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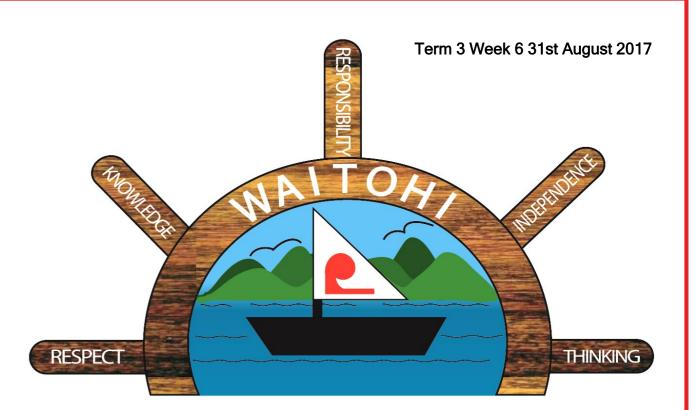
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#### **Dear Parents and Caregivers**

How can we help children develop decision making skills?

Like adults, children make a range of decisions every day. Young children regularly choose how they will behave, which toys or games they would like to play with, or which television shows they would like to watch. As they get older, children make bigger decisions that often involve their family, their friends and their successes. The kinds of decisions children make affect their mental health and well-being, their relationships and their successes.

Learning to make good decisions, helps children become more independent and responsible. Children learn good decision-making skills gradually and are strongly influenced by the expectations and values they learn from those around them.

This occurs through observing others (particularly their parents and caregivers), hearing about and discussing values, and having opportunities to make decisions and experience the consequences.

Reference: Kids Matter

The key skills children need to develop for decision making are:

- Identifying when a decision needs to be made
- Thinking of possible options
- Evaluating the options, and choosing strategies for making the decision and reviewing how it works.

Learning to consider the situation carefully and weigh-up the options before coming to a decision, helps children make better decisions. It also helps them to understand and take into account others' views when making decisions that affect them.

Alister McCosh

Principal

#### P.S.A.S

Sun hats will be distributed for all, for wearing in Term 4. There will be a Halloween Disco on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. P.S.A.S. subsidized our delightful Kahurangi performance.

#### Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Daffodil Day. We raised nearly \$200 for our local Cancer Society and the children looked great in their yellow.



Congratulations to this week's Merit Mark Winner:

**CAITLIN GLEDHILL** 

#### Dates for your diary

Monday 18th September Wednesday 20th September Wednesday 27th September Friday 29th September Tuesday 31st October

B.O.T meeting
Room 1 trip \$5.00
Music Festival
End of term 3
Orientation Day

#### Room 1 Trips

The kayaking trip has been postponed until Term 4. Lochmara Lodge has been booked for Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. Our next educational visit is, to the Dome Home and Paranui on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$5.

#### Music Festival

The Music Festival 'One For The Ages,' for our choir, is on Wednesday evening, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets need to be purchased from the Blenheim A.S.B. Theatre:

Adult \$15, child (under 16) \$6, Family \$40 (2 adults +2children). Book early to avoid disappointment. Last week's practice went well, Picton School will be doing the opening Karanga and Haka with the National Anthem and have two soloists performing.

#### Orientation Day at Q.C.C.

A date for your diary for students heading to Queen Charlotte college in 2018, is Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a welcoming powhiri and then a tour around the school and taster sessions of different activities. Before that, there are a series of meetings: Senior students will talk to our students on October 17<sup>th</sup>, on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in Picton School's Library there will be a parents' meeting at 1:30 with Betty Whyte (Principal) and Brian Jones (Deputy). (This is repeated on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> in the Q.C.C. Library at 7pm.

#### LIBRARY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to
CAITLYN WATT AND HOLLY NICHOLSON
on attaining their Beginners Library Certificate.
WELL DONE

#### School Kit

Please return washed Netball kit and Cross- Country shirts to Room 1.



On Sunday morning, September 10<sup>th</sup> there will be the annual clean-up of the Foreshore and surrounding area. This is organised, by Linda Thompson from 'Plastic-Bag Free Picton'. Children and their families are encouraged to come along and join a clean-up team-the reward is a litter-free town plus, a Sausage Sizzle at Mikey's Bar afterwards. Bags will be provided, it is advisable to wear gloves.

#### **SPORTS**

Tomorrow, Years 3-6 will have a tennis skills taster session with Reilly Quirk from the Marlborough Tennis Association. (Weather permitting)

On Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, Years 3-6 will have a cricket skills session.

Next term, Volleyball will be on offer thanks to Michelle Rossiter and Nicky Bain.

#### BEACHCOMBER CRUISES

September 3rd is Fathers Day. **DAD GOES FREE** on the 9.00am Ship Cove Cruise.

T&C apply.

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9.00 am - 12.30 pm Check in is at 8.30 am

#### Road Sense

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