

Sawyers Bay School Newsletter

No. 10

Thursday 2nd May 2019

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2! We would also like to welcome Angelo and his family to the school this week.

Once again we have a very jam-packed term ahead of us and I know that many people will be looking forward to the concert at the end of the term in particular.

If you haven't already been into the office, come and take a look! Kelly Painting have been very busy over the holiday period renovating the office space. It looks terrific and much more modern. It is the first renovation that the office has had in almost 20 years!

I would like to make a big thank you to the Port Chalmers Lions. The Lions have once again very generously subsidised the cost of the winter sports for all of our children. The Port Chalmers Lions do an amazing amount of work for our community and make the West Harbour a much better place to be, thank you Lions.

A couple of housekeeping issues to start the term. Please remember that children are welcome at school by 8.30am at the very earliest, and must be picked up by an adult, or walk straight home after school. Last term we also asked parents to encourage their children to use the crossing before and after schools. The crossing is 100% the safest place for your children to cross and it is essential that parents and caregivers encourage the children to cross here, even when accompanied by an adult.

Hopefully you would have received a letter home regarding School Stream yesterday. If not, here is a summary: School Stream's prices has more than tripled so we have moved to a different communication app. We will from this point on be using Skool Loop. It works very much the same way but is a little cleaner and easier to use. We know that there will be a couple of teething issues to iron out but do bear with us and be in touch if you would like any help getting started.

Next week, our teachers will be attending a series of Paid Union Meetings staggered over the afternoons. This is due to the Teacher and Principal contracts through the Ministry of Education still being up in the air. We will be managing these meetings carefully to ensure that here is no disruption to the classroom programmes for the children, but it is equally important that our teachers attend and continue to push for better outcomes for our children.

Gareth Swete
Principal



Person of the Week



Congratulations to Fletcher, Brooklyn, Leah, Olivia, Archie & Quinn who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 10 went home with Archie.

Important Dates

Fri 17th May PTA Disco
Thurs 4th July School Concert

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

The Very Hungry Caterpillar has taken over our learning in Papatūānuku this week!

We've written a retelling of the story and a list of the food the caterpillar ate. We have been learning the days of the week, in English, Te Reo and in NZ Sign Language. We've learned that the author and illustrator is Eric Carle and we've made some awesome artwork based on Eric Carle's style of illustrating. Come to assembly on Friday if you would like to see our art work!

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We've had a fabulous start to the term and it's great seeing everyone again. We learned about hatchlings with Mrs Dixon-Grant and we got an idea how to make a dragon using paper. The idea came from a book and we made dragons like a paper plane.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

Wow, I am so impressed with the quality of the poetry writing that Tāwhirimātea completed over the holidays! It was such a nice treat to start the term with children sharing work that they clearly worked so hard on in their own time. On Tuesday, we had soccer skills with Rory. We loved learning dribbling skills to help us play a game called Shark Attack! Our new topic this term is about Famous New Zealanders. We will be discussing what it means to be famous, what people can be famous for and we will learn about famous New Zealanders. If you happen to know any 'famous' people we would love to hear from you!

Report by Mrs Swete

Ranginui

It is wonderful to be back in Ranginui after the holiday break! The children created striking ANZAC artwork with Mrs Brewer at the start of the week and learnt the meaning behind the symbol of the poppy. It was with great excitement that we began reading our next chapter book yesterday, Fing. It is the newest book by David Walliams and it already has us laughing at the outrageous actions of the main character Myrtle who is an absolute horror! I am loving seeing the pleasure our students are getting from the books they are choosing to read. Do you know which is your child's favourite book? I wonder if it has changed since a year ago?

Report by Mrs Eathorne

Hinemoana

Welcome back to Term 2! Hinemoana has had a great start to the new term. We have started two new topics, one all about Famous New Zealanders and another about chocolate! We are very excited about creating our own exciting chocolate flavours, designing and making packaging and advertisements. We had our first soccer session this week with Football South which we all thoroughly enjoyed - it seems we have some great soccer players in Hinemoana!

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

We have really enjoyed getting back into school. This week we had Rory come and show us some soccer skills. We have had lots of discussions around money and how to save money. We have also learned about how New Zealand used to be the richest country in the world and then became very poor due to importing and exporting. With Mrs Brewer we are starting to look into a New Zealand Artist, Ruben Patterson. He works with glitter; it could get messy!

Report by Mrs Marshall

School & Community Notices

Sawyers Bay School Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 24th May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 7th June 2019.

Courtney Gibson, Returning Officer

Entertainment Book

Sample books are now due back. A drop box is located in the office foyer.

Thank you to those who have either sold or purchased a book, and to those who have already returned their unwanted books.

We will still be selling books for the next month or so, so feel free to get in touch if you would like one at a later time.

Remember, the class who sells the most books is in to win a pizza lunch shout!

Thanks once again for your support with this fundraiser.

Port Chalmers Library

This Monday is Kids' Book Club @ Port Chalmers Library.

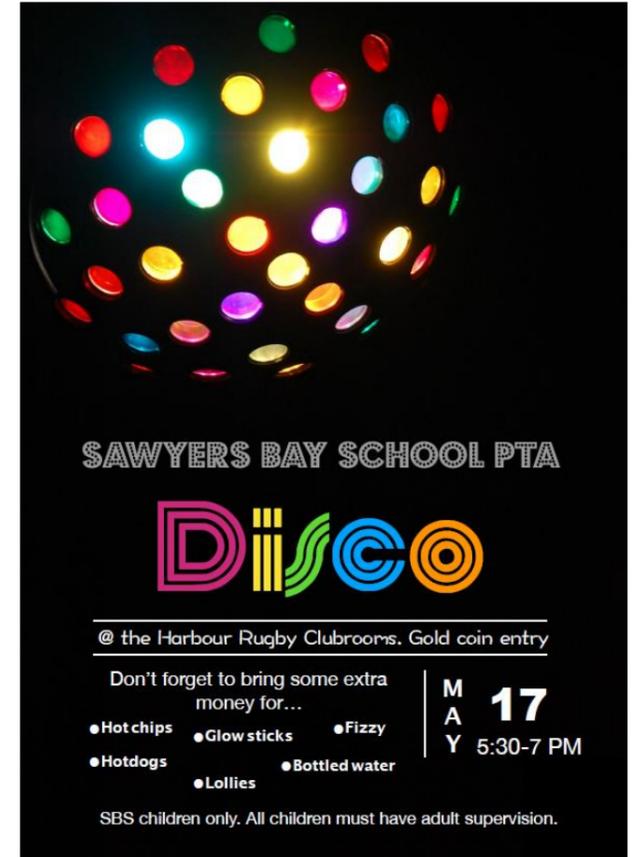
Come along to create some pizza perfection!

Look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 6th May 3.15 – 4.30pm

PTA Disco

Save the date for the PTA Disco!



Otago Museum – Family Fun

Archaeology in Action

Become an archaeologist for a day!

Learn to sort and identify shells, analyse adzes/toki, compare animal bones (including moa), reconstruct

two ancient ceramic pot puzzles and delve into the gallery trail to investigate the Museum's treasures!

10am – 2pm, Saturday 4th May

The Atrium – FREE



Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 came home with children yesterday. Orders close on

Wednesday 15th May.

Sport News

Sport Shirt Returns

Attention Futsal & Touch players – Please return any borrowed sports shirts, washed, to the Office as soon as possible.

Winter Sports

Fees are due by the end of Week 2 (Friday 10th May).