



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Think Kindness

Empathy is a key part of building a community of respect and kindness. Empathy can help us to value others, prevent bullying, and increase positive relationships. Empathy is a powerful human emotion that allows us to feel for one another and to connect to each other on deeper and stronger levels. When we have empathy for another individual our feelings become connected. We begin to understand, see and feel things from their

perspective.

Empathy begins with the capacity to walk in another's shoes. It is important to teach empathy to our children to empower them to feel empathy within themselves and for others.

There are three simple steps we can take:

- Recognise that there is a concern to be felt towards others. Empathise with your child and model empathy with others.
- Ask you children if they understand what the other child is feeling. Ask when they are in conflicts with peers to consider their peers' perspectives. Emphasise with your children the importance of really listening to others.
- Act upon those feelings with a positive manner.

Alister McCosh

Principal

Room 6 Assembly at 11.00 a.m on Friday

PSAS

This term, all our children will design a calendar page that you can have made into a calendar or cards as a fundraiser for school and great presents for the family. Prizes donated to the cancelled Quiz Night will be raffled. Our next meeting, to organize the raffle, is on Thursday, August 17th, at 12:30pm in Room One.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Noah, Malachi, Fletcher, Harlem, Charlotte, Nikkita, Kaia, Amy, Kingston, Aki, Vancouver, Viola, Leilita, Holly, Stallion and Mason who all tried so hard during the Waitohi Cross-Country. We are proud of you all. Also, well done to Stella, Ben, Sarah and Josh who were unable to run but had trained well.



Congratulations to this week's Merit Mark Winner:

Stella McArtney

Dates for your diary

Friday 11th August Wednesday 16th August Thursday 17th August Monday 21st August Wednesday 23rd August Thursday 24th August Friday 25th August Friday 25th August

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Absentee Notices Calendar Calendar

Lucky Book orders due Room 1 trip to Brayshaw Park P.S.A.S meeting at 12.30 pm Board of Trustees meeting Choir practice School photos Daffodil Day Kahurangi Dance Theatre Group

SOUTHERN JAM

On Wednesday we had a fantastic time with the Southern Jam High School bands. All the bands are putting on a Finale Gala concert on August 12th at the A.S.B. Theatre. Phone: 03 5208560, for booking details.

Music Festival

On Wednesday August 23rd, our choir will be bussed to Renwick for a massed choir practice with the other school who are performing on the same night as us. The Music Festival 'Through the Ages' for Picton School 's choir is on Wednesday evening, September 27th. Tickets need to be purchased from the Blenheim A.S.B Theatre.



Duffy	
BOOKS IN HOMES	

Room 1	Seth Schroder	For working hard at all tasks and working well with any partners
Room 2	Lucas Clemett	For sharing his IT knowledge and skills, to support others.
Room 6	Charlotte Cockerell	Excellent effort and work in writing.
Room 7	Mereana Taiapa	For being a supportive and helpful class member
Room 8	Jesiah Bradley -Pope	For being a great buddy and helping others. A fantastic role model.
Room 9	Aria Leask	Trying hard to learn letters and numbers.

Paper 4 Trees

We have filled 514 boxes.

Looking After Our Children

As part of our Sunsafe Policy, P.S.A.S. has purchased more Sunhats for our children ready for Term 4. If anybody has access to 'laundry labels' please contact Miss Boudier, as we need to number the hats on a dark blue background!

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to AMY RICKERBY on attaining her Beginner's Library Certificate. Well done.

School Performance

The Kahurangi Dance Theatre Group are coming to perform on Friday August 25th. P.S.A.S will subsidise the performance, please send in \$2.00 towards to the cost.

NETBALL

This week, the Picton Players play the Springlands Attack team at 11:30 on Court 13. This is the last game before the Semi Finals. All teams will be informed as to whether they get into the Semis. Players are asked to gather by the netball building to say "thank you".

Daffodil Day

The annual cancer fundraising Daffodil Day is on Friday, August 25th. We will be selling fabric daffodils before school, outside Room One. We would love the children to dress up in yellow for the day. Money is used to provide a range of care and support for cancer patients and to fund research. It is also used to fund Smokefree initiatives, and give physical activity and nutrition advice.

Road Sense

When using a pedestrian crossing, stop and look first give drivers a chance to see you and slow down. Don't step onto the road until you know that drivers have seen you-this gives them time to slow down and stop safely.



HOW: In Play Store or App Store search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school once installed.

