

# NEWSLETTER

No. 02 Term 1, Week 3  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021



## Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

This week we welcome Herepō and his family to our school. Welcome Herepō, we are thrilled to have you with us.

On Thursday and Friday this week, thanks to coming back to Level 1, we will also welcome a large group of University of Otago College of Education Masters students to our school. They will be working within our classrooms and getting a real feel for school life, I know that you will make them feel welcome too.

I would like to say a big thank you to the huge number of Parents and children who helped out at our Working Bee and BBQ last Friday. It was the biggest group that we have seen in a long time and we managed to get a good coverage all over our bark chip area extremely quickly. Bark chips provide excellent soft fall for any of our children playing on the playgrounds, so once again thank you for your help.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone who so quickly adjusted to Level 2 requirements this week. We also sent out a very quick survey to families about life in Levels 3 and 4. This is only a precaution to help us be as prepared as possible. If you did not receive the link via email or through the School App, do let us know and we will sort you out!

On Friday, we will be sending out appointment times for all of our families who have completed the PCT discussion sheets. We very much look forward to a chance to sit down with you all and have good goal setting sessions for your children. These times are invaluable to help us get the best for you and your family. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

If you haven't already had the chance, please do feel very welcome in the classrooms before and after school to see what your children have been doing. The kids are extremely busy and engaged in their learning and I am sure would love a chance to show you what they have been up to.

Lastly, a quick reminder. Can all parents please encourage your children to cross at our designated crossing point in the mornings and afternoons. It is really important to us that children get in the habit of crossing at the safest point possible even if they are with and adult. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Gareth Swete

## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Oscar, Beau, Cameron, Daisy, Isaac and Kye who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 1 went home with Cameron.

## Important Dates

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Touch starts  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Year 1-4 Futsal starts  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb Year 5-6 Futsal Starts  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Mar Swimming Starts

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

This week we welcome Herepō to our class. We have been doing all sorts of learning in Papatūānuku about animals. We made a poster with all different farm animals and talked about the sounds they make. We've been dramatizing animal nursery rhyme movements and doing some exercises and stretches moving our bodies like some farm animals. We have started exploring measurement and found items around our class that we put in order of shortest to longest. We've been talking about teamwork and how to work together like the people who paddle in a waka. We coloured a waka together reinforcing our School value 'collaboration' He waka eke noā: We are all in this together  
*Report by Papatūānuku*

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Kia ora! We're well underway with our learning and working through the different routines in our class. Our focus value for the week (and probably next week too!) is collaboration. The kids are in table teams and their goal is to earn as many

quiet critters by working together, learning at learning time and using our quiet voices. The kids are doing a spectacular job of this. We are learning to use Seesaw too and how to use all of the cool features on it. Once the kids know how to use Seesaw, they will share their work with you which is really exciting. I'll let you know when this is all set for you. Have a great end to your week.



*Report by Mrs Barr*

### **Tāwhirimātea**

This week in Tāwhirimātea we have been finishing off our self-portraits to share with you at assembly. We started learning about time with Mrs Brewer. We are excited to be learning new jump jams and we are starting to learn all about rubbish and pollution in our environment. We have already decided that we will try to get some new and improved rubbish bins.

*Report by Tāwhirimātea*

### **Ranginui**

Kia Ora. It has been a pleasure to meet and work with the children in Ranginui. They are such a cool group of students. I'm sorry that some have started the year off with coughs and colds but am very grateful that you have kept them at home to stop the spread.

I thank you for the wonderful supportive messages you have sent. I had such a proud mum moment when the happy couple said 'I Do,' I am extremely grateful to be working at Sawyers Bay School and with my supportive colleagues. This week, the children have worked so well and have gobbled up so much learning already within our Inquiry unit- FOOTPRINTS. We continue to establish our daily routines and tweak them to suit our classroom needs. I look forward to meeting you all soon. Ka Kite!

*Report by Ranginui*

### **Hinemoana**

This week has seen Hinemoana settle more into our classroom routines. We have reading groups and reading rotations and are learning to manage self while others have their turn reading. In Writing, we are refreshing ourselves on how to write in successful sentences and have created a 'Successful Sentence Checklist'. Maybe you could ask your child what five things are on our list to make sure we write using successful sentences? We are learning about nouns and how to add

adjectives to these to make our writing interesting for the reader. We are continuing to build our cricket skills, practicing our throwing, catching, batting and fielding. We played a game called 'Hit 3 and Go!' It was lots of fun and great to see everyone being a team player.

*Report by Miss Laing*

### **Tāne Mahuta**

It has been a lot of fun in Tāne Mahuta this week as we have been getting creative and putting together our 'Inside/Outside' self-portraits. These portraits have focused on, not only what we look like on the outside but - what things are important and special about us on the inside too! Some of the students used mixed media and collaged different parts of their self-portraits as well as using pastels, colouring pencils and felts to bring their artwork to life. Pop into Assembly on Friday this week to check them out - we will be showing them off then!

*Report by Miss Tenci*

## **Sport News**

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## **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.



### **The Incredible Years**

A Parenting programme run by Family works is coming to Sawyers Bay on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March between 10.30 - 1pm.

They provide:

- practical step by step suggestions for parents of 3-8 years to handle everyday family situations.
- An encouraging and supportive learning environment.
- Strategies to help parents managing challenging behaviours.

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