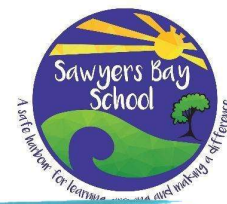


NEWSLETTER

No. 21 Term 3, Week 3

Thursday 12th August 2021



Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

It has been another week of action and excitement here at SBS. This week as part of our study into the Olympics, we have been thrilled to have Suzi Bates, former captain of the New Zealand Women's Cricket team, the White Ferns, visit us and tell us about her Olympic experience. It was fascinating for the children to hear all about life in the Olympic Village. We also have another ex-Olympian visiting today, Robbie Johnston. Robbie has competed in long-distance running events at the Olympics and has kindly offered to talk to our children too. We would love to think that one day, one of our children will remember these talks when they reach the Olympic level themselves!

Thank you to all of our families who came along this week for PCT meetings. We know that it is one more thing to add to busy lives but it is incredibly important to us. We know that children learn best when there are strong connections between school and home. It is always valuable to have the one-on-one chats with families too as we always learn something new about our children. If for any reason you have not been able to make a time this week to sit down with one of our teachers, please let us know and we can arrange another time. We really want to get together with as many of you as possible for the benefit of our kids.

Like many families across Dunedin, our family has been along to several Intermediate and High School Open nights over the last few weeks. While I know that I should be concentrating on the schools at hand, it is hard not to reflect on our own school. It is a real privilege to get the chance to look around these schools and I want to re-iterate that families are always welcome to come along here too. We have an open-door policy which means you are welcome at any time. In the near future, we will look at an open afternoon to give you all the chance to come and see what we are up to in the classrooms. We are always very proud of what our teachers and children do, and would love another chance to share this with whanau.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

Person of the Week



Congratulations Emerson, Callan, Kenzie, Archie, Jake and Emme who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 2 went home with Emme.

Important Dates

Board of Trustees Mtg
School Photos

Tuesday 14th September
31st Aug & 1st Sept

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

Kia ora everyone. This week we have been learning to work as part of a team. In our maths learning time, we have had real-life maths problems, that we completed in small teams. We have learned a lot about team work – that every team member is important; we need to take turns at some roles; we can't always complete tasks on our own, so we need our team members to help us. This has been a fun way to complete a variety of mathematic tasks. We've been learning to write numbers correctly, and it's awesome to see some children challenging themselves by keeping on going and writing many two- and three-digit numbers as well.

We have almost completed our Calendar Art. Notices will be coming home about this in a few weeks, but in the meantime, I'm sure you'll be amazed by the colour choices, cutting skills and artistic talent of your tamariki, as they have reproduced their own interpretation of a Kandinsky inspired tree.

Our discussions about the Tokyo Olympics have continued as we explored more of the sports that have been played at the Olympic Games. We are learning to draw people in action, with a focus on the body parts and the sports equipment they need for a particular sport. We've viewed lots of photos and symbols of the different sports. Our own physical activity participation has been exciting to watch as the children continue to get better at their jumping and skipping in the big rope and the individual ropes.

It has been wonderful to catch up with so many parents at interviews this week. Thank you so much for making the time to come and see some of your child's learning and chat about their progress. We value your input and appreciate the opportunity to talk.

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

In Hine Rau Whārangī this week we have been looking at the attributes of shapes and looking at real-life examples of these around our school. We have been thinking about where we might find these shapes in everyday settings within our environment. We have been practicing skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and counting back from 100 to help us with our number knowledge strategies and solving maths problems. We have also done a science experiment with raisins and lemonade. We found that when you put some raisins in the lemonade they jump up and down just like our tummies do when you are feeling the emotion of butterflies.

Report by Mrs Brewer

Tāwhirimātea

It has been so lovely catching up with most of you for our mid-year Parent-Teacher conferences this week. It is such a privilege to share all the amazing progress your children are making. I couldn't be more proud of them. This week we are learning about the Olympic hosts Japan. We have found where Japan is located and were surprised to see how many buildings were in Tokyo- the host city. One thing we have focused on is the Sakura (cherry blossom). In Japan they have a festival called Hanami which celebrates the very short period in which cherry blossoms are in bloom. They are often used as a metaphor for life- beautiful yet fleeting. We have had a go at writing the word Sakura in Japanese and are busy

creating artwork of ourselves admiring the Sakura. We are using a variety of techniques to create interest and depth in our pictures. We have also been working on writing backwards poems. Hopefully we will get these finished and published so we can share them with you soon - they are rather funny. On Tuesday we were very excited to have a reporter from the Star times come and ask us some questions about our rubbish bin project and our bottle cap art. He also took some photos of us so keep your eyes peeled in the paper as we may just be famous! Talking about rubbish bins - have you seen them yet? We were very excited to be the first to put our rubbish in them on Friday after tasting our delicious waffles!



Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

Kia Ora from Ranginui. This week we have written Olympic Cinquain poems, looked at similes and metaphors and the different types of poems. We have had fun learning through maths week activities and we have graphed our statistical data. Today we have written story maps to use next week when we begin making stop motion movies. I have asked the children to bring or make Lego sets. If they are able to please put little parts into a named container. I will do my best to keep them all separate.

It has been wonderful talking to you all through parent conferences this week. You are all so positive and I feel so proud teaching your children. Olympic Cinquains:

- Olympics
Strong, artistic.
Fast, flexible, graceful.
Nervous, uncomfortable, exhausted,
pressured.
Athlete

By Aquilla

- Olympics
Strong, fit.
Fast, jumpy, tackling.
Amazing, proud, happy, pride.
Athlete
By Liam M

Report by Ms Ruzsa

Hinemoana

Our Sphero Chariot Racing was a huge success! And, we are very excited to be able to share this with you all at Assembly on Friday. Hinemoana did a great job constructing and driving their sphero chariots. Working hard to make improvements and persevering when challenges arose. We have also been part of the Food for Thought Programme where we have learnt all about how to read food labels. Our trip to the Four Square Supermarket was lots of fun and we worked hard to be successful food detectives, discovering what are everyday foods and what are sometimes foods. Some of us learnt that while Weet-Bix is a great everyday choice, we should only be having cornflakes as a sometimes food! We even looked at the sugar content of some of our favourite fizzies and juices. We thought it was incredible how much sugar is one little bottle! Lastly, we were very lucky to have a visit from Suzie Bates, an Olympic Ambassador. Suzie came and talked to us about her life as a professional sportswoman and her time at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. It was really cool to hear about the Olympic Village from someone who had actually been there! Suzie also gave us some great advice about going forward and being able to achieve our goals. We really appreciated her giving up her time to come and talk to us.

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

We were pretty lucky in Tāne Mahuta this week to have a nutritionist come in and help us with some learning around our food choices! Tāne Mahuta had three sessions this week working through the 'Food for Thought' program. Two of these were some new learning and problem solving sessions in class. During these we looked at the different breakdowns of ingredients and nutrients on some food packets and decided from these which were 'everyday' and which were 'sometimes' foods. Finally, we had a session at the Four Square Supermarket working in groups. We had to find 'everyday' and 'sometimes' food options using the new information that we'd learned for different categories of food. We found some of our findings very interesting! Did you know it is important to

look at the sugar content in breakfast cereals and muesli bars before just grabbing one off the shelf? Make sure you take a look at the labels when you're next buying your groceries... If you get stuck, maybe we could give you a hand!



Report by Miss Tenci

Sport News

Netball & Miniball

Next week is the last week for both sports, we would really like to thank the Coaches and Parents who have supported these teams over winter.

Miniball	Team	vs	Score	POD
Thurs 5th August				
Year 1-2	SBS Stars	Kaik Sparks	No score	Ally M
Year 3-4	SBS Comets	GB Hotshots	12/18 (L)	Liam R
Netball				
Tues 10th August				
Year 5-6	Combined	Mornington Black	8-2 (W)	Ruby C

Term 4 Sports

In Term 4 Futsal and Touch are available for Sawyers Bay School teams, you should see a notice at home in the next few weeks with all the details of dates and costs to be able to sign up.