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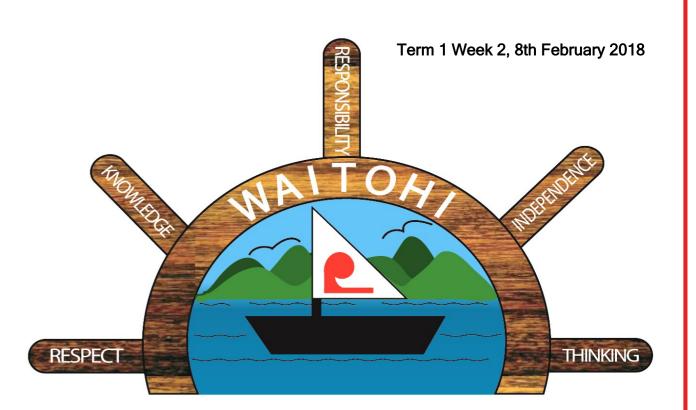
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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora

A big thank you to everyone who has made me feel very welcome to Picton School. I am enjoying getting to know the students and teachers of this family focused community.

Tonight at the Meet and Greet, will be another opportunity to meet more of our parents and wider community. I very much look forward to meeting with parents, discussing how we can work together to make this great little school into a gateway to adventure.

The Meet and Greet goes from 6-7:30 pm. Please come along to connect with your child's teachers and other parents of the community.

I believe the pool will be open but we require parents to be present in the swimming pool area to provide supervision.

Teachers are very busy getting to know your children at the moment. If you have any issues or questions about what is happening at school, please do not hesitate to contact them for a meeting time. A vital element of our role is to build a positive relationship around learning.

Dave Sullivan

Principal

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Truck Blind Zones

Truck Drivers use their mirrors so if you sit in a blind zone, they might not see you. A truck driver will indicate when turning so sit back and be aware.

Railway Crossing

Trains are very similar to trucks. Whether you're in a car or on foot, you need to be safe around them and always look twice before crossing railway tracks.

Road Sense

Watch out for tourist vehicles -they are unfamiliar with our Picton roads and can miss signs, pedestrian crossings and intersections-be alert when driving, biking or walking around.

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

Thursday 8th February Meet & Greet Week 3 & 4 Swim for Life Friday 16th February Volleyball starts

Volleyball

The Marlborough Junior Volleyball League restarts on February 16th and runs for 6 weeks until April 6th (No games March 30th). Games are held after school on Fridays at the Marlborough Lines stadium 2,000. Practice will be Thursday lunchtimes in the school hall with Nicky Bain and Michelle Rossiter. The season costs \$35. If you would like your child to play, please complete the consent form and return it to Miss Boudier in Room 1 by Monday, February 12th.

SunSafe

If your dog is overcome by heat exhaustion, give them water that is at room temperature (avoid ice cold water as this can cause shock). Wet their skin, not just their coat, focus on their belly and inside leg. Spray or sponge until their body temperature is lowered and then gently dry. Get your dog to the vet as soon as possible.

Fire Safety

We are in our peak fire-risk time. A complete fire ban is in place for Blenheim, Picton, Ward, Seddon Havelock and Renwick. People are not permitted to light any fire in the open air. A gas barbecue is the only outdoor cooking method that is permitted. When using a gas barbecue, leave plenty of clear space around it and shelter it from wind gusts, making sure there is nothing close by that could catch fire.

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).



Congratulations to this week's Merit Mark Winner:

Sophia Shields-Thompson

Paper 4 Trees

We have filled 549 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.

Tryathlon

The annual Weetbix **Try**athlon, 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 age-appropriate course and receives a medal, certificate, kitbag and swim-cap, free breakfast and a chance to win spot prizes. Register on: try.weetbix.co.nz or call 0800 9338 249.

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



Meet and Greet

Come along and meet your child/children's teacher
Tonight 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.



Bring a picnic tea or fish and chips and enjoy some fun and games.

Healthy Habits

Mosquitoes have had the perfect breeding conditions in our recent hot, humid weather. Mosquitoes make cooling down outside in the early evening almost impossible with their buzzing, biting activities! Here are some tips to help keep them at bay:

Stay in places with screens.

Use insect sprays.

Use mosquito coils.

Turn on air conditioning/fans if you have them.

<u>Meal</u>

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