulty getting school shoes for your child, we have access to funding from KidsCan which can help.

Please contact our office staff if you are interested.



School Ball Season

PARENTS TAKE THE LEAD IN TEEN ALCOHOL CONVERSATIONS

When your teen will be allowed to drink alcohol is one of the many decisions that you as a parent have to make.

The research recommends that it is safest to delay teen drinking until at least 18 years of age, but ball season can be a time when teens ask their parents whether they are allowed to drink alcohol.

It is important for families to talk and create a plan with their teens which includes rules about alcohol, boundaries and agreed consequences. The law also requires that alcohol supplied to under 18's is done in a responsible manner and that consent is obtained from parents or legal guardians.

Nelson and Tasman parents have been involved in **The Plan** project which has developed some interactive resources to help other parents make these plans with their teens.

The school will be sending out copies of these resources to parents of senior students in the next few weeks.

Please note: Regardless of your personal decisions about when to allow your under 18's to consume or not consume alcohol, there will be a zero tolerance for alcohol before and during our school formal due to legislation pertaining to school events.

This will also apply to any guests/partners of students who may be over 18 years of age.





DID YOU KNOW...?

NZEI are 47,000 principals, teachers and support staff who work in primary, area and secondary schools as well as early childhood centres, special education and school advisory services.

We come together to fight for quality public education—because every child is worth it.

Our children should be getting an education that sets them up for life - it is what parents want and expect, and what children deserve. We think it's time to do what works for children and invest more in education.

There has been a huge increase in diverse learning needs in classrooms.

Schools are also facing a desperate need for more resourcing for increasing numbers of children with additional learning needs.

The average age of a NZ teacher is 55 years old.

Teachers in their fifties or older have increased from 35% in 2005, to 41% a decade later.

20% more permanent full time teachers left teaching in 2017 than in 2013.

The average retention of new teachers in the profession is 5 years.

There has been a 40% drop in teacher graduates in the past five years.

Bold solutions are needed to address the crisis to ensure all kids will have a teacher in coming years.

We already have a serious shortage of teachers across the country but there is a crisis approaching very shortly.

Student numbers are growing rapidly. By 2030, there will be at least an extra 40,000 primary school students.

The quality of teaching is the single biggest in-school impact on children's progress and achievement, so it's important we continue to attract high quality people into the teaching profession.

Research shows that what works for children is smaller classes and more one-on-one learning with their teachers.



In collective agreement negotiations, the government offered just 12 minutes extra of time to work individually with children, or to plan or assess learning.

The request to fund a Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO) in every school was ignored.

Thursday's strike action was the first for educators in 24 years because we believe IT'S TIME!



Oral Health



Did you know?



Fuelled4life is a free Heart Foundation tool that makes it easy and fun to provide healthy food for children.

<http://www.fuelled4life.org.nz/>

See the website for simple and attractive lunchbox ideas including costs, menus for early childhood providers and school canteens, recipe cards that are funky, fun and easy to follow and lots more.

Sign up to Fuelled4life to keep up-to-date with the latest news, tips and resources.

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Richmond: 539 5320

Motueka and Tasman Mobile
0800 833846

Blenheim and Marlborough Mobile 5209922 0800 833849



Oral Health



Did you know?

Your toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and packaging can be **recycled** and made into other things.

Just bring **ANY BRAND** of the pictured items with you when you next visit your COHS Dental Hub and we will send them to Terracycle to be made into items such as watering cans and plant pots.



For more information visit <https://www.terracycle.co.nz/en-NZ/brigades/oral-care-brigade>

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Murchison Theatre



Centennial Celebration

Labour Weekend 19-21 October 2018

~Schedule of Events~

Theatre Meet & Greet Friday 6-8 pm

Nelson Youth Theatre Company's
production of

Grease

Saturday 7pm and Sunday 2 pm

FUN FAMILY FUNDRAISING WHANAU FRIENDS FITNESS



2017 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS....2018 IS SET TO BE BIGGER

In 2017 this initiative raised over \$5000 dollars for schools, kindergartens and playcentres across the Nelson/Tasman region. In 2018 you will be given a share of up to 50% of every nominated entry fee and by simply encouraging your local community to get involved in this iconic event, you could stand to raise considerable funds.

FREE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

While organising fundraising events can take a great deal of time and effort, Athletics Nelson has taken this in its stride by offering all schools in the region a 'cash-back' for participation in 'The NELSON HALF -Festival of running'

EARN FUNDS BY ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION WITHIN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Based at Saxton Field on 4th November, the running and walking events over 2.5km, 5km, 10km and 21.1km cater for all levels of ability. Each entrant can nominate a school in the region which will receive up to 50% of their entry fee back and the further you run, the more your nominated school could benefit.

This initiative encourages **Families, Friends and Whanau** from throughout a community to come together, provide some extra funding for their nominated school and at the same time promote healthy exercise. Individually, each runner or walker will be rewarded with a commemorative medal to wear with pride as recognition of their efforts as well as improved fitness and friendships to kick start their summer.

www.thenelsonhalf.co.nz

For more information, check out our website or flick me an e-mail at afestivalofrunning@gmail.com.....see you there!

Let's encourage Families, Friends and Whanau to take on a challenge, improve fitness and have some fun for the good of our communities

LUNCHTIME CLUBS TERM 3 2018

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 23-27 July	TOO				
2 30-3 August	Carving -Tech Rm Volleyball -Gym Matua Hohepa Y7 up Mr Ashworth	Gymnastics -Gym Mrs Bensemann Board Games Y4 up -Art Rm Mrs Peacock	Macrame bracelets Distance Rm Mrs T & Mrs A Girls Bball Y7 up -Gym Mr Marquet	Formal dancing Yr 7 -Gym Mrs Smith	Sport -Gym Yr 5-8 Mr Williams
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