

# Room One project wins school \$2000

Picton School is \$2000 better off thanks to the hard work of Room One students and Cookie Munchers Charitable Trust.

The school was one of 10 that accepted the trust's challenge to get involved in Dyslexia Awareness Week that ran from June 16 to 22.

The students chose several well-known people in New Zealand who have dyslexia but have done well.

After researching the backgrounds of the celebrities, the children presented their findings at an assembly.

The Cookie Munchers Charitable Trust is the main sponsor of The Dyslexia Foundation of New Zealand and aims to create opportunities for children and young people to realise their potential.

Trust trustee Guy Pope-Mayell said there were many schools in the country who were ready to take the next steps along the dyslexia pathway which would benefit the estimated 70,000 dyslexic children in New Zealand.

"We acknowledge all the schools that entered the competition and thank them for the wonderful work they are doing to support dyslexia," Mr Pope-Mayell said.

The other winning schools were Paparoa Street Primary, Fendalton Primary, Raumati Beach School,

Cambridge Middle School, Karapiro School, Queenstown School, Cromwell Primary, Gilberthorpe School and Nova Montessori Primary.

Dyslexia is a learning disability that manifests mainly as a difficulty with written language particularly with reading and spelling.

The money received by Picton School will go towards professional development and buying resources.

**COOKIE MUNCHERS:** Picton School students back from left, Justin Lewis and Joseph Salter, centre, Dylan Ivamy, front from left, Jodeci Robbmiller, Georgia Brooksadd and Tori Aldridge contributed to winning \$2000 for the school. Photo Dee Wilson 149918

