



Sawyers Bay School Newsletter

No. 7

Thursday 28th March 2019

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

With so many events happening in and around the school lately, it has been rather pleasant to have a straight forward week of teaching and learning despite our best efforts to squeeze five days into four with the short week! Please do note that as we come up to the last few weeks of our term, it has been an incredibly busy one and the kids have worked extremely hard. They may be showing signs of just how tired they are. We will continue to keep them busy and engaged in learning and ease us all into the well-deserved Easter holidays.

Over the last two years, the teachers have been involved in a project called 'Strengthening Wairua in Schools' with a group of schools from all over the harbour and North Dunedin. This has been all around using a collective voice to be able to work with agencies such as Oranga Tamariki, the Ministry of Education and access to professionals such as clinical psychologists in order to better meet the diverse needs of our children in relation to their well-being. One of our last sessions focused on keeping our children safe in the digital world, an ever evolving challenge for teachers and families. Because we found this so useful for our own professional development, we have also been able to put together a parent session as we feel that this would be even more useful for families. For a gold coin donation, you can register for the session:

'Keeping Your Children Safe On-line' - Information and practical tips for parents and caregivers with experts Iain Cook-Bonney (e-Learning Facilitator) and Jo Cook-Bonney (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour); and Mike Parkes (Psychologist).

Where: North East Valley Normal School Hall - 248 North Road
When: 11 April 2019 at 7.30 - 9 p.m.

Registrations are very limited, so if you are interested, please get in touch ASAP and we will send you the link to register online.

Another thought that has been running through my mind is around how we can keep our children engaged in writing over the holiday period. We do find that our kids lose the practice of writing when away from school. In next week's Newsletter, we will be suggesting some ideas on how to keep your child writing in a meaningful and fun way over the upcoming holiday, but I would be very interested in your ideas. If you have a good idea around this, email us this week and we will share your ideas with everyone.

Have a great weekend.

Gareth Swete
Principal

Winter Sports

We one or two more Year 1/2 children to fill a Miniball team. Is your child interested? Miniball is played on a Thursday after school. Please contact Lisa Marshall lisam@sawyersbay.school.nz or the Office.

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Ruby, Finn, Freddie, Jorjah, Emma & Juno who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 7 went home with Ruby.

Important Dates

Weds 3rd April Boating Session 4
Fri 12th April Term 1 ends
Mon 29th April Term 2 begins

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

This week in Papatūānuku we've been learning some new science words as we have explored the Water Cycle. Conveniently the weather was just right for us to experience watching the rain come down, the sun come out and the evaporation to occur. We decided to make a water cycle picture on our class window. Come and have a look! We've learned a new poem about the water cycle and we've enjoyed acting out a nursery rhyme along the same theme. Can you work out which nursery rhyme it is? Come to assembly on Friday to find out!

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangi

We had a great time playing the ukulele at Assembly last week. The children were very nervous before playing but their smiles of pride showed exactly how they felt after playing! Well done kids! It's great to see everyone trying something new and learning different skills. In our STEAM learning, we made our very own water cycles in plastic bags. We have been amazed seeing the different changes



in our little water cycles. They are taped on our windows for everyone to see.

We are really loving the new BenQ interactive flat panel in our class. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful tool to help us in our learning.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

This week we continue to have fun exploring water through science experiments. We have learnt how to make fresh water from salt water, how hot and cold water can make a balloon expand and contract and today we are learning how to make water walk! We are also using water in Maths while we learn all about capacity.

We have a new member in our class this week called Ted. He is a soft cuddly teddy who gets to go on adventures with the children in the class. You may see him come home with your child along with a book that you can record all his adventures in. In Writing, we are learning all about onomatopoeias and are writing poems which we hope to share with you soon.

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

Through our learning around Water this term the students in Ranginui discovered a big problem is that rubbish is going into the waterways in Sawyers Bay, travelling out to sea and then harming the sea animals. We discussed ways we could prevent this from happening and we came up with two actions we could take. This afternoon Janet from Enviroschools is coming to help us paint fish beside the storm water drains around school. These fish will hopefully remind people that anything put into these drains goes directly out to sea and to our sea animals. On Monday afternoon we are going to walk around our community doing a rubbish collection. Thank you to our adults who have offered to help, there is a reminder notice in your child's bag today.

Report by Mrs Eathorne

Hinemoana

This week we have been working on building carp fish kites. We are using material, bamboo and wire. We're looking forward to testing them out when they are finished.

In Maths this week we are showing how we are solving our equation problems. We really enjoy this! On Tuesday we had Kelly Sports. We played non-stop tag and when we got tagged we had to sit down. Once the person who tagged us is sitting down we had to run to the crazy catchers to throw one ball and if we caught it we could be back in again.



Report by Emily & Hunter

Tāne Mahuta

We have been learning how to choral count in 8's and 9's and have identified the different patterns we found when counting in maths, we have really enjoyed working together and challenge each other to find patterns and use strategies in our maths lessons.

We are learning how to write letters, we are currently writing letters to Water Experts, there are some very interesting questions we want to ask them!

Report by Mrs Marshall

School & Community Notices

Swimming Contributions

Thank you to those who have already paid their swimming contribution for Term 1. As you're aware, our Swimming Programme is already greatly subsidised by the school and outside funding, therefore we rely on the remainder to be covered by our families. For those who opted to pay later, can you please arrange payment for this soon? Many thanks.

Mana Before and After School Care

1 Pukeko Street, St Leonards
7am to 8.30 am - 3pm to 6pm week days.
Free pick-ups and drop offs.
Free music lessons and free fun!!!
Call Johanna on 0275218373

KKASP News Term 1 2019

We have had a great start to 2019 with many new enrolments from five different local schools. We have enjoyed swimming three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) which unfortunately finishes at the end of March. It has been a great way to relax and have fun while improving swimming skills. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we have been offering a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for the children 5 to 13 years of age to pick and choose from. The children have enjoyed our new toys from fundraising at the end of 2018 and the iPads as well as the many new DVDs which have been donated to us. One of the great aspects of having a mixed group of children at Koputai is the interaction and connection the children are making with other children in the local community. We continue to offer free transport for pick-ups from schools and cheap rates for excursions. Our latest fundraiser is an Easter Raffle and parents/caregivers have tickets for \$2.00 if you would like to go in for a chance to win an Easter Hamper drawn on the last day of term. We have just made our holiday programme bookable through our Aimyplus system. See below. To find out more. Please contact Wendy Russell at Koputai Kids 0274727744 or at koputaikids@gmail.com.

Port Chalmers Library

This Monday is Kids' Book Club @ Port Chalmers Library. We'll be having fun exploring under the sea! We look forward to seeing you there.
Monday 1st April 3.15 – 4.30pm
Port Chalmers Library

From the Port Chalmers Library Team

Sport News

FUTSAL	Score	PoD
SBS Cubs	1 – 0	Tate
SBS Badgers	6 – 0	Fletcher
SBS Rangers vs Abbotsford	2 – 1	Max
SBS United vs Mac Bay	11 – 1	Carter
SBS Titans vs Concord	3 – 1	Lyra

TOUCH	Score	PoD
SBS Dinos vs St Clair	3 – 0	Default