



Murchison Area School

"Living to learn..... learning to live"

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28th September 2018

Term 3 School Wide Value — Honesty

Titiro whakamuri, kokiri whakamua - *look back and reflect so you can move forward.*

Kia ora koutou

Another term has whizzed by and here we are looking ahead to two weeks break to refresh and recharge.

Our week began with mock exams for our seniors which all went smoothly. Mock exams are an important opportunity for our seniors to prepare for next term. If for any reason they cannot sit their end of year exams, eg due to significant illness, then their results in their mock exams help determine their derived grade. Our staff will be marking the exams over the holidays (if they haven't already) and the results will give staff an idea of how students are tracking for their end of year exams and will help guide preparation next term.

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help when we had to close the school on Tuesday due to having no water. We have a fantastic staff who enabled it all to go smoothly, but we also have great students who accepted the disruption to their day with little fuss, and also great families who responded so quickly to the situation and enabled the whole process to go so well. Thank you all.

Yesterday we had one of our Year 5 students, Jim Gilmer, competing in the Inter-Regional Cross Country Champs as part of the 80-strong Primary Sports Canterbury Cross Country team. It was an outstanding effort to even make it into this team so we are very proud of Jim. Yesterday he came in 11th overall, and 4th amongst his Canterbury team mates. Well done, Jim. This is truly a great achievement.

Also yesterday we had some of our school Kapa Haka group travel to Hokitika to compete in the West Coast Kapa Haka Festival. Huge thanks must go to Miss Steinmann and Mr Williams for pulling this event together and working hard with the performers to get them to Hokitika. I hear they really lifted their performance on the day, and did an outstanding job. We are hoping to post a video of their performance on our school facebook page, and they will also be performing at our Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoon.

Speaking of our Celebration Assembly I know it is a busy time of year for our farming whanau but I hope some of you are able to come down and be a part of it. Our assembly is a great opportunity for us to acknowledge the hard work that has gone on this term by our staff and students and to celebrate our many achievements.

Next term promises to be one of the busiest of the year with camps, Pet Day, exams and prize givings to plan, prepare for and run. Keep an eye on Facebook and our newsletters to keep up with all the events.

Finally I would like to wish Ms Melissa Waite, our PE/Health teacher, all the very best as she leaves us to begin her maternity leave next term. We hope everything goes well for Ms Waite and her partner Scott as they await the arrival of their little bundle of joy, and we would like to thank Ms Waite for her years of commitment to our school and our students. She will be missed very much.

Ngā mihi nui

Sarah Peacock
Acting Principal

**SCHOOL WILL REOPEN FOR
TERM FOUR ON
MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2018**



DATES TO REMEMBER

First day of Term 4 - Monday 15th October
Labour Day - Monday 22nd October
Matakitaki Rm Camp, Bethany Park, Kaiteriteri - 23rd – 26th October
Tutaki Rm Camp, Teapot Valley, Brightwater - 23rd– 26th October
Pet Day - Friday 2nd November
Last day of school for Year 11-13 - Tuesday 6th November
Leavers Assembly - Tuesday 6th November - 2pm in the Library
Buller Rm Camp, Bridge Valley - 6th – 9th November
Maruia Rm Camp, Marlborough Sounds - 13th – 16th November
Year 9/10 Overnight -Whenua Iti - 29th - 30th November
Senior Prize Giving - Friday November 30th - 6.30-9pm at the Rec Centre
Junior Prize Giving - 14th December, 10.30am-12.30pm
Last day of Term 4 - 14th December



SCHOOL CAMPS

Please see below the dates of upcoming school camps.



October 23rd - October 26th

Matakitaki Room camp - Bethany Park, Kaiteriteri

October 23rd - October 26th

Tutaki Room camp - Teapot Valley,
Brightwater

November 6th - November 9th

Buller Room camp - Bridge Valley

November 13th - November 16th

Maruia Rm Camp - Marlborough Sounds



November 29th - November 30th

Year 9/10 Overnight -Whenua Iti



Camp fees can be paid in instalments if this suits. Payment can be made by either direct credit to the school bank account - 03-1354-0142625-00 or cheque, cash or eftpos at the school office.

If you have any queries please contact the school office.

School Swimming Pool

The school pool will open on Monday 15th October 2018.



Pool keys will be available from the school office from Monday 15th October 2018.

The cost will be \$80.00 which includes a \$20.00 key deposit that will be refunded when you return your key at the end of the swimming season.

Morning Tea with Mrs P.



This week Finn was invited to morning tea and he chose to bring his friend Koby. Finn said that he brought Koby because he is his 'very best friend' and he likes hanging out with him and playing together.

Both boys brought some writing to share with Mrs P. Finn's story was engaging and Koby said he thought Finn did a great job because he used lots of interesting describing words. Then Koby read his story out and said he was proud of it because it was the longest story he'd ever written.

Mrs P asked what the boys were planning for the holidays. Finn said he'd like to help out on the farm. When Mrs P asked if that's what he'd like to do when he grows up Finn said maybe...or he'd also like to be a doctor. Finn thought perhaps he'd like to be a doctor that owns a farm?! Koby is looking forward to spending time with his uncle who has come from the UK to live with them for a while. Either way both boys are looking forward to the holidays, and so is Mrs P - it has been a busy term!

MURCHISON AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Invites you to our registration day.

WHERE: Murchison Area School swimming pool
WHEN: Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at 3.30 pm
WHAT: Swimming lessons for children five years and over
(spaces may be limited for safety reasons)
COST: \$30 per child

Children need to come prepared to swim as coaches may need to assess their swimming ability.

School Sports Tops



The following sports tops are still yet to be returned to the school.

Jacket - Number 12
Top - Number 2

Can you please check and return if you have these at home.

Many thanks.



Thank You

A huge thank you to all our wonderful whanau and staff who worked smoothly and calmly to get all of our children home on Tuesday when the school had to be closed early due to having no water in the Murchison Township. This was a great test of our systems and they seem to have worked very well.

A special thanks to our bus drivers who were able to come down to school at short notice to do their runs, and also thanks to those parents who took other children (with their parents' permission, of course!) to help other whanau out.

To our fabulous staff - thank you for 'going with the flow', being flexible and unflappable, and ensuring our students were all well looked after as they waited to go home.

And our amazing support staff, Lynette, Kathryn, Sandy and Sara, all did a wonderful job on the phones coordinating lists of parents to contact, and keeping track of everyone.

THANKS

Discovery Day

Friday is 'Discovery' day for our three Junior Primary classes. During 'Discovery' sessions we provide a variety of level appropriate interesting and challenging activities, carefully designed, which contribute to the development of language (communication), social competence (friends), thinking (generating ideas), and imagination in children. The benefits of this style of learning is supported by research. 'Discovery' is not a simply a play session. Our goals are specific. Increasingly our Curriculum is packed with policy requirements that threaten to crowd out opportunities for children to make their own choices of activities. Through 'Discovery' sessions we can address that lack of choice and because we give minimal guidance about how a task is to be approached and completed we provide the "discovery" opportunity.

Our purpose is then, through 'Discovery', to:

- a) create opportunities for positive social interaction
- b) increase oral vocabularies
- c) grow imaginations and creativity
- d) develop problem solving skills through a growth mindset.



Tutaki & Matakītaki Discovery

Curiosity Creative Thinking Problem Solving Co-operation Taking Risks Having A Go

Our Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 classes have had a fantastic first 10 weeks of their new Discovery programme!

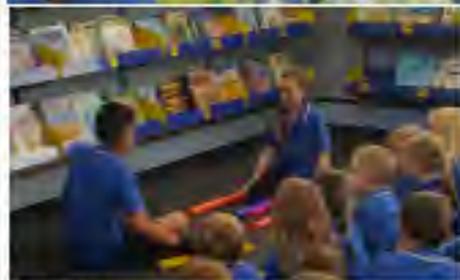
With our weekly Discovery sessions including team games, singing, Te Reo Maori, mindfulness and of course, all of their optional experiences to get curious about around Science, The Arts (Visual Art, Music, Drama and Dance), Engineering/Maths and Technology.

This has included: playdough making, sound apps for DJ creations, master chef, box construction challenges, dress ups/props, plays, board games, mask making, Chinese lanterns, cultural dot painting, obstacle course construction, ribbon dancing, cup stack design/speed tests, water colour painting, scavenger hunts, rakau stick learning, Maori string figures, boomwhacker instrumentals, seed planting, chalk perspective drawing, flexitangles, upcycling flower creations, catapults and much more.

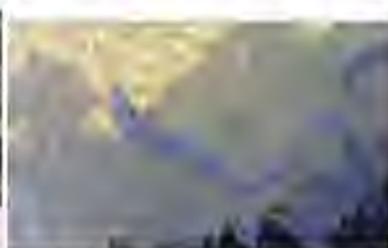
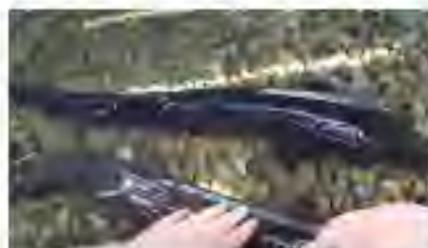
Here are some of our Discovery moments from across the term ☺



Discovery photos continued.....



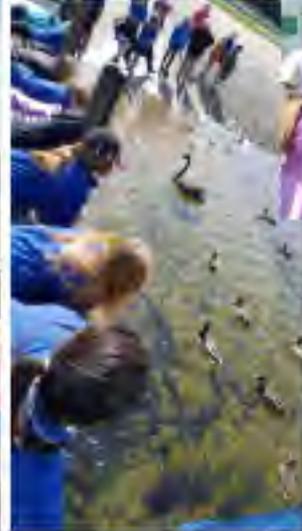
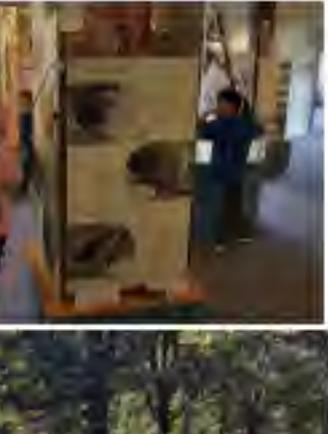
Tutaki & Matakītaki Eel Adventure to Lake Rotaiti in Week 8



Thursday 13th of September saw a fantastic day out for our Year 4, 5, 6 kids!



With our local Nelson Lakes being such a special and protected environment, we decided to venture there. The children in Tutaki and Matakītaki, along with a great group of adult helpers, had an incredible day out in nature's classroom. With the wonderful support of Tracey (one of the great DOC team members), as well as our very own Mike Gillies, the day was full of learning, and exploring the spectacular sights. World famous in Murchison, our New Zealand Long Finned Eels were the reason we'd gone up to the lake, after growing our curiosity around their life cycle and how they came to make the lake their home, as well as our local streams. With plenty of wow moments along the jetty, during our honey dew bush walk, and our time at the information centre, we really grew some more brain! Our learning has been ongoing since and we're proud to be guardians of these incredible species. A HUGE THANK YOU to Vicki, Marcie, Angela, Richard, Jody and Mike! You helped make our day a Term 3 highlight 😊



Acrostic Poems from Tutaki Room



Harry Cooper

Extra slippery
Extra slimy
Long slithering bodies
Skin of slippery stuff
Are eels endangered?
Rivers are eels habitat
Eels are awesome
Crikey they're cool
"Officer" eel says :save the eels"
Once I saw an eel devouring food
Look at those eels.

Fionn Dineen

Extra slimy
Extra long
Long bodies
Small eyes
Glass body
Long fins
And soft fins
Make sure to feed them
On the run down the river and
Up the river
Riding currents
Long eels, short eels
On the river edge
Under banks
Seeing them is quite fantastic
Extra slimy
Extra long
Look out, they can bite
So be careful.

Elise Douglas

Extra slippery, slimy eels
Exciting people interested
Long slimy fins
Sucking the meat
Spawned eels
Long slimy body
Interesting eel life
Protect their life
Provide the right food
Everywhere in rivers and creeks
Really fast for food
Yesterday was interesting
Slimy skins
Long fins.

Mia Phipps

Excellent eels swim
Eat rotting meat
Love these creatures
Slippery
Live long lives
Interesting body
Fighting for food
Eels are awesome

Alisha Nicholls

Extra slippery eels sliding along
Excellent people going to see them
Long slimy bodies
Strength within them to wiggle and slide along
Sliding eels
Quick movement
Under pressure at hydro dams
If you're kind to them they'll do it to you
Rude people washing their dishes
May you please try and see that you're being mean.

Gabriella Gillies

Respect the eels under the jetty
Jetty, they eat under the jetty
Eat, they eat meat not bread
Take care of eels
Tell, tell all your friends
You, you can do it!

Jesse O'Donnell

Eels snatching food out of your hands
Extra slippery when you pat or hold them
Long bodies slithering
Smooth slimy skin
Slimy eels swimming in the water
Long groupings of eels everywhere
Interesting life cycle
Provide good food
Protect them
Eel groups everywhere
Racing each other for food
You can help the eels by not polluting.



LOST PROPERTY

It's a bit sad when we have to dedicate so much space in our newsletter to lost property. The handful of items that were named have been returned to the rightful owners, however there is still a **huge** amount of un-named items. **Please name ALL your children's belongings.**

Can parents please come and check the lost property box and/or have their children do the same. There are so many shoes and socks along with uniform items, non-uniform items, ski gear, hats/beanies, lunch boxes and thermos and so on. The list is endless.

Please take the time to check the photos included here to see if you recognize any items....



LOST PROPERTY PHOTOS CONTINUED....



Join us at.....

The Nelson HALF Festival of Running

21.1km - 10km - 5km - 2.5km

www.thenelsonhalf.co.nz

SUNDAY 4th NOVEMBER

- A distance for everyone in the family
- Run or walk
- Medals for all finishers
- Personalised numbers
- Loads of prizes
- Fundraising for our school
- No excuses.....challenge yourself!



FOUND

Black Puffer Jacket left in school grounds.

If you think it may be your child's please contact the school office.

Garden Bed Fun

The children having a lie down in the garden beds!



Pet Day

Our school Pet Day is coming up next term on Friday November 2nd.

It is always a great day and a highlight of our school calendar.

However, it takes an enormous amount of work to put together and we are wondering if there are any parents (or grandparents!) out there who would be interested in helping us organise it. If we get enough takers it may even enable us to give the day a bit of a revamp with some new ideas. Perhaps you have some to offer, as well as your time?

We appreciate any assistance you are able to provide. Please contact the school office on 523 9072 if you are able to assist us.



Questions to ask your child instead of "How was your day?"

Alternative questions that your child will answer with more than a single word or grunt.

Questions a child will answer at the end of a long school day:

1. What was the funniest thing that happened today?
2. Did anyone do anything super nice for you?
3. What was the nicest thing you did for someone else?





Murchison Sport, Recreation & Cultural Centre
PO Box 30, Murchison 7049
Phone: 03 523 9360 / 021 296 5744
E-mail: murchison.centre@gmail.com



Come and join us on the 10th + 11th October 2018 at the Rec Centre from
10.00am – 4.00pm.

**GAMES, SPORTS, ARTS, COOKING, BAKING, DANCING AND
MORE....**

THIS TIME WITH AMAZING NATASHA !!

Ring/Text Katie at the Murchison Sport & Rec Centre 03 523 9360 or
021 296 5744 and **book in**, suitable for kids **age 5+**.

BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

NO BOOKING – NO ENTRY, BOOKING CLOSE 5th October

Cost: \$ 15.00/day

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL, WE NEED AT LEAST
10 KIDS TO RUN THE PROGRAM!!**



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in Tasman,
and get
your voice
heard

tasman
youth council

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COORDINATOR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR VISIT:



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The Murchison Youth Council
proudly presents

Murchison



Mystical Dance

Junior

Years 1-6

5:30 - 7:30pm

Senior

Years 7-13

7:45 - 10pm

Friday

26th
October

\$5 entry

For more info: Kateřina Neudeková

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murchison.centre@gmail.com

Alcohol and drug free event

Richmond Playcentre
50th Anniversary

Saturday 13th October

46 Waverley St, Richmond



Free Play Event Open to all
10am to 1pm

A big Playcentre experience, for all ages, provided by local Playcentres, including giant gloop! Bring a picnic & buy some Playcentre baking & other goodies.

At Richmond Playcentre & adjoining
Richmond School field



Afternoon Tea for past & present
families - 2pm to 4pm

At Richmond Playcentre & bring a plate to share



Enquiries: richmond.nelson@playcentre.org.nz
& find us on Facebook for more details

Whānau tupu ngātahi - families growing together

LIFE SKILLS THROUGH ADVENTURE

WILDERNESS CANOE TRUST

School Holiday Canoe Camps 2018-19

QUALITY ADVENTURES IN THE TOP OF THE SOUTH

My First Canoe Camp

A two day, one night camp for 9-10 year olds (years 5 & 6). Have fun on an amazing canoe adventure. Plenty of time to swim, relax & explore, play games. Learn camp & bushcraft skills e.g. fire lighting, wood carving, shelter building & camp cooking. **Cost:** only \$120 (incl. GST) per person

Wilderness Canoe Camp

A three day, two night camp for 11-14 yr olds (years 7 - 9).

Have a true wilderness experience that is challenging yet designed for success. A variety of environments can be explored: big rivers, wide-open estuaries, remote lakes & hidden salt water creeks.

Learn from one another & nature in a spirit that honours balance & respect.

Cost: only \$180 (incl. GST) per person

School Holiday Canoe Camp Dates 2018-19

Spring 2018

My First Canoe Camp
Mon 1st - Tues 2nd October

Wilderness Canoe Camp
Fri 5th - Sun 7th October

Summer 2018-19

My First Canoe Camp
Fri 21st - Sat 22nd December
Sun 20th - Mon 21st January

Wilderness Canoe Camp
Sun 16th - Tues 18th December
Thu 24th - Sat 26th January

Autumn 2019

My First Canoe Camp
Sat 13th - Sun 14th April

Wilderness Canoe Camp
Tues 16th - Thurs 18th April

Email or phone to reserve a place, we will send booking forms & further instructions.
See www.canoejourneys.co.nz for more information, including gear lists.

Ratios: 1 instructor to a maximum of 8 young people.

Catering: All cooking equipment and food is provided - wholesome and healthy.

Equipment: Quality tents, waterproof barrels, Wenonah Canoes, paddles, life jackets & all safety gear is provided.

Transport: Depart & return to Decks Reserve, Motueka (behind Motueka i-Site).

Safety is our first priority. Well qualified & experienced staff use detailed safety management plans & undertake external safety audits to meet the adventure activities regulations.

Ph: 028 414 0264 E: greg@canoejourneys.co.nz www.canoejourneys.co.nz

As a registered charity & not-for-profit, the Canoe camps are reduced by over 60%.
You can also get in touch at any time of year to tailor make a canoe camp for your school or community group.