

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 8

Thursday 3rd December



Principal's Note

Kia ora Families,

What an amazing week our teachers and parents have turned on for our tamariki. Activity Modules have been in full swing and it is incredible what opportunities that we can offer our children during this elective model thanks to the skills of our families. This week, we have seen sports, coding, baking, art, yoga, environmental activity, salmon feeding, board games, hullabaloo, bridge building and much more! A very big thank you to all of our parent helpers this week. Not only does it make it all possible, but the kids love having you alongside them too. Next week will see three more sessions of excitement to look forward to as well.

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of sitting in to see Tāne Mahuta's Source to Sea presentation. This is where the children of Tāne Mahuta, alongside Mr John Fisher, summarised all of the work that they have put into the Source to Sea project. I was astounded with their obvious depth of knowledge and the scientific methodologies. The children knew the equipment, knew the data, and knew what the purpose of the Source to Sea project is. I was also very proud to hear each of our children present with such confidence and professionalism. Well done Tāne Mahuta and a big thanks to John.

This week we will sadly farewell one of our school heroes. Syd Underwood, our caretaker extraordinaire will be retiring and leaving the school at the end of this week. Syd and I have worked together at Sawyers Bay School for more than 13 years. In this time, Syd has never missed a thing! He looked after our school and our kids in a quiet and humble manner. Most of what Syd does often goes unnoticed, which is one of his special talents to be unassuming. Thank you Syd for all of your hard work. You will be sorely missed by the children and the staff. Don't panic however as we have already lined up a whole lot of new tasks for Syd to come in and help us with next year they he may, or may not, know about yet!

Ka kite ano.

Gareth Swete, Principal



Person of the Week



Congratulations to Stevie, Hazel, Lucca, Ava, Hunter and Brayden who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 7 went home with Lucca

Important Dates

Last Day of term: Wednesday 16th December

Teacher Only Day: Tuesday 2nd February 2021

First Day of 2021: Wednesday 3rd February

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

This week in Papatūānuku, the festive season has started. We collaborated to make a tree for our wall, out of our cut out hand shapes. Speaking of collaboration, we have also been learning more about our school values and what they mean. We've been thinking of examples of how we are using our school values in the class, or at break times.

We had a fun session of Kelly Sports, learning a new game that improved our jumping as we went. It also challenged our maths brain as the hoops we collected were worth different amounts of points and each group worked together to collect hoops then add their value.

Activity Modules are in full swing. Thank you to the parents and grandparents helping us out! This is a great opportunity for the children to choose to do something that interests them, and to learn alongside different aged peers.

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Have you heard an elf has miraculously appeared in our class? We have no idea where it came from, what its name is or why it is here! We are busy writing letters to 'elf' so we

can learn more about him. We think he's here to keep his beady little eyes on us so he can report back to our parents and Santa! Ally thinks he'll even report back to Mrs Barr's parents too! We are really enjoying our activity modules and being in whānau groups with other children throughout the school. The activities are fabulous and we can't wait to have another activity next week.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! The Tāwhiri children were very excited to put up the classroom Christmas tree this week and are busy working away on some decorations to fill the tree. Activity modules are now in full swing and I am really enjoying hearing all about their activities as we come back together at the end of each day to share our learning. We continue to work on multiplication in maths and I am so impressed with how well the children are working out problems using a range of different strategies including skip counting, repeated addition, quick recall and drawing a picture of the groups. This week for Kelly sports we focused on jumping. The children played a variety of games that required them to put their skills into action. A favourite was the cone challenge where we had to hold a cone between our feet and jump to stack it on top of another cone. Collaborative skills have been another big focus for us this week. We have been working as a team to create a magnetic car racing track. The children have been working hard to discuss their ideas, listen to others and work together to make our track come to life. We hope to share our track with you at assembly this week.

Report by Tāwhirimātea

Ranginui

Meri Kirihimete
We began the end of year modules this week and we are all enjoying them. I have enjoyed working with Libby from Enviro-schools. Libby helped on Tuesday to make beeswax wraps with my group, and yesterday we started painting our Santa posts. We have got into the Xmas spirit by writing letters to the big guy and decorating the Xmas tree. We have also talked about how people celebrate their cultures at this time of year. As the ukulele students from Ranginui will be playing a song at the last assembly we have been practising most days and the rest of us have been fine tuning our singing voices. Thank you for the parent support this week, it is lovely you can join us.
Reminder: any reading/library books need to be returned tomorrow.

Report by Ranginui

Hinemoana

This week we began our activity modules (something we have all been very excited about!) We are participating in activities like baking, board games, yoga, robotics and bridge building. It has been so cool to see all the children come back from their activities buzzing about what they have been up to! On

Tuesday Liam, Xander and James all shared their talents with us. Liam showed off his athletics skills, Xander his baking and cookie decorating and we were all captivated by James' fencing moves. Thank you for sharing your talents with us boys. You did a fantastic job sharing with the class. We are all looking forward to our next Tuesday Talent Show.

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

It really does feel like we're getting there! It was pleasing to be able to wrap up the Source to Sea project with a very well attended sharing session yesterday. Thank you parents for coming along to support your child's learning. We were proud of the students for persevering with their own inquiries, and for the excellent job they did with the overall presentation.

We have been writing reflections for end of year reports, and completing snapshots of learning to include in profile books. These are a great record of the students' learning journey through Sawyers Bay School.

The students will complete their leaver's speeches and practise them, we have some fun position, distance and orientation activities planned, and we might even allow a bit of Christmas fever to creep in!

Report by Mrs Brewer & Mr Fisher

Sports

Futsal	Team	vs	Score	POD
Tues 1st Dec				
Year 1-2	Gunners	Abbots 1	1-5 (L)	Lucca
Year 1-2	Reds	SPC Tigers	2-8 (L)	Liam Hes
Year 3-4	Aston Villa	Abbots 4 Brockville	0-3 (L)	Pyper Arden &
Year 3-4	Rangers	Braves	3-1 (w)	Pip
Wed 2nd Dec				
Year 5-6	Tigers	Sacred Heart	7-4 (W)	Lyra
Year 5-6	Hammers	Halfway Bush Red	0-6	Ruby
Touch	Team	vs	Score	POD
Thurs 26th Nov				
Year 3-4	Nuggets	St Clair 3 Concord	0-4 (L)	Brayden
Year 5-6	Saints	Blue Balaclava	8-2 (W)	Beau
Year 5-6	Bombers	Bandits	7-1 (W)	Lyla

That was the last week for Futsal and congratulations to the SBS Tigers and SBS Rangers for winning their divisions.