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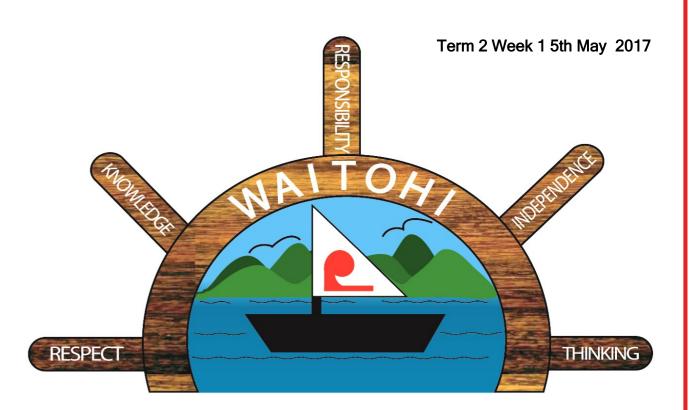
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Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome to Term Two. We would especially like to welcome Houston Roussel, Ani Mason and Mereama Taiapa and their families plus, Hana Kopetsch who is visiting from Japan.

Special Needs

You may be aware of recent discussions in the media about the difficulties schools have in addressing the wide-ranging needs of their students with the level of funding they receive. This is compounded by the lack of resourcing for specialist services within the education sector such as speech therapists, occupational therapists, counsellors and psychologists.

Our Board of Trustees has committed \$22,000 over and above that provided by the Ministry of Education to support all our children. In the long-term, this is not sustainable, therefore we all need to be proactive in advocating for our children.

Alister McCosh

Principal

A.N.Z.A.C. Experience

On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 went to Q.C.C. to The A.N.Z.A.C. Experience organized by John Orchard from Heritage Education, Brayshaw Park. The students got to see local photographs, weapons, film footage and to dress up in military gear while, finding out about various campaigns that New Zealanders have been involved in.



40 Hour Famine

The 40 Hour Famine is on June 9-11. Money raised will go to supporting children in war torn Syria. Booklets for recording sponsors will be available soon. Adult consent and support is required please.

Room 7 Assembly 11.00 a.m

Looking after our children

Exercise is good for EVERYBODY and for the ENVI-RONMENT. We won \$300 of sports equipment for putting in a fantastic effort to walk, bike or scooter to school in the Stride and Ride Challenge. Well done everyone for making the effort to get fitter and to care of our environment.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th May Friday 12th May Monday 15th May Wednesday 17th May P.S.A.S. 5.30 pm Lucky Orders - last day BOT meeting 5.30 pm Reading Together

PSAS

Our Easter Disco went really well-many thanks to all our helpers before, during and afterwards.

At our A.G.M. Di Huntley became our Chairperson, Lisa Cockerell is our Treasurer, Becs Hill is Secretary and Helen Boudier is the Staff Representative.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 9th in Room 1 at 5:30pm. We will be planning the Mid Winter Swim food stall and the Quiz Night.

Indoor Cricket at Q.C.C.

The new Indoor Cricket League, organised by Mr. Simon Williams, starts tomorrow at Q.C.C. at 6pm. Please send consent forms to Miss Boudier.

Road Sense

Bikes should have a front white reflector and a rear red reflector plus orange pedal reflectors-as the days shorten-'Be Seen to Be safe'.

Badminton for Juniors

Monday afternoons 3.10 p.m until 4.30 p.m at Queen Charlotte College.

Price for 2 terms is \$20.00 if you haven't got your own racquet.

\$10.00 if you have a racquet.

Please contact Helen Quentin-Baxter 03 573 6440.

Rain jackets

We have a large selection of black, Adidas rain jackets to lend out. Simply fill in a form from Miss Boudier and make use of these excellent, lightweight garments for the year.

Sun Safe

From May to August, some sun exposure is important.

A half hour daily walk or some other form of outdoor, physical activity in the hours around noon is recommended with face, arms and hands exposed.



Congratulations to this week's Merit Mark Winner:

Holly Nicholson

Paper 4 Trees

Our total is **493** green boxes. Many thanks, to Port Marlborough, Challenge Garage , Beachcomber Cruises and other regular contributors.

Things Good Readers Do:

Preview-look at the cover and any pictures.

- read the title and some of the text.

Question-Ask Who? What? When? Why? Where? and How?

Decide if the text makes sense.

Predict-wonder about what will happen.

-make predictions, then read to see if they are correct.

Infer-think about what the details tell you.

Use the details to understand what the author means.

Connect- relate the texts to your thoughts, feelings and knowledge.

-Compare the text to other texts and to the world around.

Summarize-organise the main details

- draw conclusions

Netball

Netball for Years 3-4 is Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 May 6th-July 8th at Landsdowne Sports Hub and costs \$20.

This week, the Picton Supersonics play Spring

Creekers Machine at 9:30am on Court 15.

Netball for Years 5-6 Future Ferns, is Saturdays, May 6th-August 19th (No Netball June 3rd Queen's Birthday or July 15th and 22nd-Holiday) and costs \$50.

This week, the Picton Players play Riverlands Fireworks at 9:30am on Court 14.

(Training for Supersonics on Friday lunchtime please Letitia)



Please pay fees to the school office, before the season starts. A letter with player details has been sent home.

Volleyball

Congratulations to both our volleyball teams -they came first in their finals, a great effort everyone-Aki, Van, Seth, Jack, Ayla, Holly, Tia and Cassidy. Volleyball restarts in Term 4-new players will be welcome.

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