

NEWSLETTER

No. 13 Term 2, Week 4
Thursday 27th May 2021



Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

Congratulations to Anja Sweeney who solved last week's rebus puzzle in the newsletter. The answer was 'Try to understand'. Please feel welcome to try to understand this week's one and let me know the answer too.

Thank you to all of our wonderful families who returned the Cheese Roll Order forms over the last two weeks. The PTA will be rolling orders on Sunday 13th June at the Harbour Rugby Club. We would still love as many helpers as possible. If you think you could help out, but have not yet let us know, we would love to hear from you.

Another special thanks this week goes to Aaron and Lisa from Port Chalmers 4Square. The staff were very spoiled last week to have a lovely morning tea provided by Aaron and Lisa for no other reason than to be kind. Thanks so much, it really did make our week.

This week we have seen quite a number of children at home sick and quite a few staff too. It seems that we have a nasty tummy bug that has been making its way across Dunedin recently. We really do appreciate everyone's diligence at keeping children home when they are unwell. The usual guideline is to stay away for 24-48 hours after last symptom. This certainly helps us to keep everyone well.

Tonight, the School will be hosting two bus loads of teachers from all over North Dunedin as part of the Kahui Ako Bus Tour. The teachers will have the opportunity to look through our classrooms, discuss our philosophies and teaching approaches and to steal as many good ideas as they can. We love the opportunity to share and connect with our colleagues as well as a chance to show off just how amazing Sawyers Bay itself is.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete



Person of the Week



Congratulations to Isabelle G, Liam H, Jake, Arden, Ava W and Izzy who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 3 went home with Liam H.

Important Dates

SBS Starters Dates	Friday 4 th June, 18 th June and and 2 nd July 1.15 – 2.15pm
Board of Trustees Mtg	Tuesday 22 nd June.

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

Kia ora. This week in Papatūānuku, we've continued learning the history of Aotearoa. We've looked at some interesting photos and video footage of parts of Dunedin and Otago, about 100 years ago. We have noticed lots of differences. There were fascinating questions being asked and it has sparked an interest and realisation that life hasn't always been like it is now!

If you would like to look at the video with your children at home, then look up "[Dunedin Then and Now Part One](#)". We've also started learning about what lives under the sea, this is part of our Arts curriculum focus for this term. It will also be the basis for our school concert item. I know the children are very excited about this already and are starting to talk a lot about it. Don't worry about costumes yet, a note will be coming home at some stage to discuss our plans for costumes.

As part of our music learning, we have continued to listen, play and even compose, using the coloured, tuned bells.

At maths time we are learning to recognise dot patterns such as those on dice or dominoes. As we get better at this, it becomes automatic. We are learning that we can then use that knowledge to help us “count on” when we are adding two groups together.

We had a lot of fun helping to plant some grasses along the bank by the top court. Check out these fantastic helpers!



Report by Mrs Campbell



Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Kia ora koutou. The crisp mornings are so refreshing and if it's not slippery outside, we're still managing to head outside for our PE activity. At the moment, we're working on increasing our endurance to run for 2 minutes round the bike track. The kids are definitely improving and they're becoming aware that the amount of sleep and food they get affects our energy levels. Miss Finnie is with us for three weeks as part of her practicum for her studies. I am in the class too and will continue teaching the children too. We are super excited to go on our trip to the Art Gallery on Monday. Our learning focus is on NZ Histories with painting being the art technique. We'll let you know how our trip goes in our next newsletter.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

This week in Tāwhirimātea we have been learning about Matariki. We have discovered that Matariki is a cluster of stars that appear around the month of June which symbolises Maori new year. Each star represents an important part of Māori culture and their traditions. We are looking forward to finishing off our own cluster of stars that represents what Matariki means to us. In Maths this week we have been busy learning about giving and following directions. Students have created their own directions to give to a partner who has to try and locate the missing item. It has challenged us to think outside the box with the type of language we need to use so others in the class can follow the directions as if we weren't there.

Report by Miss Sims

Ranginui

Last Thursday (Outdoor Day) Ranginui joined Tāwhirimātea and worked together on fun learning

activities, such as nature art murals, reading outdoors, and a visit to the salmon hatchery. A big thank you to Steve McGregor and Laura Green for their valuable information at the hatchery! Ranginui has been busy reading and writing myths and legends under the wonderful guidance of Barbara Dixon Grant, as I have been off sick. They have continued to develop the language of measurement using weights and are looking at the difference between their birth weight and now. The students are learning how to weave flax and have made paper models of windmills first. I am looking forward to hearing what the students have decided to study as part of our passion projects. Remember that these are due back to school tomorrow. (Friday)

Report by Ms Ruzsa

Hinemoana

These past couple of weeks we are all about fractions! We are able to identify a range of fractions and have learnt to find fractions of shapes. We are now starting some colourful fraction art where we have had to draw circles with compasses, learning about the circumference, radius and diameter. We have then measured fractions of our circles using degrees and a protractor. Did you know that a full circle is 360 degrees? That means that $\frac{1}{2}$ of a circle is 180 degrees. We also found quarters of a circle by dividing 360 by four, which means that $\frac{1}{4}$ of a circle is 90 degrees. Some of us even worked it out by splitting 180 in half again. We have some great mathematical thinking happening in Hinemoana! This week we have also learnt a new spelling rule - 'The Floss Rule'. Maybe you could ask your child what this rule is all about?

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

It has been awesome to see the kids get so excited to learn new things about our 'Disasters' topic. Although it was a bit tricky - all students in Tāne Mahuta have managed to plan and write introductions for their information reports on their chosen New Zealand disaster. We have done a lot of work in class, researching, looking at the writing process and planning out our information reports, before beginning to draft and then publish bit by bit this week. Maybe you could ask your children to share some of their new learning about this at home, you may learn something new that you didn't know before! I'm sure they'll have lots to tell you.

Report by Miss Tenci

Sport News

Miniball Team vs Score POD
Thurs 20th May

Year 1-2	SBS Stars	BVA Bouncers	2-4 (L)	Theo
Year 3-4	SBS Comets	St Brigid's Ravens	7-12 (L)	Nina & Liam R