

## Newsletter 4th July 2019 Gateway to Discovery Te Kura o Waitohi He Kūaha Kitenga

We have just enjoyed an intensive period of educational experiences outside of the classroom. Week 9 finished on a high with our **Gymnastics Team** representing us in Blenheim in real style. Last week started with a lovely **Matariki** walk up the Essons Valley. The senior Boys really enjoyed their **inter school rugby** match with Waikawa Bay School and the **Hockey Team** had a fantastic time at the Hockey Festival. Parents and students who took part in the **Kahui Ako Combined Production**, did a fantastic job on QCC stage on the Thursday and Friday evenings.

### Important Dates for the Calendar

5th July	Pyjama and Movie Day.
5th July	Room 9 Assembly 2:30pm. End of term 2
22 July	Term 3 Begins
22 July	Board of Trustees Meeting 5pm
24th July	Rm 1 Kaipupu Point visit Rm 6 Museum visit
31st July	Falcon Talk Yrs 5/6
2 August	Room 1 Assembly
6 August	Combined School Cross Country 12:30pm
7 August	Southern Jam 1:30pm
9 August	Room 7 Assembly
16 August	Room 2 Assembly and Cricket Skills
23 August	Room 8 Assembly
	The <b>Spring Gala</b> will be held on <b>Saturday 21 September</b> .



### A Huge Thank you PSAS

- Thank you PSAS for funding our amazing **new Kapa haka uniform. As Above**
- The hard working PSAS team have also funded 25 students attending the **Na Ra Hou Wananga Matariki Trip to Waikawa Marae** on Thursday of Wk 10.
- Raised money by organising food at both Combined Productions and the Mid-Winter Swim

### This Friday 5th July - Pyjama and Movie Day

The school reached their third values card reward level this term. Tomorrow we will have pyjama and movie day. Children may wear pyjamas to school if they wish. From 9:30 there will be a choice of three movies for children to watch. In Cinema 2 will be **The Witches** based on the classic Roald Dahl novel: *A young boy stumbles onto a witch convention and must stop them, even after he has been turned into a mouse.* In Cinema 6 it will be **Inside Out**: *After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust*

and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school. In Cinema 8 it will be the original **Aladdin**: A kindhearted street urchin and a power-hungry Grand Vizier vie for a magic lamp that has the power to make their deepest wishes come true. **Hot chocolate and marshmallows provided - but children please supply own mug.**



#### REQUEST FOR HELP!

Kia ora Whanau,

Once again Picton School Kapa Haka are intending to participate in this years **Taiopenga Festival** in term 4. As you can imagine this takes a lot of practice and time so **we begin our practising in Term 3**. As in the past, I would really like some whanau support for our tamariki in their learning of waiata and haka items. If you or any of your extended whanau are able to help please let Judith in the office or myself know, and I will get in touch with you. It would be a bonus if you can play the guitar or ukulele, :) but not essential. **Nga Mihi Nui Lianne Adams**

#### Gymnastics Festival

The Gymnastics Festival was held on Friday 21 June at Stadium 2000, with close to 800 students from the area taking part. Our students had trained hard and shown perseverance over many weeks. On the day, all their hard work paid off as they enjoyed a fun, active time working with their teams and performing in front of judges. Each team rotated through 6 activities: skipping, the beam, the bar, a vault, a group formation and an individual floor routine. We were commended for our **respectful** behaviour - Picton School students were witnessed showing leadership, independence, engagement, respect and resilience. Many thanks to all our adult helpers, for the lifts, supervision and support. "The kids were amazing!" Michelle Kietzman.



#### Hockey Festival

**What a happy team!** The Picton Strikers played at the Blenheim Hockey Tournament on Wednesday 26th June. The whole team played really well and came away with the top team award for fair play and sportsmanship. Individual awards also went to Mereana and Ajani. Thanks to Juliet for organising them to take part in this event and of course coaching them all season. A fantastic way to celebrate hockey and team spirit.



## Combined Production - Ka Mua, Ka Muri

All the preschools, kindies, primary schools and Queen Charlotte College contributed their time and talent to pull off an amazing event on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June. I hope you enjoyed the community vibe and the delicious food being served up at the marketplace. The show was informative, entertaining and fun. A huge shout out to the parents who braved the weather and the long night to help stage the show. A big thank you to the staff and management of QCC who provided an excellent warm venue for the show and the display space. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the show and the marketplace.



## Rugby - Waikawa Bay Vs Picton School

On Tuesday 25th June, the sun was shining, the view of the bush clad hills and across the sea was magnificent. The Year 4 - 6 boys could be heard excitedly warming up before the tradition interschool game between the two schools. The Waikawa team got off to a flying start, but the Picton boys found their feet and started to even the score. What followed was an intense battle of hard forward play, straight breaks and some accurate passing and running wide. The noisy crowd of spectators enjoyed a great game of rugby.

The Picton School Team had been training hard under the watchful eye of Craig Woodworth and Mr Francis Ganderton. In the end the **resilience** and **engagement** paid off as the Picton Team pipped their energetic opposition. As they say, rugby was the winner on the day, with the boys really enjoying a fair and physical challenge in nearly perfect conditions. A big shout out for Glenn Smith for refereeing the game and the caretaker for a well prepared pitch.

## 40 Hour Famine

Please return money and booklets to Room 1 **TOMORROW**, for Jan Aldridge to send to World Vision.

## From the Board of Trustees: School Uniform Policy

It has been wonderful to see the students looking smart in their new school uniform shirts and hoodies. The Board appreciates the willingness of our whānau to ensure their children are in the correct school uniform.

Just a reminder that the students need to wear **plain black** clothing - trousers, tracksuit pants, leggings, shorts, skirts or skorts - with their uniform shirt and hoodie (a black skivvy can be worn under the shirt). It is also really helpful if the children's uniform tops are clearly named. Soon there will be a Picton School Beanie available for purchase, this will be an optional uniform item. Any questions regarding uniform, please contact the school.

If your child is unable to wear their uniform on a given day, you need to send a note to school. The school will follow up with families of children who are not in uniform on a regular basis.



**Choir** Our Choir is practising hard for the Music Festival-Kiwi Can Jam. Suzanne Prentice will be the host. Picton School is performing on Thursday, September 12th. Ticket price details and booking dates will follow. Money raised will go to support the Dingle Foundation's Kiwi Can programme.

- **Room 1 Merit Mark Winners** recently are: Malakai Riwaka - Clark, Harlem Stammers and Troy Patu.
- **Netball Fees** Netball players please pay your subsidised fee of \$50 to the office as soon as possible. Congratulations on your recent successes.
- **Hockey Fees** Hockey players please pay your \$45 to the office as soon as possible
- **Rain Jackets** The school has black, Adidas rain jackets which fold up into a pocket, to lend out- ideal for those rainy winter days. Please see Miss Boudier in Room 1, for a form and jacket. We have all sizes.
- **Kaipupu Point Trip** Room 1's educational visit has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 24th.

### **Paper 4 Trees**

We continue to have regular contributions of unwanted newspapers. We have filled 774 green boxes, these are converted into points which then, earn us native plants to enhance our school grounds.

### **Missing School Hoodie**

Fletcher Bishell is missing his size 14 school hoodie (unnamed), please check at home in case your child has the wrong hoodie.

### **Next Term - Waitohi Cross-Country**

Children have started to train for the Waitohi Cross Country races, which will be held at Endeavour Park in Term 3, Week 3, on **Tuesday afternoon, August 6th** (Postponement day is on Friday 9th). All the children will be taken there on a Sounds Connection bus and can be collected afterwards or returned to school by bus at the end of the day. We would love as many adults as possible to come along and support. We have to practice running around the flat, school perimeter, you may like to take your child, in the holidays, to Endeavour Park to do some uphill training. Full details will come home at the start of next term.



Nice to see so many students, parents and teachers down at the Mid Winter Swim. A lovely day for it.