



Sawyers Bay School Newsletter

No. 2

Thursday 21st December

It has been a great week for teaching and learning this week. We have had a few events around the school that have kept us all busy on top of our normal classroom routines. The Year 5 and 6 students got their first boating session in yesterday with finally some suitable weather. If you recall, we missed all of our Term 4 boating sessions due to rubbish weather. It was terrific to have a huge number of parent helpers too which meant that the kids got to spend much more time on the water and plenty of adult eyes to keep them safe, thank you parents. Our Term 1 round of Futsal started last night too with our teams having a great first game with lots of smiles and fun.

In the classroom, we also had Daniel from Enviroschools kicking off our Water Sustainability unit with his Waterscape activity. I would encourage you to ask your child about this as the lesson that each class went through was amazing and powerful.

In last week's Newsletter, I had mentioned the Breakfast in Schools programme that we will be running. This will start next week in Room 7 (Whare Hui). If your child wants to join in for breakfast, there will be Weetbix and milk available with adults helping out between 8.30-8.55am. THERE IS NO COST and it is available to everyone.

By the time that you read this Newsletter, and all going to plan, we should have a container on-site beside our bike track. After a little fitting out, this will have 25 school bikes stored in it which will be available to all children. They will be made available at morning tea and lunchtimes, and may at times be used during class. All that we would ask is that parents send their child along with their own helmet to school. We are hoping that this will make the bike track more accessible for those who cannot always bring their own bike to school while also promoting physical activity. A big thank you to CSL Containers for helping us to complete this project, and a big thank you again to Bikes in Schools programme for their incredible support.

The first two assemblies in Room 7/Whare Hui this year have been terrific with our sliding doors adding some room for parents. Please do remember that the purpose of assembly is to give our kids their moment in the spotlight. It is a big deal for them to be able to show off their learning to an audience and to receive awards for their hard work. It would be really appreciated if parents could please keep their chatting to a minimum while the children are presenting, it is a real distraction for our kids who are always doing their best to be a good audience, thank you for your understanding.

We look forward to seeing many of you next week in the PCT Discussion times. Times will be sent home with your child tomorrow. If your time slot note gets lost in the bottom of a bag, please get hold of us and we can let you know when you are scheduled in.



Gareth Swete
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Principal

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Pyper, Kenzie, Jayden, Donnie, Madison & Beau who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 2 went home with Donnie.

Important Dates

Tues 26th Feb PCT Discussions 3-5.30pm
Thurs 28th Feb PCT Discussions 5-7.30pm
Sun 17th Mar PTA Sunday Family Fun Day 11am – 2pm

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

Papatūānuku have been learning to throw and catch! We've thrown balls and bean bags and are showing improvement each time we do it. The kids would love to show their whanau at home how they are improving their skills!

This week we've learned some new maths games to develop our counting and number recognition. Playing board games at home is a great way to build on these skills too.

We enjoyed hearing from our Enviroschools expert Daniel about stormwater and what we can do to prevent the wrong things going down our stormwater drain. Papatūānuku kids have shown responsibility already by collecting litter from around our school grounds to prevent it ending up in the stormwater drain and eventually in the sea life environment.

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangi

One of our highlights in our learning this week was spending time with Daniel from Enviroschools. Daniel brought the enviroscape with him so we could learn about our impact on our stormwater system. We loved building up the enviroscape, adding houses, factories, bridges, cars, dogs, cows, rubbish, trees, trucks and people. We then added the impact these things have on our environment. Beth sprayed the 'storm' onto the land and we were amazed at what happened. We saw the oil and petrol from the vehicles, rubbish dog poo and soil seep into our stormwater system. This has been a great ignitor for our learning about water.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

We've had another busy week in Tāwhirimātea, on Wednesday we had Dan from Enviroschools who taught us all about polluted waterways and how everyday life activities can affect our water, but most importantly what we can do to prevent such things happening. In Maths with Miss O'Malley we are learning all about numbers to 100, before and after, skip counting in 2's and 5's, counting on from the largest number, place value and number bonds to 10. On Wednesday afternoons we enjoy our time at our school library followed by some physical education outside.

We have worked hard to write bio poems about ourselves and these will be on display in the classroom, please come and have a look! Tomorrow, we are all very excited to be working on our first STEAM challenge- to create a marble run that keeps the marble moving for 60 seconds.

Report by Miss O'Malley & Mrs Swete

Ranginui

It has been a water focused past week in Ranginui! Thank you to the PTA and Mr Swete for organising an amazing water slide last week that let us all show off our sliding skills! We really enjoyed our session with Daniel from Enviroschools as he taught us about storm water systems and how humans and animals impact on our precious water supply. Has your child told you about Scratch? It is a coding programme that we have been learning how to use in class. You can use it on any device so have a look and see what your child can teach you.

Report by Mrs Eathorne

Hinemoana

This week the Year 5's of Hinemoana and Tāne Mahuta got to have their first boating session. Everybody worked together to get set up and packed up and it was wonderful to see effective collaboration and communication happening between students. Out on the water we used kayaks, dinghies, paddle boards and even a Canadian canoe. It was great to see everybody taking risks to give everything a go!

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

What a week and it is only week 3! We have really enjoyed our settling into our Reading, Writing and Maths rotations. Challenging ourselves to ask our question of the week in Maori - "He aha Tēnei?" and we really enjoyed discussing how to look after our waterways with Dan and his enviroscape. Not to mention boating as well, you all did so well out on the water!

Report by Mrs Marshall

School & Community Notices

Harbour Rugby Club

Want to play rugby and be a Junior HAWK? Harbour Junior Rugby Club invites you to register. Registration Days

- Sunday 24th February 11am-1pm
- Tuesday 26th February 5-6.30pm

Watson Park, Port Chalmers
All Enquiries to: Peta Hill, 027 269 979



Sport News

Team	Score	PoD
SBS Cubs vs St Clair	0 – 0 D	Liam M
SBS Badgers vs Carisbrook	3 – 1 W	Kaiya
SBS Rangers vs Abbotsford	5 – 1 W	Thomas
SBS United vs Carisbrook	4 – 2 W	Sean
SBS Titans vs Waitati	0 – 11 L	Olly

Futsal Coaches Required

Coaches are desperately needed for some of our Futsal teams. You would need to be at each game, organise subs and player of the day, and be their number one supporter. Please let Mrs Marshall or Courtney know asap if you can help.

PTA Fair News

The PTA have set up a Facebook Event for the Fair, please feel free to share on your social media!

Helpers Needed

Helpers needed to assist on fair stalls, e.g. Tombola, food stalls, baking etc. Please let Kelly Laing or one of the SBS Staff know if you can offer your time to help on the day.

Mystery Cups

This week families were sent home with a red plastic cup to fill with some small donated items that children may like. E.g. things in good condition that your children may want to pass on, confectionery, stationery, stickers etc. Once returned, they will be covered and put for sale at the School Fair. Fair goers are then able to pick a Mystery Cup and open it for a surprise!

Cake Competition

If you've got a keen baker at home, or are crafty in the kitchen yourself, then why not enter the Fair Cake Competition? 1st prize & runner up for Kids category & Adults category. Pick up a registration form from the Office.

Market & Blanket Stalls

Registrations are open for the Market Stalls and Kids' Blanket Stall sites. Market Stalls are \$15 for 3x3m and will be on the top court. Kids Blanket Stalls are \$5 each and will be placed around the Bike Track. Pick up a registration form from the Office.



Seen Around School

