



# Murchison Area School

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

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## Term 1 School Wide Value — Respect



Moghrey Mie, Kia ora,

Welcome to the end of a long and difficult week for New Zealand.

It appears trivial at times to talk of what we are achieving, what we need to work on and what else needs to happen here in Murchison when events such as what happened in Christchurch on Friday are taken into account. Though the events, thankfully, did not impact upon us directly, I am sure we have all been touched in some way or other. One simple aspect is that next week's early closure of the school for a union meeting has been cancelled by the NZEI (Primary teachers) and PPTA (Secondary teachers) as have all similar meetings across the country. It is far more important to keep our students safe and feel life goes on as normal in these times. Therefore buses will run at normal times on Tuesday. All secondary schools in the Nelson/Tasman region have decided to pair up with a school in the Christchurch region and send a letter of support from their Student Council to the Student Council of the affected school. Our school has paired up with Kaiapoi High School and our Student Council are creating this card at present. Though in North Canterbury and not forced into a lockdown process they were affected directly with a member of staff's father being killed in the attack. It does put many issues into perspective and our thoughts go out to all affected.

We held our 3 Way Conferences here at school yesterday and these were well attended as always. If you were unable to make these times or did not get to see all the people you wished to see, please email me or contact the office and I will make this happen. We took this chance to complete the first of three community consultations throughout the year. The others will be Athletics Day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Pet Day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. We welcome and thank you for all your feedback at these and any other times.

Other events that are coming up next week to bring to your attention are on Tuesday we have the Buller Athletics for Years 5-8 in Westport. We have 17 students competing in this event and wish them all the best. Also on Tuesday is a visit from Jerome Kavanaugh from 9-10am in the gym. He will be performing a wide range of musical skills and is an exceptional and engaging performer. Please feel free to come along and view this performance if you have time and can make it. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March we have a combined Year 9/10 mixed soccer team playing against Amuri Area School at Reefton Area School. Good luck to these students also.

Finally, there has been recently a definite lack of one of our key Growth Mindset values being displayed around our school. The area in question is 'co-operates' and also our school values of 'Respect' and 'Consideration'. I do not usually like to draw attention to this but I feel it is extremely important that we are aware that as a school we will not accept insults, put downs, bullying, physical violence or intimidation. As a result of some incidents in the last two weeks, I have had to speak to a number of students and a number of parents and impose further actions in some of these cases. We are a Restorative School and people do ask me in times of stress what that actually means and looks like? This means that we value the quality of relationships above all, as we believe that through these positive relationships between students, staff and parents, we can always seek improvement and work our way forward. It does not mean that we will not take action as required if any elements of this triangle are not willing or able to engage positively. There is no point punishing and not repairing the relationships or it is very likely that the same or similar events will reoccur. I also take into account we are growing and learning as individuals throughout our life and we do not 'give up'. People will make mistakes or poor choices but this does not mean they cannot learn from this and I see this as part of my role here as Principal.

A difficult week all round, but let's move on as a school and a country to stronger and better times.

Nga Mihi, Slanyt as Shee  
Andy Ashworth  
Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Buller Athletics - Monday, 25th March  
Board of Trustees Meeting - Wednesday, 27th March - 7-9.30pm in the library  
Amuri Area School Y9/10 Soccer Competition - Friday, 29 March, 12:30 – 3:30pm  
TOSI (Top of the South) Tournament, Collingwood - 31st March – 5th April  
Canterbury Swimming Sports - Thursday, 4th April  
School Athletics - Tuesday 9th April  
GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) Leadership Course Y7/8 - Wednesday, 10th April  
Last day of Term 1 - Friday 12th April  
First day of Term 2 - Monday, 29th April  
Jumbo Day at Murchison TOSI - Monday, 29th April (**Note: Teacher only day—school closed**)  
TOSI Trials At Murchison - 5th–6th May  
Sign Language Week - 6th–10th May  
Board of Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, 14th May - 7-9pm in the library  
Buller Cross Country - Monday, 20th May



## \*\*\*FOR SALE\*\*\*

1 x Murchison Area School Anorak - Size 12yrs

This is the last anorak we have here at school so be in and grab a bargain. **Was \$75.99 - now just \$40.00.** Please see the school office if you are interested in purchasing this anorak.



## Top of the South Nationals Sport Trials.

Murchison Area School has been given the opportunity once again to host the 2019 Top of the South Nationals Sport Trials. This is a two day event held on Sunday May 5th and Monday May 6th 2019, where we will be expecting approximately 40 - 50 students who will be selected from the TOSI School Tournament, which is being held in Collingwood, during the first week of April.

Therefore, we are calling on the Murchison Community, to assist us in housing these students for the night of the 5th May. All that will be required is a bed for them to sleep, a shower (they may be a bit pongy after all that running around), dinner to fill their hungry tumms after a long day trialling, and breakfast to get them on their way for the next day of trials.

You do not need to have students at school to assist us so any offers will be more than welcome.

Please contact me either by text 0272047421 or email [sports@murchison.school.nz](mailto:sports@murchison.school.nz) if you would be interested in helping us out.

Thank you.

Dyan Blick  
Sports Coordinator  
Murchison Area School



## Morning Tea with Mrs P



This week Mrs P invited Mia to morning tea and she brought along her friend Jayme. They brought along some art, which both of them enjoy. Mia showed Mrs P how she had had to problem-solve to figure out how she was going to use colour in her art. Jayme was able to talk about how she would have to persevere as she had chosen a camouflage pattern for part of her art and she realised it would take a lot of time and effort to finish.

Mrs P was pleased to see both girls were able to demonstrate a growth mindset around this art task - the ability to problem-solve and persevere to achieve a result they are proud of. Tino pai, girls!

Both girls say they are very happy at school - they love coming to school and they really enjoy being in Matakitaki Rm. They think there is lots on offer at our kura, and they are also looking forward to Terms 2 and 3 when Lunchtime Clubs are available.

## Diarrhoea/Vomiting and Swimming

### **Diarrhoea/vomiting and swimming don't mix!**

Diarrhoea/vomiting is the most common recreational water illness (RWI). Swimmers who are sick with diarrhoea—or who have been sick in the last two weeks—risk contaminating pool water with germs. Certain germs that cause diarrhoea can live from minutes to days in pools, even if the pool is well-maintained. Once the pool has been contaminated, all it takes is for someone to swallow a small amount of pool water to become infected.

To help protect the health of others, **do not swim when you have diarrhoea or have been sick with diarrhoea/vomiting in the last two weeks.**



### **2019 Term Dates**

- Term 1 - Thursday 31st January - Friday 12th April
- Term 2 - Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
- Term 3 - Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
- Term 4 - Monday 14th October - Thursday 12th December



# Science Roadshow 2019

The fabulous Science Roadshow visited us last Friday. It provided a massive amount of scientific experiences for all of our students, in a fun and highly engaging way.



**Did you know:** There are no snakes in New Zealand. None.

## HPV & BOOSTRIX Forms

A reminder to those who have not yet returned their consent forms.

These forms need to be returned whether or not consent is given.

Please get these back ASAP so we can forward to the Public Health Service



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

Were you able to finish all of your work today?

Do you have any homework that I can help you with?

What was your favorite part of your day?



## NITS ARE ON THE LOOSE



PLEASE check your child's hair **regularly** for these pesky critters. They are highly contagious and, if nits are visible in your child's hair, **to protect other families we will send your child home with a request not to return them to school until the nits have been treated.**

There are many remedies out there for nits, some reliable, some not so reliable. The key is to check, check and check your child's hair on a regular basis and do something about it if you find anything. We rely on everyone doing their bit to keep nits at bay.

Treatment & combs are available from the office if required.

## **SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE**

**\*\*\*Please note: Change of Closure Date\*\*\***

The swimming pool will be closing for the season on Wednesday, 10th April 2019, following which the pool will be painted.



Once closed, pool keys need to be returned to the school office. Please also bring with you your bank account details, so the key deposit of \$20.00 can be refunded direct into your bank account.



Thank you.

## Murchison Netball Club Registration Day

Thursday, 28th March 4:00 –5:30 pm at the Rec Centre.

Subs can be paid on the day.

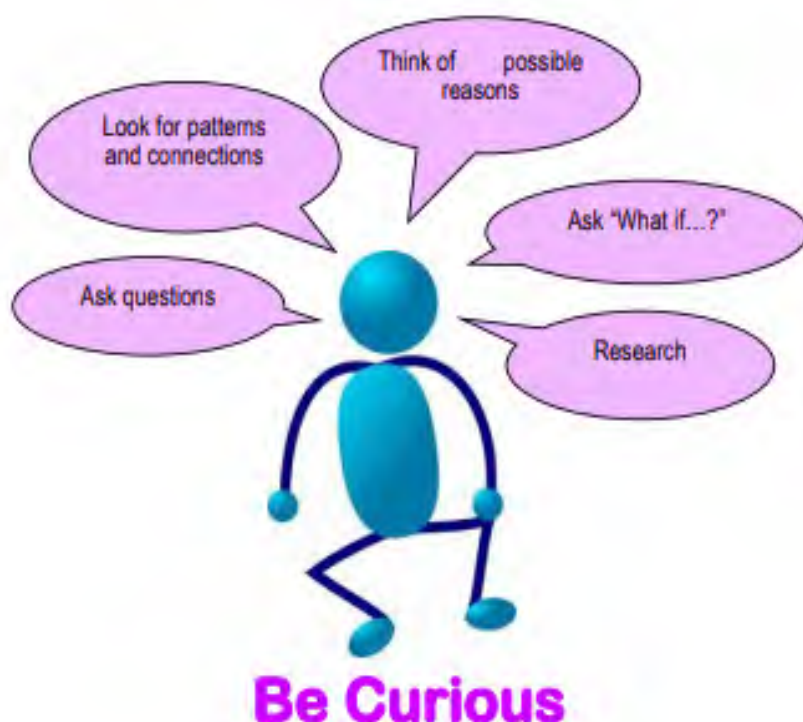
For further information please contact Kathryn Mason, secretary at:

[murchisonnetball@gmail.com](mailto:murchisonnetball@gmail.com)



This is the first item in a regular newsletter series that will look at our growth mindset 'Good Learner' attributes and break them down so that all of our school community understands what being a Good Learner really means at our school.

## At Murchison Area School a good learner 'keeps improving' and 'is curious'. What does that look like?



## Spirit of Adventure Trust - Can you help with this amazing opportunity?

Each year we have the opportunity to send two of our senior students on the Spirit of New Zealand sail training ship for a 10 Day Youth Development voyage somewhere around the NZ coastline. This is an amazing experience and every student we've sent over the years has come back buzzing about their experience. Two of our Yr 13 students, Brodie Spence and Ben Allen, have accepted places on voyages at the end of the year.

This year we have, for the first time, been offered the chance to send two Year 10 students on a 5 day Trophy Trip on the Spirit. Trophy Trips have been going for a few years now and involve four teams of ten Yr 10 students (there are separate boys trips and girls trips) from four different schools competing over a 5 day voyage for the 'Spirit Trophy'. In the past we haven't been able to take part in this because we haven't had ten Yr 10 students of one gender. The Spirit Head Office now realises this has disadvantaged small schools so this year are running a trial, one-off Trophy Trip where one of the teams is a Mixed Schools team made up of a combination of invited students from a number of small rural schools.

Our school is very lucky to have been specially invited to take part in the trial!

We have been offered places for **both** of our Yr 10 girls for this trip (we have just two girls in Yr 10 - Rata Harper and Mela Williamson), which is amazing and an opportunity we couldn't turn down.

However as always there is a cost involved with these trips on the Spirit. The 10 Day Voyages cost \$2500 per student and the 5 Day Trophy Trips cost \$1200 per student. Most trainees spend time fundraising for their trips and there are some groups (like Tasman District Council, Golden Oldies etc) that provide some financial help for Spirit trips.

If you are a business, or family, that recognises the value that Spirit trips have for our students, and would like to help by sponsoring students to go then you can make a donation to our school bank account ( 03 1354 0142625 00 – Nelson Building Society, Murchison Branch). Please ensure you put SPIRITNZ as a reference to ensure it goes to our Spirit account. If you would like to donate to a specific student's fundraising please put the child's name and 'Spirit' as a reference e.g. BRODIESPIRIT.

Any help we can get will be gratefully received.

Sarah Peacock  
Deputy Principal  
Spirit Co-ordinator





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# Schools need us all to **step forward.**

Nominate yourself or someone  
you know to be a school trustee.

Contact your local school for a  
nomination form.



**Step forward  
for our schools** ✓

Find out more [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz)



Board of Trustee Parent Representative elections  
are being held in June 2019. If you are interested  
in obtaining more information about being on the  
Board, please contact our Chair, Heather Kinzett,  
on 021 523 979 or [hkinzett@murchison.school.nz](mailto:hkinzett@murchison.school.nz).

**SCHOOL  
TRUSTEE  
ELECTIONS**

Captain cooks apple pie and apple crumble bake sale.

Family fun day out

Sunday 7th April 2019

At Monahan Park 10.00am—12.00pm

The kindergarten is having a bake sale where you will be able to purchase our very special captain cook apple pies and apple crumble.

What makes these pies special is that they are derived from an apple tree that was brought to New Zealand by Captain James Cook. This special tree grows in our kindergarten.

We have had parents test the pies and apple crumble and they have passed with flying colours.

\$10.00



# Murchison Kindergarten Pumpkin Weigh In and Family Fun Day Out

Lots of  
interesting  
stalls

Weigh your  
biggest  
pumpkin  
9.30-10am

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

MONAHAN PARK  
Murchison Area  
School

Bake sale  
and raffles

10am-12pm

Face Painting

Bouncy castle and  
rides

Great prizes  
Winners  
announced  
12pm

Sweet and  
savory  
Pumpkin  
baking  
competitions

Something for  
everyone -  
young and old

Sausage  
sizzle

Calling all stall holders - if you are interested in having a stall, please contact Becky Kinzett at [beka\\_gne\\_crazy@hotmail.com](mailto:beka_gne_crazy@hotmail.com)

NAME:

AGE:



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Colouring competition for school aged children.

Drop your entries into the Murchison kindergarten by Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Prizes to be announced on the pumpkin weigh in and family fun day.

# WILDERNESS CANOE TRUST

LIFE SKILLS THROUGH ADVENTURE

## Autumn School Holiday Canoe Camps

**My First Canoe Camp: 9-10 year olds** (years 5 & 6) Sat 13th - Sun 14th April

**Wilderness Canoe Camp: 11-14 year olds** (years 7 - 9) Tues 16th - Thurs 18th April

Subsidised cost: \$120 for younger camp, \$180 for older camp (incl GST)

Email or phone to reserve a place.

for more info visit [www.canoejourneys.co.nz](http://www.canoejourneys.co.nz)

M: 028 414 0264

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

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The Wilderness Canoe Trust is again running two canoe camps during the first week of the Autumn school holidays:

1. a two day/one night 'My First Canoe Camp' for 9 and 10 year olds, Sat 13th - Sun 14th April; and
2. a three day/two night 'Wilderness Canoe Camp' for 11-14 year olds, Tues 16th - Thurs 18th April.

Camp costs are \$120 for the younger camp and \$180 for the older camp (incl GST). These costs have been subsidised using Trust funding. More details about the camps are available on our website -



<http://www.canoejourneys.co.nz>



## Lego @ Nelson Public Library

Free Event, All ages

Come and get creative, playing with Lego

Community corner

(next to childrens' library)

the last Thursday of each month

March 28th 3:30 pm till 5 pm





**SPORT TASMAN**  
more people, more active, more often

# Sport and Recreation Update

## March 2019



**Fantastic Spot Prizes Include!**  
2x Bikes from Wellington Richmond

**PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED!**

**SPORT TASMAN MUDDY BUDDY**  
**Adventure Fun Run - March 31st 2019**

**tasman school** Aporo Rd, Tasman  
[www.tasman.school.nz](http://www.tasman.school.nz)

10km (adult \$18 for women & \$20 for men)  
5km (children \$12 per person & \$10 per child)



- 10km (18+)
- 1 lap Kids / Family Fun / Open
- 2 laps Intermediate Girls / Boys / Open / Work Place Challenge
- 3 laps College Clash of the Codes / Mud Addicts

**Music in the Mud! Food, Coffee, Silent Auction**

All details and registrations at  
[sporttasman.org.nz/sporttasmanmuddybuddy](http://sporttasman.org.nz/sporttasmanmuddybuddy)



### Group Fitness Classes

Sport Tasman offers a range of fitness classes at Saxton Stadium and Richmond Town Hall. Prices vary for each class with the option to purchase concession cards at a reduced price. Many of the classes offer a child friendly environment with a play area for your under 5's. To find out more about what's on offer check out [sporttasman.org.nz/facilities](http://sporttasman.org.nz/facilities) Or give us a call Saxton Stadium 538 0072 or Richmond Town Hall 544 3955

### Training Space for hire at Saxton Stadium



Are you a Personal Trainer or Strength & Conditioning Coach struggling to find a space to hire to run your own business or looking to set up? Look no further, Saxton Stadium has a great space for you called THE SHED.

Contact Nicole Shand on 538 0072



**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson-Tasman**

**SPORT TASMAN**

**CITY 2 SAXTON**  
**10km Fun Run/Roll/Stroll**  
**7 April 2019**

Raising funds for  
**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson-Tasman**

For all event information head to  
[sporttasman.org.nz/city2saxton](http://sporttasman.org.nz/city2saxton)

Help us raise valuable funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson-Tasman. Run, roll or stroll your way from Victory Community Centre to Saxton Fields! All forms of wheels welcome—although only Under 5yrs on bikes.



### No more Mummy Tummy

6 week pregnancy and postnatal course  
**Starting 8th May 2019**  
Maintain strength throughout your pregnancy or regain strength and stability post pregnancy.  
**Classes Wednesday 10.30-11.15am**  
**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
**\$60.00 Registration**  
**Limited spaces so get in quick!**  
Contact —Saxton Stadium 538 0072  
[stadium@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:stadium@sporttasman.org.nz)  
[sporttasman.org.nz/saxtonstadium](http://sporttasman.org.nz/saxtonstadium)