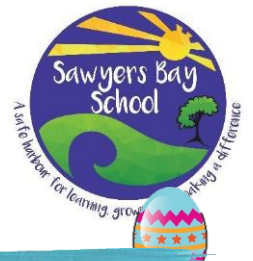


# NEWSLETTER

No. 08 Term 1, Week 9  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021



## Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,



It has been yet another week of full on fun and learning. It always amazes me that short weeks always seem much busier than others.

You may have been wondering why we had some extra visitors on Road Patrol yesterday. WE had the pleasure of having a representative from the DCC, Constable Emily our Police Education Officer and Senior Constable Tvrdeic join us as well as a cameo appearance from our wonderful local Fire Brigade. This was all around a conversation about road safety and congestion in Stevenson Ave. We are working in collaboration with the Police and DCC to try and be proactive in being able to keep our kids safe. Yesterday was a really good example of the congestion that we see on a regular basis, and even before the new subdivision beside the school starts up. We were able to make several recommendations to the Council about how the situation could be improved for children and for the adults who need to use the road. It is a waiting game as the DCC work towards budgets and timeframes but we will keep you all informed as we hopefully hear about what they can do to support us. It was also a chance to advocate on behalf of the entire Sawyers Bay to take a close look at the infrastructure in the Bay. Fingers crossed that our 'squeaky wheel' approach gets some traction for us.

A small request to families please. We love seeing families and dogs walking to school but do remember that the school grounds are dog free without prior approval. Not only have we found quite a few 'landmines' in our playground, but also some children are very uncomfortable around dogs and the school should be a safe place for them. We really appreciate your help with this and would encourage all dogs to be kept at the fence.

**BONUS CHALLENGE:** Can you count the Easter eggs hidden in our newsletter this week? If you count how many are in here and email me the correct answer, we will put you in a random draw for a little chocolatey prize (sorry kids only!).

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Jayden, Dallas, Harri, Ruby C, Emerson and Bailey who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 8 went home with Ruby C.

## Important Dates

Easter holiday

Wed 7th Apr  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Apr

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Apr

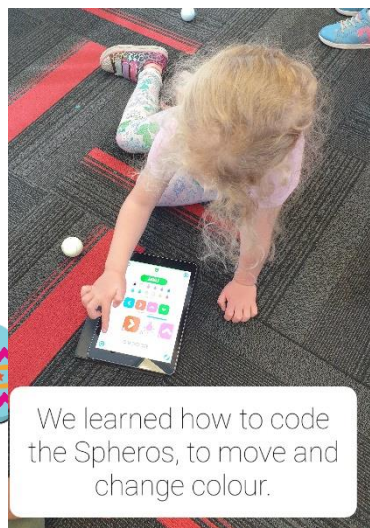
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Includes Tuesday after Easter

Yr 5-6 Boating  
Back Beach trip for Papatūānuku,  
Ranginui and Hinemoana  
Back Beach trip for Hine-Rau-  
Whārangi, Tāwhirimātea and  
Tāne Mahuta



## Classroom Notes

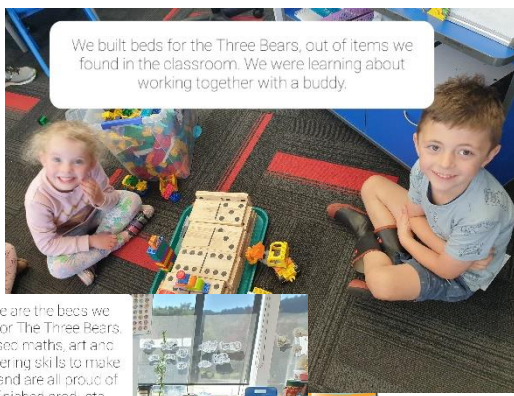
Papatūānuku



We learned how to code the Spheros, to move and change colour.



We used our cutting, gluing and construction skills to create beds for the Three Bears. We made sure they were the right size for each bear.



We built beds for the Three Bears, out of items we found in the classroom. We were learning about working together with a buddy.



These are the beds we made for The Three Bears. We used maths, art and engineering skills to make them and are all proud of our finished products.



We listened to and watched a drawing tutorial to learn how to draw a caterpillar.



We are learning about syllables. We clap the syllables in a word.



We are learning how to skip in a big rope!

Report by Mrs Campbell

**Hine-Rau-Whārangī**



Did you know language is everywhere around us? We used our swimming as our inspiration to talk about all the vocabulary we know

about swimming. Jake used a huge range of language to describe him floating on his back. Great work Jake!

We are working hard to increase our static and kinetic balance. One way we are doing this is by doing yoga with Cosmic Kids. Cosmic Kids is great to go back to our

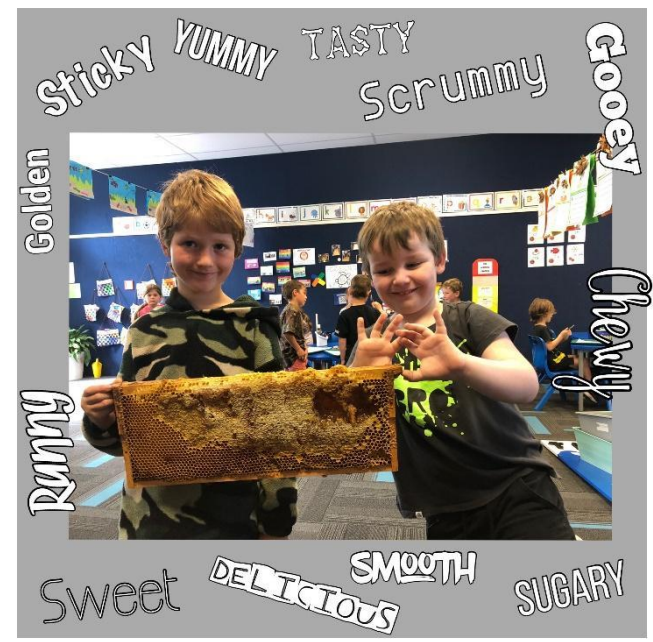
equilibrium with calm and fluid movements to music or a story. Cosmic Kids can be found on You Tube Kids.

Report by Mrs Barr

**Tāwhirimātea**

This week we were lucky to see what a whole frame of honey looks like. We felt the weight of it and were very surprised at how heavy it was and how clever the bees were to make it all. We had a taste of the fresh honey straight off the comb and compiled a list of describing words. Check out our picture to see some

of our words. We have also been using descriptive language (wow words) in our writing to try and paint a picture in the audience's mind. We are beginning to learn about problem solving this week. We know that we need to read through problems carefully, highlight important information and then draw a picture or use materials to act out the problem. We are noticing that persistence is very important when finding our solutions! I hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled Easter break and look forward to hearing all about it when we come back to school on Wednesday.



Report by Mrs Swete

**Ranginui**

Another awesome week of learning in Ranginui ended with a pyjama day. The children have worked so well earning class points this term, awarded for caring and sharing as well as doing their best throughout their learning day. The day started with breakfast in bed. Toast and a milo was eagerly awaited! Followed by some Easter activities (writing- If I was an Easter bunny...) I was so proud of everyone who made sure children who felt a little bit 'shy', about the day/dressing up went above



and beyond to make them feel good and shared their sleeping bags, blankets, and spaces. Of course more points were earned and will go towards our next adventure.



*Report by Ranginui*

### Hinemoana

This week has been all about Easter in Hinemoana. We applied our measurement skills, using scales, measuring cups and spoons to make Rice Bubble Cakes with an Easter twist. And, consensus was that they were as delicious as they looked! We were also super lucky to have the Easter Bunny set up a Mathematical Easter Egg Hunt for us on Wednesday. We had to follow clues that took us all around the school, noting down different math equations and solving them. When we had all our answers we had to use the code cracker to find out the hidden location of the treasure. We all had to work together in our teams, apply our math strategy skills and persevere to find our Easter treat. It was challenging but also lots of fun at the same time! We hope everyone has Happy Easter and we will see you back at school next week on Wednesday.



*Report by Miss Laing*

### Tāne Mahuta

This term has flown by; it is hard to believe we are coming up to our Easter holidays. This week in Tane Mahuta we have been busy producing our edited copy of our Minibeast posters from the research we have done about our chosen Minibeasts.

We have also finished off our collaborative piece of art work around our Environment topic. It is a mural of Native birds that we will be displaying in our cloak room to make it a more personalised area, thus giving us ownership over the areas that belong to our class.

In Maths we have been working on problem solving questions for warm up activities before getting our teeth into Measurement. At the moment we are looking at how to measure the perimeter of shapes and the purpose of knowing how to measure alongside the different types of equipment that is used for measuring specific things.



Have a great Easter from Tāne Mahuta



*Report by Mrs Brewer*

## Sport News



### Thurs 17th - Wed 24th March

<b>Touch</b>	<b>vs</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>POD</b>
SBS Titans	Mornington Magpies	8-0 (W)	Harrison
SBS Nuggets	St Bernies Bacon	7-2 (W)	Tommy
<b>Futsal</b>	<b>vs</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>POD</b>
SBS City	GB Comets	0-5 (L)	Cooper
SBS Rangers	Portobello/Broad Bay	5-0 (W)	Arden
SBS Hotspurs	Abbots 3	1-3 (L)	Liam Hes
SBS AstonVilla	Concord	6-0 (W)	Max