

17th May 2019

Term 2 School Wide Value — Responsibility



Moghrey Mie, Kia ora,

You may have noticed on the news and in the papers recently that teachers across the country have been awaiting a response from the Government regarding a new pay and conditions package. This is a very complicated situation, made more so by the nature of several teacher unions and different collective agreements between all of these unions. The main two unions are the NZEI (Primary) and the PPTA (Secondary). Murchison Area School has members in both of these unions and is part of the 'Area Schools Collective Agreement'. The Government has today just come back to the Unions with no offer at all for area school staff covered by this agreement. It is therefore extremely likely that area school staff will now be joining, with all other teachers across the country, in taking part in a one day national strike on Wednesday May 29th. This could still be averted if the Government comes back to the negotiating table before then, but is unlikely. We as part of the New Zealand teaching force will not be taking this action lightly but believe it is necessary to attempt to lift pay and conditions, which in turn raises the quality of education for all our children across the country. If this strike proceeds, our school will be closed (staff unpaid) for the day whilst staff are engaged in union protest meetings. We hope you are able to support this action in any way, shape or form and realise the importance of this stance.

On a positive note, we have made a decision to create an additional class in our Primary syndicate. This will be called the Owen Class, after another of our local rivers. Whilst we await the confirmation of any new classrooms and the potential arrival and construction of these buildings, we will be utilising the Food Tech room for this new class. We realise this space is not ideal but feel it is better to do this as a short-term solution to reduce our ever growing class sizes. We are currently advertising for an additional teacher to staff this new role and aim to have this in place as soon as possible, hopefully by Queens Birthday weekend (in a perfect world). The makeup of this class has yet to be finalised but we will be communicating with parents as soon as we are able to staff it.

Some upcoming dates for your diary are Monday 20th May for the Buller Cross Country in Reefton and Thursday 30th May for our school Cross Country day.

This week it was great to see our senior science class out and about conducting a stream and environment study. I know that there is plenty of follow up work to accompany this but I love the use of our local context to strengthen learning in our school. We also have a senior PE ODED (Outdoor Education) tramp and camp coming up, a Year 9/10 tramp and sea kayak expedition and many local trips within our primary syndicate.

So, busy times continue as our students continue with 'enjoying learning' and 'using their imagination and curiosity' within the Growth Mindset model.

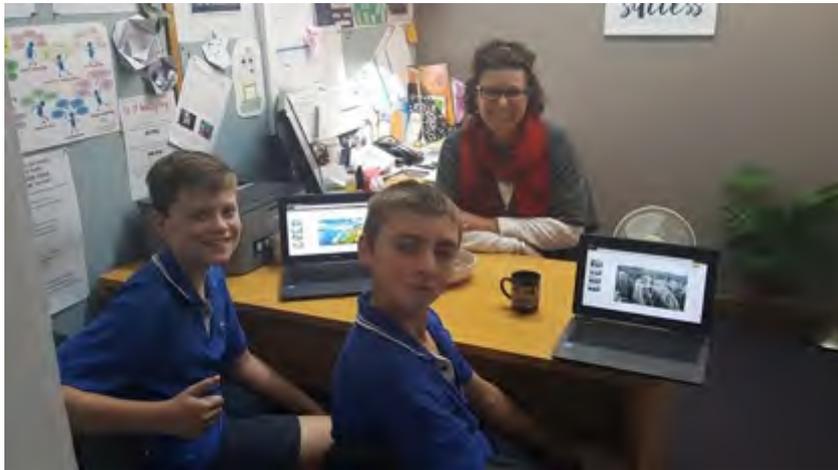
Nga Mihi, Slanyt as Shee
Andy Ashworth
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Buller Cross Country - Monday, 20th May
Lake Matiri Tramp - 20th – 22nd May
Mufti Day - fundraiser for Nationals 'Wear your fave team colours!' - Monday, 27th May
National Strike - Wednesday, 29th 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



Morning Tea with Mrs P



Last week Mrs P invited Jimmy to morning tea but unfortunately poor Jimmy succumbed to one of the nasty bugs doing the rounds and was away.

However he is back with a vengeance this week and brought along his friend Joe for a chat with Mrs P.

Both boys brought along their Chromebooks as they had created slideshows as part of their class study around the concept of 'Identity'. Their class used the 'Learning Inquiry' approach to explore the concept. What this means is their teacher shared some information about 'Identity', (books, pictures, videos, stories) and led discussions, which

provoked questions from the students. They then refined their questions to promote deeper level thinking, with the help of their teacher, and set about researching the answers to their questions.

Jimmy focused on aspects of NZ history, and Joe focused on aspects of local history - both of which contribute to our sense of 'Identity'. Both had completed excellent slideshows to demonstrate their learning to Mrs P. Jimmy and Joe both said they enjoy this style of learning as they get to research things they are personally interested in.

Mrs P was pleased to hear they enjoyed it as it is a proven method of providing quality learning experiences that are meaningful for individual students.



No Youth Group this week.

The next one is 31/05

Found

Charm off bracelet or necklace has been handed in to the office.

If you have lost a charm please come up and describe it so we can return to rightful owner.



Did you Know: Forrest Fenn, an art dealer and author, hid a treasure chest in the Rocky Mountains worth over \$1million dollars. It still has not been found!

Top of the South eventing competition

Congratulations to Harmonie Whitnall and Tara Harper who were part of a composite team who rode at the Marlborough Nelson West Coast Area, Top of the South eventing competition. This was run over two days comprising of dressage, show jumping and cross country. Their team won the prestigious 'Horsemastership' Trophy which is judged on many areas including team spirit, care of horses, cleanliness of gear and surroundings. Ka pai girls!



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



What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?

What was the hardest thing you had to do today?

Who did you sit with at lunch?



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



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 - 031354-0142625-00.
Please put your child's name as a reference.



Maori Proverbs

Whakataukī (proverbs) play a large role within Maori culture. They are used as a reference point in speeches and also as guidelines spoken to others day by day. It is a poetic form of the Maori language often merging historical events, or holistic perspectives with underlying messages which are extremely influential in Maori society.

Proverbs are very fun to learn and loaded with advantages within language learning. They can be interpreted as you see fit, and as your Maori improves try translating them to dive deeper in their meanings. There are countless proverbs and it will be very useful for you to remember as much as you can.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but it's real message is to be persistent and don't let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

Each week we will be posting a proverb to enrich our knowledge and understanding.



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

Senior Science Study

On Wednesday our Senior Science class braved the weather to carry out a stream study with Ms Holstein. They were measuring all sorts of aspects of the stream environment, including collecting water, animal and plant samples.



A Snapshot of Classroom Learning



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

electionsadvice@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 Maori 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.

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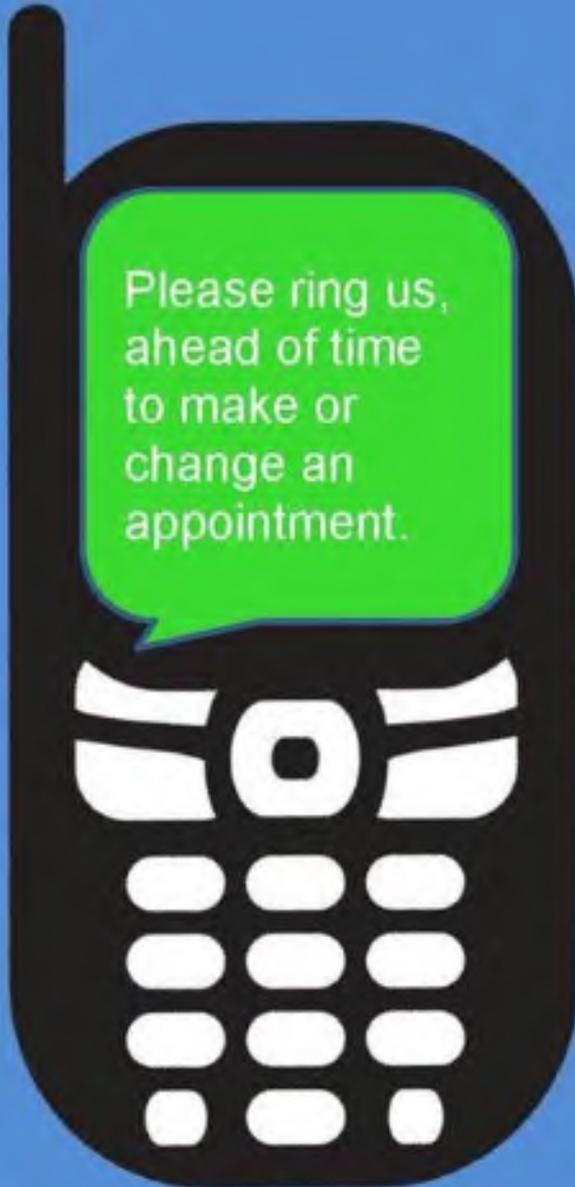
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Please ring us,
ahead of time
to make or
change an
appointment.

**Please ring us if you are not enrolled,
going to be late or have
changed contact details.**

LUNCHTIME CLUBS TERM 2 2019

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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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You'll **never** be bored
when you **try**
something **new.**
There's really no limit
to **what you can do!**

-Dr. Seuss



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?

