

NEWSLETTER

No. 16 Term 2, Week 7
Thursday 17th June 2021



Principal's Note

Dear Parents and Caregivers - Kia ora everyone,

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to the PTA and all of the wonderful parents, caregivers and teacher helpers on our Cheese Roll mission on Sunday. We were very fortunate to have a very efficient production line and were able to roll out of there before dark. Thank you also to the families who placed orders with us. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and a great one to help stock the freezer for winter.

It has been a challenging week this week with a lot of rain limiting the play spaces for the children. It seems like a very long time since we had a whole week of rain. The children have certainly been busy within the classes with concert practices and planning on top of the classroom programmes. They have done well to adapt to our limited play spaces and we do apologise for a couple of muddy children coming home! For some children, the lure of a good puddle is greater than others.

Our junior classes got to attend a great session at the Toitū Early Settlers Museum (Tāwhirimātea is going tomorrow of course). These were a real insight into how classes operated in the early days and highlighted just how lucky we are with how our learning operates now. The Toitū museum is an amazing resource for Dunedin. If you haven't taken your family there, and even if you go frequently, there is always something new to spot and do. Great for wet weather family adventures.

I have really enjoyed having children and parents come to me with Rebus puzzle answers and questions. I do hope you enjoy puzzling out the answers. The answer to last week's puzzle was of course Potatoes (pot + eight o's). Good luck with this week's puzzle and do come to me with answers when you have worked it out

Ngā mihi nui,

Gareth Swete

WINEEE

(Clue: Nothing to do with wine)

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Ngāki, Mathilda, Ethan, Christian, Haydn and Elma who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 6 went home with Christian & Haydn

Important Dates

SBS Starters Dates	Friday 18 th June and 2 nd July 1.15 – 2.15pm
Board of Trustees Mtg	Tuesday 22 nd June.
School Concert	7pm 1 st July

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

The highlight of this week would have to be our visit to Toitū! The tamariki were well behaved, giving fabulous answers to questions and showing interest in each area of the museum that we visited. Dressing up in clothes from past made for a very authentic re-enactment, as we explored the variety of transport people ventured on – from Raupo canoes, to wooden whaling boats and sailing ships that families travelled on for up to 5 months at a time. The children had so much fun dramatising this adventure in the replica sailing ship. We then sat on the tram, and the most memorable transport item, the Tiger Tea Bus. We all absolutely loved our trip to Toitū! Thank you so much to the parents who accompanied us.

Upon our return, we have written sentences about our trip, and drawn a picture of something we saw from New Zealand's history. Come along to assembly if you'd like to see these fabulous drawings.

During our maths time, we have been learning about halves and quarters. There has been a lot of discussion about sandwiches and other food items being cut in halves or quarters! Thank you for your input at home to help make this learning seem more real. It was delightful to see and hear

the connections being made with our learning, and what they saw in their own lunchboxes!



Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

The excitement is growing for our School Concert as we learn our dance as well as get together for our whole school rehearsals. We had our first run through of part of our dance yesterday in front of the whole school and I was so impressed and proud of the kids. I'm sure you'll be ultra-impressed when you see them perform on the evening of 1 July.

We're in full swing of making our Learning Profiles too, and the kids are realising how much they've learned so far this year. These will be emailed to you later in the term.

We also had a trip to Toitū on Monday to learn some more things about New Zealand histories. We started our learning in the olden day classroom and we even dressed up in clothes from the past!



Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

Gosh week 7 already! The term is going by so quickly! We are very excited this week to have finalised our song and actions for our school concert item. The children have come up with some fantastic ideas and are really excited to have their time to shine in the spotlight. I am currently trying to organise costume items from Toitū to save any unnecessary costs and will know if these are available by Friday. There may be some common clothing items required and once these are finalised I will send a notice home with more information. In Maths we continue to become fractions experts, I am very impressed with how eager the children are to extend their learning. We have been busy using short films as our inspiration for writing. These films have no dialogue so the children are having to predict what might happen, who the characters are and thinking critically about what messages the screen writer might be wanting to share with us. Tomorrow we head off on the bus to Toitū for our class trip! We will be sure to get some photos for next week's newsletter.

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

Kia Ora. Your children are amazing! We have completed our myth publishing, and are moving on to finding facts from books based on the early days. We will continue to build our knowledge on the history of NZ and look at ways of publishing our facts. A big thank you to Simon, who helped

place our art mural on the class wall. Looks fantastic!! The children are getting excited about their passion projects. I have to say THANK YOU for the support and encouragement you are giving to help them succeed. Please if you have any questions please contact me. We should all be on plans, creating and recording our journeys. We can talk about presenting our journeys and if possible our final products soon. For now, we are concentrating on our concert dance. (We are amazing) I will send a note home about what we are wearing (Easy Peasy!)

Report by Ms Ruzsa

Hinemoana

We are learning to write information reports in Hinemoana. Information reports are factual pieces of writing that teach the reader about a certain topic. We are working hard to have an interesting hook to draw the reader in and include sub-headings in our reports. There is lots of energy and enthusiasm around our concert item which is really starting to take shape this week. The children have come up with some fabulous ideas and moves and we are excited to show off what we have come up with to you all at our concert on Thursday 1st July. A note will have come home this week about Hinemoana's costumes for the concert. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions around this, either by popping into class or flicking me an email.

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

We have been moving on from our information report writing in Tāne Mahuta to look at some different sentence types. The types of sentences we have focused on this week and a little last week are: command sentences, exclamation sentences, questions and statements. Last week some of these concepts were quite confusing! However, with some more collaborating and problem solving together this week, the students seem to be feeling a lot more confident about differentiating between these sentence types. They are also using a lot more of the correct punctuation when writing them down! Ka pai kids, you are awesome.

Report by Miss Tenci

Sport News

Miniball	Team	vs	Score	POD
Thurs 10th June				
Year 1-2	SBS Stars	Mornington Tigers	Unknown	Isaac
Year 3-4	SBS Comets	GB Rockets	7-47 (L)	Bella
Netball				
Tues 8th June				
Year 5-6	Combined	Musselburgh	5-5	St L

School Concert

Newsletter being sent home today re tickets etc.