



Sawyers Bay School Newsletter

No. 8

Thursday 4th April 2019

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

It has once again been a busy place at the school this week both in the classrooms and out. Best of luck to our Triathlon competitors that will be competing in Cromwell today (in fact they may be all done by the time that you read this newsletter!). Our Year 5 and 6 students set a record this week by actually achieving four boating sessions out of the four we had planned for the term. The weather usually ruins at least one session, but not this term. In the playground, we have noticed that there are a lot of 'squirrels' around collecting copious amounts of acorns. I suggest parents and caregivers carefully check pockets before throwing clothes into the washing machine until the acorns have all fallen. In previous years, we have always had a large number of ducks eating our acorns in the mornings, but this year there have been no ducks? If anyone knows why this might be, I would love to know.

Last week, we had the Human Energy Generator from Genesis Energy moving through the classrooms. This was a real 'enlightening' way to see just how much energy is required to light different types of light bulbs. Ask your children to see if they can recommend the most energy efficient type?

In the last Newsletter, I mentioned that we would be suggesting a range of ways that you can support your child's writing during the holidays. Here are some suggestions for how you can keep your child enjoying writing and on track during the break. The first thing to do is let them see you write! Show them that you value writing and how you do it every day. Give them a purpose for writing, write notes to each other, make a shopping list, anything that has an actual purpose. Keep a diary of your adventures. Visit a library and read a book together. Stick one of their pieces of writing to the fridge to show them that you value their writing. Play word games with your family. Don't get hung up on the spelling or neatness, often the content is far more important. For our younger ones, let your children draw letters with water and a paintbrush on the concrete. Go on an alphabet hunt. There are hundreds of ways that you can help your child. A good place to go for more ideas is the Parent section of the Ministry of Education website. Whatever you do to help them, be excited about it, give it energy and if you are enthusiastic about it, the kids will be too.

Have a great weekend.

Gareth Swete
Principal

Junior Back Beach Trip

The junior classes will be exploring Back Beach on Monday as part of our learning about water. We still require adult helpers to come with us so please be in touch if you can come along. Information was sent home on School Stream as well as a paper copy earlier this week.

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Jordyn, Abby, Mathilda, Freya, Harri and Thomas who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 8 went home with Mathilda.

Important Dates

Mon 8th April Junior Back Beach Trip
 Fri 12th April Term 1 ends
 Mon 29th April Term 2 begins

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

Our poem this week is about Wee Willie Wombat who goes for a walk at night and gets a fright. Earlier this week we wrote stories about Willie Wombat's walk and what we thought it was that gave him a fright. It was lovely to read stories where the children's imagination showed through.

For Maths we have been working on our numbers 1-10 or 11-20. Counting forwards, counting backwards and saying the number before or after a given number.

To continue our learning on how to draw a self-portrait, we drew our whole bodies, remembering all the main body parts.

Report by Mrs Campbell



Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We had a visit yesterday from Kate who is a librarian at the Port Chalmers Library. Kate shared some books with us and read us

two great books. If you're interested in joining the Library, pop in and see them. It's a great chance to do this with the holidays coming up and is a great way to keep the habit of reading. The children have made great progress with their learning this term. Information about minimising the 'holiday slide' will come home next week. There will be an incentive for the children to read and write over the break too!

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

Tāwhirimātea have been working hard on their writing, making sure that they include the 5 W's in their stories to help them add more information for their readers. We have published one of our stories which is now displayed on the classroom wall - come and read our work! In our maths lessons we have been working hard with large numbers and place value. Our favourite maths games to play are 'place value hangman' and 'guess my number.' For STEAM we are looking at what a water filter is and how it works and we will begin planning and designing our own filters. If you have any clear plastic bottles at home, we would love to reuse them at school for our filters. We are all REALLY looking forward our trip to back beach on Monday. Don't forget to pack suitable clothes and footwear!

Report by Miss O'Malley & Mrs Swete

Ranginui

On Monday our class along with 10 super amazing adult helpers made their way around Sawyers Bay to collect any rubbish they could find. We have been taking action to prevent waste getting into our storm water drains and going out to sea. We collected far more rubbish than we thought we would find in Sawyers Bay!



Report by Mrs Eathorne

Hinemoana

Our Year 5 & 6's have enjoyed their last boating session for this term. It has been wonderful to watch the children's confidence and skills progress throughout the sessions. Once again a big thank you to those who have provided transport for our children, without your support boating wouldn't be possible. Our STEAM project is starting to take shape, which is based around our topic of Water. The children identified that plastic and waste is an issue in our waterways and oceans. We are trying to solve this problem by designing and creating something to stop the waste before it enters the ocean, harming the environment and marine life. We are looking forward to creating our first prototypes later in the week.

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

This week I learnt how to use a double kayak at boating. It's pretty easy as long as you communicate with your partner on the water.

Dawn

With Mrs Brewer we learnt how to make silhouettes by creating a background with colour and then make a shape in black to put on it. I made a sea creature.

Olly

In Writing I wrote about my new house being renovated. I thought about the size of my sentences when I was writing.

Abby

School & Community Notices

Road Safety Walk

All classes will be going on a local walk with Senior Constable Parcell next Thursday 11 April. We will be focusing on being safe near roads and vehicles as well as safe crossing points in our community. You are welcome to come with us. Please let your child's teacher know if you intend walking with us. Papatūānuku and Ranginui, 9:10-10:10 am
 Hine-Rau-Whārangī and Hinemoana, 10:10-11:10 Tāwhirimātea and Tane Mahuta, 11:30-12:30

Plastic Bottles Needed

Tāwhirimātea have a STEAM project coming up where they will be learning about water pollution and different ways of purifying water. They are in need of clean clear plastic bottles to create their filtration systems. If you have any suitable bottles at home, please bring them in to Tāwhirimātea or the Office. Many thanks in advance!



Enviroschools

Ranginui has painted fish beside the storm water drains at school to let everyone know that whatever goes into the drain makes it way straight out to sea and our sea animals. If you would like to borrow our 'Fish on Drains' kit to paint a fish beside a storm water drain near your house, please let Mrs Eathorne know. Kits come with instructions, a fish stencil, paint and equipment to prevent any paint spills. Adults will need to supervise.

Term 2 BBQ Roster

Are you able to lend some time to be on our Term 2 BBQ roster? We'd love to hear from you! Our Sausage Sizzle lunch option is run solely by volunteers and we couldn't do it without you! Please fill in the School Stream form if you are keen to help us out.

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

St Leonards School Art Sale

Opening night 7pm 5 April
 10am - 4pm 6&7 April
 King George Hall
 29 St Leonards Drive



Sport News

FUTSAL	Score	PoD
SBS Cubs vs Abbotsford 2	2 - 1	Beth
SBS Badgers vs St Brigids Bronze	2 - 3	James
SBS Rangers vs Mornington Fever	5 - 2	Rhys
SBS United vs Waitati	3 - 4	Charlie B
SBS Titans vs Mac Bay Falcons	7 - 0	Kaiya

TOUCH	Score	PoD
SBS Dinos vs Musselburgh	3 - 6	Sean