

# NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 2

Thursday 22nd October



## Principal's Note

Kia ora koutou,

What a terrific day our kids had on Tuesday at the West Harbour Sports Day. Our kids were amazing in their positive attitudes, positive behaviour and positive performances. We really did appreciate the support of families and parent helpers too. We know that there has been a lot of pressure this year on annual leave balances so we really do appreciate you all making it possible to share the day with us. A BIG thank you to Jared Roddick from Port Chalmers School for leading the organisation so well once again, and congratulations on taking the shield this year. Well-deserved but we will look forward to challenging you for it next year!

Another big thank you goes to the PTA for organising a very noisy and very enjoyable disco for the children. We know that the kids really enjoyed their evening, thank you PTA.

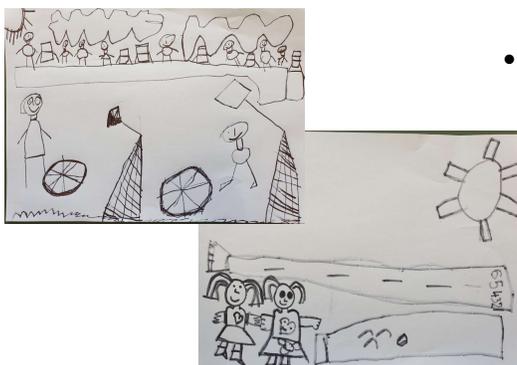
You may have picked up our frustration with our current school communication app. For some reason Skool Loop seems to be reaching less and less people. We are currently not using the app as we cannot be certain that it is reaching people. Even though it is a bit of a pain, we will be rolling out a new app some time in the next two weeks. We ask that you bear with us and we try to make the transition as smooth as possible. In the meantime, take a look at the website and you will find a new tab at the top. The Sports tab will take you directly to all of the sports draws that we most often Skool Loop out.

Next week we will be holding our next Board meeting and at every meeting we review School Policies. Most of these are very dull but essential. This coming meeting, we are looking to merge two existing policies into one. The Equal Opportunity Employer Policy and the Good Employer Policy have a lot of overlap already and we will be looking to roll this into one. If you have any questions about this process, we would encourage you to have a chat with us before the meeting.

Lastly, DON'T FORGET SWIMMING STARTS TUESDAY! We don't have the Monday due to Labour Day to remind you all that we are swimming. Tāne Mahuta children in particular will need to remember that their bus leaves that little bit earlier at 8.35am too.

Ka kite ano.

Gareth Swete  
Principal



## West Harbour Sports Day



## Important Dates

**Board of Trustee Meeting Dates:**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct & 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

We had a fabulous day at the West Harbour Sports day. Here are reflections and drawings from some of the children. It was fantastic to see our tamariki portraying our SBS school values during the day as they tried new things, and gave everything a go with a positive attitude.

Next week we start swimming! I liked kicking the soccer ball and doing the running, the high jump and the long jump and I also enjoyed the parachute. By Haydn

- I liked doing the parachute games. It made big waves and little waves. It looked like a rainbow. By Leila
- I liked doing shot put. The ball was as heavy as rock. By Emily Mears
- I liked the running races even though I came in last. I liked running around the track but we only ran around half of it. By Martha
- I liked doing the long jump. I jumped the furthest in my group. By Parker

Report by Mrs Campbell



### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

I was incredibly proud of all of our children at the WHSD on Tuesday. The kids in HRW definitely embody our school values and it was so lovely seeing them giving the events their best effort. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help during the day too. I know the children really appreciated having a familiar person encouraging them. Our first day of swimming is on Tuesday and we are so looking forward to it. Our lesson is from 11 to 11:30 am and you are more than welcome to come along to watch. As the children are encouraged to dress themselves after the lessons, it would be great if they wore clothes that are easy for them to manage independently. Enjoy your long weekend and I'll see you all on Tuesday.

*Report by Mrs Barr*

### Tāwhirimātea

Tāwhirimātea had a fantastic day on Tuesday at the West Harbour Sports Day. All our practices really paid off with many people commenting on the great technique our children demonstrated at each event. A big thank you to our helpers who gave up their time to come along to lend a helping hand and cheer the kids on. This week for our science topic we found out that our gummy bear in the vinegar solution grew bigger than the one in water and we think this is because vinegar is more acidic. We are now working in pairs to see if we can make a gummy bear grow the biggest of all. We are trying different solutions which we think will be really acidic such as orange and lemon juice, citric acid, lemonade and coke. We are also trying to use hot vinegar and coke to see if heat makes a difference as we know that sugar dissolves well in a hot solution. To conduct an experiment, we need to use the 'scientific method'. This involves us observing, asking a question, forming a hypothesis, writing out the instructions for a 'fair test', testing and observing, measuring and recording results and finally researching and making a conclusion. We hope to be able to share our findings with you all soon!

*Report by Mrs Swete*

### Ranginui

In Ranginui this week, the highlight of the week was the sports day. We really enjoyed shot put and the sprints. It was awesome to spend time with our West Harbour neighbours. We have been learning about Emperor penguins in class. Did you know that the king penguin is the second biggest penguin in the world? They are just a bit shorter than the emperor penguin. There is a penguin called the macaroni penguin but we don't think that they would be very tasty. Yesterday we made emoji's in class about how we felt in class. Thank you to the Tāne Mahuta children for organising the movie fundraiser for us and especially the popcorn.

*Report by Stevie and Scout*

### Hinemoana

On Tuesday we went to WHSD. It was such a fun day! We got to participate in lots of different sports. Some of our favourites were sprints, touch and relays. It was so fabulous

to see all of the children giving everything a go and displaying sportsmanship. Well done Hinemoana! Miss Hurtig is taking us for writing this week where we are creating descriptive clues about animals. We are writing 4 - 5 clues about an animal for our classmates to guess. We have learnt to start with wider, basic clues then narrow, more specific clues towards the end. In Maths, we are all about Fractions! We have shared chocolate, convinced others we have created a half with an A4 piece of paper and made our own fraction walls. We are now learning to find fractions of groups. There is so much learning happening in Hinemoana!

*Report by Miss Laing*

### Tāne Mahuta

This week has been extremely varied. We have now finished sharing our speeches. During these oral presentations, the students were encouraged to focus on appropriate volume and pace, speaking expressively and with passion, and connecting with their audience through gestures and eye contact. They were also encouraged to bring some props to enhance their message. Lucas spoke about his passion for trout fishing, and I felt very jealous of the amazing bag of lures he shared with us!

I was impressed by our senior students' behaviour, leadership and commitment at the West Harbour Athletics Sports. We certainly have some talent to send forward to the North Zone Athletics.

I was equally proud of the group of girls who organised the fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House. The empathy they demonstrated fits beautifully with our Participating and Contributing Key Competency.

*Report by Mrs Brewer & Mr Fisher*

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## Sports

Tuesday 20th October		Score	POD
Gunners	SBS Reds	0-2 (L)	Cooper
Reds	SBS Gunners	2-0 (W)	Oliver
Rangers	Bye		
Aston Villa	Waitaiti Kickers	3-1 (W)	Liam M
Wednesday 21st October			
Tigers	Halfway Bush	7-0 (W)	Kaiya
Hammers	Sacred Heart	0-6 (L)	Liam Gr

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## Community News

### Santa Parade needs children

The Santa Parade is needing children to be on the floats. The parade is being held on Sunday 6 December. You need to be available from 12.30 until 5.30 and an adult needs to accompany the child for the duration of the afternoon. We particularly need little kids and big kids

If you are interested please email [dnsantakids@gmail.com](mailto:dnsantakids@gmail.com)

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