

30th November 2018

## Term 4 School Wide Value — Consideration



Moghrey Mie, Kia ora,

A couple of photos to start this piece. One of them is from last years Senior Prizegiving with our Head Boy and Girl, Nathan Hawley and Jemma Gibson. The other is of our Matakītaki class and their recent camp.

Tonight is our Senior Prizegiving for 2018 at the Rec Centre. We are looking forward to a good evening with a lot of entertainment and plenty to celebrate. As we draw to the end of this year, we look back on 2018 and also look forward to 2019. There have been many highlights of this year across the whole school and also all age ranges. We intend to recognise those at the Senior Prizegiving tonight and the Junior Prizegiving on the last day of term, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Many parents have been asking for dates and times for the end of this year and for the start of 2019. Junior Prizegiving will take place on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, in our school gym starting at 10.30 am. We usually expect this to take between one to one and a half hours, therefore school will be finishing for the year at around 12 noon. School buses will run at the end of prizegiving or parents are welcome to take their students home directly.

The start of 2019 for all students is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, with Fun Day on February 1<sup>st</sup> and then a very long weekend of Saturday until Wednesday to include Nelson Anniversary Day and Waitangi Day with school restarting on Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup>. School will be open for Seniors to confirm or change courses on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January and any new enrolments from the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. This is all updated in our "Dates to Remember" in the newsletter each week.

Classes for 2019 will be published in next week's newsletter. This allows me to contact any parents whom we may need to consult with and also allows time for any further questions or discussion after these classes are published.

We had our final Board of Trustees meeting of the year on Tuesday evening and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the Board this year. It has been a very busy year with our ERO (Education Review Office) inspection, our continued growth of expertise, courses, finance and buildings work and they have been a great team of support and expertise.

Finally two further events to remind you of. We have our last mufti day of 2018 on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to raise money for "Christmas Box", a charity that supports underprivileged NZ families at Christmas. The theme is Christmas, so plenty of scope for celebration. Also a reminder that your childrens' end of year reports will be coming home at the end of next week. We will email these and give out a hard copy to the students to bring home.

Nga Mihi, Slaynt as shee.  
Andy Ashworth  
Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Xmas Mufti Day - Tuesday, 4th December  
Junior Prize Giving - Friday, 14th December, 10.30am-approx 12 Noon  
Last day of Term 4 - Friday, 14th December  
Teacher Development Days - Tuesday & Wednesday, 29th/30th January  
**First day back 2019 - Thursday, 31st January 2019**  
Fun Day - Friday, 1st February  
Nelson Anniversary - Monday, 4th February  
**School Closed - Tuesday, 5th February**  
Waitangi Day - Wednesday, 6th February



## Morning Tea with Mrs P.



This week Mrs P invited Stan to morning tea and he brought his friend Gordie. They raced into Mrs P's office full of beans and bursting to tell her all about the great Lego creations they'd made in Discovery time. Both boys love creating things with Lego, which is great for their cognitive development.

When Mrs P asked them what they enjoy doing most at school Stan was quick to say "Spelling tests and running to the trees and back!" Stan said he 'smoked' his last spelling test, and he was especially proud of himself for being able to spell the

tricky word 'night', which has silent letters in it. "It's a very hard word for a 6 year old!" he said! Gordie said his favourite things were playing with Lego and also running to the trees and back. Gordie had also made an awesome dinosaur mask in Discovery this morning. The cutting out he had to do was very tricky! Gordie likes dinosaurs and could tell Mrs P the type of dinosaur he'd made. Very clever! Mrs P enjoyed her chat with the boys (although she didn't seem to get many chances to get a word in...!) and she will look forward to seeing more of their imaginative creations another day.



## Lost Property-Shoes

Who has come home with no shoes? Or in one case just one shoe!!  
All available at the school office.

One pair has been claimed - 7 1/2 pairs to go!

Please take the time to check and also there are still a lot of uniform items in the Lost Property Box.

Once again, please ensure your child's items are named.

## Community Garden

An idea was generated at Playcentre to teach children where food came from. In consultation with the school and much fundraising by key Playcentre people, there is now a community garden beside the Playcentre in the school grounds.

This term as I relieved at school for Sandra Quiggin, I decided to get the garden planted as part of the students' curriculum. Year 5 & 6 students from Mrs Jones room, were the first ones to make a start. I collected a trailer of horse manure, kindly donated by Carolyn Williams and the students off-loaded it into the garden boxes, mixing in soil and compost to create beds ready to plant.

All the students from Year 6 and below have planted seeds either in the garden or in pots to plant out once they've grown.

Many plants have been donated that have gone straight into the beds.

The students are learning about the living world, life cycles, growing things and their needs, fertilization of the soil and plants, co-operation, respect, and are gaining a great attitude towards working hard together. They are showing much enthusiasm and are generally passionate about their efforts and proud of what they have co-operatively achieved.

Please feel free to come and view our work and to share in picking the fruits of our labour once they grow.

The students philosophy is that those who have worked in the garden are rewarded by sharing the produce.

**Adrienne Cooper**



## Xmas Mufti Day



Xmas theme Mufti Day  
Tuesday 4th December

Gold coin donation goes towards  
"Christmas Box"

<https://christmasbox.co.nz/>

**Christmas Box is a food box that caters to a family of 4-6, helping supplement breakfast, lunch and dinner meals for over a week.**

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

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

Is there anything you would like help with?

What do you like about yourself?

What would you change about school?

*Did you know: from space the brightest man made place is Las Vegas.*



# Raffle

Murchison Area School  
Fundraiser for the  
Cycle Track.

\$50 MTA Voucher  
Tickets \$2 on sale at the school office.

Only 50 tickets so get in quick!

A great prize with the school holidays coming  
up and all the running around you may have  
to do.

# \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

## School Swimming Pool Keys

Pool keys will only be available for hire until 10.00am  
on 14th December.

After this date you won't be able to purchase a key  
until school opens next year.

Keys are at the school office and are \$80 each. A \$20  
deposit will be refunded upon return of key at the end  
of swimming season.

## Yr 9/10 Camp Whenua Iti 2018.





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# Adventurers Outdoor Youth Club

## River Awareness & Safety



*Applicants must be  
age 12+ at the time  
of Rafting Course*

### Suitable for Years 7-13

**Spaces strictly limited!**

**NO COST!** *First in, first served*



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*Supporting the events  
that make Tasman unique*



### River Safety/Knowledge Workshop Enrolment Form

Name  Age

Address

Phone Number Home  Cell

Please include Pre-existing Medical Conditions ( Allergy, Medication ) as well as any other relevant information to ensure Health & Safety of the person mentioned above:

I give permission to administer First Aid and seek other medical treatment if required.

I confirm I received River Safety / Knowledge Workshop's Schedule and I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend all 5 River Safety/Knowledge Workshop classes (outdoors/indoors).

I give permission for the Murchison Sport, Recreation & Centre to contact me in the event \_\_\_\_\_ is sick or injured and I will collect the participant if this situation arises.

1.Contact Name and Phone number in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

2.Contact Name and Phone number in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian Consent  Date



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# Adventurers Outdoor Youth Club

## Schedule:

**13th Febuary - Practical water sampling**

## *Rafting Programme:*

**9th March - Rafting training**

**16th March - Rafting training**

**23rd/24th March**

**Overnight rafting trip**

To register your child: Registrations end: 30th November  
- fill out the registration form in the newsletter & EITHER  
- scan and send to "murchison.centre@gmail.com" OR  
- hand in to Katie at the REC Centre Office

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](http://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](mailto:greg@canoejourneys.co.nz) [www.canoejourneys.co.nz](http://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.