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A Fantastic Start to the Year!

Kia ora koutou katoa,

What a joy it has been to witness such a positive and energetic start to the school year! From the very first day, our students have embraced the new term with enthusiasm, diving into their learning and reconnecting with friends. It's been truly inspiring to see everyone getting so actively involved in all the opportunities we offer here at Tua Marina School.

I've been particularly impressed with how quickly our students have settled back into their routines. This smooth transition has created a strong foundation for learning, allowing teachers to focus on engaging and challenging our students right from the start. It's clear that the hard work put in by our staff to prepare for the year has paid off, creating a positive and supportive learning environment.

Now, as we move into the term, it's wonderful to see our students not only enjoying the learning process but also embracing the challenges it brings. They are demonstrating resilience, perseverance, and a genuine desire to learn and grow. It's through these challenges that true learning happens, and it's been fantastic to observe the many successes, both big and small, that our students are achieving every day. From mastering new concepts to collaborating effectively, the progress already is evident and inspiring.

Thank you to our amazing staff for their dedication and passion, and to our supportive parents and whānau for partnering with us in your children's education. Together, we are creating a learning community where every student can succeed. I look forward to continuing this positive momentum throughout the year and celebrating many more successes to come.

Ngā mihi mahana
Nic Walker
Tumuaki - Principal

Term 1, 2025

WEEK 4 24 - 28 FEB		TECH			MAKOMAKO ASSEMBLY
					RURAL SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS
WEEK 5 03 - 07 MARCH					REWAREWA ASSEMBLY
					KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE - PARENT TALK
WEEK 6 10 - 14 MARCH		TECH			WHITES BAY
	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE	KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE		
WEEK 7 17 - 21 MARCH	TEACHER ONLY DAY				
WEEK 8 24 - 28 MARCH		TECH			TI KŌUKA ASSEMBLY
			MISTLETOE BAY CAMP	MISTLETOE BAY CAMP	MISTLETOE BAY CAMP
WEEK 9 31 MARCH - 04 APRIL		HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP	HANMER CAMP
WEEK 10 07 - 11 APRIL		TECH	YEAR 7/8 VACCINATIONS		END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

Ti Kōuka

Year 0 - 1 || Leah Waddington & Emily Morris

Another amazing two weeks from Ti Kouka! The children have all been actively participating, taking pride in their work and showing kindness and care for one another. We have begun our small reading groups and some children will be taking a book home every day. Please ensure the books come back to school the next day, as we likely will read it again. We also share our BSLA books across the school and rely on books coming back so other students can read them. Your effort in this regard is greatly appreciated!
A reminder the Wednesday is wheels day. Thursday is subway day. You can order subway via our school app here.
News and library will be Friday.

Any questions or concerns please talk to Leah or Emily.



Makomako

Year 2 - 3 || Aaron Harrison

Makomako class has been busy taking care of our school community, working alongside their buddy class, Kōwhai, to pull weeds and tidy up the gardens. Their hard work is helping to keep our school looking beautiful—ka pai, Makomako and Kōwhai!
Back in the classroom, Makomako has been exploring symmetry in maths, creating amazing shapes and patterns to demonstrate mirror images. It's been fantastic to see their creativity and mathematical thinking in action! Keep up the great work, Makomako!
As well as showing their amazing mathematical skills, they have been stars at their handwriting and reading.

Well done Makomako.



Rewarewa

Year 4 - 5 || Julian Mason

Kia ora e te whānau,

The weeks continue to fly by and with it time to practice and get better at our routines and skills we need to allow us to maximise learning time for the rest of the year.

We have continued to enjoy the pool in the warm weather, work hard on our handwriting, practice tī rakau, getting used to drawing faces for our self portraits, and we were visited by Harold and Graeme from Life Education. We have also undertaken some testing this week, which is important for our records, but also helps with planning for learning.

As part of our fitness we have been skipping. It is a simple to effective way to build your fitness and coordination. Everyone continues to improve each day, and now we are good at skipping forwards, we will work on other skills as well.

Our class goal this week shifted to responsibility. Not just for belongings, but our actions and what is required from us in different situations. Hopefully this helps at home as well as school. Have a great weekend - Julian



PDC INTO THE FUTURE

Picton Dawn Chorus is launching a fundraising initiative we call **Trapping for Restoration and Protection (T.R.A.P)**

We are seeking donations from individuals and businesses to purchase 500 AT220 self-setting auto traps, at \$550.00 each.

Made by NZ Auto Traps, these devices deliver the latest innovative pest control technology. They are cheap to operate, only need to be checked every 6 months, and are much more effective than the existing traps we use.



If you are looking for a meaningful opportunity to make a real difference to our local natural environment then please get in touch. We need your help and are happy to provide further information.

Our Contact Details

Anna Polson - 03 928 4957 ext 3 for details on how to donate.

Mark Altoft - 021 111 7191 OR Neil Black - 027 686 8757 for technical information.



Picton Dawn Chorus

KAIPŪPŪ Sanctuary

PDC INTO THE FUTURE

Trapping for Restoration and Protection T.R.A.P

The Waitohi Picton area is home to diverse native flora and fauna under constant threat from invasive predators such as rats, stoats, and possums.

Our current trapping methods have made significant progress in reducing these threats for over 9 years, reducing pest numbers by over 23,000. However, the existing traps are labour-intensive to keep baited and constantly maintained over the 4,800-hectare area we cover.

The time has come to adopt more innovative, efficient, and cost-effective solutions. The AT220 traps are the ideal solution to sustain and strengthen our efforts.

The use of these traps will:

- Reduce pest populations more effectively - the strike rates of these traps far exceed that of any other traps we use.
- Mean that fewer resources and volunteer hours will be needed for the more difficult and remote traplines. Our busy volunteers will be able to focus on the more accessible traplines closer to home.
- Improve the health of the local native forest, enhancing the beauty of our area and making it an even better place to live.

How To Donate

Your donation can be made directly to the PDC bank account - please use your name and **TRAP** as a reference.

Any contributions to this project will be gratefully received.

Account name - Picton Dawn Chorus Inc

Account Number - **03 1710 0051798 00**

Donations will qualify for the 33% tax rebate. A tax invoice/receipt or donation receipt will be available on receipt of payment.

Our Gratitude

We are sure that this initiative will be a 'game-changer' for our conservation efforts around Waitohi Picton. Please support our T.R.A.P project. We are grateful and thank you for your support.

Ākonga O Te Wiki

Congratulations to our ākonga o te wiki from our last assembly!

- Ti Kōuka - Adam Honey
- Makomako - Isla Bampton & Tuiti MacDonald
- Rewarewa - Arlo Barnett & Meia Millar
- Kowhai - Noah Richardson

Building a Positive Learning Community

This week our most commonly shown value was **Active Participation!** This value made up almost half of the Values Hero awards handed out.

House Points

Koromiko	Rārangi	Tokomaru	Waikakaho
144	167	172	137

Harold, from Life Education Trust visited this week. He enjoyed walking around saying hi to our tamariki at lunchtime on Wednesday.



RAY WHITE COMPLETE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

more fm BEACH DAY

Sunday 23rd February

Whites Bay | 10am-2pm

FREE - FUN - PRIZES



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FLOORING XTRA

BP Computers

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Conservation

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BLENHEIM VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2025 WINTER FOOTBALL ARE OPEN NOW!

SEASON STARTS 26TH APRIL

For registration information please visit:
www.sporty.co.nz/blenheimvalleysports

Or see the Blenheim Valley Football Club
Facebook Page for more details

Early-Bird Pricing until March 14
Registrations close March 21



PICTON FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 10-12.00PM @

ENDEAVOUR PARK

FIRST KICK (4-6 year olds)

GRADES 7th to 17th

SENIOR MEN

SOCIAL WOMENS GRADE

**Current-NEW and KEEN players for ALL grades
COME ALONG !**

WINTER SEASON STARTS

SATURDAY 26th APRIL

Juniors/Youth/Women/Men

CONTACT DONNA 0211710153

pictonfootballclub@gmail.com

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