



# Sawyers Bay School Newsletter

No. 5

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Callan Kinraid who started in Papatūānuku this week. We're thrilled to have you joining your older siblings, Jayden and Zaria at SBS.

We have had yet another extremely busy week at SBS. The preparation for the Fair is coming along with a huge amount of work going in behind the scenes from our wonderful PTA, thanks team. We are looking forward to a great day on Sunday and hopefully we will have lots of people along. Hopefully you saw the School Stream earlier in the week to let you know that due to Fair preparation, we will not be holding an assembly this Friday. You can of course come along and lend a hand with the set up if you are at a loose end!

Swimming has started with a hiss and a roar. After the usual bus drama at the start of the week, we are now up and running efficiently. The kids are doing extremely well to keep organised and really putting a great effort into their lessons. Please do remember that all parents are very welcome to come along a watch the children in action. It is also worth noting (if you haven't noticed already), that the children put a huge amount of extra effort in on swimming days and will be extremely tired by the end of the week.

Many of our children took part in the Sanitarium 'Try-athlon' on Sunday. I was really proud of our children as they pushed themselves to complete the challenge of the event, but also took the time to support each other. It was a great way to spend a Sunday morning with families and we would encourage you to consider the event for your children next year. They come away with a real sense of pride and a good dollop of self-esteem. Many of these children also competed in the Dunedin Schools Triathlon at the Harbour Rugby Club on Wednesday. A group of our Year 5 and 6 students competed in individual events and team events at a very large competition. We will share official results with you when they come in but we already know that the children once again made us proud with their determination and positive, supportive attitudes.

Just a heads up to think about, with the success of our Breakfast Club fresh in our minds, we have re-signed the school to the Milk in Schools programme. This means that within the next few weeks, we will be able to provide the children with milk during the day as a nutritional boost. The programme is carefully structured and we will be working out some details. We will be sending out more information, including the opportunity for any families to opt out of the scheme.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fair in the weekend!

Gareth Swete  
Principal

### Swimming Reminder

Lesson 3 tomorrow! Don't forget your togs, towel, goggles and something extra to munch on. Tāne Mahuta children will need to be here at 8.30am to catch their bus at 8.40am.

## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Isla, Olly, Indy, Levi, Ella & Georgia who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 5 went home with Georgia.

## Important Dates

Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming 3
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>PTA Sunday Family Fun Day, 11am – 2pm</b>
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
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Otago Anniversary Day – School Closed
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Boating Session 4

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

This week we welcomed Callan to Papatūānuku! We have all enjoyed going swimming this week. The trip on the bus is equally as exciting! Thank you to the helpers we've had in the changing rooms! At Writing time, we have written stories about what we can do in the pool, and have also written about our current topic of 'Water'. We are learning to ask questions, using When, Where, Who, What, Why or How words. We have enjoyed getting the percussion instruments out and playing rhythms together or on our own. Ask your child to clap a rhythm to fruit names to you!

Report by Mrs Campbell

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We are getting really excited about our Fair on Sunday and we can't wait to have fun and to buy some treasures! In Art, we're learning how to see shapes in the things we are drawing. We

drew ourselves swimming and we noticed that we used a lot of rectangles and ovals. We love Art! In Literacy, we read the book Secret Agent Splat!

We looked carefully at the shapes the illustrator used to draw Splat, and we painted our own cats. They are on display in Room 7. See you on Sunday!

Report by Mrs Barr

### Tāwhirimātea

Wow the weeks are flying by already! Swimming is well underway and the children are really enjoying learning to swim on their backs. We have 4 new iPads in our class now and we are really enjoying listening to stories on them during reading rotations. We are learning lots about the water cycle and have found our water cycle bags on the classroom window fascinating. We have noticed that there is condensation happening in them and the bags are getting puffy when they heat up. We will be learning more about why this happens over the next few weeks. This weekend is the school fair so we will be moving our furniture around on Friday afternoon as our class will have slot car races in it!

Report by Tāwhirimātea

### Ranginui

Last Friday Mr Swete took Ranginui for a session with Spheros. A Sphero is a robot that looks like a ball with a motor inside. The children were challenged to create a programme to move their Sphero around the room adjusting the speed, direction and colour. Thanks Mr Swete! We have finished our first novel of the year, Billionaire Boy by David Walliams. We celebrated by making our very own 'loo roll' creations. Swimming is well underway and it is wonderful to see the children's confidence and skill in the pool.

Report by Mrs Eathorne

### Hinemoana

We have almost completed our first week of Swimming and so far the children have done a great job. I have been very impressed with the children in the water, how well they are listening to their instructors and giving everything their best go.

The children have also finished some AMAZING descriptive writing. Here is an example of our work. Can you guess what it is about? The goal was to paint a picture in the reader's mind by using exciting and creative words.

Report by Miss Laing



I see scrumptious, juicy fish.  
Splash! I hear other crocodiles frolicking in the pond.  
I smell tasty meat over on the rocky shore.  
The feel the cool, salty water brushing against my scaly feet.  
I wonder... when is it my dinner time?

By Ruby Tanner

### Tāne Mahuta

Water, water everywhere! We have been in and out of water all week, literally. From asking questions about water, researching about water to Swimming and even a Triathlon along with a little bit of rain outside, we have immersed ourselves in water. With another big week we have really challenged ourselves to do the best that we can and manage ourselves really well!

Report by Mrs Marshall

## Sport News

FUTSAL	Score	PoD
SBS Cubs vs Sacred Heart Thunder	2 – 1	Monty
SBS Badgers vs Big Rock Dolphins	4 – 0	Beau
SBS Rangers vs Carisbrook	5 – 0	Hunter
SBS United vs Opoho Flames	2 – 7	Harry W
SBS Titans vs St Josephs Bronze	3 – 1	Cillian

TOUCH	Score	PoD
SBS Dinos vs Grants Braes	8 – 2	Charlie G

## PTA Fair News

### Baking/Sweet Stall Fill a Plate

Yesterday we sent home a paper plate with each family in the hope that you might like to fill it with some yummy goodies and return it for us to sell at the Fair on Sunday. Some ideas could be cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, fudge, coconut ice etc.

Baking will need to be dropped off during school hours on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March or between 10am – 2pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks in advance for your support.

**Just three more sleeps until Fair day! We have a Facebook event – Search > Sawyers Bay School Sunday Family Fun Day. Please share it amongst your friends and family far and wide.**

We have been extremely fortunate with the amount of donations that have come in from our amazing sponsors. There are prizes galore so make sure you take part in a raffle, the tombola, sandpit dig or any of the fun events or games at the Fair to win!

### Fair Helpers

Thank you so much to the number of parents and friends of the school who have volunteered their time for this weekend. We couldn't do it without you!

## Seen Around School

