



Dear Parents and Caregivers As this is my final newsletter as Principal, I would like to thank the many children, staff and community members	Dates for your diary Friday 15th December Last day of term (3.00 pm)	Paper 4 Trees We have filled 548 boxes.
who have supported and encouraged me over the past ten years. Being Principal of Picton School has been a joy and a privilege. It has been challenging, but very rewarding. Picton School is a very special community and I will take	Tuesday 30th JanuaryTerm 1 startsMonday 5th FebruarySchool closedTuesday 6th FebruaryWaitangi Day	$\frac{\underline{Tryathlon}}{\underline{Tryathlon}}$ The annual Weetbix Try athlon, is on in Nelson next March 4 th at Tahunanui. Children aged 7-15 years old,
with me the many wonderful memories. I will follow the fortunes of the school, its students and staff with great interest. Swimming Pool The pool is a wonderful asset and we believe that it is	<u>PSAS</u> Thanks to Becs Hill, who will wash all the Sunhats ready for the start of Term 1, 2,018. Room One leavers really enjoyed their treat of Subway and Mini Golf and are very grateful to P.S.A.S. The Mini	get to swim, cycle and run their way around an age- appropriate course and receives a medal, certificate, kit- bag and swim-cap, free breakfast and a chance to win spot prizes. Register on: try.weetbix.co.nz or call 0800 9338 249.
important to allow our school community to have access to it. The money the school gets from hiring the keys contributes to, but does not completely cover, the cost of running the pool during the holidays. We have an expectation that <u>individual</u> families pay for keys.	Golf owner was so impressed with their behaviour that they were given a free Merry-Go-Round ride. Thank you to our helpers on the day. Volleyball	EMERGENCY PACKS Individual emergency packs that childen have brought to school will be sent home on the last day of the school year. Please send a replacement pack on the first day of the 2018 year
If you have a key from last year please contact the office to arrange payment for this year. It was disappointing to come to school this morning to find someone has been in the pool area and removed the cover and thrown rubbish in the pool.	Last Friday's finals were very close. Picton Diggers came first, Picton Dabtastics and Picton Go Bananas came sec- ond, congratulations on a great season. Volleyball will be on again in Term 1 and newcomers will be very welcome. Please wash and return school shirts to Miss Boudier.	ART SUPPLIES If you have any spare wool and/or egg-cartons and old greeting cards we could really make use of them in our Art lessons please.
We appreciate those families who are vigilant and inform us if they see any inappropriate behaviour. Alister McCosh Principal	<u>World Vision</u> Next year's 40 Hour Famine is over the weekend of June 8-10. In June this year, Kiwi school children raised \$1.9	<u>Road Sense</u> Road Patrollers have undergone training with Consta- ble Josh and will start in 2018. Please help them by
SANTA CRUISE FOR KIDS CHRISTMAS MORNING	million for Syrian children. The funds are being used to give them a chance to go to school, do music and sports plus, have access to mental-health support. Our	being great role models and using the crossing regularly and correctly. Have a safe and happy holiday.
Dress your kids as elves and help Santa throw lollies and sing Christmas carols as we cruise up the Grove Arm. Tutanekai will leave the Waikawa Bay jetty (by the Arapawa Rowing Club) at 8am and back at 12.00 pm for a final lolly scramble on the beach. Bring own snacks and water. For more information or to book, please phone Pete and Tuk 035736901 or p.beech@xtra.co.nz. After 15+ years this will be Santa's last cruise on Tutan- ekai so please come join us.	commitment to helping vulnerable children will continue.	Holiday Fun Football. There is a 3 day Football programme at A&P Park, Blenheim on December 18 th , 19 th and 20 th . It is suitable for boys and girls aged 5-12 years, and runs from 9am- 4pm. It costs \$30 per day or \$80 for all 3 days. Register for this action packed, fun skill development programme at <u>Keagan@mainlandfootball.co.nz</u> by 13/12/17. Or phone Andrea on: 579 2387 or 027 524 2387.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Cost is FREE	1 January to 18 March 2018 www.facebook.com/marlboroughconservationev.ents/events	CYBER SECURITY KEEP YOUR OPERATING SYSTEM UP TO DATE Updates often fix vulnerabilities that attackers can find and use to access your system. It's an effective way to help keep
SAFETY MAN ROAD SAFETY TRUCK DANGEROUS PASSING Before starting to pass a truck, think twice! You need a lot of space to pass safely. Behind every bend there could be another truck or vehicle INTERSECTIONS	<u>Studio HQ Dance Performance</u> On Sunday December 17 th , in Picton Little Theatre at 7pm there is 'Spectacular Dance Showcase'. Tickets are available from Take Note and Alyssums. \$20 adults, \$10 children \$50 family.	them out. BE SMART WITH SOCIAL MEDIA What you post on social media can give cyber criminals infor- mation that they can use against you. Set your privacy so only friends and family can see your details
At an intersection the space between you and an oncoming truck may look large. Trucks are heavy and take a long time to stop.		SCHOOL MESSAGES
Congratulations to this week's Merit Mark Winner: Sophia Shields-Thomson		- School Calendar App rch "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school once installed.

