

# NEWSLETTER

No. 15 Term 2, Week 6  
Thursday 10th June 2021



## Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

Firstly, a big welcome to SBS to Mac and his family. We are really pleased to have you with us in Tāwhirimātea Mac.

The PTA held their annual AGM on Tuesday night. It was really interesting to hear all of the achievements made in the last twelve months through their efforts. The children at our school are very lucky to have such a great group looking after them. The PTA is always very welcoming to new members. If you would like to be involved, or to know more, please do ask. There is never any commitments for meetings or time, its just about being involved when you can. That being said, the biggest event for the PTA is the Cheese Roll making this Sunday. PLEASE if you have any spare time, we are still desperately keen for more helpers anytime from 9am at the Harbour Rugby Clubrooms in Port Chalmers. Also watch out on Sunday for SchoolApp notifications to let you know that your cheese rolls are ready to be picked up. Unfortunately, we just don't have the means to be able to store them. Thank you all in advance for your support.

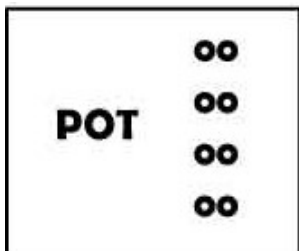
This week we have ramped up our School Concert practices a notch. Remember to put July the 1<sup>st</sup> into your diaries. WE will once again be performing at the University of Otago College of Education Auditorium. All children will be involved and we cannot wait to show off our talents for you all.

I mentioned at Assembly this week that Kerri from Sport Otago would be giving out prizes to lucky draw winners from the Walk and Wheels Week last term. Unfortunately, Kerri cannot make assembly this week so will be giving out these prizes today to our lucky winners.

The answer to last weeks Rebus puzzle was: a pain-less operation. It did prove a little trickier for many this week. Please feel welcome to share your answers for this week's puzzle with me any time.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete



## Person of the Week



Congratulations Beth, Tate, Jaxon, Liam G, Fletcher and Jack M who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 5 went home with Tate.

## Important Dates

SBS Starters Dates	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June and 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 1.15 – 2.15pm
Board of Trustees Mtg	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June.
School Concert	7pm 1 <sup>st</sup> July

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

We have had another fun-filled, varied week. Following our 'Underwater' theme, we used our coding skills to create a scene on Scratch Junior, which had a number of moving creatures in it. It is wonderful watching the skills of the children develop each time they use these coding skills.

We learned a new skill during our session with our Kelly Sports coach on Tuesday. We learned how to hold a hockey stick and how to dribble the ball. This was so fun, and everyone listened carefully to the instructions. This week we read a Māori legend called Te Ika a Māui. It was a story about how Māui fished up the North Island. We drew a picture from the story and are learning to retell the story in order. It prompted us to locate the North Island, South Island and Stewart Island on all of the maps of NZ we could find around our class and school. Did you know that 11 children can fit, standing in the painted North and South Island in our playground?

We talked, drew and wrote about our favourite toys this week. We are now looking at the toys people played with in the past. The children are going to ask their parents and grandparents what their favourite toys were, when they were kids! We look forward to hearing those answers! Thank you (in advance) for your contributions here! Check out our photos under School & Community

*Report by Mrs Campbell*

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We have had a wonderful week in Hine-Rau-Whārangī and we've continued our learning about New Zealand histories, with the focus on how Māui fished up the North Island. We're using that legend as an inspiration for creating sgraffito art work. We'll be sharing this work at assembly tomorrow. We have been working hard on writing our own stories, by writing about our own great achievements. Constable Emily was at school today and we went on a walk to learn about road safety. We learned about sneaky driveways, how to check for traffic before crossing the road, and the best place for us to cross the road.

*Report by Mrs Barr*

### Tāwhirimātea

This week we welcome Mac to our Tāwhiri team. I am so proud of how supportive and welcoming everyone has been- he has made some great friends already. We kicked off our short week with a Kelly Sport session, learning about hockey skills. We played some really fun games that helped us with our ball control skills. We have also begun to think about our concert item for later in the term. We have our song and theme sorted and are now working on some dance moves! Our focus in Maths at the moment is fractions. We are learning that fractions are even/fair shares of a whole. We have been using play dough to help show fractions and have already found out that they are not just cut up shapes- fractions can come in all shapes and sizes. This week is Miss Sims last week with us and will miss having her in our class each day. We will still see her most Tuesday's though. Thanks Miss Sims for teaching us great new skills and knowledge.

*Report by Mrs Swete*

### Ranginui

This week we have started publishing our myths and legend retells. We will proudly display them in our reports later in the term. We have learnt that myths try to explain phenomena, like why kiwis can't fly or how volcanoes came to be in New Zealand. Our passion projects are well under way, and with the support from home, we will be on track to present them to the class in 3 more weeks. We have begun to create our school concert dance, we are going to be awesome!! In Maths we have learnt that the = symbol also means 'the same as' and have used our knowledge of facts to 20 to work out 'same as'. We have used our family of facts to create 4 equations.

Library day is Fridays, please return all our books this week.

*Report by Ms Ruzsa*

### Hinemoana

It may have been a short week but it was still a busy, jam packed week in Hinemoana. We have begun some learning about Matariki, and integrated this into our Literacy time. In Maths, we are learning to find fractions of groups / sets. The children have been doing some wonderful thinking on how to solve these problems! Maybe you could test yourselves at home? For example, what is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 36? If you're not sure you could probably ask a Hinemoana Mathematician to help you out! This makes a great segway to Assembly. It is Hinemoana's turn to share again this week and we will be proud to show off our Symmetrical Fraction Art. If you can make it, we would love to have you there to see our hard work.

*Report by Miss Laing*

### Tāne Mahuta

It is getting busy at the moment as we are beginning our preparation for the upcoming concert! The kids in Tāne Mahuta have been getting creative and are working together to come up with some skits that represent snapshots of the different disasters we have been studying in class. It has been awesome to see some of the students' creativity and imagination shine through in these. We are looking forward to showing you all what we have been working on at the concert in a few weeks! We'll be busy practising hard until then.

*Report by Mrs Brewer*

## Sport News

Miniball	Team	vs	Score	POD
<b>Thurs 3rd June</b>				
Year 1-2	SBS Stars	St Joes Falcons	6-12 (L)	Parker
Year 3-4	SBS Comets	St Brigids Ravens	17-10 (W)	Lewana
<b>Netball</b>				
<b>Tues 8th June</b>				
Year 5-6	Combined	GSNS Kikorangi	10-6 (W)	Ruby C



## School & Community

This week in Papatūānuku



Elements provides a truly authentic outdoor experience for children. Elements is no ordinary programme as we consider how the environment helps the developing child. Active movement, creative play & fun! This July school holidays we have 2 days of programmes around Dunedin. Explore in the bush, climb trees, group games in open spaces, plenty of opportunity for imagination. Or challenge your construction skills by making huts & more with Elements resources. Note: multi-day programmes coming in spring.



5-13yrs



21<sup>st</sup> July  
22<sup>nd</sup> July



Brighton &  
Nth Dunedin

- **Wild Adventures - Brighton**  
9am-3pm, \$50, 5-13yr, Wed 27<sup>th</sup> July Brighton Domain & Beech
- **Wild Adventures - Dunedin**  
9am-3pm, \$50, 5-13yrs, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Chingford Park North East Valley

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