



# Sawyers Bay School Newsletter

No. 3

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

This week we had a lovely surprise in the form of a visit from our favourite author Julie Fawcett, author of the Angel Louise series of books. Julie has made a very generous donation to our school to support us in providing the essentials for learning to our children. Among a few things, Julie's donation will be used to purchase equipment for our newly established Breakfast in Schools programme to help us ensure that the programme is sustainable and efficient. It will be even more exciting to know that local celebrity, Angel Louise, is involved in our breakfast programme, thank you Julie.

Speaking of breakfast, we have now successfully started our Breakfast Club with Leslee Swete running the first few days. It has started to pick up and we have quite a few kids enjoying the chance to have a warm breakfast (or a second breakfast in most cases!) alongside their friends. We have parent helpers who are going to take over the programme to ensure that we can run it every day. Thank you to these helpers for your support of our kids and giving some of your time each week. If you have a spare morning and want to be involved, we will always be happy to add to our roster.

By the end of today, we will have had the chance to sit down with the majority of parents and caregivers for the Term 1 discussions. Thank you for making the time to help us set goals for your children for the year. It is really important to us that we have strong home-school links relating to learning. The children also really benefit from knowing that you are involved in what they do in the classroom, thank you.

Don't forget that tomorrow is frozen vege day! As mentioned in a School Stream and at last Friday's assembly, there will be a pallet of frozen vegetables turning up at the school at 2.15pm tomorrow. They are free for anyone who can use them as Kiwiharvest has rescued a large quantity of excess stock that was destined for landfill. Please do note that they are frozen and will need to be put into a freezer again within an hour or so after they are picked up. Even if you do not necessarily need them at this stage, please do come and grab some and see if you can rehome them to friends and family. Thank you to Kiwiharvest for including our school in their delivery.

  
Gareth Swete  
Principal



## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Emme, Liam H, Lena, Azaleah, Nina & Max who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 3 went home with Azaleah.

## Important Dates

Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PCT Discussions 5-7.30pm
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Walk n Wheels Week begins
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Boating Session 2
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming 1
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming 2
	PTA Meeting, Careys Bay Hotel, 7pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming 3
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PTA Sunday Family Fun Day, 11am – 2pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming 4
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming 5
	Boating Session 3
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Swimming 6
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Boating Session 4

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

Another fun week in Papatūānuku! We've enjoyed reading Nursery Rhymes together, doing the actions and predicting the rhyming words. We had a lovely visit from Ainslie from the Port Chalmers Library. She read to us and brought us a bag of library books to enjoy in our class. We enjoyed an afternoon of design and construction to make some hammers (pic). We've also enjoyed more sports skill development with Sophie from Kelly Sports. Our class is presenting in assembly tomorrow so if you'd like to see some of our recent work, do come along.



Report by Mrs Campbell

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Have you heard your child singing or humming Row Row Row Your Boat or Frere Jacques this week? If you have, that's because we've started to learn how to play the ukulele. So far, we've learned the C chord and we are about to learn how to play F. We'll play a song at assembly for our next sharing time.

Report by Mrs Barr

### Tāwhirimātea

This week in Tāwhirimātea we have been working hard on our writing skills, making sure we add lots of detail for our readers and that we have capital letters and full-stops in the right places. Some of us are also using exclamation and questions marks to make our writing easier to read. In Maths, we have been working hard on number knowledge. We love singing in class, so we decided to make our own maths songs. So far we have written a song about skip counting in 5's and counting up to 100 to the tunes of Queen 'We Will Rock You', and Jonas Blue 'Rise'. We continue to design and build or marble runs. They are looking great so far and we have already learnt lots about gravity, friction, cooperative skills and the art of trial and error. We can't wait to test the finished products out and see if we can keep our marbles rolling for the full 60 seconds! Please feel free to ask your child to show you their progress so far.

Report by Miss O'Malley & Mrs Swete

### Ranginui

This week we have been working on being responsible and respectful members of Sawyers Bay School. We are thinking about looking after our own belongings and treating school property with respect. In Mathematics we have been learning about fractions and how they can be written as well as what they look like with an object or group of objects. Talking about fractions in the kitchen is a great way to support your child's learning: How many quarters of an orange would you like?; How many pieces of sandwich have I cut?; I need 1/2 cup of flour for the pancakes.

Report by Mrs Eathorne

### Hinemoana

We have begun a project with School Kit called Get New Zealand Writing, which is all about poetry this year. Currently we have collaborated on one class poem about the colour blue. Each child contributed one line to the poem and together we worked hard on editing and ordering our ideas. Here's a wee snippet of what we came up:

Blue is the colour of blueberries.  
Blue is the colour of the crashing waves.  
Blue is the colour of exploding fireworks in the dark night sky.  
Blue is the colour of a grey wolf's eyes.  
Blue is the colour of sparkly blue diamonds.  
Blue is the colour of falling rose petals on the ground.

Also, please don't forget your bikes and helmets for another Bike Safety session tomorrow (Friday).

Report by Miss Laing

### Tāne Mahuta

Our creative minds allowed us to explore some very unique writing pieces and we are learning how to structure our writing to create paragraphs. We are creating soundscapes to sound like water, allowing us to learn about how sound travels. Where will STEAM take us to next??? Don't forget your bikes for tomorrow!

Report by Mrs Marshall

### Head Lice

Head lice is present amongst some of the classes. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat immediately if any lice are found. Electric combs are available to borrow from the Office.

## School & Community Notices

### Term 1 Swimming Programme

Our swimming programme with JC Swim School will be starting in Week 6. The parental contribution is \$45 per child. All children require signed permission to attend these lessons. Please can you fill in the permission form on School Stream if you haven't already?

### Road and Bike Safety with Constable Parcell

Constable Parcell will be visiting tomorrow for our second road safety session. Tāne Mahuta and Hinemoana's lesson focuses on bike safety. Please bring your bike and helmet with you tomorrow, or just your helmet and you can use one of our school bikes. The other classes are learning about safe walking and crossing roads. As a school, we'll be going for a local walk next Tuesday from 11:30-12:30. If you're able to come with us, please let Courtney know in the Office.

### Bikes in Schools

Reminder for those who wish to use a school bike at break times to bring your own helmet.

### Harbour Rugby Club

The registration days were really successful but there are still a few spaces to fill to complete some teams. If you've been thinking about joining, please get in touch with Peta Hill 027 269 9799. <https://harbourrugbyclub.co.nz/>



### SBS Sports Shirt and H&F Fleece Orders

If you would like to order your child/ren a sports shirt or HF fleece, head onto School Stream and fill out the order form. Both shirts and fleeces are \$30 each. Orders close Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March with delivery approx. 2 weeks after.

### Port Chalmers Library

This Monday is Kids' Book Club @ Port Chalmers Library. We'll be having fun with books, building some space contraptions and capturing them on screen! We look forward to seeing you there. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 4.30pm, Port Chalmers Library.

## Sport News

FUTSAL	Score	PoD
SBS Cubs vs Abbotsford 2	1 – 1 D	Harrison
SBS Badgers vs Abbotsford 5	6 – 4 W	Zaydiss
SBS Rangers vs Mornington Fever	5 – 4 W	Archie
SBS United vs SBS Titans	5 – 0 W	Abby G
SBS Titans vs SBS United	0 – 5 L	Dylan

TOUCH	Score	PoD
SBS Dinos vs Carisbrook	0 – 1 L	Charlie B

## PTA Fair News

### Mystery Cups

Please remember send along your filled 'Mystery Cup' tomorrow. Thank you for all of your kind donations so far!

### Fair Day Helpers Needed

Please fill out the School Stream form or see Courtney if you are able to lend a hand running a stall on Fair Day.

### Cake Competition & Market/Blanket Stalls

Don't forget to pick up a registration form for the Cake Competition or Market/Kids Blanket Stall. Registrations close soon.