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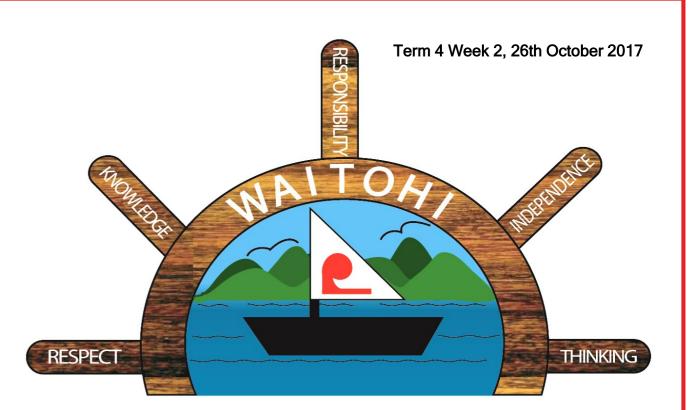


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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

We look forward to a productive final term. As always, it will be very busy.

As generally happens, a change of government brings

changes in education. Most teachers welcome the commitment of the Coalition Government to scrap National Standards. National Standards have narrowed the curriculum, failed to lift student achievement, created over-assessment of young children, increased teacher workload and contributed to student disengagement in learning.

КАРА НАКА

The Kapa Haka group performed with distinction at the Taiopenga Festival in Blenheim yesterday. We are very proud of them.

Kapa Haka groups from Picton Schools will be performing at Queen Charlotte College from 5.00 pm on Tuesday

2 November. This is an opportunity for parents, who were unable to go to the festival in Blenheim, to watch their children perform. Further information will be sent home with those in Kapa Haka, tomorrow.

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1 - Tues 30 Jan - Fri 13 April

- Mon 5 Feb schools closed
- Tues 6 Feb Waitangi Day
- Fri 30 March Good Friday
- Mon 2 & Tues 3 April Easter Monday & Tuesday

Term 2 - Mon 30 April - Friday 6 July

• Mon 4 June - Queen's Birthday

Term 3 - Mon 23 July - Fri 28 Sept Term 4 - Mon 15 Oct - Tues 18 Dec

- Mon 22 Oct Labour Day
- Mon 29 Oct Marlborough Anniversary

Alister McCosh Principal

PSAS

We hope your raffle tickets are selling well, please return stubs and money to the school office tomorrow.

Tomorrow, is our grand dress-up Halloween Disco 6:00-7:30pm for \$2.50. We would really appreciate snacks to sell on the night and helpers for during and after the disco. All children must be collected from the hall by a responsible adult.

Our next meeting is before the disco, at 5:00pm.

Calendar order forms have gone out and need to be returned by Friday, November 3rd. Prices are: Calendars \$12, Cards \$12, Diaries \$15, Mouse Mats \$15 and Notepads \$12. Please make sure that cheques are made payable to P.S.A.S. Calendars are on display in all the classrooms.



Congratulations to this week's Merit Mark Winner:

Rheana Roberts-Bull

Dates for your diary

Friday 27th October
Halloween Disco @6.00 pm
Return raffle stubs and money to the school office

Tuesday 31st October Orientation Day
Friday 3rd November Last day for Calendar orders

Monday 6th November Mini Concert

Wednesday 8th November Room 1 trip to Lochmara Monday 20th November Board Of Trustees Meeting

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to VANCOUVER SIO

on attaining his Beginners Library Certificate. WELL DONE!

Room 6 ASSEMBLY at 11.00 a.m on Friday

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY

For children to be safe in water, teach them to get comfortable in the water, how to be safe in different water situations and to swim at an early age.

Teeth matter, brush them twice a day and avoid too many sugary drinks or treats.

Netsafe has a set of online tools to help you keep you and your children safe from Cyberbullying.

PICTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Picton Christmas Parade is on Sunday, December 3rd. There are prizes to be won for floats. Prizes are for business and community floats. The parade starts at 2:30pm and will be followed by a concert and prize-giving on the Foreshore.



Registration forms are available from Harcourt's Real Estate on High Street and close on December 1st. If anyone is interested in organising a float, contact school. For more details contact Beryl Bowers on 573 6885.

MINI CONCERT

As a taster for the Maritime Festival, the children will experience a mini concert on November 7th, to give them an idea of what to expect at the festival's Music Workshops in the holidays.

Paper 4 Trees

We have filled 530 boxes.



SPORTS

Tennis Opportunities

There is a Children's Tennis Fun Day on Sunday, October 28th at the Port Marlborough Pavilion Tennis Courts. 9:00am 5-7 year olds, 10:00am 8-10 year olds and 11:00 11-18 year olds. The cost is \$5 per child and tennis rackets and balls are provided. The tuck shop will be open for food and drinks. Also, there is a six week Junior Tennis Coaching course starting on November 4th until, December 9th. It is on Saturday mornings from 9:00-12 noon and costs \$65 per child. Call 573 5400 to book.

<u>Volleyball</u>

The Marlborough Junior Volleyball League restarts tomorrow and runs until December 8th. We have three teams playing: The 'Picton Dabtastics', the 'Picton Go Bananas' and the 'Picton Diggers'. All their games are likely to be at 4:00pm. Good luck everybody.

Hockey

Each class will have four Hockey skills sessions, starting in Week 4 on Mondays.

Orientation Day at Q.C.C.

Orientation Day is October 31st. Those not attending Queen Charlotte College should still come to school.

SUN SMART

From September to April, even if it is cloudy and the sun isn't visible, protection from its rays is essential. Remember to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP and WRAP.

PLANT SALE

On 3rd & 4th November, in the Mariner's Mall, there will be a Kaipupu Point sale of natives plants. The sale runs from 10.00 until 4.00 pm. Room 1 students will help sell the plants which encourage our native birds and add to Picton's Dawn Chorus.

ROAD SENSE

Messages from Kiwi Rail: Pedestrians need to cross carefully at railway level crossings. Stay off railway tracks. In a car, always slow down as you're approaching a level crossing and be prepared to stop. All users need to obey signs and signals.

Edwin Fox

Upcoming events: The Edwin Fox Museum is open on Marlborough Anniversary Day. 21+22/10 is its 120th birthday and gold coin entry. 4/11 Evening Tour, followed by a light supper, for \$20. For details, call Karen on 5736868 or 0275736868.



