



Dear Parents and Caregivers

- Who is our new principal Dave Sullivan?
 - He is an successful educator who has moved from his role of Principal at Ward School to join the whanau and staff of Picton School.
 - He has held senior leadership roles in education for 13 years, across the top of the South Island and overseas. Ward School, International School in Oman, Victory Primary School, Nelson Intermediate.
 - Taught every age group from New Entrant to Year 8
 - Keen sailor who loves the outdoors, tramping and mountain biker. loves school camps
 - Two adult children

First Impressions

There are many great things happening for the learners and families at Picton School. I hope to work with the successful team at Picton school, to build upon the very positive recent ERO report and the obvious positive vibe the school enjoys. The school caters for individuals' needs very well. I see already that the students have excellent social skills and positive attitudes. I look forward to exploring how the school can further develop and grow its role in the local community."

Dave Sullivan

Invitation to all parents/caregivers

Welcome ceremony for new students and Principal.

2.15 Friday 2 February 2018 In the school hall Short ceremony and shared kai



Swim For Life

We will have a 'Swimming Safely' survival skills programme for the older children in Weeks 3 and 4. The programme, will be run by trained instructors from Stadium 2,000. The children will be in groups of 10 and have 8 half -hour sessions, Monday-Thursday (Fridays will be used as a catch-up if necessary).

Muddy Buddy

In Havelock, on Sunday, February 25th, is the Muddy Buddy Adventure Run. Loads of fun to be had, trying to run across the mudflats, under a cargo net and through obstacles. Check in is 12:00-1:00pm and the mud run begins at 1:30pm. \$10 per person, \$35 per family. Get a team together for some marvellous muddy, mucky antics. Dates for your diary

- Friday 2nd February Monday 5th February Tuesday 6th February Wednesday 7th February Thursday 8th February Week 3 & 4
 - Welcome ceremony School closed Waitangi Dav PSAS 6.00 pm in Room 1 Meet & Greet Swim for Life

PSAS

Thanks to Becs Hill, who washed all the Sunhats ready for the start of Term 1, 2,018. We are a Sun Smart school and know to 'Slip, Slap, Slop and Wrap'. Hats are worn throughout Terms 1 and 4. Remember, even on cloudy days the Sun's rays can be harmful.

Our first meeting of the year will be in Room 1 on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00pm, newcomers are always welcome.

World Vision

Next year's 40 Hour Famine is over the weekend of June 8-10. In June this year, Kiwi school children raised \$1.9 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 commitment to helping vulnerable children will continue.

SunSafe

It's not only us humans who need to be SunSafe. The S.P.C.A. says, "It doesn't take long for a dog to overheat when left in a hot car, causing permanent damage to their brains". Dogs overheat much more quickly than human beings as they cannot sweat. Dogs pant but find it hard to cool their body temperature in a hot, stuffy car.

Road Sense

Absentee

Our new Road Patrollers are trained up and raring to go. Please make using the pedestrian crossings a habit, even if it means walking a few more metres. Remember to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN and to WALK straight across, continuing to look for traffic.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball matches will take place this term. Details to follow

Paper 4 Trees



We have filled 548 boxes. Every year

our collections entitle us to free native trees from the 'Paper 4 Trees' charity. We plant the trees around our school grounds to enhance our environment and encourage the birds. We also use the newspapers in the Art Room.

Trvathlon

The annual Weetbix Tryathlon, is on in Nelson next March 4th at Tahunanui. Children aged 7-15 years old, get to swim, cycle and run their way around an ageappropriate 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.

Let Miss Boudier know if you have registered and lunchtime training will be available.

Art Supplies

If you have any spare wool/card/ wallpaper rolls/ lolly wrappers/ greeting cards, we could really make use of them in our Art lessons



Water

Meet and Greet

Come along and meet your child/children's teacher on



Thursday, February 8th, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Bring a picnic tea or fish and chips and enjoy some fun and games.

Healthy Habits

Keeping hydrated is very important particularly during our hot, humid days. Water is by far, the best drink. Vitamins and minerals are essential to maintaining a healthy body. Vitamin A boosts the immune system and improves vision and cuts risk of heart disease. It can be toxic in large doses though.



