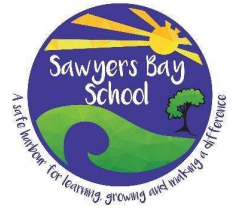


NEWSLETTER

No. 10 Term 2, Week 1
Thursday 6th May 2021



Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2. We have another exciting term ahead of us with plenty of learning and action for our children.

We would like to welcome Aiden, Blake, Francesca, Madeline, Elma and Ava to the school this term. We are very pleased to have you all with us.

As you may already be aware, Koputai Kids After School Programme will be finishing up at the end of this month. I would like to thank Wendy and Jared for their support of our school and their care of our kids. Mana After school care will continue to operate and you may have seen a SchoolApp notification yesterday about another provider. If you could take two minutes to complete their survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HVSFKLF> we would be very appreciative. It will give us a better indication of need within our community.

Congratulations to our SBS Swimmers who competed over the holiday break representing the school. Ruby C, Fletcher, Peregrin and Olivia all did us proud. You can see more details in the sports section of this newsletter.

Another exciting update that might not be immediately obvious is that SBS has officially ended their relationship with coal over the holiday period! Up until now we have had a coal boiler heat our main block. We have spent several years looking for ways to move away from coal for environmental reasons and finally got the support of the Ministry of Education. It will also allow us to keep the classrooms at good learning temperatures in the summer. While we know that heat pumps aren't necessarily the best way forward, this was a good step in the right direction. We will be continuing to lean on the Ministry of Education to continue to explore environmentally conscious and sustainable ways to keep our kids warm and cosy.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

Important Dates

Tuesday 11th May
Tuesday 18th May

PTA Meeting
Board Meeting

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

We're thrilled to be back for Term 2! This week we welcome Ava and Elma to Papatūānuku.

We also welcome Miss Theron and Miss Misiluti, who are 1st year students from the University College of Education. We've kicked off the term learning the days of the week in Te Reo, NZ Sign Language and learning to read and order the English days of the week. The Very Hungry Caterpillar story has helped us with this learning and we've developed our cutting, pasting and drawing skills to create visual art in response to this story. They look great! We are learning about Road Safety this week and looking forward to our visit from Constable Plew on Friday. We made a graph to show how we get to and from school and have talked about what is traffic, and why we need to consider all of the traffic when we're walking or biking, or getting in and out of a car. This week we have got out the coloured, tuned bells and are learning to follow the music to play familiar songs. We are excited to share some of our learning this week with you in assembly!

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

It was fabulous seeing everyone back at school on Monday. We really enjoyed catching up with what we've been up to. A heat pump was installed during the holiday break and we're toasty warm in our class. Thank you Mr Swete for organising this for us all. Another thank you this week goes to the team at Kiwi Harvest a batch of delicious kai was delivered yesterday and we took advantage of an afternoon snack while we listened to our story, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Here's a photo of the kids nibbling away. I'm sure they chose the largest carrots and apples in the boxes!!



Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

Welcome to Term 2 with Tāwhirimātea! This week we are very lucky to be welcoming 2 new students and their families. Francesca and Madeline have both joined our Tāwhiri team this week and I am so proud of how all of the children have made them feel so welcome. We are also very excited to have Freddie join us again! This term we are learning about NZ history and we already have some great knowledge and ideas of things we want to learn more about. There are also lots of other exciting things to look forward to this term, such as a school concert, a trip to the art gallery and Kelly sports. We hope to reveal our big art work next Friday in assembly. We only need a few more white bottle caps now to complete the sky. We will see Miss Sims a bit more this term as she has a 3 week placement coming up in week 4. She has some fantastic lessons in the pipeline. It's shaping up to be an action packed and fun-filled term!

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

Welcome back Ranginui Whanau. I think we have all had a wonderful term break as we have hit the ground running!! The children are all happy to be back at school and with a few new math and literacy activities have settled into our daily routine smoothly. We have an exciting inquiry programme this term called 'passion projects' The children have begun to think about what they would like to learn, create, research and present to the class later in the term. Our reading and writing programme is based around biographies. The children have chosen a famous New Zealander to research. Do feel free to pop in and see us.

Report by Miss Ruzsa

Hinemoana

Welcome back to school for Term 2 everyone! Hinemoana has been off to a flying start and I have been so impressed with how they have settled into the new term and their eagerness for their learning. We are lucky to have two extra teachers in our classroom at the moment from the Otago University College of Education. Please welcome,

Mr Hayden and Mr Newdick to Hinemoana. We are very excited to have you with us! We are getting stuck into our topic 'History Never Repeats', continuing our learning about the Anzacs and World War 1. In Mathematics, we are building upon our knowledge of multiplication that we started in Term 1 and are just beginning to explore division. A new skill we are learning is called 'RAP' which is helping us to gain a deeper understanding of information, answer questions and summarise. Maybe you could ask your child what 'RAP' stands for?

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

Hello from Tāne Mahuta. We are happy to be getting into our learning for this term and it's going to be very busy as we continue to focus on our Anzac topic and then move on to Gold Rush History. We were very excited to see some souvenirs from Archie and Fletcher's families who were soldiers. The variety of information that has been filtering through has led to great discussions. On Tuesday Mrs Brewer brought her trench whistle to school and we used it throughout the day, when the whistle was blown we had to put down what we were doing and run outside to the memorial. By the end of the day most of us had had enough, we could only imagine how it must have felt for soldiers.

In Maths we have begun looking at volume and capacity, we are going to make some ANZAC biscuits using our knowledge of this. This week Rhys also brought his diorama to school. It was pretty amazing.



Report by Mrs Brewer

School & Community Notices

Otago Primary Swimming Champs

On the 10 April, four of our students participated in the Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships held at Moana Pool. Ruby Challis, Fletcher McCall, Peregrin Carlos Torr and Olivia Dick competed in a variety of events doing themselves and our school proud. Some of the strokes had up to 45 children competing in the heats. Our swimmers placed in the first 15 swimmers in several events but missed out on swimming in a final. Overall it was a great morning. The children showed great team spirit cheering loudly for each other as well as for fellow

swimmers from our neighbouring schools (St Joseph's and Port Chalmers) and ex-SBS students now at DNI. It was very exciting to be part of and a great experience for all the swimmers.

Community Tree planting – Pete's patch June 5th



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Job: We will be planting 500 trees from 10am. Holes will be pre-dug and trees will just need to be stripped of bags and put in holes.

What do I need? People may want to bring gloves and some water/a hat, and it could be cold or rainy but we'll play it by ear.

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