

# NEWSLETTER

No. 01 Term 1, Week 2  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021



## Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,  
As this is our first newsletter of 2021, I would like to take this chance to officially welcome you all back to school. We also have some special welcomes for our new pupils joining us in 2021 so far. Welcome Emerson, Isabella, Ella, Kye, Ayla, Aletta and Liam. It is great to have you all with us.

Over the holiday period, there has been a couple of very subtle changes around the school. We have been able to tidy up a few projects and thanks to Rob our Caretaker, the grounds are looking terrific. A very big thank you to Bruce Marr for his wonderful work on our bike track and line marking over the holiday. More details will come home soon, but we are planning an official opening of the new part of our bike track, watch this space.

It has been great to see our children in the classrooms again, and so eager to get back to learning. We do look forward to getting reacquainted with our classes these first few weeks and even more so, having our parents coming in too. You should have received a PCT (Parent, Child, Teacher) Discussion form home this week. This is a chance to book in a session with our teachers and set specific goals for your child's learning. If you have any trouble with this, please do get in touch as we really do want to touch base with as many families as possible. Please note that the interview days are Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. We won't name names but unfortunately someone made a mistake on the form with the dates (it was me).

We are always in a state of internal evaluation and therefore are always looking to improve, refine and adapt our school systems. This does mean that there have been a few minor tweaks to school systems this year so far. Our lunch order schedule has changed a little with sushi now available on Tuesday, Sausage Sizzle on Wednesdays and Subway on Fridays. Billing for items such as sports fees or stationery will now be emailed to you via Xero rather through our older accounting software Edge. We hope that these invoices will prove to be a little more user friendly. And lastly, we have chosen to move all of our weekly newsletters to digital formats. You can download our newsletter from our app (SchoolAppsNZ), from our website, or even request an emailed copy. This will help to save time and money with the paper versions. We will still continue to send home paper copies for those children who are person of the week, and by request. If you still do require a paper copy, that is fine, just let us know and we will make it happen.

Thank you to all of our parents and caregivers for bringing in happy, recharged learners. We are really excited to have 2021 ahead of us and working with you all again.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Gareth Swete

## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Chaya, Ella G, Monty, Fletcher, Lucca and Izzy D who were nominated for Person of the Week.  
The trophy for Week 1 went home with Monty.

## Important Dates

Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Working Bee, 3pm Meet the Teacher BBQ 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Board of Trustee Meeting
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 1-4 Futsal starts
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 5-6 Futsal Starts
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Touch starts
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming Starts

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

We are so happy and excited to be back at School. In Papatūānuku this week. we have been learning to

- draw pictures of ourselves. We had to remember to draw all of our body parts. We sung a song in Te Reo to help us remember.
- Then we learnt to draw faces. We have drawn a crazy face and crazy hair just like in the song 'Bad Hair Day'
- We have been learning to count forwards and backwards and learning how to use the maths games in our class.
- Everyone loved our Kelly Sports lesson, we learnt to make shapes with our bodies.

We invite you to come to assembly on Friday to see our Bad Hair Day artwork.

Report by Papatūānuku

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Kia ora koutou. We've had a great start to 2021 and it's wonderful to see everyone back at school. The kids are full of energy and eager to learn. We are trying really hard to use our SBS Values and to earn Dojo points. Once the children gain 25 pints, they get to go into the treasure chest! We are learning about Waitangi Day and how our past is important to us. This will lead into writing our pepeha and creating art to go with it. Some people have already told me elements of their pepeha and it'd be great to learn about their heritage. Please remember to return your slips requesting a time to meet for our Parent, Child and Teacher discussions. These are happening 22 and 24 February. Haere rā

*Report by Mrs Barr*

### Tāwhirimātea

Welcome to 2021 in Tāwhirimātea!

We have had a fantastic start to the year. We have been getting use to routines again and learning to use all the great games and activities in the classroom. We have been learning to play T-ball and played some really fun team building games with Kelly Sports. We have painted and weaved our own Kete which we are filling with information all about ourselves. It has been fascinating finding out about where our names came from! This week we are learning about caricatures and creating our own self portrait caricatures using exaggeration and elongation (big words!). Hopefully we will have these finished in time for next week's assembly to share with you all! Another highlight of the week is learning to play the card game 21 for maths. Perhaps if you have a pack of cards at home, your child may like to teach you how to play too!

*Report by Mrs Swete*

### Ranginui

It has been a great start to the school year and we have had an awesome two weeks in Ranginui. We have made some posters about ourselves that have lots of information that we have been sharing with each other, making bookmarks to use in our chapter books at silent reading times. We have also been setting our classroom up with things that we like to use. Sports rotations have been really cool, because we have been learning some new games alongside new skills and we have also had our first Kelly Sports session. We enjoyed having Miss Tenci on Tuesday and we got to know her a little better. New week we are looking forward to seeing Ms Ruzsa!

*Report by Ranginui*

### Hinemoana

Our first newsletter for 2021! Welcome back everyone to a new school year. The children in Hinemoana are already doing a fantastic job settling back into school life and their learning. In Art, we have been completing some self-portraits (which look AMAZING!) and we are excited to show these off in Assembly this week. In Maths, we are exploring Place Value and Statistics, using this as a way to get to know each other better. We have learnt when everyone's birthdays are and have plotted this information on a pictograph. We have been doing lots of team building and working in groups, learning to collaborate and use The Key Competency of 'Relating to Others'.

*Report by Miss Laing*

### Tāne Mahuta

In Tāne Mahuta this week it has been great to see the students being really brave and enthusiastic when standing up and sharing interesting items that represent different aspects of "them". The students had the task of going away over the long weekend and finding four items from home that represent them and the things that they love, so far - we have had a variety of unique items presented, including: robots, fishing line, LOL dolls, pet photos and lots more! It has been awesome to get to know different passions, hobbies and interests that the students have through this task.

*Report by Miss Tenci*

## Sport News

### Futsal Coaches required

Coaches or someone who can manage the team on game night are desperately needed for 2 Year –3-4 Futsal teams!. You would need to be at each game, organise subs and player of the day, and be their number one supporter. Please let Tracy know asap if you can help.

### Year 3-4 Touch players required

We are nearly there to enter a Year 3-4 Touch team, we have a Coach lined up, just need a minimum of one more player to be able to enter the team.

## School & Community Notices

### Primary Schools Triathlon – Wednesday 10 March 2021

Multisport event for children aged 5-8 years old to be held at Watson Park, Port Chalmers. \$6.00 per competitor.



### SBS Starters - Dates for Term 1

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 1.15pm-2.15pm

Come a little earlier for a play at lunch time before the bell rings.

You are most welcome to stay for our school assembly from 2.15pm-2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you!

### Lunch Online

We have noticed this week that some children are not in the correct class on Lunch Online. Can you please take a moment next time you order to check that your child is in the correct class?  
Papatūānuku – R1, Hine-Rau-Whārangī – R2, Tāwhirimātea – R3, Ranginui – R5, Hinemoana – R4, Tāne Mahuta – R6

### BBQ Roster

Thank you to Kelly Laing for putting the call out to their PTA contacts, we now have a full roster for Term 1 and will be able to commence the Sausage sizzle from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.