

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Note

Kia ora Families,

Would you believe it, we made it to the last newsletter for 2020? Who could have predicted what a chaotic year it would have been? While of course we look back on COVID-19 with some trepidation, as well as looking forward to more settled times, there have been many long-term silver linings that have come from all of this kerfuffle! I would like to take a chance to express my gratitude for all of the people who contributed to our successful year of learning this year.

Thank you to our Board of Trustees, whose work often goes unnoticed but is so incredibly vital to the operation of our school. Thank you to our PTA. The PTA are the ones who make sure that our kids not only get the 'need to haves' but also all of the 'nice to haves' too, we really do appreciate your support. Thank you to all of our parents' helpers, Marg, Kerry, Simon and Lee who come in regularly to support our children's learning in class, all of the parents who help out where we need you, run modules, transport our troops here, there, and everywhere, our BBQ Chefs Kelly, Sonya, Simon, Mike, the Pearsons, Kerry-Lee and Chris, the kids love your work! All of your support makes it possible for us to achieve amazing programmes for our kids.

Thank you to our families who stuck with us during Lockdown. It was unprecedented for us and we were learning as we went too. Thank you for trusting us and putting the effort in to learning new ways of connecting to your child's learning, and for allowing us as Manuhiri into your homes virtually. We are very proud of how our whole school pulled together and not only survived distance learning, but thrived.

Thank you to our children. You are truly amazing. We are so privileged to work in a school where we love coming to work every day because we have great, enthusiastic, engaged learners ready for a challenge. We love the way you look after each other, and the energy you bring to the school, and the way you can always make us so proud!

Lastly, thank you to our teaching team, our support team and our Tracy! I can truly not remember a year that was so challenging and yet despite everything that was thrown their way, our amazing staff made sure, through their efforts, that our children got the very best of them. I know for a fact that during lockdown we had teachers running fulltime classroom programmes, endless Zoom meetings, replying to Seesaw posts well past midnight, up again at the crack of dawn to set new learning and literally flying by the seat of their pants at times, all while being able to run their own households, manage their own lockdown situations and often looking after their own families. I really do appreciate your commitment to our tamariki, thank you.

I hope that you all have a terrific summer and come back reinvigorated ready for what must surely be a much more straight forward 2021.

Ka kite ano.

Gareth Swete, Principal

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Jake, Lyra, Callan, Lena, Isabella, Jack C, and Rhys who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 8 went home with Isabella

Important Dates

Last Day of term: Wednesday 16th December

PICKUP 12.30-1PM at the latest

Teacher Only Day: Tuesday 2nd February 2021

First Day of 2021: Wednesday 3rd February

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku



Report by Papatūānuku

Hine-Rau-Whārangi

This is our last newsletter update for 2020. We are so excited our holidays are coming up but we're really sad Wednesday is our last day together for 2020. Our highlight of our week has definitely been the Activity Modules because we've

really enjoyed working with different people and learning heaps of new things. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

The Tāwhiri children are enjoying some festive fun this week. We started the week with a very messy classroom thanks to Riley the elf! This led to an elf craft and some great writing which is now proudly published and displayed on the class wall. We are really enjoying our second round of activity modules and are really grateful for the adults who are coming along to help make these possible. Over the next few days we will be working on some Christmas STEAM challenges beginning with building a candy cane golf course! As this is our last newsletter of the year, I want to wish everyone a safe and very merry Christmas. I hope you all have a well-deserved break and enjoy some quality family time together.



Report by Tāwhirimātea

Ranginui

Kia Ora

I would like to thank everybody for making me feel so welcome at Sawyers Bay School these past two terms. I feel very privileged to be teaching in such a fantastic school. I

have absolutely loved teaching in Ranginui, the students are amazing and have really engaged in learning and have blossomed. As we begin to finish the year (and what a year it has been!) I wish each and every family/whanau a very merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We have started some festive season learning and I will begin to send home items from our classroom. Please if you can send an extra bag (shopping bag) your child can begin to gather their things to bring home, or feel free to come in and pick up anything. On Tuesday, next week I would like to host a board game hour. Please send along any games (Monday) you as a family enjoy playing. To the students of Ranginui: You have accomplished so much this year. You are all so wonderful. I am proud of each and every one of you. Merry Christmas. Happy Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, 聖誕節快樂, Meri Kirihimete

Report by Ms Ruzsa

Hinemoana

Our last newsletter for 2020! Boy, has that suddenly come around fast! Thank-you everyone for a wonderful year! Hinemoana wishes you all a fabulous Christmas and summer holiday. We will see you all back for 2021.

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

Well it is hard to believe that we have only a few days left till the end of the Term. It has been a different year for us all but we have made the most of the wonderful time we have had together in Tāne Mahuta, with lots of new learning, boating, swimming, Source to Sea and not to mention Year 6 camp where we get to know each other outside of the classroom. As we move into our final assembly, it has been a privilege watching our year 6 students grow and prepare themselves for their next journey. We are also looking forward to next week when we can be a little less formal and enjoy some Christmas festivities.

Thank you to all the students in Tāne Mahuta for making our class awesome "You guys rock"

Report by Mrs Brewer & Mr Fisher

Sports

Touch	Team	vs	Score	POD
Thurs 3rd Dec				
Year 3-4	Nuggets	Abbots 3 NEVN	10-0 (W)	Jack C
Year 5-6	Saints	Rebels GSNS	8-2 (W)	Ruby C
Year 5-6	Bombers	Lightning	9-3 (W)	Harry

Community News

The Incredible Years Parenting Programme (Family Works) - February 2021

This helpful parenting course is coming to Port Chalmers in the new year. Family Works are currently accepting enrolments from interested families. Please call Rayleen on 027 221 6776 or 03 470 0848 for more information.

Activity Modules & Hinemoana has Talent



The year that was 2020



Tāne Mahuta BINGO!!

