

21st August 2020

Term 3 School Wide Value - Honesty



Moghrey Mie, Kia ora,

Already we have hit the middle of Term 3. Time is racing by and achievements are mounting up.

A key message first - **No school on Monday**. This is our Mid-winter Break that we build into our school year each year as we recognise this term is a long term, no public holidays and winter illnesses are rife.

An update on COVID-19 and the current Level 2 alert. As a school, this means that we are absolutely encouraging good hygiene, a regular cleaning of desks and work surfaces each hour and asking that staff and students who are unwell stay away from school until 48 hours after any symptoms. We are also having each teaching space 'deep cleaned' once per week on top of normal cleaning. Please continue to work with us in these times and remember to sign in as you visit the site or use the QR code tracker. We hope to hear more, early next week from the various Ministries and the Government about where to next or hopefully just carry on as we are. The only school events that have so far been affected are the opening ceremony of the new classrooms and our annual Ski Day. Hopefully that will be all.

You may have seen some photos and information on our school Facebook page of recent events, (this is a great site) and in particular I would like to highlight three areas:

* Firstly — The work that Sandra Quiggin has been completing on the 'Keep New Zealand Beautiful' competition. We have been nominated into the top 3 in the entire country for the great work around this and sustainability and look forward to the final results in October - great work everyone.

* Second - The wonderful addition to our school curriculum of our ODED (Outdoor Education) by Mr Dearlove. It is absolutely perfect in our location and with our families that we should be formally teaching these skills and allowing all our Secondary students to take part and experience these great skills and the environment

* Third - Congratulations to Mela and Ben on their award from our Mayor, Mr Tim King, of brand new computers, software and cases for their current and future studies.

A great two weeks of work from all our students and staff, such an amazing variety of high quality and interesting work. Let's keep it going.

Nga Mihi, Slanyt as Shee
Andy Ashworth
Principal

****REMINDER: School is closed next Monday 24th****

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mid-Term Break—Monday, 24th August. No school, no buses.

School Photos - Tuesday, 1 September

Board of Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, 15th September - 7.00pm — 9pm in the library

Spring Flower Show - 22nd – 23rd September

End of Term 3 - Friday, 25th September

Start of Term 4 - Monday, 12th October

Buller Athletics - Monday, 19th October

Labour Day - Monday, 26th October

West Coast Athletics - Wednesday, 28th October



Morning Tea with Mrs P



This week Mrs P invited Emily to morning tea and she brought along her friend Travis. They had to wait until after the whole school finished their fire drill. The school has a new alarm system and it is very loud!

Emily and Travis are in Matiri Rm and they brought some of their work to share with Mrs P. Emily brought her writing and Travis brought his reading activity. Emily's story was about her doing her homework at home. Emily said she loves to do her reading at home and she has many books at home that she likes to read. Travis's reading activity was about a cupcake and he had done a fantastic job of carefully putting together his paper cupcake and sticking it into his book.

Both Travis and Emily like school and they told Mrs P their favourite thing to do at playtimes is to play on the playground.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is being run in the cooking room on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15am. There is porridge, cereal, milo and toast. The Breakfast Club is currently run by Owen Rm students. All are welcome to come and enjoy.



Predator Free Course

Back in Week 1 six of our senior boys went on a two day Predator Free Course held by Papa Taiao Earthcare up the Brightwater Valley. They learnt about predators, traps and trapping methods as well as making their own trap boxes and setting and monitoring them in the bush. They will use their traps to trap predators around Murchison for the next six weeks. They worked solidly and were a credit to the school. Tino pai boys.



Inspiring Quotes: "We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: We have the power to imagine better." – J.K. Rowling

SCHOOL PHOTOS — 1st September 2020



This years school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 1st September.

Pacific Portraits have implemented a new online viewing & ordering system, so no prepaid manual order envelopes will be sent home prior to photography day. All students will be photographed in their class, & individually.

Approximately 10 days after photography day, your child will be given information as to how to view this years photographs, and order online with credit card (Paypal) & direct debit (Poli) payment options.

Please let the office know if you wish to have a sibling photograph taken.

Chook House

Our chook house, built by our Tech students last year, now has residents! The Primary classes are on a roster to look after the chooks and make sure they have food and water every day. Next they need names....



WATER BOTTLES



Just a reminder that under Level 2 we have to shut off the water fountains so all children will need to ensure they have water bottles at school.

Also, a general reminder: please keep your children away from school if they are unwell, until 48 hours after symptoms are gone.

Senior Student Award



Huge congratulations to Ben and Mela at our wonderful kura today.

They were nominated by our school to receive brand new computers, bags and a support package from the Mayor of Tasman Mr Tim King. He chose to utilise some of the mayoral fund to support youth across the region with their current and future studies and we chose these students for their huge contributions to our school in their academic and and sporting endeavours.

There were many other potential nominations from our cohorts but well done Ben and Mela - use them wisely to help reach your dreams!

Out and About at School

A reading group in Mangles read a book in class called 'Hedgehog Fun'. To follow this up, the four students created their own hedgehogs which they then shared with the class.



Refreshed Sandpit Equipment....One of our Learning Support staff, Lisa, has refreshed our sandpit with some 'loose parts' equipment for our tamariki to play with. 'Loose parts play' is a type of play that supports invention, divergent thinking and problem solving. They are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. We always appreciate our staff coming up with a variety of different ways to provide learning opportunities for our children, and these items are proving to be popular already.



Fire Drill Yesterday



Tasman Youth Council Raffle Result

Recently the Murchison branch of the Tasman Youth Council ran a raffle to raise funds so that they can continue to offer amazing opportunities for the young people in our community.

Congratulations to Braxton with lucky number 7 winning a Nintendo Switch lite and Legend of Zelda game. Murchison Youth Council are thrilled for you and hope you enjoy it. Thank you to everyone who supported them by buying a ticket.

Here are members of the Murchison Youth Council handing Braxton his prize. Fantastic!



Great news!

Keep New Zealand Beautiful is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to keeping our communities clean, safe and beautiful. Each year they run the 'Beautiful Awards', a prestigious nationwide competition that recognises those individuals, businesses, community groups, schools, towns and cities who are working hard across Aotearoa to Keep New Zealand Beautiful.

Murchison Area School entered their annual 'Sustainable Schools' competition last year but did not get a place. This year, we put together a whole school effort, with contributions from all teachers and classes. This week, we received this email from them:

"Congratulations, your entry into the Sustainable Schools Award in our Beautiful Awards has been selected as one of three finalists! The judges were very impressed with the calibre of your entry and the amount that has been achieved! The winner of the Sustainable Schools Award will be announced on Thursday 29th October."

Congratulations to everyone who has been involved in helping our kura be as sustainable as possible, and special thanks to Ms Sandra Quiggin who is the staff member leading our sustainability projects. Fingers crossed for Oct 29th!



Year 9 Tramp



Murchison Area School

Student Representative Election for the Board of Trustees

Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice are being distributed to all eligible voters on the student roll.

Further nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday, 4th September 2020 and may be accompanied by candidates' statements.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during the hours the office is open.

There will also be a list of candidates' names for inspection, as they come to hand, on the school office notice board.

The poll closes at noon on Friday, 18th September 2020.

Signed
Sandy Brown

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sandy Brown', written over a horizontal line.

Returning Officer

Head Teacher - Murchison Kindergarten

An exciting opportunity has arisen to lead a two teacher rural kindergarten in Murchison, 1.5 hours from Nelson. If you are ready for a change or to step up to the challenge of this full-time permanent head teacher position, we would love to hear from you.

Applicants must be a qualified and registered teacher and be eligible to live and work in New Zealand at the time of application.

If you want to work for a great team, that puts the learning of children first, then apply today.

An application form can be downloaded from the application link below -

<http://edgaz.nz/1HA9wy> (You may need to copy and paste the link above into your web browser, if it is not clickable.)

Calving Season

Life and calves
(That REALLY need a bath),
Sawdust mountains,
The click of the tagger, the tagger, the tagger.

Head Torch shining bright,
As I search the night,
For more calves,
That need a necklace, a necklace, a necklace.

Feeding time,
With feeders lime.
As I click the feeder in place,
Calves with patterns of lace,
Suck and feed, suck and feed.

So go and live a life,
That's more than a murderer's knife,
That's wild and free,
Like you, like you.

By Summer Nicholls



I saw this graphic and thought it was a great way to summarise our philosophy around how we try to make things equitable at our kura. If we can communicate this to our students they may have a better understanding of why equity can sometimes seem 'unfair' - some students get to do things others don't, or have things others don't. - Sarah Peacock

FAIR IS NOT ALWAYS EQUAL.



Teaching

is a lot like

Doctoring



Kids go to a doctor **with different needs:**

I scraped my knee!

My stomach hurts!

I think my arm is broken!

I have a cough!



What if the doctor said the **same thing** to all of them?

Here's some cough medicine!



Only **one kid** would get what he needs.



And that's **not fair.**

It's the same thing in a classroom.

Every student has **different needs:**

I have trouble focusing for more than 15 min

I think better when my hands are busy

I can talk about what I know better than I can write about it

I can't grip a pen or pencil



So **different students** should get **different things** to help them succeed.



Classroom breaks; tests taken over multiple days



Fidget toys and tactile activities



Creating a video instead of composing a paper



Modified writing utensils; writing on a computer instead

And **that's what makes a classroom fair for everyone!**



LUNCHTIME CLUBS TERM 3 2020

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