

# NEWSLETTER

No. 06 Term 1, Week 7  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

What a busy week it has been at SBS. Thank you to all of the amazing parents and caregivers for having your children so well organised for swimming. The lessons are running incredibly smoothly thanks to being prepared. We are thrilled with what we are seeing so far. The kids are working extremely hard and progressing daily. Most likely by the time that you have read this newsletter, we would have also completed our Flippa Ball session. Each swim block, we have the coaches of the Dunedin Flippa Ball (kids version of Water Polo) do a lesson with us. This is usually saved for the end of the swimming block but we took the opportunity while the instructors were available. Again, a really big thank you to Port Otago for once again supporting our swimming. Their contribution is just incredible and very appreciated.

I would like to take an opportunity to clarify our communication procedures. We love hearing from our parents and really value the home-school connection. This was never more important than during our distance learning, and we love that this has continued for many families. When it comes to teaching and learning, please do keep in touch with your classroom teacher. When it comes to organisational stuff, such as a different pick up, absence etc. please direct all communication through the office. Teachers generally do not check any messages and very rarely check emails during the school day, and we do not want to miss important updates from you. If it goes to the office, then we can best get messages during the day to children and teachers. Thanks for your help.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Olivia, Oliver, Luca, Aletta, Korben and Ruby who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 6 went home with Korben.

## Important Dates

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Easter holiday

Otago Anniversary – School Closed  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Yr 5-6 Boating  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

This week we welcome Willow to our class! Our swimming sessions this week are going really well! We're so impressed with the effort and achievement in only a few days.

This week it was Milo the Monkey's birthday. We made cards for him, using our cutting skills to create different shapes and pop out effects.

We've been increasing our Te Reo and number knowledge by playing bingo in Te Reo. We are also getting so much faster at recognising the numerals on the card and scanning our bingo board to see if we have the matching number or word.

As part of learning about what is in our school environment, we went on a hunt for bees! We only found a few but we now know which flowers they like and where we can find them around our school. We have learned to draw bees and have learned about the honey comb that the bees make. We were thrilled to see a real piece of

bees wax and explore the shapes and texture of it. If you'd like to hear how we are improving with our ukulele playing, please come along to assembly tomorrow as it is our turn to share our learning!



*Report by Mrs Campbell*

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Thank you for sending swimming gear along to school each day this week and adding a couple of extra snacks into lunch boxes. The children work really hard during their lessons and they are improving daily. Our class is in the pool between 11-11:30 am if you're able to join us. The children are getting better at being self-managers when they are changing too!



*Report by Mrs Barr*

### Tāwhirimātea

Swimming is well under way and already we can see the children progressing and developing confidence in the water. The Tawhiri children are really enjoying using our bus trips as a time to have a sing song. "Move down the bus" is a real favourite at the moment and very fitting. Our art work has now been painted, sealed and is ready for us to begin hammering on our bottle caps. We have been lucky to have 2 bucket loads donated so far, however we still need plenty more so keep them coming- we appreciate your efforts! Monday was a very exciting day for us as after a long wait, our butterflies finally emerged and we were able to release them outside. We were surprised to see them both land on trees in the playground, and noticed they had returned to the same trees the following day. A few of us were lucky enough to hold them before they flew away. They felt very ticklish!



*Report by Mrs Swete*

### Ranginui

It has been a busy week in Ranginui, with swimming lessons making up most of the morning programme. The children are already improving their water skills and are keen to learn more over the next week.

In Writing, we have been reviewing our use of capital letters and checking we are using them in the correct places. In Math we are using our doubles and repeated addition to learn our times tables. We hope you can join us at this week's assembly where we will be sharing our self portrait artwork.



*Report by Miss Ruzsa*

### Hinemoana

It has been a big week with our first lot of swimming and the children are doing a wonderful job in the pool. Well done Hinemoana! We are continuing our measurement exploration, learning all about weight. We have made our own seesaws and used the balance scales to work out what items are the lightest or heaviest. We are estimating the weight of grocery items and then weighing these on scales, measuring in grams and kilograms. We have learnt it is super important to read the scales correctly! This is also providing us with the chance to practice our subtraction strategies as we work out the difference between our estimations and actual measurements. Last week was all about similes and this week we have learnt about another language feature - metaphors. Maybe you could ask your child what the difference is between a simile and a metaphor and see if they could give you an example of each?



*Report by Miss Laing*

## Tāne Mahuta

This week in Tāne Mahuta has been very busy. As well as our normal timetable, we have been fitting in some pretty awesome swimming sessions! We have been challenging ourselves in the pool even when we've been feeling tired. It has been great to see some parents coming to watch. We have also been working hard on our place value and collaborating with each other to work out a number of different place value riddles. This activity was pretty challenging but fun. It was good to be able to ask friends questions and work together to problem solve the answers.

*Report by Miss Tenci*

## Sport News

**Thurs 11th - Wednesday 16th March**

| Touch           | vs                  | Score    | POD    |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------|--------|
| SBS Titans      | TKKM Atakura        | 8-3 (W)  | Ava M  |
| SBS Nuggets     | GSNS Lightning      | 8-2 (W)  | Ruby C |
| Futsal          | vs                  | Score    | POD    |
| SBS City        | SFX Minis           | 0-6 (L)  | Beth   |
| SBS Rangers     | Tainui 1<br>Concord | 0-1 (L)  | Luca   |
| SBS Hotspurs    | Shooters            | 11-0 (W) | Lewana |
| SBS Aston Villa | SPC Dragons         | 2-2 (D)  | Hunter |

## School & Community

### Highlanders vs Hurricanes Fri 26<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to the Highlander crew who have kindly supplied a family pass for each home game to the school to distribute to a deserving family. If you are interested in a family pass and would like to be considered, please email Gareth. We do only have one pass per game and will try to distribute this as fairly as possible.

## Flippa Ball @ the Pool

