

# NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 6

Thursday 19th November



## Principal's Note

Kia ora Families,

This week we get to welcome Izzy and Jaxon to Papatūānuku, and their families to the school. We are very happy to have you both with us.

I would like to congratulate our three athletes Ava, Chloe and Liam Grey who represented the school at the Otago Champs Athletics Meet on Tuesday. While we are still awaiting official results, we are very proud of our athletes. Chloe and Liam were both competing outside of their own age grades and it is a tremendous effort for the three of them to qualify for this event, well done!

It has been another exciting week of seeing evidence of what we already knew. The teachers have all been busy with assessments alongside their teaching and again, we are really pleased to see the progress our children are making. We will not rest however and will still be keeping our children challenged and engaged right to the end of the year.

You should have received a notice home regarding activity modules that are coming up. This is where we run 'elective' programmes in whanau groups for our children over two weeks. We also invite families in to help us and share their own interests and expertise. PLEASE if you are considering being a helper for these sessions, or part of the sessions, we would love to have you. We will help set everything up and the kids are terrific so nothing to fear! Please be in touch if you would like to know more.

Unfortunately we have had a confirmed case of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease in the school this week. This is a highly contagious disease that while reasonably straight forward in most cases, can cause complications for some children and adults. We would ask all families to remain vigilant around the health of your children and if in doubt, please keep them home until checked by a doctor. This way we can keep the spread under control (we should all be experts in this after 2020!). For more information about hand, foot and mouth disease, please come and see us or check out:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease>

Do not forget that tomorrow is a Teacher's Only day and we will look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Ka kite ano.

Gareth Swete, Principal

## Person of the week



Congratulations to Ella, Parker, Harri, Sefirah, Ruby C and Freya who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 5 went home with Sefirah

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

Our learning has taken an explosive angle this week as we engaged our STEAM skills and knowledge. We reminded ourselves that STEAM means science, technology, engineering, art and maths.

During our learning about kitchen science over the last few weeks, we worked out we have been learning what ingredients mix together to create carbon dioxide and therefore fizz and grow. This week we have created volcanoes and by the time you read this newsletter we will have put our predictions to the test to see if our volcanoes actually erupt!

We used the design technology process to design, create and then we will test out our volcanoes. We also used this time to discuss how our school values can be incorporated in our learning experiences, especially when collaborating within groups to design and create our volcanoes.

*Report by Mrs Campbell*



### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Literacy is an incredibly important part of our day at school (& in our lives). The kids are learning that literacy includes reading, writing, handwriting, listening, speaking, and viewing and presenting things. We are also learning to work together to be collaborators. Here are some photos of the children learning during our literacy time.



*Report by Mrs Barr*

### Tāwhirimātea

This week we have had 2 visits from Constable Emily who is taking us for the Kia Kaha programme. Here are some of the things we have learnt so far:

-Constable Emily read us a story. There were lots of children in her story who made decisions that weren't so kind but there were also children who were kind to others. We learnt that we can be nice to people, share and help others.

- -We learnt about trusting our 'gut feelings' when things don't seem right.
- -Kia Kaha means being strong in your heart.
- -You can be brave and speak up if someone is not being nice or you can ask an adult for help.
- -Constable Emily showed us her uniform. She has lots of things including a seat belt cutter, extending baton, first aid kit, notepad and pens. We were most impressed with her taser, pepper spray and handcuffs.

This week we have also had 2 Kelly sport sessions learning about good sprinting techniques. We are also continuing to look at the Red Billed Gulls around school. We have noticed that they come around when the bell rings for break times. We are wondering if they recognise the bell, or hear the children out and about or if they just know our break times and come looking for tasty treats.

*Report by Tāwhirimātea*

### Ranginui

Ranginui enjoyed sharing our learning about Antarctica at the school assembly on Friday. We have made a huge thank you card for the Food Science team. We have continued our inquiry by taking a closer look at travelling and staying in the Antarctic. This has been through virtual tours found on the learnz website.

Our math focus this week has been on place value. We are learning the place and total value of numbers. All school readers/library books need to be returned as soon as possible. Some children still have sports tops. These need to be brought back now.

*Report by Ranginui*

### Hinemoana

This week we had a great session with Kelly Sports, practising our running, speed, agility and reaction time. In Maths we are exploring Time. We participated in a Kahoot! Quiz to test our prior knowledge, have learnt a rhyme to remember how many days are in each month and have made our own analogue clocks to help us tell the time. We are also playing a game called 'Fraction Loopy' and are trying to become faster and faster each time we play. Currently we are aiming to beat our time of 8 minutes and 19 seconds. We have had Constable Emily visit us, and have been learning all about what makes us unique and special and how to keep ourselves safe, including online.



*Report by Miss Laing*

### Tāne Mahuta

We have been enjoying sharing play scripts in Tāne Mahuta over the last couple of weeks. The personality and humour of our students really come to the fore when they take on a role. There is definitely some dramatic talent there, as parents may already know! We have been revising and re-testing our multiplication basic facts recall, so that progress can be shared as part of our reporting. Yesterday, we had one last session with Taylor, looking closely at the invertebrates and classifying them, using microscopes, magnifying glasses and identification guides. We also began to pull together all the information we have gained. This will allow us to make conclusions and think about possible future actions. These findings will form part of our Source to Sea sharing session at 11.30 am on Wednesday 2 December. We certainly hope some parents may be able to join us for this. Over the next couple of weeks, our Year 6 students will be encouraged to reflect on their time at school and will be writing brief leaver's statements. Year 5 students will be looking ahead to their time as the Year 6 leaders of our school. Parents could help with this process by encouraging them to share their ideas at home.

*Report by Mrs Brewer & Mr Fisher*

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## Important Dates

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**Teacher Only Day:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
**Board of Trustee Meeting Dates:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec  
**Last Day of term:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
**Teacher Only Day:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
**First Day of 2021:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

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## School News

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### Activity Modules

Our annual Activity Modules are coming up very soon and we are in desperate need of adults to help the children. This year the children have preselected some activities they would love help with. A notice with more information was sent home yesterday (on School Apps NZ & also as a paper copy). Please email Jo ([joanneb@sawyersbsy.school.nz](mailto:joanneb@sawyersbsy.school.nz)) if you can help.

### 2021 Stationery Packs

Stationery Packs are put together for each Classroom based on their 2021 requirements. We have packs put together by Quizzle at cost price plus a contribution to class photocopying and felts.

These stationery lists will be available next week for families who want to shop around over the Christmas break. Please note that families who choose not to purchase the Class Pack from Quizzle will be charged \$7 towards their contribution to Classroom photocopying & felts.

### Pre-made Classroom Packs Pricelist

Papatuanuku \$27.00  
Hine-Rau Wharangi \$28.00  
Tawhirimatea \$23.00  
Ranginui \$21.00  
Hinemoana \$23.00  
Tane Mahuta \$24.00

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## Community News

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### Christmas in the Stadium

**Venue:** Forsyth Barr Stadium **Entrance:** Gate E

**Date:** Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 1pm - 5pm **Entry:** Gold coin donation

**Type of event:** Variety concert

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## Sports

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Futsal	Team	vs	Score	POD
<b>17th Nov</b>				
Year 1-2	Gunners	Wakari Teal MHS	0-3 (L)	Beth
Year 1-2	Reds	Tottenham	3-0 (W)	Alex
Year 3-4	Aston Villa	GB Flyers St Bridgid's	1-1 (D)	Lewana
Year 3-4	Rangers	Silver	1-0 (W)	Stevie
<b>18th Nov</b>				
Year 5-6	Tigers	Fairfield Knights Halway Bush	6-1 (W)	Emily
Year 5-6	Hammers	Red	5-1 (L)	James
Touch	Team	vs	Score	POD
<b>12th Nov</b>				
Year 3-4	Nuggets	St Bernies Storm Balaclava	3-1 (w)	Anja
Year 5-6	Saints	Typhoons	7-2 (w)	Fletcher
Year 5-6	Bombers	MHS Green	4-6 (L)	Ava W

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