

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 3

Thursday 29th October



Principal's Note

Kia ora koutou,

What a great week to start swimming! Thank you all for being so organised with togs, towels, helpers and extra lunchbox items. The kids have done really well too keeping themselves organised too. Because the children give their swimming a whole lot of extra effort, it is a really common time of the year to see bugs, coughs and colds sneak into the school. PLEASE, if your child is unwell at all, keep them at home. We need to be really vigilant about stopping the spread of any bugs and your support is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, if a child shows symptoms during the day, we have no choice but to isolate them and phone home for the safety of all of our children and staff.

As promised last week, we have now got a new app that we will be introducing at Assembly this week. If you want to get a sneak preview, you can download the SchoolAppsNZ app from your app store, search for Sawyers Bay School, and add us. We will be running tests over the next week, so if you do get the odd notification initially, it is only us practising and learning too. I would be interested in how parents find the set up and ease of use. We will be adding functions as we go, and very soon, integrating it with our website.

Another benefit to having nicer weather is that we are starting to open our bike shed again for break times. We have a range of different sized bikes that children can use during their break times on the bike track. All they need to do is bring their own helmets

Ka kite ano.

Gareth Swete
Principal

Person of the week



Congratulations to Monty, Jayden, Anja, Fatimah, Martha and Max who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 2 went home with Fatimah

Important Dates

Swimming continues all next week!

Board of Trustee Meeting Dates: Tuesday 1st Dec

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

In Papatūānuku, we have been learning about Kitchen Science. We looked at some of the safety aspects about learning and cooking in a kitchen. We also did some experiments with yeast. We left them to grow while we went to Junior Singing, and when we returned the yeast had grown in some bags, and smelled "funny"!

The next day, we made bread. We read the story called "The Little Red Hen", and unlike the animals, the kids in our class were very willing and all did something to help make the bread. It was fun!

The yeast definitely grew for our bread making, and at one point the dough filled the whole bowl! The buns we all made were apparently "delicious" according to the bakers. Thank you to the PTA for purchasing kitchen supplies for us to cook and bake with.

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We are having the best week! Our highlights so far are our swimming lessons and investigating what happens in science experiments. We're learning to come up with a hypothesis, follow instructions, watch carefully to notice what happens and think why things happened. We are sharing at assembly tomorrow and we will be sharing some writing we wrote about the Fruity Lollies or Raising Raisins experiments. The children are so eager to learn more swimming skills and they try so hard to use their new skills.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

This week we started with a bang on Tuesday with a Kelly sports session on running techniques and the beginning of our swimming block. It was fantastic to see all children climbing enthusiastically into the water ready to build on their swimming skills. This week we finished our gummy bear experiment and shared our results. We learnt many things (some of which we didn't expect!). We realised that all our fresh squeezed juices went mouldy over the weekend but the vinegar and fizzy drinks didn't. This led to a great discussion about preservatives and mould. We learnt that the gummy bears that were put into a hot liquid dissolved and got smaller but when the liquid cooled they began to grow again. We know that the gummy bears absorbed the liquid solutions by a process called osmosis which is how plants drink water also. We also learnt that the gummy bears grew most in acidic solutions because the acid breaks down the gelatin making more room for the water to enter the gummy bear. Our biggest gummy bear was in double the quantity of vinegar of our control. It started at 20mm and grew to a whopping 43mm! Here is a picture of our gummy bears after their final measurements:



Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

It's been all about swimming this week in Ranginui. I must say what an amazing opportunity our students are offered at Sawyers Bay School. Water safety and learning to swim is so important to our children especially where they live and the closeness to water no matter where we live. I know it has only been a few days but I have seen the confidence in the Ranginui kids in the water! I can only foresee more improvement as we continue over the next two weeks.

After our zoom meeting with the Antarctic, our focus has been on the animals that live there. I have talked to the science department at Otago University and we have an opportunity to extend our learning on the environment, freezing, and food. A notice will be sent home soon explaining a planned excursion to the Otago University to carry out some experiments and gain more knowledge about the Antarctic. I do hope you will be able to join us.



Report by Ms Ruza

Hinemoana

This week saw us begin our swimming lessons down at Port Pool. The children have done a great job remembering their togs, getting changed quickly and sensibly and extending their swimming skills already. We have some great swimmers in

Hinemoana! On Tuesday we had our first Hinemoana's Got Talent! Where Max showed off his awesome Lego building and Isobel made delicious pasta / pizza sauce for us all to try. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone else's amazing talents over the coming weeks.

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

Over the past two weeks Tane Mahuta has been exceptionally busy. Some of us have been visiting our new schools for next year and our swimming lessons have begun for the term. We are enjoying the swimming sessions. It has been our last field trip for our source to sea topic and we have been learning about the different breeds of bugs that live in our waterways, streams and estuaries. This connects with our research for the story mapping inquiry component of Source to Sea.

In Art we have been learning about some different techniques in painting to produce silhouette artworks about the ocean alongside using similes, sentence structure and ideas used to write our ocean poetry. We have also had a number of students trying out for the North Zone Athletics competition to be held next week.

Report by Mrs Brewer

Sports

Tuesday 27th October		Score	POD
Gunners	MHS Tottenham	1-0 (W)	Isaac
Reds	Abbots 1	1-6 (L)	Parker
Rangers	St Brigids	4 – 0 (W)	Thomas
Aston Villa	SFX Panthers	1-5 (L)	Eligh
Wednesday 28th October			
Tigers	Bye		
Hammers	Fairfield	2-1 (W)	Angelo
Touch Thursday 22nd October			
Nuggets	Kaikorai	15-3 (W)	Maddie
Bombers	St. Bernies	0-7 (L)	Sean
Saints	MHS Blues	3-4 (L)	



Community News

We have daily afterschool care for children 5 to 13 years of age with our free pick up service for west harbour schools.

We are open weekdays during the term 2.45pm to 6pm.

Pop in to see us if you are interested 30a Albertson Ave, give us an email koputaikids@gmail.com or call (03) 472 7777 otherwise please contact Wendy Russell on 0274727744 or check out our Facebook page for upcoming events.

