

NEWSLETTER

No. 19 Term 3, Week 1
Thursday 29th July 2021



Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to Riley who has joined us in Papatūānuku. I hope that you all had a much-needed rest and recharge, as well as enjoying some of the terrific weather with your families.

This term we will be just as busy as usual as we dive into our Inquiry Unit of Taumāhekeheke o Te Ao - The Tokyo Olympics. We will be exploring not only the sports and NZ performances, but the global communities and economic and social impact of international events.

Over the holiday period, we did notice a significant increase in dog users using the school grounds as a place to exercise their animals. Normally we turn somewhat of a blind eye to this however we are going to have to insist on enforcing the Ministry of Education's guidelines around dogs on School Property. This is due to a huge number of 'surprises' found in the school. Therefore, due to the health and safety of the children, we are asking all dog owners to please keep your dogs off-site. We would encourage you to continue to bring your dog to the school pick up and drop offs, but to keep them at the gate and clear of the entrance way. As a dog lover myself, I am sad to have to put this into place, but we do need to be able to provide a safe and 'poo-free' playground for our children. Thank you for your understanding.

On a happier note, you should have received a notice this week to be able to book in a Parent/Child/Teacher discussion in Week 3. If you missed this notice, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can ensure you get a time.

Last newsletters Rebus puzzle solution: 'Once upon a time'

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

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Person of the Week



Congratulations Max, Mordy, Herepō, Korben, Ashley & Ida who were nominated for Person of the Week.

The trophy for Week 10 went home with Ida

Important Dates

Board of Trustees Mtg Tuesday 10th August

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

Kia ora! This week we welcome Riley to our class! It's great being back in the swing of things at school after our Winter Break. We had a circle sharing time on our first day back and I was impressed that the children could confidently talk about at least one holiday highlight, and share that with the class. You may have noticed the Olympic rings in our class! Firstly we had to make them the right colours, so we got into groups, worked as a team, and collaged each ring. They look fabulous! We have been brainstorming what we know about the Olympics and yesterday we came up with questions that we wanted to find out. We have also made a list of sports that we would like to try out ourselves at school. I am impressed that so many children knew a little about the Olympics so far. We are also extending our geography of the world as we talk about where the Olympics are being held and where the teams have come from. It is lovely to see children making connections with other countries, if

they have family members there or if they've travelled there themselves. We've also been learning about 2D shapes. We are finding out that shapes are everywhere! We're learning the names of them, making pictures with them and identifying them around the room. The creativity of these kids is amazing. They used coloured shapes to make artwork and their descriptions of their artwork are delightful.



Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

What an amazing start to Term 2 we have had in Hine Rau Whārangī and it's wonderful to see how quickly and well settled Hine Rau children are. The children are full of energy and eager to learn. We are learning about the Olympics and the traditions they celebrate in Tokyo. This will lead into some creative writing and poetry alongside our calendar art. We also had Miss Finnie return on Tuesday and she will be with us for a large part of the Term. We are looking forward to learning lots of new things with her as she progresses through her own teaching journey. Parent, Child and Teacher discussions are coming up. please remember to return your slips by Monday requesting a time to meet.

Report by Mrs Brewer

Tāwhirimātea

Week 1 Term 3 is off to a flying start. It's so nice to see all the children back to full health and recharged

for another great term of learning. This term our topic is based around the Tokyo Olympics and we have begun by learning about the Olympic rings. We have even made our own paper rings using the traditional Japanese method of origami - this was much more difficult than we expected! We were excited to see Miss Sims again on Tuesday. She will be with us for the next couple of Tuesday's before beginning a 3-week practicum and then graduating as a beginning teacher. The class also had a great first Wednesday with Mr Fisher and look forward to all the fun things he has in store for the term. This Friday we will be sharing in assembly so be sure to come along and see what we have been creating.

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

Kia Ora

It's so nice to be back in the classroom with the kids in Ranginui and talking to the Children and Staff at Sawyers Bay. We have begun the term with a look at the Olympics- this will continue over the next few weeks where we will integrate it into our classroom reading, writing (Haiku poetry) and math (statistical Inquiry) programmes. Reminders: Each child has their own day to present news, where they can bring special toys/items to share with the class. Please try and limit them to this day only. We do have 'bring a toy day' often enough. Your child will be bringing home a reading book Mon-Thurs. Library day is Friday. Kelly sports is every second week (next Tuesday) Please pack suitable footwear for the sporting activities.

Dogs

Dogs are cute.

I throw a ball for my dog.

My dog knows some tricks. **By Ashley**

Kereru

Colourful feathers,

Graceful wings, beautiful tail.

Soft branches, Big wings. **By Quinn**

Report by Ms Ruzsa

Hinemoana

Welcome back! I hope everyone managed to have a great holiday break. It has been so good to see all of Hinemoana again and hear about their holidays. Our holiday news is helping us with our writing where we are learning how to write recounts.

Recounts are when we write about something that has already happened. We are working hard to have a clear introduction in our recounts that includes who, what, when, where and why. We are getting stuck into our Topic - The Olympics. We have learnt about what the Olympic rings represent and are now researching how it all began with The Ancient Games. We have also been lucky to watch a few events that our NZ athletes are competing in such as the rowing and rugby sevens.

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

Wow - back into another term! It has been a busy start, full of fun new things. Of particular note has been our start to a country study about Japan! We have linked this country study with the beginning of our Olympics topic, which is going to take us in a few different directions over the term. The students in Tāne Mahuta over the past few days have had to fulfil a criteria of different pieces of information about Japan. After finding this information the children have then been allowed a lot of creative freedom on how to display and present it - a key step towards what their finished 'Fact File' will look like. It will be awesome to see how these turn out!



Report by Miss Tenci

Sport News

[Miniball starts next week](#)

Netball				
Tues 27th June				
Year 5-6	Combined	Sacred Heart Bolts	6-5 (W)	Ava W

Can you Help?

Would you like to be part of our Parent Tutor programme or do you know a Grandparent/neighbour/friend who might?

We would love some more helpers to come along for an hour a week to listen to our children read.

All you need to do is listen and support children who need a little extra practice with their reading.

Please come and see Leslee Swete or pop into the office to find out more.

[Port Chalmers Library Book Club](#)

Kia ora Book Club friends,

The first Monday of the month is coming around again, and that means Book Club at Port Chalmers Library.

As usual, we'll be starting off with some nibbles and drink before launching into some fun and games. Our theme for August has a little bit more to do with the baddies than the heroes, so maybe you'll have some suggestions for the best (or should that be worst?) villains and anti-heroes from your favourite books!

Come on down this Monday August 2nd at 3.15 for nibbles, then Book Club from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Ngā mihi,

Elsbeth, Lucinda and the Port Chalmers Library team.