

Mrs Holdaway and myself are very happy to be offering a Reading Together Programme to parents of Picton School this term. The first group of four sessions will run between 1:50 and 2:50pm starting on the 12th June. This programme is successful, end of story. Virtually every parent who has attended the four, hour long sessions have really improved their ability to support their children's learning & reading. Also becoming more relaxed and comfortable with supporting their children with learning tasks. If you feel you would like to join the group, please see Judith at the office and get a letter. The programme is free to parents of the school. We will be offering an after school programme later in the year when it warms up abit.

One of the highlights of my week is attending the Friday Assemblies. Picton School starts its assemblies in a unique and special manner. This week the girls karanga at the start of assembly was moving and the boys have the haka strong and well organised. So proud of the learning that the haka team have been showing recently, thank you Mrs Adams.

**Important Dates for the Calendar**

6th June	Room 6 Assembly 2:30pm (Thursday)
7th June	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
8 June	Strictly Jump Jam @ Bohally 5-7pm.
8/9 June	40 Hour Famine
10th June	Elgregoe's values based Magic Show 9:30am
12th June 19th, 26th	Reading Together 1.50 - 2.50pm Parents Programme. (& 24th July)
14th June	N.Z. Playhouse performance \$2
19th June	Wig Wednesday
21st June	Room 8 Assembly 2:30pm
27th & 28th June	Te Wheke Akoranga <b>Kāhui Ako</b> Combined Schools Production
28th June	Room 9 Assembly 2:30pm
3rd July 5th July	Rm. 1 to Kaipupu Point Student Leaders Assembly 2:30pm
5th July	End of term 2



Des Hunt - Famous NZ writer and science teacher, demonstrating positive and negative charges and forces (repulsion and attraction).

**Board of Trustees Elections** - A big thank you to Judith McManaway for running a very efficient election. Picton School have five elected representatives and one teacher rep. Megan Bruce, Peter Harrison, Joanna Huntley, Sheriee Jamieson, Susana Tyrell & Ed Roggeveen. I would like to thank the above for standing as Board of Trustees. It is an important role for the school and community.

## Museum Trip

Last Week, Rooms 9, 8 and 7 spent time at the Picton Museum as part of their Tui 250 Inquiry.



At the Picton Museum we saw a model of Captain Cook's boat, The Endeavour. We can't wait to see the replica when it comes to Picton at the end of the year. Serenity Room 7

We did lots of drawings of all the things we saw at the museum. We drew shells, Maori patterns, and whale bones. Ollie Room 7

Wow a real harpoon!

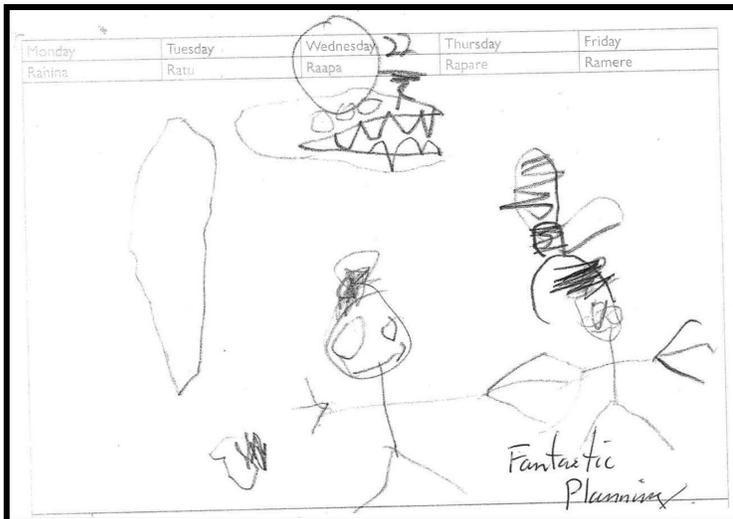
We saw lots of tools and photos from the whaling days. We saw photos of Mrs A's Grandad, and my Great Grandad, who was a Manager at the Whekenui Whaling Station. Bella Room 7

I went to the Picton Museum. I met Allison.

I saw a movie. I like the whale jaw.

Keira Jones Room 8

*Really wanted to share the process Calab has used to plan his writing about the museum experience.*



I went to the museum. I saw the skull of the whale. Caleb Hand - Room 9

**Teacher Only Day** The Board of Trustees has approved a Teacher Only Day for staff to upskill in using new assessment tools. This will be on **Friday 7 June**. School will be closed for the day so please ensure you have made alternative arrangements for your child(ren) for that day.

**Strictly Jump Jam** The Picton Waves: Addison, Ali, Ella, Lucas, Harlem, Raniera, Sofia, Lizzie, Lily, Harmony, Mereana and Jayla have been practising hard for their competition to be held at Bohally Intermediate on 8 June. Details and ticket information can be found at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/book/event?eid=1051&>

### **40 Hour Famine**

Good luck and thank you, to the Picton School students will take part in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine, this weekend, Sofia, Ella, Millie, Jasmine, Stella, Frankie, Lily, Daisy and Marino. They will be fundraising for children caught up in 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. Please return all money and booklets to Room 1, for Jan Aldridge to send to World Vision.

**Wig Wednesday** Wear a cool wig on **Wednesday 19 June** to support the Child Cancer Foundation. Donations optional.

### **Gymnastics Festival**

The Gymnastics Festival is on Friday, June 21st in Stadium 2000. Practice is going well and we will have gymnasts in Grade B and Grade C, 7 or 8 teams. Practice is on Thursday at 12:30-any help would be much appreciated. **The cost is \$2 per child. Please return consent forms and \$2 to Miss Boudier.**

### **Room 1 Merit Mark Winners**

Recent Merit Mark winners in Room One are, Harlem Stammers and Honehana Matekahi.

### **'The Tortoise and the Hare' Performance**

The N.Z. Playhouse theatre group is coming to perform 'The Tortoise and the Hare' on June 14th. **Please send in \$2 for this subsidised performance.** The play is based on Aesop's fable with added characters - a Gingerbread Man, Humpty Dumpty and the Pied Piper of Hamelin. The play is about accepting diversity, growing kindness and thinking of how to be a *real* winner.

**Netball Fees** Netball players please pay your subsidised fee of \$50 to the office as soon as possible.

**Hockey Fees** Hockey players please pay your \$45 to the office as soon as possible

### **Daffodil Bulbs**

Watch out next spring, for a larger daffodil patch alongside Kent street. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Black and Miss Boudier have re-planted more community donated bulbs to enhance our school grounds and put a smile on the faces of passers-by.



### **Des Hunt - Writing Workshop**

The senior students enjoyed a highly entertaining morning with the New Zealand author, Des Hunt. He spoke to the senior students about what makes a good story. He used examples from science to explain elements of good writing e.g. creating tension. A smaller group of students were provided an opportunity to workshop their own writing. All the students came away from the morning with something to remember or practice.