

# NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 7

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November



## Principal's Note

Kia ora Families,

We have had another great week together at SBS with a fair share of events scattered amongst our classroom learning.

Hopefully you all got a share of the apples, tomatoes and Rice Risotto delivered to us by Kiwi Harvest. This was all surplus stock destined for the landfill, so again thank you to Kiwi Harvest for their hard work rescuing warehouse loads of food waste and getting it out to the community.

As we look ahead to 2021, I have started drafting possible classroom placements for next year. The usual process is to create a draft, revise it, adjust it, mull over it, scrutinise it, make some changes, and then repeat this process at least a half dozen times. There are many factors that go into classroom placements to ensure we have the right balance across the school and the right learning conditions for every child. If there are factors that you as a parent would like us to consider, please get in touch early. There are many flow-on effects from making changes in January or February, so we would rather get it right now. Speaking of forward planning, we also had Miss Sophie Tenci visit us yesterday. Sophie will be working within our teaching team next year and it was great for her to have a chance to meet our children.

I often have the privilege of taking visitors around the school. This week I had yet another visitor remark on how incredibly engaged and well behaved our children are. Sometimes we forget just how amazing they are as we all just get on with teaching and learning. You should all be very proud of your children. One area where we will be encouraging some improvement is on the side-line of the sports fields. Our coaches give up their free time to ensure that the children get to play. I am very lucky to coach one of our futsal teams and I always get plenty of thank you's after the game. I have noticed however that sometimes this is forgotten by some teams. I understand the hustle and bustle of coming and going from the Edgar Centre in particular, but please do take the time to say thank you to your coach in our last Futsal round next week. We as adults can always model this behaviour too.

Thank you coaches and transporters for all of your help ensuring that we can run teams and support our children in their sporting endeavours.

Ka kite ano.

Gareth Swete, Principal



## Important Dates

**Teacher Only Day:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

**Board of Trustee Meeting Dates:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

**Last Day of term:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Teacher Only Day:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

**First Day of 2021:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

This week we've had the skipping ropes out again on fine days for Fitness. It's remarkable to see the progress the children have made over two terms, and the perseverance they show, when trying to master a new skill. For some children, they are now challenging themselves to skip for a longer time, or forward, backwards and while they run. For Mathematics, we have been looking at patterns. We have made patterns with classroom equipment and resources, then also looked at patterns on a hundreds board when we counted in twos, threes, fours and fives. From there we looked at patterns around us and then were reminded that snakes have patterns on their skin, so we have drawn patterns on snakes and made paper snakes using coloured paper to create the pattern. They look great! As part of our Kitchen Science unit, we have learned the difference between a solid, liquid and a gas. See if your tamariki can show you one of each around home!

*Report by Mrs Campbell*

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

It was wonderful observing the children as they discovered a family of hedgehogs in the garden outside our class yesterday. They were curious, excited, and incredibly empathetic and caring towards them. We were fascinated to see the mother hedgehog make a safe crater for her babies and the kids' compassion really shone through when she left her babies for the day. We could hear them crying out for her all day and we're hoping she returned to them. We also had a very curious seagull keep its beady little eyes on us during the week! We think it's the same gull that visits Ranginui and Papatūānuku. It was very funny watching it trying to catch a fly that was on the other side of the window too!

*Report by Mrs Barr*

### Tāwhirimātea

This week Tāwhirimātea have started making a Rēwana bread bug. We are surprised to read that you can make

bread from potatoes and without yeast, so we have decided to give it a go to see what it is like. We have to look after our 'bug' by keeping it warm and feeding it daily so it has become our class pet. In Maths we are learning about multiplication. We made animals from cm<sup>2</sup> grid paper and then worked out the area of them using multiplication and addition. The children have been writing a variety of creative and imaginative stories, focusing on descriptive language and using a variety of sentence structures to keep the reader excited and wanting to read more. If you have time, do pop in and ask your child to share their stories with you as they love reading them to an audience and are really proud of their skills as an author.

*Report by Tāwhirimātea*

### Ranginui

Christmas Greetings from Ranginui. Well it is around the corner. We have had wonderful learning experiences based around the Antarctic this term and are so grateful to the many supporters - beginning with a Zoom meeting of a team down on the ice, Lloyd Finkler, and the Otago Food Science team. We have finished our inquiry with a whole lot of wonder... Which is so great as it means we still want to know more! I do hope your child has talked about their own learning journey as each and every child in Ranginui has understood how exploration in the Antarctic has an impact on the world we live in. Over the next two weeks we will begin our school wide modules- Wow, these are fabulous activities to end a school year together. I am so looking forward to being a part of it all.

*Report by Ranginui*

### Hinemoana

On Wednesday morning Sawyers Bay School had some special visitors hiding out in our garden - a hedgehog and her two babies! (We discovered baby hedgehogs are called hoglets) This fitted in nicely with our animal topic, so we are now researching all about hedgehogs and crafting animal reports. Did you know that hedgehogs roll up into balls when they are scared? Their sharp spines protect them from any danger. We also learnt that hedgehogs are a gardener's best friend, they eat all the insects that eat your plants. Our animal reports are giving us another opportunity to practise writing in paragraphs. We have almost finished our STEAM board game project and are looking forward to spending some time playing everyone's games!

*Report by Miss Laing*

### Screech the seagull

Is very keen to join the children each day for learning and especially morning tea

### Tāne Mahuta

This week we started our Maths unit on position, orientation and movement. We planned an obstacle course in our books and we tried them out with a buddy to see how well they worked.

We have begun our draft speeches for the end of the year leavers assembly. It has been great looking back over our

years at Sawyers Bay School, and talking about our fond memories with each other and having lots of laughs. Our Source to Sea presentations are coming along nicely and we are looking forward to presenting all our hard work throughout the year on these to everyone. (Thank you Mr Fisher) It has been an awesome journey with a lot of new learning about things in and out of our backyard. Friday sees our Orange day Parade. This is for all of the year 6 students who have volunteered their mornings and afternoons on Road patrol, keeping our younger students safe when crossing the roads.

*Report by Mrs Brewer & Mr Fisher*

## Community News

### Christmas in the Stadium

**Venue:** Forsyth Barr Stadium **Entrance:** Gate E

**Date:** Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 1pm - 5pm **Entry:** Gold coin donation

**Type of event:** Variety concert

## Sports

Futsal	Team	vs	Score	POD
<b>Tues 24th Nov</b>				
Year 1-2	Gunners	SPC Tigers Carisbrook	0-7 (L)	Martha
Year 1-2	Reds	Leopards	0-7 (L)	Cooper
Year 3-4	Aston Villa	Abbots 4	4-2 (w)	Liam M
Year 3-4	Rangers	Broad Bay Gulls	3-1 (w)	Donnie
<b>Wed 25th Nov</b>				
Year 5-6	Tigers	Halway Bush Red	6-1 (w)	Sean
Year 5-6	Hammers	Sacred Heart	0-7 (l)	Max
Touch	Team	vs	Score	POD
<b>Thurs 19th Nov</b>				
Year 3-4	Nuggets	HWB Red	default	
Year 5-6	Saints	Tainui Panthers	4-5 (l)	Beau
Year 5-6	Bombers	TKKM Amokura	8-2 (w)	Archie

