



# Murchison Area School

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

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## Term 4 School Wide Value — Consideration

Mā pango, mā whero ka oti te mahi - *with my part and your part the work will be done.*

Nau mai, hoki mai - welcome back!

Term 4 already - where does the time go?! It was great to see everyone back on deck on Monday, ready for the new term. Staff were looking refreshed and have been working hard during the break preparing for the term ahead; and our students arrived with tales to tell about their holiday adventures.

Term 4 is always a busy term so I cannot stress enough the importance of keeping an eye on our newsletters, emails and Facebook posts to keep up with all the different events happening. One of our jobs as a school is to ensure we are delivering our curriculum in a variety of different ways. Camps, trips and other outside the classroom events like Pet Day are some of the ways we do this. They give our students experiences that develop non-academic qualities like self-management skills, communication skills, and relationship skills, which are a very important part of the NZ Curriculum. If at any stage you are confused about information coming home via your child about any of our school events please don't hesitate to ring the office for clarification. Often a quick five minute conversation with our wonderful office staff will mean clarity for all.

This week some of the senior students from our Trades Academy course, who have been travelling to NMIT every Friday, have been putting their skills to the test. They have built go-karts which they will be racing today (Friday) at Tapawera. In testing sessions on Wednesday the kart built by the Murchison Area School students was the best and fastest on the day! We will be eagerly awaiting results today to see if we are able to hold that top spot in the official race-off.

Next week we have two classes heading off on camp - Tutaki Rm leave for a fun week at Teapot Valley Camp in Brightwater, and Matakītaki Rm leave for Kaiteriteri where they will be enjoying a week of activities around the wider Motueka area. Also on Tuesday Buller Rm and Mangles Rm are heading to Lake Rotoiti to take part in the DOC-run long-finned eels education day. This trip is a fantastic experience for our Yr 2-6 students (Yr 7-8 will go later in the term), and I know they have learned a lot about this unique creature and the importance of protecting it in our local waterways. It has also been a popular trip with our parents and we truly appreciate the offers of help we have had with all of our trips recently. We couldn't do it without you all - thank you!

Finally it is with much regret that I inform you that we will lose one of our valued staff members at the end of the year. Ms Amy Stewart has secured a position as Regional Lead at Te Kura (Correspondence School) in Christchurch, which will be a massive gain for them with her excellent leadership and organisational skills, and her educational expertise. Since she began at our kura in 2013 Ms Stewart has taught in our Primary area, Secondary area, been a Secondary Syndicate Leader, our Assistant Principal and also this year has been the Across Schools Lead Teacher for our TOSI Community of Learning. That is quite a portfolio of responsibilities and she has carried them all out with high levels of efficiency, professionalism and her quiet, witty sense of humour. I know our students, staff and our kura as a whole have benefited greatly from having her here and we will miss her very much when she goes. We wish her and her partner Jon the best for their new life in Christchurch.

Kia hora te marino,  
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,  
Kia tere te Kārohirohi i mua i tōu huarahi.  
*May the calm be widespread,  
May the ocean glisten as greenstone,  
May the shimmer of light ever dance across your pathway.*

Enjoy the long weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi nui  
Sarah Peacock  
Acting Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

SAVE THE DATE

COMING  
UP

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 Play - 'Captain Hook's Revenge' - 8th November, 7pm at the Theatre  
Maruia Rm Camp, Marlborough Sounds - 13th – 16th November  
Yr 7-10 Tapawera Sports exchange at MAS - 22nd 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



**Caution!** On Tuesday we will have four classes heading off on trips and camps in the morning. This means up to 30, yes THIRTY, parent and staff vehicles will be using the back field to load gear and children. If you are one of those parents bringing a vehicle to the back field on Tuesday PLEASE be super careful coming into the school grounds and stay VERY alert for excited children who may be places they shouldn't be. We will have signage up to show where each class parking area is, and will be asking children to stay away from the field area, but we do ask that you stay especially vigilant to ensure everyone stays safe.

## School Swimming Pool

**The school pool is now open.**

Pool keys are available from the school office.

The cost is \$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 next year.



# Morning Tea with Mrs P.

This morning Molly came along to morning tea with Mrs P and she brought Kiahna. Both girls had stories they'd written to share. They have learned about how to write a good narrative. Molly and Kiahna both said writing is 'alright' but their favourite subject is art.

Mrs P asked the girls what they would write if they had to write a school report for our school. The girls said they like the way we help kids sort things out when they have a conflict with each other. When asked what we could do better, Kiahna mentioned that on Athletics Day a couple of years ago she missed out on getting her winners' ribbons because we'd run out and she was disappointed about that. This is a good reminder for us as a school that often it's the details that make the difference for our tamariki.

Both of them are very excited at the moment because next week their class, Matakītaki Rm, is off to Kaiteriteri on camp. They are really looking forward to trying new things like SUP boarding, and Kiahna said she is really pleased because no one in her cabin snores! Have a great time, girls!



## DAFFODIL DAY 2018

This certificate is awarded to

**Murchison Area School**

in appreciation of a fantastic fundraising effort

  
Michelle Hunt - Centre Manager

\$405.90 was raised. A great effort and thanks to everyone who contributed.

THERE ARE  
NO  
FAILURES  
just  
discoveries

You can  
**LEARN**,  
something new  
**EVERYDAY**  
If you  
**LISTEN**

“ Education is  
the most **POWERFUL**  
**WEAPON**  
which you can use  
to **change**  
the **WORLD**. ”  
-Nelson Mandela-

### **\*\*\*PET DAY & MYCOPLASMA BOVIS\*\*\***



Due to the recent outbreak of M. Bovis we have been advised that, until further notice, school Pet Day should **NOT** include calves.

However, if your child has been raising a calf with the intention of bringing it to Pet Day, please get in touch with us at the school office. We are looking at the feasibility of getting calves judged on-farm, so that the hard work can still be acknowledged.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child has been rearing a calf for Pet Day and would like us to consider it for on-farm judging.

**Reminder: Pet Day for Murchison Area School is Friday November 2nd.**

## **Pet Day**

Our school Pet Day is coming up 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:**

Who made you smile today?

What new fact did you learn today?

Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?



# West Coast Kapa Haka Festival



At the end of last term, a group of young and eager performers went to Hokitika to participate in the annual Kapa Haka festival. The team ranged in age from seven to fourteen. Everyone was pumped to show the skills we had learnt and we were excited to put all our energy and hard work into the show. Kapa Haka was a tumeke experience and we are excited to have a more complex performance planned for next year. Our finished performance was a piece to be very proud of and we couldn't have done it without our amazing tutors, Mr Williams and Miss Steinmann.

**Written by Brooke Mason**

This email is just to thank you and your school for attending Te Ahurei o ngā Kura o Te Tai o Poutini 2018 hosted by Westland High School. Thank you also for the time and effort you put in to organising, tutoring and managing your team. The distance you traveled would also have added to the many tasks on your list in order to participate yesterday.

I was fortunate to have seen Murchison's performance. I thought their performance was very well executed; they were disciplined and on a personal note their singing was absolutely beautiful. If there was an award for singing alone I would have given it to your school. They sounded just amazing. One of the judges also commented to me about how beautiful they sounded.

Thank you so much for bringing that gift to Westland High School. They were the highlight of my day. Please pass this on to your kapa haka tutor.

On another note the results, certificates and the judges comments will be sent out in due course.

**Matua Takurua - Westland High School**

# Grass Kart Competition

Our Trades Academy students are competing in the NMIT Grass Kart Competition today against other schools at Tapawera.



Murchison Families, support the Theatre this weekend and come see Grease!

Nelson Youth Theatre Company, mostly made up of a teenage cast, is coming to Murchison to perform the musical Grease.

First time on tour!

Sunday family pass, 2 adults, 2 children for \$30, extra child \$5.



## Did you Know:

Venus is the only planet in the solar system that rotates clockwise, whereas all other planets rotate anti-clock wise.

## **\*\*\*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.

## **Trophies**



Can everyone who has a trophy please return it to the school office ASAP so we have them back for this years prizegiving.

Your speedy response is much appreciated and makes it easier for us if you bring them back in plenty of time.

Please contact Kathryn at the school office if you have any queries.

## **It's that time of year again....**



With the warmer weather here, we are once again implementing our **NO HAT, NO PLAY** rule. This is for **ALL STUDENTS**. **Year 7 to 13 students must wear a hat that provides sun protection.**

There are 3 different styles of school sunhat available from The Warehouse in Richmond:-

- \* A cap with our logo;
- \* A bucket hat with our logo, and
- \* A plain navy wide brim hat.

**FRIDAY 2nd November, 2018**  
**PET DAY WILL BE HELD WET OR FINE**

Buses will run one hour later in the morning and will leave at 3.00pm.  
Students do not have to wear school uniform,  
BUT, we will be on the look out for the "best dressed" young farmer.  
Parents, please ensure that all entries are named and your child's room name is shown. Competitions are as follows:

## Cooking Section (in Buller)

*All entries must be fully named and be clearly marked if not for auction.  
Entries not collected by 1:30pm or clearly marked 'Not for Auction',  
will be sold with proceeds going towards the Primary Syndicate.*

### Mangles, Matiri, Buller:

1. **Open Entry**= 6 of small cakes, biscuits, slice etc., iced or plain: cooked or uncooked; muffins, a pizza. You surprise us!
2. **Trick or Treat Sweets**- Make a basket/box of home-made sweets for a trick or treat!

### Tutaki, Matahitaki, Maruia then another section for Years 9 & 10

1. **Decorated Large Cakes Animal/Farm theme**- **Decorated Cup Cakes**-  
Decorate a cake for a special occasion.
2. **Open Entry**= 6 of small cakes, biscuits, slice etc., iced or plain: cooked or uncooked; muffins, a pizza. You surprise us!

*Also, please ensure that all cooking entries are named (underneath entry), covered with glad wrap on a throwaway base, e.g. ice cream lid.*





## Slippery Slide



Bring your togs and towel along and have a blast with a slippery slide adventure.

## Wonderful Class Works (in Tutaki)

Come along and see a variety of creativity from Play Centre, Kindy and our Primary classes.

## Vege Pets (in Buller)

Have fun creating your own vegetable/fruit pet!

Entries are from Play Centre, Kindy, Mangles, Matiri, Buller, Tutaki, Matakītaki, Maruia. These will need to be completed at home, ready to bring to school on Friday. All entries must show the child's full name and room name, underneath where possible.



## Livestock Section

*In the judging of all animal classes the emphasis will be on the relationship between the child and the animal.*

**Horses:** The following classes will be judged in both sections. Best cared for Pony, Best Paced & Mannered Pony, Best Boy/Girl Rider, Trotting Pony, Walking Pony, Unsaddling

**Dogs:** All dogs must be kept on leads at all times please

- a) Play Centre/Kindy, b) Mangle & Matiri, c) Buller & Tutaki, d) Matakī & Maruia, e) Years 9/10

### Lambs, Sheep, Goats:

- a) Play Centre/Kindy, b) Mangle & Matiri, c) Buller & Tutaki, d) Matakī & Maruia, e) Years 9/10

**House Hold Pets:** All classes to be open classes. Awards for the best cared for pets, kittens, cats, poultry, canaries, budgies, mice, rabbits etc.



## Fun Farmer Contest

Continuing on from the fantastic time we had in previous years, all students will be involved in a team for the Fun Farmer Competition, alongside one adult per team. Please help us by joining in and getting in the spirit of Pet Day 😊

## Young Farmer Contest: for New Entrants to Yr10

Check it out, put your name down, have a go! Our Young Farmer Competition will be running alongside our livestock judging, allowing for all students to join in the action and try out a mix of cool activities. Think you are up for the challenge? Be prepared for an awesome time! We will be on the lookout for the best young farmer.



## Fundraising Calendars/Cards

*All primary classes have created beautiful art work which will be on display in Tutaki class. These can be made into cards, calendars, mouse mats, diaries, and notebooks for you to order.*

*This is a great way to personalise your Christmas cards this year for a very reasonable cost.*



*Payment needs to be made when you order. Order forms will be available on Pet Day, November 2nd and in the office until Friday November 16th. No late orders can be accepted.*

## Primary Grocery Hamper Raffles

It would be much appreciated if students from all primary classes contribute grocery items to be made into raffles.

These items can be sent into the office throughout next week.

## Paper Auction of Baking

Bring along your appetite and bid on the generously donated baking goods.

Proceeds from the raffle and auction help to buy art supplies for the primary classes.



## Have a great day, and remember to...

Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide



## The Programme– please note times

- 10:00am- 10:30am
- Entries received (no sooner than 10am please)
- 10:30am- 11:30am
- All livestock owners (including horse owners) report for judges interviews. Please stay with animals to be ready for judging.
  - Judging of the cooking sections
  - Young Farmer Competition
- 11:00am- 12:00pm
- Room exhibits will be open for viewing after judging has been completed- at approximately 12:00 noon.
  - Paper auction for baked goods will open in Buller.
  - Slippery Slide open
- 12:30pm
- Parents/student Fun Farmer Challenges.
  - Mr Ashworth to announce paper auction will close.
- 1:30pm
- The presentation of Livestock Certificates.



## People in Charge of Events

Dogs- Primary Field	Mrs R Jones & Mrs L Bensemam
Outside Livestock- Primary Field	Mr M Williams, Miss K Allison
Horses- Monahan Park	TBC
Household Pets- at the end of prefab building	Mrs S Proctor & Mrs J Peacock
Cooking- Buller	Mrs T Whitnall & TBC
Calendar Art & Wonderful Class Works	Mrs S Flintoft & TBC

**Many thanks to our amazing judges who have kindly given their time to support our school Pet Day!**



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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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*Alcohol and drug free event*