

NEWSLETTER

No. 14 Term 2, Week 5
Thursday 3rd June 2021



Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

Can you believe that we are in June already? The rain this week certainly reminded us that winter is with us too.

The highlight of our week this week has certainly been the trips to the Otago Art Gallery. A massive thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who joined us along the way. We really appreciate you coming along and the kids love having you all with us too. Once again, John Neumegen, the Art Gallery resident Educator, did not disappoint. It always amazes us how he can seamlessly tie so many different artworks together, draw it all into a conclusion, and use it as a basis for amazing art work at the end of the lesson. Well done once again to our children for being such enthusiastic learners, well behaved, well mannered and engaged. You always make us so proud when we go off-site.

There has been another exciting survey circulating in the school this week too. We have been provided with posters of different types of play equipment by the DCC to help us survey the 'wants' of our children. The DCC currently owns the play equipment at the far end of our school (think seesaw, slide etc.). We have been working together on a replacement schedule for this ageing equipment. The DCC were very keen to capture the student's opinions for possible replacement equipment types. It turns out that spinning and balancing activities are very popular with our children. We look forward to returning this data and seeing where we can go moving forward with new, exciting play equipment to go along with our own planned playground development.

I was so pleased to have so many answers back for last week's rebus puzzle. The answer if you didn't know was 'Green with Envy'. Jack Connolly was the lucky random draw winner this week. Good luck with a slightly harder rebus puzzle today.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete



Person of the Week



Congratulations Hunter, Ayla, Nina, Anja, Hazel and Ben who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 4 went home with Hazel.

Important Dates

SBS Starters Dates

Friday 4th June, 18th June and
and 2nd July 1.15 – 2.15pm

Board of Trustees Mtg
School Concert

Tuesday 22nd June.
7pm 1st July

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

Talofa, greetings from Papatūānuku. What an exciting week we've had with our trip to the Dunedin Art Gallery was definitely a highlight. I have to say how proud I am of our tamariki during the trip. They were interested, focused, engaged, gave great answers to questions and put a super effort into listening to instructions and producing a wonderful collaborative piece of art work. Come and view it in our class!

A huge thank you to the parents who accompanied us and helped out in so many ways.

We read a picture book this week which turned out to be a true story. It was called Inky the Octopus. We all drew an octopus, then coloured in a background that depicted a part of the story. We then used our oral language and writing skills to retell part of the story. It was coincidental that we learned more about the life of an octopus on Wednesday during our Art Gallery visit.

This week we've started learning to identify NZ money - notes and coins. It ties in nicely with our learning about NZ history as we have discussed some of the famous faces on the notes. We are learning to skip count in twos and tens, and we are learning to count ten cent pieces in tens. If you have any cash around home, I know the children are keen to see and talk about 'real' notes and coins!



Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We had the best trip to the Art Gallery on Monday and we were extra excited to go on the bus! We're learning about New Zealand histories in class and our learning at the Art Gallery supported this too. We visited a couple of galleries and talked about the sculptures, photos and paintings we saw. I am super impressed with how eager the kids participated and with their paintings of native birds in our environment.



Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

This week in Tāwhirimātea we have been learning how to bucket drum. First, we explored a range of beats and rhythms. We then put our thinking caps on and created our own piece of drumming for someone else to follow

along to. Lastly, we have explored how to play along with different songs like the Cha Cha Slide and Rolling in the Deep. We are having lots of fun with our bucket drumming and enjoying making lots of noise!



On Tuesday we went to the Art Gallery. John greeted us and took us around the gallery to explain how the pieces in the gallery related to our topic focus this term. The Gold Rush. We then went into the classroom and watched a video around the Chinese settlement in the Central Otago area which linked back nicely to what we have been learning about in class. To finish we created some spectacular pieces of people gold mining that we are proud of.

Report by Miss Sims



Ranginui

Hi everyone, another amazing week of learning in Ranginui. This week we visited the Dunedin Art Gallery

where we extended our learning of famous New Zealanders. John welcomed us in the foyer and immediately tested our knowledge of famous people on our banknotes- we nailed each and every question. Awesome work Ranginui!!! Each room we entered and were asked questions, we were excited to answer. As always, part of our visit included an art lesson. Ranginui created a mural of famous sports people. (Proudly displayed in our room) We are currently adding more portraits. A HUGE thank you to our parents who were able to help us and who used their drawing talents! We are getting so excited about our passion projects. Most of us have identified our topics and have begun researching and planning our presentation ideas. Some of us are beginning to create and practise our passions. Any questions please email me or write a note in your child's topic book.



Report by Ms Ruzsa

Hinemoana

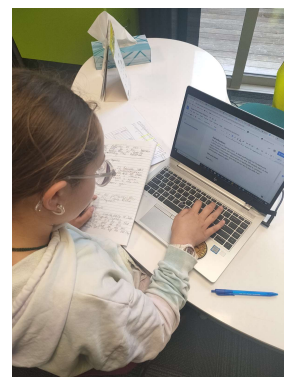
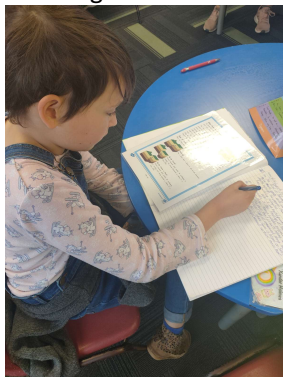
On Wednesday afternoon Hinemoana was the lucky last class to visit the Art Gallery to support our in class learning about the Anzacs and war. First, John took us on a tour of the art gallery then we got to create our own war artworks. Our artworks are looking amazing and we will have these up in the classroom soon if you would like to pop in and take a look. A big thank you to John at The Dunedin Public Art Gallery and our parent helpers!



Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

This week has been another busy one in Tāne Mahuta! We have had two big focuses - completing our information reports for writing and starting out multiplication and division focus for maths! At assembly on Friday, we are going to be sharing some of the work we have done on our 'Significant Disaster' information reports, we have worked really hard on these! Please feel free to come and join us and have a listen to the interesting new things we have learned. We have been thinking about putting ourselves in the shoes of the people in the disasters and imagining what it would have been like to experience some of these events! It has been a really interesting topic to look at and sparked some very meaningful class discussion.



Report by Miss Tenci

Sport News

Miniball	Team	vs	Score	POD
Thurs 27th May				
Year 1-2	SBS Stars	Mornington Tigers	2-4 (L)	Ally
Year 3-4	SBS Comets	GB Rockets	SBS Comets defaulted	
Netball	Team	vs	Score	POD
Tues 1st June				
Year 5-6	Combined	NEVN Taniwha	10-2 (W)	N/A

School & Community

Community Tree planting – Pete's patch June 5th



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Want to get involved in a community environmental event? There is a tree planting session planned for 10am Sat June 5th (Arbour day) with University of Otago Botany Dept students, trees that count, Monowai Ecological etc.
Location: "Pete's Patch" Borlases Road (below bus shelter down track to flat area).

Job: We will be planting 500 trees from 10am. Holes will be pre-dug and trees will just need to be stripped of bags and put in holes.

What do I need? People may want to bring gloves and some water/a hat, and it could be cold or rainy but we'll play it by ear.

Hinemanoa/Papatūānuku Art



Clip & Climb – Speed wall competition

I am excited to introduce a new competition to the Otago region for children and adults. On Saturday 28th August we will be hosting a Speed Wall Competition.

This will be in categories of male and female 12yrs and under, 13-16yrs, 17-20yrs, 21-30yrs and masters (30+yrs) plus a trophy to the highest-scoring school.

We are also hoping to have some wonderful prizes consisting of money, t-shirts and medals.

Entry is online only through our website and is \$15 per competitor, this entitles them to register for two official attempts and receive a discount card to use from date of entry until the competition which enables them admission to the park for \$13 instead of \$18.

<https://www.clipnclimbdunedin.co.nz/speed-wall-competition-2021/>