



# Sawyers Bay School Newsletter

No. 4

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

This week we had a lovely surprise in the form of a visit from our friend Strider the Zebra from Sport Otago. He came to watch how many of our children were walking and wheeling to school as part of our Walk and Wheels week. We are thrilled with how many children have been able to use active transport to get to and from school. On a related note, the Bike Track and container has certainly been able to keep our kids active at break times too. Every day it is incredibly busy on the bike track with a range of ages and vehicle types. Don't let the kids know but there is actually a whole lot of learning occurring while they take part in this play including spatial awareness, gross motor skills and managing risks. We do see the odd collision, but they are never significant and it is all part of the learning.

The highlight of our teaching week has to be our walk around Sawyers Bay. Despite it being incredibly hot, the kids all managed it extremely well. We looked at many different waterways around Sawyers Bay, and most importantly for our topic of inquiry, what human interaction and impact was occurring on these waterways. The next step into our inquiry into water will be led by what the children noticed and want to explore further as part of our walk. Although we all went on much the same route, there is quite a difference in the key ideas that each class took from it.

As we draw nearer to our biennial PTA School Fair, we would really like to thank everyone for their support. We have a HUGE number of very exciting prizes and some amazing cups that the children have filled. Make sure you spread the word with your family and friends to come along on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 11am-2pm. This is the biggest fundraiser that the PTA do and it would be great to get as many people along as possible.

In Week 7 of our term, the NZEI union will again be holding Paid Union Meetings. Every Union member is entitled to attend two meetings per year. We are still currently negotiating our Teacher collective agreement with the Ministry of Education and so far there is still little allowance for making our classrooms better places for our students. As a sector, we are still holding out until the Ministry address the desperate need for additional staffing, and therefore smaller class sizes across NZ as well as greater support for learners. During the week of Paid Union Meetings, we are this time around able to stagger our attendance meaning that the school will remain open as normal however on different afternoons your children may see me in front of their classes instead of their regular teacher!

Gareth Swete  
Principal



## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Talia, Aliyah, Xander, Jayden, Lyra & Liam who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 4 went home with Aliyah.

## Important Dates

|                            |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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

We've had a very fun week in Papatūānuku! We've been learning about capacity so we explored a variety of bowls and cups and decided which would be most suitable for each of the Three Bears in the Goldilocks story. We filled the bowls with rolled oats and the cups with water. We all enjoyed time outside experimenting with the capacity of a variety of plastic bottles and cups! Our walk around the bay on Tuesday was fabulous. Come and see our paintings and read our stories to find out what we saw and noticed. Next week is the first of our swimming lessons so we have been talking about how we can dry ourselves and try and put our own clothes and shoes on. Any extra practice at home would be much appreciated! Thank you!



Report by Mrs Campbell

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We went on a water walk around Sawyers Bay on Tuesday. It was a super hot day so we went first thing in the morning before it got too hot. We saw stormwater drains, bridges and creeks. The stormwater comes from the rain and we need to be really careful that rubbish doesn't go into the stormwater system because it drains into the sea. That's where fish and other sea creatures live. We need to take really good care of our environment.

Report by Mrs Barr

### Tāwhirimātea

The highlight of our week this week was having two of our monarch butterflies emerge out of their chrysalis. One decided to come out right when we were taking the roll this morning so we got to watch it! On Tuesday we went on a big walk around Sawyers Bay to see all the different water ways. We have made a big poster of where we walked, photos of the things we saw and our ideas after our walk. Feel free to come in and have a look!

Report by Tāwhirimātea

### Ranginui

Ranginui has loved Walk and Wheels Week and it has been wonderful to see so many of our students using active transport to get to school. Our walk around Sawyers Bay was a great chance to explore our local environment and has prompted us to think deeply about some of the problems we have with our waterways. In Writing the students have been doing Quick Writes and we are using lots of different ways to share and celebrate our ideas: sharing with the class or a buddy, publishing our work to put around the room and a few students have had their work published on our website.

Report by Mrs Eathorne

### Hinemoana

We have been exploring wow words (adjectives) and learning how to use the online thesaurus and Alexa to help us find synonyms for our words. This is helping us expand our vocabulary and make our writing super interesting for the reader. On Wednesday we had another boating session, and again it was a shimmering (one of our new words!), sunny day! The children did a fantastic job out on the water and also packed up in record time. We have been learning about the Water Cycle and conducted an experiment to see this in action. Ask your child to share their new learning and scientific vocabulary around this one!

Report by Miss Laing

### Tāne Mahuta

Thank you so much to all the parent helpers who helped with boating yesterday. It was such a successful day and we were so lucky with the sun shining. This week we have been so busy with walk and wheels week. We really enjoyed our walk around the bay, our discussions around our waterways have led to many more questions. We look forward to sharing our soundscapes with everyone tomorrow in assembly too!

Report by Mrs Marshall

## School & Community Notices

### Swimming Reminder

Our Term 1 Swimming Programme starts on Monday. **Please fill in the School Stream permission form if you haven't already.** As well as togs, towels & goggles, please send your child along with something extra in their lunch box to fuel them for their busy swimming days.

### 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.

## MANA Out of School Care

1 Pukeko Street, St Leonards

[www.manaafterschoolcare.com](http://www.manaafterschoolcare.com)

Since opening on the 11<sup>th</sup> February, a range of wondrous activities such as Futsal, Aquatic Tag and challenging assault courses have been on offer at MANA. Check out our Website!

## Sport News

| FUTSAL                          | Score   | PoD       |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| SBS Cubs vs SFX Saints          | 2 – 0 W | Kenzie    |
| SBS Badgers vs GB Comets        | 5 – 0 W | Flynn     |
| SBS Rangers vs Waitati Wingers  | 0 – 4 L | Harri B   |
| SBS United vs St Josephs Bronze | 1 – 4 L | Charlie B |
| SBS Titans vs Carisbrook Glory  | 2 – 6 L | Jessica   |

| TOUCH     | Score   | PoD    |
|-----------|---------|--------|
| SBS Dinos | 3 – 5 L | Carter |

## PTA Fair News

### Cake Competition & Market/Blanket Stalls

Don't forget to pick up a registration form for the Cake Competition or Market/Kids Blanket Stall. Registrations have been extended until next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March so that nobody misses out.

**Adults Category – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize = Port2Port Wildlife cruise family voucher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize = \$25 Four Square voucher.**

**Kids Category – 1<sup>st</sup> Prize = Leap double pass & Moana Pool family swim & slide voucher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize = Moana Pool family swim & slide voucher & Scholastic Book.**

### Baking Stall

As you'll know, the baking stall is one of the most popular places for children and adults to visit at a School Fair! Something yummy for everybody!

We're asking families if they would be able to bake some goodies for us to sell at the Fair next weekend. Some ideas could be cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, fudge, coconut ice etc.

If you are happy to do some baking, please let us know by telling Courtney at the Office. Baking will need to be dropped off during school hours on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March or between 10am – 12pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks in advance for your support.

## Seen Around School

