

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 4

Thursday 5th November



Principal's Note

Kia ora Families,

We have been enjoying some beautiful weather this week and a great chance to be outdoors.

Swimming has certainly used up a fair amount of energy but the results are well worth it! Our children are doing really well and the progress that comes with consecutive days on instruction justifies the tiredness. If you happen to be going to our final day of swimming tomorrow, expect a slightly different programme. We have secured some Flippa Ball coaches (mini water polo) to run our last lesson. This gives the children the opportunity to practice the skills that they have learnt in a different situation while also having their swim coaches alongside them.

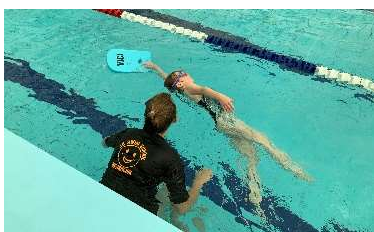
There is an accompanying notice with this newsletter in regards to our SchoolAppsNZ communication app. We will be phasing out Skool Loop and ceasing to use this app from Monday 9th of November. Please do try and download the new SchoolAppsNZ app by then so that we can help you with any troubleshooting.

On Tuesday this week, we had a group of 16 senior students represent the school at the Annual North Zone Athletics competition. As always, we were made to feel very proud. Not only did we have several students qualify for the Otago Champs, but their conduct and attitudes were outstanding. Well done to our North Zone kids for their amazing representation of our school, you always make us proud. Thank you to the adults who gave up their day too to help us muster athletes and keep the troupes happy, we really do appreciate it.

On a completely different note, we have found that several of our plantings, including a gifted tree, have been disappearing from our Freyberg Ave. fence line. If anyone knows anything about how we can stop this from occurring, we would be very grateful. We pride ourselves on our amazing green grounds and would very much like to continue to add to our plantings over the summer. Have a great weekend.

Ka kite ano.

Gareth Swete
Principal



Person of the week



Congratulations to Isla, Emily M, Mordy, Beth, and Alice who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 3 went home with Fatimah

Important Dates

Teacher Only Day: Friday 20th November

Board of Trustee Meeting Dates: Tuesday 1st Dec

Last Day of term: Wednesday 16th December

First Day of 2021: Wednesday 3rd February

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

- We like writing and reading books at the jelly bean table.
- We like drawing pictures in the little books that Mrs Campbell made. We made each book about alphabet sounds.
- On the ipads we used an app called Scratch Junior, we did coding. We coded a scene with two characters that moved.
- We played a running game that is called Beach flag relays.

Report by Papatūānuku

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We have continued our learning about probability by thinking of things that are impossible, unlikely, likely and certain by thinking of the chance of an event happening. What category would you put these statements under? I will fly with my own wings; The supermarket will give away all their lollies tomorrow; I will drive a car tonight; I will see a dragon in the playground this week; It will snow tomorrow; It will be dark tonight; and, I will eat something

today. Some children are even being persuaded by others to change their mind too!

Swimming continues to be our highlight and the children are so happy, confident and eager to learn.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

This week the Tawhiri children are enjoying a series of science lessons with Miss Sims looking at chemical reactions between fats and dishwashing liquid. They have been testing a variety of different liquids such as blue and green milk, cream and even PVA glue! We have witnessed some pretty impressive reactions and are enjoying learning the science behind it all. The children are continuing to make outstanding progress in swimming this week. I know that many of our children are feeling exhausted and there are a few bugs starting to do the rounds but I'm so proud of how hard they continue to work and I'm very impressed with how they are managing themselves when getting changed before and after swimming.

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

The Ranginui children and Teachers would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Mr Llyod Finkler, who spoke to us about his journey in the Antarctic. Mr Finkler shared a powerpoint presentation with us showing the harsh environment and wildlife he studied. We all felt as though we too had experienced some of his journey. We learnt so much more about the penguins that live there and other places in the southern hemisphere. Lloyds message of 'always follow your dreams and never let others stand in your way' inspired us!

Another thank you is to the swimming instructors. The Children have learnt so many new skills and have gained so much confidence in the water. Phew.... It has been a BIG two weeks.

Reminder: It is important we have enough parents and permission slips for our trip next week, these are due on Friday.

Report by Ms Ruzsa

Hinemoana

This week sees the end of our swimming lessons. All of the children in Hinemoana have made wonderful progress with their swimming skills and should be very proud of the effort they have put in. It was so cool seeing everyone's big smiles in the pool each day! Miss Hurtig has been taking us for Maths where we are learning all about probability. This learning is leading us to our S.T.E.A.M project, designing and creating our own board games involving chance. In *Hinemoana's Got Talent*, Tommy showed off his gaming skills and Pip showed us her tap

dance moves. We all thought both Tommy and Pip did a great job presenting their talents to the class!

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

'Busy' continues to be the word that springs to mind at the moment. A large contingent from Tāne Mahuta represented the school at the North Zone Athletics Sports and competed with great determination. Weather permitting, we will be able to complete the postponed in-stream life field trip today. The Source to Sea programme has had its unavoidable disruptions this year, and has been more protracted than originally intended. However, the students have had some fantastic learning experiences. With all the sport and other events happening, some students are certainly getting a bit weary. We have talked about the need to remember to be patient and understanding, and to put in to practice all our great relationship skills. The Year Six students are being encouraged to make their last few weeks as student leaders at Sawyers Bay School memorable for all the right reasons. I am pleased with how they are currently rising to that challenge

Report by Mrs Brewer & Mr Fisher

Sports

Team	vs	Score	POD
Futsal			
Gunners	Abbots 1	1-9 (L)	Ava
Reds	Wakari Teal	1-8 (L)	Mordy
Aston Villa	Sacred Heart	2-1 (W)	Quinn
Rangers	Broad Bay Gulls	5-1 (w)	Olivia
Tigers	Hammers	0-11	Harry
Hammers	Tigers	11-0	Alysha
Team	vs	Score	POD
Touch			
Nuggets	NEVN Strikers	4-2 (w)	Monty
	Musselburgh		
Bombers	Warriors	6-2 (w)	Angelo
Saints	Abbots 5	4-1 (W)	

Swimming

