



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is common knowledge that young children whose parents read to and with them have a tremendous advantage in school. You can also help your children learn Mathematics by doing and supporting Math at home.

Every child and adult needs to know and understand Mathematics. It is part of every day life. We all "do Math". We count money, measure things, sort from biggest to smallest, know how many kilometres it is into town and how long it takes to get there.

Research shows that families are an essential part of the learning process in Mathematics. There are many ways to make Math part of your family's life.

Always talk about Math in positive ways. Let your children know that learning Math is very important. Communicating a positive, "can-do" attitude is the single most important way to ensure that your children are successful in Mathematics.

Know what your children are studying. Through class newsletters and communications, teachers inform you about the Math learning in your children's classrooms. Ask your children what they're studying. Ask your children's teachers.

Have high expectations. When you believe your children can learn, they will rise to the occasion - so expect a lot from them.

Make Math an everyday part of your family. Spend time with your children on simple board games, puzzles and activities like shopping, cooking and fix-it projects to show them Math is practical and useful.

Notice Mathematics in the world. Tell your children about the Math you do in your job. When you are outside your home, look for ways to point out Math. It could be as simple as looking at shapes. If you start looking for Math in the world, you'll find more and more of it and so will your children.

Alister McCosh Principal

On behalf of the Picton School Board of Trustees I would like to advise you that Alister has presented his resignation as Principal effective January 2018. I would like to acknowledge his tireless commitment to the children and community of Picton School. His advocacy and passion for quality education is clear to see and we wish him every success in his new adventures.

Pauline Gregory (Chairperson Board of Trustees)

Dates for your diary

Friday 30th June Monday 3rd July Thursday 6th July Friday 4th August Matariki Wander Plastic Bag Free Picton event **PSAS** meeting Quiz Night

PSAS

Our next meeting is on Thursday, July 6th in Room One at 12:30pm.

There will be a family, 'Matariki Wander' on Friday, June 30th starting at Shelley Beach at 5:30pm and walking to the Foreshore (weather permitting). Give a gold coin donation to receive a glow stick.

After that, there will be an adults' Quiz Night on Friday August 4th. The guiz will be at the Endeavour Park Pavilion. Quality auction items and raffle prizes have already been sourced from our supportive community. P.S.A.S. are helping fund the Dawn Chorus group's tracking tunnels and pest traps construction. Kaipupu Point and Kiwi Can are working together, alongside Room One students to 'enhance the halo' by removing predators and encouraging birdlife, in our community.

NETBALL

Picton Players .v. Springland Stars at 12.30 pm Picton Players play the Whitney Street Stars at 9:30am

Our Duffy Award Winners

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Room 1	Holly Nicholson	For having a 'can do' attitude and for being positive.	
Room 2	Maddi Brimble	For always including 'writer's voice' in her Recounts.	Winter Fire Safety Electric Blankets: If y show wear, have it chec Switch it off before ge Never use pins to secur Don't dry clean, machin Sponge dirty marks lig surface. Roll it up for storing. A the room. Have your heater servic
Room 6	Nyala Stevenson	Fantastic effort and creativity in writing.	
Room 7	Emmy Jamieson	Working hard to produce her A1 best work.	
Room 8	Mari Collins	For being a focussed learner and always doing her best to be a kind and caring member of the class.	
Room 9	Sienna Kroukamp	Beginning to write her stories independently.	

Room 7 Assembly 11.00 am

Parent Interviews Monday 3rd July - Tuesday 4th July Interview forms are included with this newsletter. We strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. By participating in interviews, you are sending a very clear message to your child that you value and support their learning.

Plastic Bag Free Picton

On July 3rd, at Mariners' Mall, there will be a display and event to highlight the positive aspects of using cloth bags for groceries. Linda Thompson is organising this appeal to get people to stop using plastic shopping bags.

Southern Jam

Thanks to 'Marlborough For Fun', we will again be hosting some High School bands during the Southern Jam Jazz Competition. If you are a fan of jazz, there will be a Finale Gala Concert at the A.S.B. Theatre on Saturday, August 12th. The concert features all participating schools plus, international performers. Adult tickets are \$39 and Child/Student/Senior are \$25.

Road Sense

The rail corridor along the East Coast between Waipara and Blenheim is now a construction zone, therefore everyone should treat the line as 'live'. Although the rail network is not reinstated yet, work trains (carrying materials and equipment to repair the are operating. Care is still needed s, as well as, an awareness of the on- related traffic.

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ongratulations to this week's Merit Mark Winner: **Holly Nicholson**

