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NEWSLETTER

No. 12 Term 2, Week 3
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Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

Well we have certainly seen a drop in weather conditions this week and there has even been snow on the forecasts. This is a good time to remind all families what the procedure is in the event of snow. The call to close schools due to snow is made centrally and not necessarily our decision. This means that we often find out the same time that you do. A decision to close schools is made with the intention of keeping all students and staff safe. This includes staff travelling from all over Dunedin meaning that we might be instructed to close and there is no actual snow on the ground in Sawyers Bay! In the event of a closure, the most up to date source of information is the Hits Radio Station and Facebook page. As soon as we get a notification, we will also put out a SchoolApp notification. This can occur as well on extremely frosty mornings, although this is more likely to be a late start than a full closure. If you do not have the SchoolApp on your device, now would be a really good time to get it. If we do get a good dump and the school is closed, we expect that all children MUST be encouraged to make snowmen, drink hot chocolate and throw snowballs.

Speaking of winter, it is also a really good time to stock up the freezer with Cheese Rolls. Don't forget that the PTA cheese roll orders are now due back to the office next week. There is also a link on the last School App notification to a Google form where we are seeking as many helpers as we can. Thank you in advance for all of the offers of support we have had so far, we really do appreciate it.

Here is a little challenge for you all. If you can work out the answer to this REBUS puzzle, write it down with your name and drop it into the office. All children who submit a correct answer will go into a lucky draw for a small treat, good luck!

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

STAND
TRY 2

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Rhys, Jorjah, Ally, Parker, Liam P and Isaac who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 3 went home with Ally.

Important Dates

SBS Starters Dates

Friday 21st May, 4th June, 18th June
and 2nd June 1.15 – 2.15pm

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

This week we have started talking about what life might have been like for people living in New Zealand in the past. We have some ideas and questions of things we would like to learn about for this topic. I was impressed at the children's ability to ask questions. At fitness time, we have started skipping again! The enthusiasm has grown and it was lovely to see everyone giving it a go and participating happily. During Maths, we are learning to "count on" from the largest number when adding two sets together. We are also learning about the number that comes before or after a number. Some numbers are tricky, especially when the number that comes after it changes to the next group of ten – for example: 59 to 60. We have been having fun with the percussion instruments during music time. We learned what they are called, how to play them and all had a go with each instrument to play a rhythm as we said a musical poem. We also got the coloured tuned bells out again and are having fun with those, as we play and sing familiar songs.

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I mentioned last week that we love music and singing. The children's choice song this week is a song called 'Different' written by an ex-Kings High pupil, Tomuri Spicer. His song is about how we are all different and how wonderful that is. Tomuri's song links in so well with our class ethos of being kind to others and thinking how other people feel. As well as singing this song in our class, our UkeKids ukulele group is learning this song as it is one of the ones we'll be playing at the Ukulele Jam next term. You can listen to Tomuri's song here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZU6H8aejs0

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

Tāwhirimātea are busy writing about their acorn characters this week. We are working really hard to develop our writing skills and are learning to take a boring sentence and add lots of descriptive language to make it more interesting, to help paint a picture in the readers mind. Here is an example of a sentence that we all worked on together.

-Aaron Acorn went to work.

-Aaron Acorn suddenly woke up on a beautiful morning and excitedly walked to his work much earlier than he needed to.

Miss Sims will be with us every day for the next couple of weeks, taking some very exciting lessons. I will also be in class supporting her and working with individuals and groups during this time. We look forward to having her with us. We were excited to finally display our bottle cap artwork outside by the sandpit this week. Have you noticed it? Here is a picture of us very proudly showing off our hard work.



Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

Hi everyone, Ranginui have continued to develop knowledge and apply their fraction learning this week. We are getting more and more confident. We have used our

afternoons to research our famous NZer so our passion projects will not begin for another week. (I will send a note explaining the process nearer the start time) It is 'OUTSIDE' day today and we have a few things planned. (Hope the weather is nicer than today!) The children have brought jackets, hats and gumboots as part of our day will be at Pete's Patch. We are all excited about the trip to the Art Gallery and hope some of you are able to join us. I have asked for children with long hair to tie it up. Please ensure this is part of your regular morning routine. As a few children have been away lately with the inevitable 'BUG' and on return are still not feeling over it (another year of lingering on), a reminder that you can email me at joslynr@sawyersbay.school.co.nz to update me on anything.

Report by Ms Ruzsa

Hinemōana

Our letters home from war are really taking shape and the children are working hard on making sure their letters are formatted correctly and have lots of detail for the recipient back home in New Zealand. We are looking forward to reading some of these in Assembly this week. Our current S.T.E.A.M Challenge is all about catapults. We are Allied Soldiers and following The Engineering Design Process by designing and creating catapults that will land in the centre of our enemy's (Central Powers) target. As we test out our catapults we are learning that how much force and strength we apply to them helps to determine how close (or far!) they land from the target. We are 'Relating to Others' by working in teams and are tackling challenges head on when what we have planned hasn't quite worked out. I have been very impressed by everyone's 'Thinking' and involvement during our catapult challenge. Well done Hinemōana!

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

This week we have been busy finishing our Art pieces and are starting to venture into our new topic for the term. In Tāne Mahuta we are very lucky to have parents with knowledge of what we are learning about. We are already seeing some interesting pieces that are going to relate to our next Topic. In Writing we have been looking and writing about different styles of poetry. A poem is a composition that uses words to evoke emotions in an imaginative way, so it is fair to say we have enjoyed writing about our own free choice of ideas. In Maths we have been looking at volume and capacity and have been using hands-on activities to use this knowledge. We made ANZAC biscuits and some super yummy jellies. It was also great to see some of the Tāne Mahuta students tasting things they haven't tasted before.

Report by Mrs Brewer

Sport News

This week the SBS Stars were added to the wrong grade and came up against a Year 4 team. Coach AJ used the opportunity to have a fun training session against Mornington. Basketball Otago have now put them into the correct grade.

Miniball	Team	vs	Score	POD
Thurs 13th May				
		Mornington		
Year 1-2	SBS Stars	Hoops	n/a	n/a
Year 3-4	SBS Comets	GB Hotshots	6-8 (L)	n/a

School & Community Notices

Ice Cream containers with lids

Tāne Mahuta are on the lookout for ice cream containers to assist with their art projects, they make great paint pallets. If you have any at home you can donate they would be very appreciative.

Boxes and clean recyclables

Hine-Rau-Whārangī are still seeking boxes and other clean recyclables that would go into the yellow-lidded bin. Please feel free to drop any off to their classroom. Thanks!

Otago Nuggets

This week we have an offer for Primary and Intermediate students to come free with a paying adult.

Nuggets v Giants 22 May 7.30pm: Three child tickets can be purchased for free with a paying adult. Use **Giants21** as the voucher code when purchasing on-line

Ticketek are working on including this option on their website but if that doesn't work we encourage those wanting to attend to get their tickets at the door!