

NEWSLETTER

No. 04 Term 1, Week 5
Thursday 4th March 2021



Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

It feels a little like I am repeating myself, but thank you for your patience as we continue to move up and down Alert levels. We were disappointed to have to make some cancellations this week and ask families to stay off site but we know that it is for the greater good of course.

It is worth celebrating the things that we can do however. On Wednesday we had a real buzz around the school. There were loads of walkers and wheelers all joining up together on their way to school with the teachers on our walking buses. The most notable difference when we do this is actually the carpark. There is a significant drop in vehicles coming and going from the school. So, walking to school not only gives the brain a bit of oxygen to start the day, it also dramatically improves the safety of our children coming to school.

As part of our wheel's day plan and bike track opening, we did have an education plan that could continue. The Tāne Mahuta children had an absolutely amazing time with Scarlett and the Bike On Team who ran a whole day bike skills session. Scarlett even got to run a bike safety session with our Playcentre friends. A big thank you to all those involved.

Did you know that when we as adults are feeling anxious or worried about something, our children can subconsciously feed off that anxiety, no matter how well we hide it. We know because of research that our uncertain world, COVID stresses and the flow on effects will have its greatest impact on our community's mental health up to a year away from the crisis. It is worth noting that there may be underlying stress and anxiety in our community that we can all be aware of. Something that we have noticed is an increase in anxiety at drop off time, exacerbated by not having parents come into the grounds. We know this is hard as a parent. A couple of small tips to help you here are:

- Make it quick and predictable
- Follow the same routine every day
- Talk with your teacher
- Give your child a task to complete when they leave you to focus on (e.g. unpack your bag)
- Remain calm yourself

We assure you that the children that do find drop offs a little tricky are usually running around with their friends smiling before you even reach the roundabout on your way to work.

Ngā mihi nui,
Gareth Swete



Person of the Week



Congratulations to Beth, Tayah, Ava, Levi, Syllas and Jaxon who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 4 went home with Tayah.

Important Dates

Mon 15th Mar Swimming Starts
Tues 23rd March Board of Trustees Meeting

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

This week has been filled with lots of new learning experiences! We have been learning a variety of ways to count forwards and backwards on a number line. We have also used the number lines and little animals in our class to learn how to 'count on' from a number or group when working out addition problems. We have started talking about our school environment, and how we get rid of rubbish and waste. We took turns at taking photos on the iPad of all of the ways our school deals with waste. Yesterday we started learning the Ukulele! We can all play one chord and can sing and play a song!

We are also learning how to roll, bounce, pass and catch basketballs which proved to be a fun experience and an opportunity to work with a buddy.

"Kindness" is a key word in our class at the moment! We are looking out for ways to be kind and noticing when others are kind to us. I'm so proud to say I am seeing lots of kindness being shown in and around our class!

Report Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Tina and Teddy Bear are keeping us learn about fractions. Their dad, Papa Bear, packed a lunch for their teddy bear picnic but there was a problem. Papa Bear had forgotten to cut the sandwich! We experimented in different ways in cutting sandwiches in half so Tina and Teddy had the same amount. We looked in our lunch boxes to see if any of our sandwiches had been cut in half too. We'll be learning about quarters (or fourths) next week when two of their friends join the picnic.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

Another busy and fantastic week in Tāwhirimātea. We continue practising our graphing skills and are learning all about the ph sound. Our writing skills are really starting to take off- we are focusing on using no more than two "and's" plus using full stops in the correct places. We practice this by reading our stories aloud and making sure there is a full stop where we take a breath. You have most likely heard by now that we are on a mission to collect up plastic bottle caps. The children have shown a real interest in learning about the waste that ends up in our oceans, and the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. We are going to do our bit for the environment by saving bottle tops from going to landfill and reusing them to create an artwork that makes others think about saving our oceans as well. We have begun sketching up some designs and will finalise this in the coming days. Thanks to those that have already sent in some bottle caps. We are going to need quite a few so appreciate any we can get.

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

Hello from Ranginui
We have had a wonderful week learning about each other. We presented 'Me in a Bag' to our class mates and then we got to ask questions and make connections to each other. Thank you for helping us get our special items ready. We brought our favourite toys to school and took photos and wrote about them on seesaw. Miss Ruzsa is very proud of our posts.
Today I was lucky enough to walk to school with a huge number of children, this is part of Walk and Wheels week.

It was a really nice way to start the day. It would be wonderful to do this again.

The children have begun to bring a reading book home each night. It would be great if their books could be in a reading folder.

Report Miss Ruzsa

Hinemoana

In Hinemoana we have been exploring Seesaw (digital learning platform) and how to use this in the classroom. We have been using the iPads and signing in with a QR Code, Olivia asked a great question! "Why is it called a QR Code?" We discovered QR stands for Quick Response. Using Seesaw we are completing a Place Value Activity and presenting our Pepeha. On our Pepeha we have added pictures and voice clips. The children worked collaboratively to follow the instructions and navigate Seesaw to do their tasks. It was great to see all of Hinemoana 'Relating to Others' and persevering when 'debugging'. A notice will be coming home so you can access Seesaw and see what your children have been up to. We are all feeling super excited about Seesaw and the extra learning opportunities and home and school links it will provide!

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

Wow! What a fun day we had learning a bunch of new bike skills with The Bike School on Wednesday! The students in Tāne Mahuta pushed themselves, focused and listened well all day to a range of new biking activities - including getting to know the road rules a little better for when they are biking on the road. It was great to watch students persist and push themselves even when they were puffed, tired and too hot! Congratulations on an awesome bike day Tāne Mahuta :)

Report by Miss Tenci

Sport News

Touch	Team	vs	Score	POD
25th Feb	SBS Titans	SFX Yr3-4	4-2 (w)	Liam M
	SBS Nuggets	GB Hawks	15-3 (w)	Everyone

Futsal

Cancelled



School & Community Notices



Welcome to the 2021 Season.

Harbourside Junior Football Club Registrations

Harbourside Football Club provides Junior Football in the West Harbour areas from Ravensbourne to Aramoana. Our players range from 5 through to 13.

Registrations are now open and will close on Saturday March the 20th.

Contact either **Tim Cook** on 4728024 (email timrcc@yahoo.co.nz) or **Ian Landreth** (email ian_landreth@yahoo.com) on 4728381 to register or for further information.

Port Chalmers Book Library

Kia ora Book Club people,
Sadly, due to changing Covid alert levels, we are no longer able to hold our Port Chalmers Library After School Book Club today.

We will try for another date later this month, and will send you the updated details if we're able to reschedule.

Ngā mihi,

Elsbeth, Lucinda and the Port Chalmers Library team.

