NEWSLETTER

No. 17 Term 2, Week 8 Thursday 24th June 2021

Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

Firstly, it is worth noting that due to concert practice and the concert evening, there will be no newsletter next week. Any important updates will come via the app or separate notice if needed.

We are very excited to be at the business end of the concert next week. There has been loads of hard work put in by the staff and children to put the show together and we cannot wait to share with you. Just a reminder that we will be travelling to the University of Otago College of Education Auditorium on Thursday afternoon, and returning to school at the normal bell time. On Thursday evening, we would really appreciate all children being at the Auditorium between 6.30pm and 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Currently, it is looking like we will be able to distribute all required tickets that have been requested without going over the auditorium's capacity, so thank you to all of the families who returned their permission slip last week. This has allowed us to manage the numbers effectively and we will confirm your allocations early next week.

Another exciting prospect for next week will be the sending home of links to your child's online learning portfolios on Friday. After COVID distance learning last year, we replaced the mid-year report with a digital portfolio. After seeking feedback, the large majority of families preferred this form of reporting and we therefore decided to keep this format again in 2021. We have streamlined the process a little and are using Seesaw, which is a digital platform for sharing your child's learning with you. Don't panic, we will send instructions with the portfolio so that you can access this without too much trouble. These portfolios really give a great indication as to what your child is currently working on in their learning, and where to next for them. We do hope you enjoy going through these with your child and of course, if you have any difficulties accessing these, we will be most happy to help.

Last week's rebus puzzle solution: Win with ease (just like the BlackCaps this morning!)

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

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Person of the Week



Congratulations Eli, Freya, Francesca, Ava, Stan and Harrison who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 7 went home with Harrison.

Important Dates

SBS Starters Dates

Friday 2nd July

Board of Trustees Mtg School Concert 1.15 – 2.15pm Tuesday 10th August

7pm 1st July

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

This week we welcome Rex to Papatūānuku! We are in full swing with our concert practices. The kids are such quick learners and have picked up the moves so well.

It is lovely to see them do this so willingly and happily. You're sure in for a treat next Thursday evening! Thank you for your input with costumes for the night. During maths learning this week, we have been talking more about halves and quarters. We can now find half and quarter of a shape, and also can divide a group of items into two or four equal parts. There is a lot of story telling that goes on to make the learning experiences more authentic, so the fuzzy characters in our class come out to help us with that! We are also improving our knowledge of 'teen' numbers and especially trying to notice the difference when we say numbers that sound similar (e.g 17 or 70). We're really trying to say and hear the endings of the numbers clearly.

We continue learning around our Key Competency of Relating to Others. This week's focus has been around letting other people go first so we're not all rushing to an area of the classroom at the same time. Traffic congestion with lots of arms and legs can be tricky. I have been impressed with seeing some tamariki take this learning on board straight away and show how they can wait and let someone else go first. We have also spent time talking about feelings and how we can make others feel happy at school.

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangi

The countdown for our Concert is on! In one week's time we'll be singing our hearts out and showing you our moves on stage. A letter about what to wear on the night was sent home yesterday. It'd be great if the kids can wear a white or black t-shirt and brightly coloured bottoms (shorts, skirts, trousers or leggings). Please get in touch if you have any questions.

We are so proud of our Online Learning Profiles! We have worked incredibly hard on these over the last couple of weeks and they will be emailed next Friday. I'm sure the children will love to show you their learning and to tell you all about it. Please check your inbox next Friday afternoon.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

This week we enjoyed another Kelly sport session, improving on our hockey skills. I was so impressed to see such good control of the ball while battling it out in small groups for goals. We continue to practice our concert item in preparation for next week. Lots of us are feeling excited but nervous....all at the same time! Our sound focus this week has been all about the /oa/ sound. We know that it makes the long 'o' sound. We had a writing challenge on Tuesday to see who could use the most /oa/ words in their story....one writer had 39 /oa/ words in their story!! There were quite a few goats on boats wearing coats with sore throats that day! We have been creating art works using fractions for maths this week. We are aiming to get them completed by Friday so that we can share them with you in assembly this week.

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

We have had a great math week! We have been adding and subtracting numbers, looking at how we could use a numberline to help find the sum and how to jump up 10s and ones. We are all making awesome progress. This week at Kelly sports we learnt hockey skills. We had to control the ball using a variety of speeds. We love the games that we learn each time.

It has been a wet week please try to pack a spare pair of pants or socks. (The ground is muddy in places).

A couple of children are wanting to present their projects on Friday- That's fabulous! If you are ready too let me know a day and we will fit it in.

For now, we are concentrating on our awesome dance moves and can't wait to show you all!

Report by Ms Ruzsa

Hinemoana

We have begun exploring length in Hinemoana this week. We have created our own personal benchmarks for 1m, ½ m and 1cm. Personal benchmarks help us when estimating the length of objects. Some of our personal benchmarks for 1 metre are our strides, arm span or knowing from the ground up where a metre hits on our body. We used our personal benchmarks to estimate the lengths of some objects in our classroom and the netball court. We are now measuring these same objects using rulers, checking to see if our benchmark estimations are close to the object's actual measurement. Lastly, a wee reminder too for children to please have their concert costumes at school no later than Monday so we can have our own mini dress rehearsal (on Tuesday) to ensure everything is perfect for our show. Thank you!

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

This week in Tāne Mahuta we have been learning our three and four times table. We have been challenging ourselves with time trials working together as a class and "find the fact" maths word finds. It has been great to see the children's recall speed up and the students working together to help each other when they forget! Feel free to challenge your child at home and ask them some threes and fours times table facts, the more practise they get - the better.

Report by Miss Tenci

Sport News

Miniball	Team	vs	Score	POD
Thurs 17th June				
Year 1-2	SBS Stars	Arthur Street	WBD	
	SBS	Balaclava		
Year 3-4	Comets	White	15-33 (L)	Liam H
Netball				
Tues 22nd June				
Year 5-6	Combined	GB Rebels	1-6 (L)	St Len