

We had such a wonderful last week of term we decided to have an extra newsletter this week. Students from Rm 1 who have a large involvement with the conservation of Kaipupu Point and the Kaitiaki enjoyed a day on the Steadfast Sailing Ship. Lots of parents and students enjoyed the Easter Disco and the Volleyball Team had a fantastic game in the final of their tournament.

**Steadfast Trip**

Room 1 Picton Primary School  
 5 Buller Street  
 Picton 7220 - 11 April 2019

Dear Port Marlborough,  
 Thank you for funding the Steadfast Sailing Trip. My favourite part was when we saw the Hector Dolphins, they were really cool. I really loved the experience.  
 Thank you again  
 Nga mihi Yours sincerely Malakai  
 Riwaka-Clark



**Important Dates for the Calendar**

6th May	PM School Teachers at Union Meeting	<p><b>Master and Commander</b></p>
7th May	Doggy Dos and Don'ts programme	
9th May	40 Hour Famine Talk	
16th May	Support Staff Day	
17th May	M3 yoga with Jase TBC	
28th May	Des Hunt author presentation/workshop	
8/9 June	40 Hour Famine	
10th June 14th June	Elgregoe's values based Magic Show N.Z. Playhouse performance	
27th & 28th June	Te Wheke Akoranga <b>Kāhui Ako</b> Combined Schools Production	

**Paid Union Meeting - Monday 18th March 12:30pm.** The school will remain open for limited tuition after 12:30pm. As all the teachers except Mr Roggeveen, Mr Ganderton and Mr Sullivan will attend this important industrial meeting; you may consider enjoying the afternoon with your children and support the teachers position. **If you are picking up children, 12:25 would be the preferred time as class teachers can mark them as not here.**



### VolleyBall Final

Picton Spikers played really well all season and in particular in the final on the last Friday of Term. Just look at the level of focus on their faces. The team work on display was magnificent. The team went on to win the game 10 - 3. A big shout out to the parents who support the Friday night sport and the Coach - Belinda Mataele for doing such a fantastic job with this team. There was great sportsmanship on display towards their own team and the opposition.



### Easter Disco

On the last Friday of Term PSAS organised a fantastic Easter Disco. I was quite amazed that there were so many Easter bunny outfits in this town. There was lots of dancing, singing, games and sweet treats. A big **thank you** for PSAS for running such a fun event.



### Duffy Theatre

After the Duffy Theatre performed their play 'Stuck In the Game', Room 1 students did some critical thinking. The messages they got from the play were:

**Reading is very, very necessary.**

**It's important to read.**

**Use books to help you use your imagination.**

**Be active and creative, be Green Hat Thinkers.**

**Pay attention to your friends and family, spend face-to-face time with them, have proper conversations.**

**Use the Picton Library for reading books, not just playing computer games.**

**Reading is better than video games.**

**Don't get addicted to video games.**

**Look at people when they are talking to you.**

**Get parents to read to you.**

**House Points and Values Cards update** Unfortunately the children didn't quite reach the final rewards target for term 1. This term we have 3 reward levels again: 300 points will be a half hour choice activity, 600 a "switch" afternoon where the classes will enjoy an afternoon with a different teacher and 900 will earn a pyjama day with a movie. Totoranui took a healthy lead into term 2 in the competition for the House Shield. Can the other Houses close the gap?

**40 Hour Famine** - Picton School students will again take part in the World vision 40 Hour Famine, June 7th-9th. Fundraising will focus on the South Sudan Refugee Crisis. Over the past 12 months, the conflict has continued and children are in desperate need and living in Displaced Persons' camps in Northern Uganda. Many thanks to Jan Aldridge for her continued management of this fundraising event. On May 9th there will be a talk explaining about the fundraiser and participants can apply to take part.



### **A.N.Z.A.C. Experience**

On Tuesday, students travelled to Q.C.C. for the A.N.Z.A.C. Experience run by Mr. John Orchard from Brayshaw Park Heritage Education. The children got to wear a range of forces uniforms, march, see film footage and photographs of World War 1, view a mock up trench and learn about Marlborough's involvement in the war effort.

Picton Schools Wreath for ANZAC Day.

### **Earth Day Banners Exhibition**

Look in the A.S.B. Theatre and Picton Library to see a great display of students' work from across the region, highlighting the need to protect our N.Z. wildlife. Room 1 created pictures, some of which have been screen printed onto colourful banners plus, two poems which are on the loop at the library. All entries will be put on display in the Blenheim Library.



## **FUN AND FRIENDSHIP AWAIT!**

Would you like to be a part of an exciting group of girls, learn new skills and have lots of fun?? Then Picton Girl Guides, Pippins or Brownies maybe for you.

Term two starts back 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

- Pippins/Brownies: 4pm to 5:45pm
- Girl Guides: 6pm to 8pm

For more information contact HJ on 0211700401 (Girl Guides)  
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