

17th May 2019

Term 2 School Wide Value — Responsibility

Kia ora,

Another week has just absolutely flown by! The way the year is disappearing so fast, is just incredible. The kura is a very busy place (as always) and our students are making the most of all the opportunities on offer. Mr Ashworth is currently away on an International Conference with 70 other principals from the Canterbury/West Coast Region.

As of yesterday it has been confirmed that Area School staff are to join their colleagues across the country in taking industrial action on Wednesday 29th May. The NZEI and PPTA Teachers Unions have decided to have a mega strike (combined) after negotiations with the government around pay, working conditions and funding for learning support students, have broken down. This means that we will not be open for instruction on that day, to enable staff to take part in union protest meetings. As Mr Ashworth mentioned in the newsletter last week, we do not take this action lightly and hope that we have your support in seeing it as an attempt to make gains in providing the very best education for *all* NZ children.

Our junior classes have started doing Science projects for Discovery. Ms Holstein went to a Science Professional Development Conference in the last holidays. She came back and shared with the primary staff ideas for Discovery time and some teachers have already used the ideas to build hovercrafts with their students. We look forward to seeing loads of science ideas from our students in future.

On Monday we had 12 students compete in the Buller Primary Schools Cross Country. We want to congratulate all our students for participating and also a big congrats to the four students that qualified for the West Coast Primary Schools Cross Country – Lily-Anne, Jim, Pipi and Tara. Next week we have our own whole school cross country on Thursday 30th May down at the campground. The first group starts at 11:50am, and we aim to be finished by 1pm. Come on down for a look and to cheer the runners on!

Last Friday the Yrs 1-6 students were treated to a performance of 'The Tortoise and the Hare' by the NZ Playhouse. It got a 'Two Thumbs Up' response from both staff and students. It was a great opportunity for us to provide our tamariki with some exposure to the Performing Arts.

In other news we also had the senior PE class out on an overnight tramp in the Matiri valley. The students had a great time and put some of the skills they acquired in class, to use on the tramp. Check out the photos in this newsletter and on our Facebook page.

In June, we will be celebrating Matariki. This year the celebration will have a slightly different element to it. The Kindy, Playcentre and school are doing a joint venture. We are inviting families to buy packs from school and the packs will include a lantern and four glowsticks. We want families to decorate each lantern in your own theme. We look forward to your fantastic designs. All classes will also have the opportunity to decorate a lantern. We will also have kai available. This will be one of the fundraisers for students going to Nationals in Rotorua in July. Please support them by ordering your packs beforehand and buying your meals on the night of Matariki. Advertisement for this elsewhere in this publication.

Mario Williams
Assistant Principal

He waka eke noa
A canoe which we are all in with no exception.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Mufti Day - fundraiser for Nationals 'Wear your fave team colours!' - Monday, 27th May. Gold coin donation.
National Strike - Wednesday, 29th May (**NO SCHOOL**)
School Cross Country - Thursday, 30th May
Queen's Birthday, School Closed - Monday, 3rd June
West Coast Cross Country - Wednesday, 5th June
Pink Mufti Day - Breast Cancer Foundation - Thursday, 6th June. Gold coin donation.
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
Mid-Term Break - Friday, 23rd August
South Island Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament - 2nd – 6th September



Strike Action

Yesterday we received official notification that NZ Area School teachers have voted to join their Primary and Secondary colleagues in taking strike action on Wednesday May 29th (see link below). This means that our school will be closed for instruction on that day, to enable our staff to join the industrial action.

We appreciate that this will cause disruption for whanau, but hope that you understand and can support us as we make a stand for the things that we believe are important for providing the best education for your children. The issues that are front and centre - workload, pay and support for students that need it - are affecting our ability to attract people to the teaching profession, and our situation here in Murchison is no different to any other school in New Zealand. Thank you very much to those of you who have let us know you support our efforts - we truly appreciate it.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/112940498/area-teachers-vote-to-join-megastrike-on-may-29>



Did you Know: The moon is moving away from the Earth at a tiny, although measurable, rate every year. 85 million years ago it was orbiting the Earth about 35 feet from the planet's surface.

Morning Tea with Mrs P

Today Mrs P enjoyed morning tea with Max and his friend Tommy. Max and Tommy both brought along their reading activity books and Mrs P was treated to a full walk-through of almost every page in their books! There was lots of great talk about new words they had learned and comparing of early work to now, which showed how much progress they have made. Ka pai, boys!

Both boys like reading and Max also said how much he likes writing stories, too. He likes to write about cars and monster trucks and Tommy likes to write about his family. At school they love playing with their friends on the playground, and riding their scooters. They also told Mrs P that they are looking forward to seeing the school chook house being built, as they have an incubator in their classroom and they are hatching nine eggs. When Mrs P asked them what they thought we could name the school chickens Max thought 'Chooky' would be a good name, and Tommy thought 'Spongebob'!!



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.

Our school Vision (see diagram next page) includes three whakatauki - one for each of our three focus areas:

- 1 Learning (having a Growth Mindset),
- 2 Healthy Relationships (managing relationships through Restorative Practices)
- 3 Personal Development (our school Values).

This week we share with you the whakatauki for our 'Learning/Growth Mindset' focus area:

'Paitū, paihinga; nāwai rā ka oti'
Good to stand, good to fall; keep going and eventually your goal will be achieved.

Having a Growth Mindset means we embrace challenges, see mistakes as learning opportunities and see effort as the path to mastery.

For the next two weeks we will have the remaining two proverbs from our mission statement.



MURCHISON AREA SCHOOL

VISION

Living to Learn, Learning to Live
Ko ake, ka ora, ka ora, ka ako.

MISSION STATEMENT

Murchison Area School will help students reach their potential so that they can take a positive role in society.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Healthy Relationships

He aha te mea nui o te ao?
He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.
What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

VALUES

Personal Growth

He oranga ngākau, he pikinga waiora.
Positive feelings in your heart will enhance your sense of self worth.

GROWTH MINDSET

Raising Achievement

Paitū, paihinga; nāwai rā ka oti
Good to stand, good to fall; keep going and eventually your goal will be achieved.

Buller Cross Country Results

Buller Primary Schools Cross Country results are in! The top 6 places qualify for the West Coast Primary Schools race. We had FOUR of our team selected:

Yr 5 girls - Lilly-Anne 5th
Yr 6 boys - Jim 1st
Yr 7 girls - Pipi 5th
Yr 8 girls - Tara 2nd

Awesome effort!



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



Who did you play with at break time?

Did you learn something new today? Can you tell me about it so I can learn too?

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



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



The Tortoise and the Hare



Year 11/12 Tramp

This week we had our Senior PE/Outdoor Ed class head off into our fantastic 'backyard' to put some of their classroom learning into practice. They walked in to Lake Matiri and stayed in the hut there, and carried out various aspects of their course such as fire lighting and river crossing. They were lucky to have brilliant weather which showed off our spectacular local environment. Many thanks to Mr Robb and Mr Dearlove for organising and running the trip.



MATARIKI

In Murchison, our educational institutions acknowledge the strong value of family (whānau).

With this in mind we would like to invite our school families to come and celebrate **Matariki** with us. Traditionally **Matariki** was celebrated by gathering with whānau (family) and reflecting on the past.

Murchison Area School, Murchison Kindergarten and Murchison Play centre present a joined celebration. **Matariki Celebration** is a connection to the stars providing an opportunity for families to remember their whakapapa (genealogy) and those ancestors who had passed away to the heavens.

Matariki is the Maori name for a group of seven stars. The rise of the cluster of stars appears in the eastern skyline around the shortest day of the year in June. It signals the beginning of the New Year according to the lunar calendar. **Matariki** is also important for navigation and timing of the seasons.

We invite you to buy a whānau pack for our celebration. We want whānau to decorate lanterns in a family theme. Packs are available from the school office, these will include

One lantern and four glow sticks \$10.00 per pack.

All orders for packs will be available from the school office.

Hope you can join us to be entertained by our Tamariki in performing Waiata and dance.

Thursday -13th of June 2019 If weather is not suitable next date will be 20th June.

Monahan Park

Time - 6.30pm sharp

Lanterns will be lit at 7pm

Please bring a blanket for whānau to sit on. Kai will be available—please support our students going to Nationals by buying your food on the night. We will have soup, sausage sizzle, boil up and venison sandwiches!

Whānau- where life begins and aroha never fails!!



Quiz Night

QUIZ NIGHT is coming up on the 21st June. This is to help fund the students who will be representing the Top of the South at the National Area Schools Sport. Please mark this on your calendar and help support these students.

\$10 per person, 6 people per team.
To be held at the Rec Centre. 6pm kick off.
Supper provided.



Mufti Day Monday 27th

Mufti day on Monday - sports themed - as a fundraiser for the kids going to Nationals in Rotorua.

Dress in your fave teams colours, or your sports uniform, or something sporty, and bring a gold coin donation.

KEEP
CALM
BECAUSE IT'S
MUFTI
DAY



This is the second 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 'doesn't give up' and 'uses their
imagination'.

What does that look like?



Don't Give Up!



Use Your Imagination

Bridge Valley Holiday Camps

This Winter, here at Bridge Valley, we have our Medieval Madness themed children's camp from 8th - 12th July. Our children's camp are a fun and safe place for children to grow in all areas. We have many exciting activities at Bridge Valley, such as laser tag, rock climbing, archery, air rifles, zipline, and more!

Overnight Combined Camp: Ages 8-13

Blast Day Camps: Ages 7-13

We would love to see you here. Register on our website or contact us for more details.

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Develop a
*Growth
Mindset*
through
Data,
Goal Setting,
& Reflection

LUNCHTIME CLUBS TERM 2 2019

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