

NEWSLETTER

No. 09 Term 1, Week 11
Thursday 15th April 2021



Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

What a very bust term we have had to start 2021. There has been no let-up in the last few weeks however as we have had a whole lot going on within the school and beyond.

A big congratulations to Chloe and Ava W who represented the school at the Otago Triathlon Champs in Balclutha last week. Chloe and Ava competed as a team of two against the best of the best of Otago, and all in teams of three. They achieved a remarkable fourth position (but we actually think it may be third!). Well done girls.

One of the highlights of our term was definitely our Back Beach experience last week. A massive thank you to Rachel from Port to Port, Jordana from the Wildlife Hospital, and Port Otago for making it all possible. We also really appreciate all of the wonderful adults who joined us on the day. We are so appreciative of all of the helpers both on the day, and those that offered. As always, the kids were full of enthusiasm and eagerness. We were most proud of not only their general behaviour, but also how well they looked after each other in their cross-class groups.

Tomorrow there will be no assembly as we em'bark' (pun intended) on our Pet Day. We apologise for not having information about this out sooner but we have learned to not plan events too far ahead for the time-being for fear of having to cancel and disappoint the children. We do look forward to seeing some pets at the school tomorrow and have our fingers crossed for nice weather. Please note that this does mean that there will be no Assembly, but all parents are welcome to join us, pet or not, for the afternoon.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Zander, Mordy, Maddie, Willow, Cooper and Stevie who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 10 went home with Maddie.

Important Dates

Friday 16th April
Monday 3rd May
Tuesday 11th May
Tuesday 18th May

Last Day of term 1 (No assembly)
First day Term 2
PTA Meeting
Board Meeting

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

Last week, we welcomed Stan Dick to Papatūānuku! It has been a full week of many varied learning experiences, both inside and outside of the classroom! We all really enjoyed our trip to Back Beach. Thank you to the parents who were available to help out. We really enjoyed learning about the Wildlife Hospital. We picked up lots of rubbish from around the road and walkway which we know has prevented it from ending up in the harbour.

Back at school, we used our construction skills to help Tāwhirimātea with their mural using un-recyclable bottle tops for a good use.

During our fitness sessions, we have started learning how to play T Ball. It was great to see Papatūānuku being SBS Risk Takers and trying a new activity with a positive attitude. We'll keep working on our T Ball skills next term too. We had a lovely visit from a group from Koputai Pioneers Centre. We read a story about Greedy Cat, then thought of as many words as we could to describe what he looked like, sounded like and felt like. Then we all

painted a picture of Greedy Cat. Check them out on our classroom wall! They look great.

This term we have had a focus on "Relating to Others" which is one of our key competencies. We have talked about how we can work together effectively with a buddy and have been putting that into practice in lots of learning activities. Here are some photos of us working on our relationship skills as we work with others to complete tasks.

It has been a FABULOUS term in Papatūānuku and I am so proud of the progress all of the tamariki have made with not only settling into the school, but also with their learning and friendship skills too.

I hope everyone has a wonderful school holidays!



Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Our Theme learning this week has focused on pets. The children in our class have lots of pets and we're excited to share some of them at our pet afternoon tomorrow. Even though some of us aren't able to share our living pet at school, we know that it's best for the animals as some animals get stressed or scared around lots of people. To link in with this, we're learning about the five freedoms. They are:

1. Freedom from hunger and thirst (food and water). All animals need clean water and a well-balance, healthy diet.
2. Freedom from discomfort (a safe home, shelter and somewhere to rest).
3. Freedom from pain, injury and disease (medical care)
4. Freedom to behave naturally (exercise, behaviour).
5. Freedom from fear and distress (love and understanding).

The SPCA have a great website for kids with lots of information and activities.

We hope to see you tomorrow at our pet afternoon!

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

It's so hard to believe that we have reached the end of our first term. We have had a fantastic time learning about our environment and the impact that waste can have on it. We were so lucky to be able to have stunning weather for our trip to Back Beach on Friday and after predicting what we may see in the morning, we were able to come back to school and tick many of those things off - we are happy to report that we did not find a lot of litter though! Our bottle cap mural is very close to being finished so we now have a maths challenge to work out how many bottle caps we have used. I am impressed with some of the strategies the children have come up with so far to help them keep track of the caps counted- as you can imagine, there are a lot to count and it isn't easy remembering which ones have already been counted.

This week we have been focusing on ANZAC day. We have compared life at war to life at home, learnt about the animals involved in the war, looked at the significance of poppies and ANZAC biscuits, and will be making our own ANZAC biscuits. We are all very excited about Pet day on Friday afternoon- I am looking forward to meeting all the pets I often hear so much about. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe term break and look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 2.

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

Hello from the Ranginui students.

We have had a fantastic term, learning about footprints, and creating arts and maths. We have really enjoyed learning our two, five and ten times tables. We loved baking, our pyjama day, and working together.

Last week we enjoyed going on the boat and seeing the sea life, some groups saw an octopus and a squid.

Our last week of term has been a blast. We have learnt so much already about ANZAC Day. We hope we get to experience a dawn parade this year or attend a community memorial.

We hope to have a nice holiday break and look forward to more fun next term.





Report by Ranginui



Report by Miss Laing

Hinemoana

Last week we were lucky enough to go on an adventure to Back Beach where we got to go on the Port to Port Boat, learn about the wildlife hospital and participate in a beach clean up. A highlight for sure was our turn on the Port to Port Boat where we go to see lots of fish, birds, and even shipwrecks!

This week we have begun learning about the ANZACs. We have learnt that the first ANZAC Day was 25th April 1915 when the Australian and NZ Army Corps invaded Gallipoli to fight the Turks. This learning has led to lots of thoughtful and insightful questions from the children and we will aim to answer them at the start of next term. So on that note, thank you for a wonderful term Hinemoana! You have all worked so hard and have definitely earned your school holidays. I hope everyone has a great break and we will see you back, refreshed and ready to go for Term 2.

Tāne Mahuta

Just like that it is the end of the term. The Tāne Mahuta children have had a very busy term one with boating, bike skills, outdoor activities and all our wonderful learning experiences about our environment.

We have also begun doing some new learning around History and ANZAC. We put our heads together to share our ideas and questions about the ANZACS, then we researched the questions that we asked. The children have also been busy gathering information about their relatives. We then went onto [Online Cenotaph - Auckland War Memorial Museum](#) to find any information that was relevant to them, it has been really great discovering new things about relatives who fought in the Wars and the heritage of families. This website also allowed us to place virtual poppies at the name of family members.



Report by Mrs Brewer

Sport News

Our last week of Futsal this week. A huge thank you to all the Parents who put their hands up to Coach or manage teams, we can't do it without you.

We have closed off registrations for Term 2-3 Kiwihoops (Miniball) and Mini Sticks (Hockey) and will send out notices for teams tomorrow.



This week in Papatūānuku



Week 8-13th April

Touch	vs	Score	POD
SBS Titans	Tainui Y3/4	WBD	Kenzie
SBS Nuggets	Columba Navy	6-4 (W)	All
Futsal	vs	Score	POD
SBS City	Mornington	3-2 (W)	Haydn
SBS Rangers	St Clair 6	1-8 (L)	All
SBS Hotspurs	Concord	4-0 (W)	Bella
SBS Aston Villa	Brockville	1-3 (L)	Archie



School & Community Notices

Anzac Day

On Anzac Day, Sunday 25th April, the Dawn Service of Remembrance will commence at 6.30am at the Cenotaph – Queens Gardens and an invitation is extended to you all to participate in the march. A program for the event can be downloaded from our website: www.dn-rsa.org.nz after the 18th April.

Those wishing to march need to be assembled no later than 6am. Family medals may be worn on the right side of the chest.

Port Chalmers Library

On Thursday April 22nd at 10.30am, author and illustrator Heather Hunt will be Reading her award-winning book, *Mr. Kiwi Has an Important Job*, in the children's area at Port Chalmers Library.

Following on from this, children can book a (free!) place in a drawing workshop being run by Heather, from 11.15am – 12.

For further information, and to make a booking, go to

<https://hail.to/wild-dunedin/publication/Jn9cZIN/article/iyJfRRk>

