

10th May 2019

Term 2 School Wide Value — Responsibility

Moghrey Mie, Kia ora,

School and family life are similar in so many ways – “always busy, never a quiet moment and always something to look forward to!”



With a huge workload from our Sports Co-ordinator, Dy Blick, we successfully hosted the TOSI Area School trials for all our Top of the South and Canterbury Area Schools over the last weekend. This would not have been possible without the support of community who helped host over 100 students over this weekend. Many thanks on behalf of these students and our school for this wonderful help and effort. Six of our students were successful in gaining selection to the Nationals in Rotorua in July. This is an achievement to be proud of as they go on to represent our community and the team as a whole. Well done to Bradley Thomas-Brough, Matua Wilson, Daniel Hawley, Alysha Harper, Michael Penman and Charlie Blick.

This week has had our students back to work, trying and learning new skills and enjoying each others company. As I have moved around the school I have really been pleased with the positive interactions between students and also between staff and students. Our staff put so much effort into what they do in the classroom but also what they provide outside of the classroom. It was the start of Lunchtime Clubs on offer for students this week and there are a large variation of clubs and activities on offer. One new initiative this term has been some of our secondary students offering clubs to our younger students. How cool is that and how supportive of each other!

We have also had the first two weeks of Nicky Cooper's work as school nurse with our students, the HPV vaccinations and on going access to our school counselling services. We try very hard to ensure the ongoing strength and resilience of all our students, staff and parents with this all round package of support.

On Thursday we had a farewell morning tea for Ron Hunt. Ron has been a wonderful addition to our staff as our road patrol officer. The warm welcome and farewell he gives to our students each day is awesome to witness and really appreciated by our students and families. We wish him well on his move to Christchurch next week with his lovely wife Lyn.

Next Friday afternoon we have the New Zealand Playhouse performing in our library to our year 1-6 students. They are a great group of performers and I look forward to this opportunity in the Arts.

As Queen's Birthday quickly starts to come around, it is the time of year when we look at class movement and students moving up the school to maximise learning opportunities for all and welcome in even more new students. Over the next two weeks Mrs Sarah Peacock and I will be meeting with staff and parents to discuss any potential movements and only after these meetings and agreements will we publish any changes and the new class lists in the newsletter of week five.

We are still hopeful of getting good news at the Government Budget on May 30th regarding new classrooms for our school and this may provide a really positive opportunity for our students and community. We are considering all options and wish to maintain small class sizes, quality teaching and the best learning opportunities for all of your children. I look forward to the coming weeks of research, questioning and discussion (and that is only the staff and BOT, let alone our students!).

Nga Mihi, Slanyt as Shee
Andy Ashworth
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Board of Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, 14th May - 7-9pm in the library
Buller Cross Country - Monday, 20th May
School Cross Country - Thursday, 30th May
Queen's Birthday, School Closed - Monday, 3rd June
West Coast Cross Country - Wednesday, 5th June
Matariki Begins - Monday 10th June
Matariki Festival 6.30-7.30pm - Thursday 13th June
Murchison Earthquake 90th Anniversary - Monday, 17th June
Canterbury Cross Country - Wednesday, 19th June
Arts Week - 1st – 5th July
Step Up Concert - Wednesday, 3rd July
Last Day of Term 2 - 5th July
National Area Schools Tournament - 8th – 12th July
Ski Trip (to be confirmed) - Wednesday, 7th August



Students practicing their survival skills for their upcoming tramp.



Yesterday our Level 1 & 2 Outdoor Ed class headed up the Six Mile to learn about river crossings and fire lighting, in preparation for a 3 day tramp they are planning for later in the term. They had a great time and, as you can see in the pics, were successful in their fire lighting!

Year 10 Art

You may have noticed something new being painted on our quad last week by Mrs Peacock and her trusty Year 10 Art class. This is related to the new 'Digital Technology' curriculum which the Ministry of Education has introduced and which is being rolled out in schools across the country.

As we use computers more and more, and the amount of data we use increases, we want them to process information as quickly as possible. What you can see in the photos are the children using a sorting network which sorts information like a computer in a fast way only using 12 comparisons! This is so much faster than looking at one number or object at a time. A sorting network can be used to sort values into the correct order comparing things like numbers, days of the week, planets in the solar system, life cycle of a butterfly and many more endless options!

It was great for the Year 10's to see how their hard work can add value to the learning of other students.



TOSI Trial Results

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the billeting for the Nationals Trial last weekend. We had an enjoyable weekend with all the students doing their best. Six of our students were successful, which now sees them heading off to Rotorua on 7th July to represent the South Island in their selected sport.

Matua Wilson	Ki O Rahi & Football
Charlie Blick	Volleyball
Michael Penman	Rugby
Bradley Thomas-Brough	Rugby
Daniel Hawley	Rugby, Football, Ki O Rahi & Volleyball
Alysha Harper	Netball

Of course with that in mind, our chosen ones will be out and about looking for ways to fundraise money to assist them in their travels. We have a few ideas in the pipeline so 'watch this space'.



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

What subject do you like the best? Why?



If you were the teacher, what would you do with the class tomorrow?



Were you able to finish all of your work today?

2019 Term Dates

Term 2 - Tuesday 30th April - Friday 5th July
Term 3 - Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
Term 4 - Monday 14th October - Thursday 12th December



This week in Discovery:

Making ANZAC biscuits, and making boats out of walnut shells. Clover brought in some walnut shells with the idea of making boats out of them in Discovery. What a brilliant example of all that is good about our Discovery programme - it encourages creative thinking, problem-solving, resilience, and ticks many of the boxes in our maths, science and technology subjects. And it's fun! Tino pai, Clover!



Learning Support Assistant Position

Are you the unique person we are looking for?

With our growing roll and a firm commitment to ensure equity and best opportunities for all we are looking for an additional staff member at our wonderful kura.

We need the right person to fill a special role in our school during 2019. The essential attributes we are looking for include the ability to:

- * Be patient
- * Be a team member
- * Good communicator
- * Guide learning
- * Show initiative
- * Have well developed communication skills
- * Be flexible (with people and working environments)

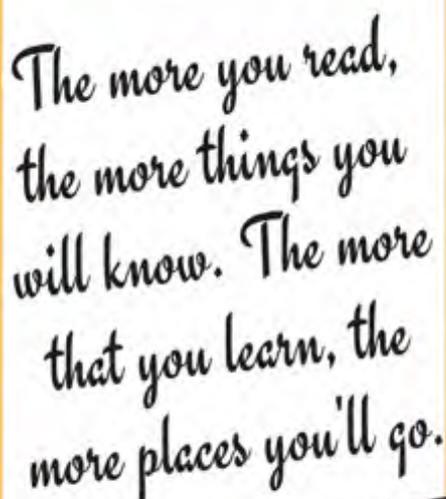
A background in child development and qualifications as a Teacher Aide would be an advantage but is not essential.

15 hours per week spread over school days, the initial appointment will be for term two only.

If this role sounds like it would suit you then we would love to receive your application. Please apply in writing with a cover letter and C.V., addressed to: The Principal, Andy Ashworth, Murchison Area School, 61 Waller Street, Murchison. Applications close Monday 13th May 2019 at 4 p.m.

Andy Ashworth
Principal

"Raising achievement and providing opportunities for all"



The more you read,
the more things you
will know. The more
that you learn, the
more places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss



It is not what you do for
your children,
but what you have taught
them to do for themselves,
that will make them
successful human beings.

Ann Landers

Did you Know: For a brief time, Melbourne had the best name on the planet: [Batmania](#).

Upcoming School Ski Trip

Just a reminder that early in Term 3 the school will be having the annual ski trip to Rainbow Ski Field. This is a whole school event and is open to all students attending.

If you would like to start putting money aside each week, you can start making payments to the school office. Skiing cost is to be confirmed but is likely to be between \$70-\$80 per child and less if your child/ren is tobogganing only instead.

The school bank account details are: Murchison Area School Board of Trustees - 03-1354-0142625-00. Please put your child's name as a reference.



 **SCHOOL
TRUSTEE
ELECTIONS**

Parent Election Notice MURCHISON AREA SCHOOL



Board of Trustees' Election

Nominations are invited for the election of three (3) 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. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday, 24th May 2019, and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

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 Friday, 7th June 2019.

Lynette Hunter
Returning Officer

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

School trustee elections are coming up.

Step forward for our schools



Contact your school for a nomination form or learn more about trustee elections

 trustee-election.co.nz

 0800 353 284

 electionsadvic@nzsta.org.nz

What is a school board of trustees?

Almost all state and state integrated schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. School board membership includes parent representatives, a staff representative, a student representative (where there are students above year 9) and the principal. Your board may also include other types of trustees. Contact your school for more information on the composition of your school's board.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can put their name forward to be on a school board during the board of trustee elections.

What do trustees do?

The board is accountable to its parents and community and for student progress and achievement. Here are some specific things a board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and plans for the school and monitors the school's progress against them.
- Monitors and evaluates student progress.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special learning and behaviour needs are identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfills the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

What help do school trustees get?

New Zealand School Trustees Association provides free advice around employment and governance, support and resources. NZSTA also provides a variety of professional development opportunities for trustees.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



SCHOOL BOARD

LUNCHTIME CLUBS TERM 2 2019

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2 6-10 May	Coding -Buller Rm Miss Allison Indoor Bowls Y7-13 -Gym Mr Marquet	Coding -Buller Rm Miss Allison Indoor games Y1-8 -Mataki Rm Mrs Jones Indoor cricket Y3-8 -Gym Mr Williams	Volleyball Y7-13 -Gym Mr Ashworth Art Club Y1-13 -Art Rm Sylvie & Rata	Lego Club Y1-13 -Mairi Rm Mrs Tilse Love Letter Art Y1-13 -Art Rm Mrs Peacock	Capture the Flag Y5-13 -Field Mr Dearlove
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