

NEWSLETTER

No. 11 Term 2, Week 2
Thursday 13th May 2021



Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

Hopefully by now you would have received a purple cheese roll order form for the PTA Cheese Roll Fundraiser. The PTA are working tirelessly in the background to make this another successful fundraiser. They have some very major plans for our children and it would be great if you could all get behind them. They will be asking for helpers on Sunday 13th June to help with the rolling. We would greatly appreciate anyone who could offer any amount of time on that day. When it comes to making cheese rolls, many hands certainly make for an easier job. More details will come to hand closer to the time.

Another important date to keep in mind this term is Thursday July 1st. We have been able to boo in the Otago University College of Education Auditorium this night for our annual school concert. This will involve all children and we love to have as many parents, uncles, aunties and grandparents along as possible so please pencil this date into your calendars.

It was very nice to have our Police Education Officer, Constable Emily, at our Assembly on Friday. Emily has worked with all children across the school on keeping safe near the road. We have asked our children to share their share their guidelines for crossing the roads with their parents and do appreciate you all helping us to model the behaviours that we want from our kids.

Yesterday I got to spend most of the day with a group of Principals from the North Island, and Auckland in particular. After hearing some of their anecdotal stories, I was reminded just how lucky we are to be living on the West Harbour, full of space, away from hour long commutes, a school where every teacher really knows every child, where children are kind and supportive, and in a real 'community'. Sometimes it takes these wee reminders to fully appreciate what an amazing place we live in and what a terrific community that we have in our little Sawyers Bay.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Boon, Finn, Brodie, Ella, Freddie and Lewana who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 1 went home with Finn.

Important Dates

Tuesday 18 th May	Board Meeting
SBS Starters Dates	Friday 21 st May, 4 th June, 18 th June And 2 nd June 1.15 – 2.15pm

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

This week we welcome Elma and Matteo to Papatūānuku! This week is NZ Sign Language Week, so we have been extending our learning from last week when we learned the Days of the Week in NZSL, to now being able to 'sign' the alphabet. We are working on 'signing' the letters of our name.

Our College Teachers have taught us a variety of fun lessons this week. We've learned two new games for fitness – Battleships, and Captain's Coming. Miss T has extended our learning about Road Safety into a Drama activity where we had to act out a scene and discuss the road safety we were portraying. We learned how to "Freeze Frame" a scene. Miss M has taught us a Samoan action song and yesterday we learned a Hawaiian Hula dance. Thank you to our College Teachers for teaching us such interesting and varied activities. What I was most impressed about as I observed, was to see how our Papatūānuku tamariki were giving these new activities

their best effort with a positive attitude. Everyone gave it a go, participating with enthusiasm and energy! Our maths learning this week has continued along the theme of Time. Our rhyme this week is Hickory Dickory Dock! We did some activities to see which took longer or which took a shorter amount of time to complete. We are making analogue clocks and talking about the o'clock times and the half past times. We are also linking those times to things we do during our school day. A huge thank you to Miss M and Miss T for all of the fun lessons they have taught our tamariki over the last two weeks and we wish them well on the rest of their teacher training journey.

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Our class has been filled with lovely singing this week! The 2021 collection of ukulele songs was released last week and we definitely have a few favourites.

In Maths, we are learning to categorise items by their characteristics, writing statements about the sets and asking questions to help us understand our learning. We had a great Kelly Sport lesson on Tuesday too, and we're learning how to work together to achieve common goals. If it's possible, can you please send along empty and clean recyclable items to school? We'll be using them soon for some construction. Thank you!

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

This week the Tāwhiri children are very excited to be sharing our bottle cap art work with you at assembly on Friday along with some very exciting news we received this week. On Tuesday we were surprised to see some changes in the classroom, with the addition of a couch. We have decided this will be a quiet space and the children were very eager to come up with some good rules to ensure it is used sensibly. This picture shows just how popular it is!



We have changed up our reading and writing programme this week and are working on a poster project. The children are working in groups of 3 to read books on topics about the olden days such as school, transport,

horses, farming and houses. They are recording any interesting facts they find out and will use these to create a poster which they will then present to the class to share their knowledge. We are not only learning good reading, writing and presenting skills but we are also working on skills such as team work and communication.

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

We are well underway with our initial thoughts on researching a famous NZ'er. Thank you for sharing your home books, these have been used through the reading programme to find facts and to ask 'I wonder' questions. We are talking and deciding what our individual passion project will be. I will send home an overview letter early next week, so you can help support your child's project.

In Maths we have been learning about fractions. It is so nice to hear you have been finding fractions at home. The children are very engaged in their learning

Report by Ranginui

Hinemoana

This week we say goodbye to our University College of Education student teachers, Mr Hayden and Mr Newdick. We have really enjoyed having you with us in Hinemoana and teaching us. We really enjoyed our drama lesson with Mr Newdick and playing the bucket drums with Mr Hayden! We have begun learning how to write formal letters, first writing to a mystery classmate and then spending a morning in the trenches, pretending we were soldiers or nurses in the war writing home. We are well underway with our division learning and now know lots of different strategies to use when we solve unknown division problems.

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

Another busy week has almost flown by! Tāne Mahuta is moving on to some new strategy learning in reading and we are now focusing on self-monitoring. If your kids are reading to you or with you at home, please remind them to use this strategy while they are reading or ask them to explain it to you. It is very new so they might need a reminder! Self-monitoring is when the children begin to notice when they are not understanding what they are reading, they find tricky words and go and search for their meaning, they make sense of sentences by re-reading or reading on and coming back to the part that they were stuck on. We are going to be focusing on this strategy for the next few weeks so please feel free to remind them about it at home too! Thanks everyone - it's great to incorporate some of our learning from school at home too when we can!

Report by Miss Tenci