



Sawyers Bay School Newsletter

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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

I am very pleased to announce that our office renovation is now 100% complete! Thank you all for your patience with the disruptions. We are very pleased with the new look but also look forward to getting some kid-work up on the walls.

Last week at Assembly, we had a run through of the new Skool Loop app and I know that Courtney has sent a Skool Loop note out as a guide sheet. PLEASE if you are unsure of what to do, or how to run the app, let us know and we will get you sorted.

Each week, we try to include something useful in our newsletter for parents. This week I want to take the opportunity to explain a common term that we use at SBS: Student Accountability. Our classroom programmes are developed to allow our students increasing opportunities to be more and more accountable for their own learning. We often use this term around behaviour as well. This is something that I believe is essential helping to grow responsible, reliable and happy young learners. We are very lucky at SBS that our kids are extremely well-behaved and look after each other very well. However at times, we all do make silly decisions. Accountability means teaching our kids that actions have consequences. Protecting our kids and shielding them from these consequences can have a far-reaching impact on their ability to be personally accountable in the childhood years and beyond.

When mistakes happen, we teach our children to accept that sometimes things go wrong, but they are responsible for making amends when those mistakes happen. We are all responsible for righting our wrongs, whether or not someone is watching. It means teaching kids that they cannot always control how things work out, but they can make things better or at least avoid making the same mistakes over and over again. We do not want to aim to punish them, but help them recognise what went wrong, and how to make amends. This is so incredibly important for our children to be able to do independently. It is so agonisingly tempting to rescue our children from the consequences of their actions however by doing so, we are stealing the opportunity for them to grow and learn.

Have a great weekend.

Gareth Swete
Principal

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Zaria, Pip, Beth, Tate, Hunter & Charlie who were nominated for Person of the Week.

The trophy for Week 1 went home with Beth.

Important Dates

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

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

Well our artistic caterpillars have hatched and this week we created beautiful butterflies once again using the art style of Eric Carle. We talked about the symmetry of a butterfly and Mrs Campbell was very impressed at how good the tamariki were at listening to instructions and creating their butterflies symmetrically! We have started finding out about famous New Zealanders and we read a story about the first woman to fly from England to Australia and back again. She started life as a little NZ girl with a dream. Maybe you could ask your Papatūānuku tamariki who that famous person was?

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We spend time each week, learning yoga, mindfulness and relaxation techniques. At the moment, we're using Cosmic Kids Yoga on Youtube, which is designed especially for kids. Our focus this week has been on our thoughts. A good way for us to think about thoughts is that they're like bubbles. Thoughts pop into our brains and sometimes there can be quite a few all at once. We can have a lot of different types of thoughts, some last for a while, others go pop! Our thoughts are joined up to our feelings so some thoughts make us feel happy and some may make us feel worried or sad. We choose which thoughts to believe and which ones aren't helping us. We learned that when thoughts are bubbling over, breathing can help our thoughts settle down. Here's the link if you'd like to try it with your family <http://tiny.cc/u8jd6y>. The kids love it!

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

This term in Tāwhirimātea we have been working hard learning new Maths strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We are using our knowledge of counting on and back in 10's to solve larger addition and subtraction problems too. We will continue to look at more strategies as the term goes by. Tāwhirimātea really enjoyed playing ball tag this week with Sophie. We were learning how to dodge, catch and throw while having fun at the same time! We continue to look at paper planes and how to make the 'champion flyer'. We have already found out that heavy paper flies further than light paper. We tried adding weights to the front of our planes and found they flew even further! We also had to pay attention to which way the wind was blowing. We have also been researching Sir Edmund Hillary this week. He is a very famous New Zealander because he was the first person to climb Mt Everest!

Report by Miss O'Malley & Mrs Swete

Ranginui

In Ranginui this week we have been discussing what makes someone famous. We grouped famous people into different categories: people with a skill or talent; people who create something; people who are the first to do something; people who help; people with a lot of money. We also wondered whether being famous made you a good person? We researched Sir Edmund Hillary and we are going to spend the next few weeks discovering other famous New Zealanders so please have a chat at home to share any knowledge you might have. A reminder that toys are not welcome at school.

Report by Mrs Eathorne

Hinemoaana

We have begun some new artwork with inspiration from a wonderful New Zealand artist called Reuben Paterson. Paterson is well known for his work with glitter and dust and we are very excited to start creating our own glitter artworks. We welcomed back Sophie from Kelly Sports, who taught us some new games that required dodging, throwing, catching and lots of collaboration. Everyone in Hinemoana worked hard to communicate and be part of a team.

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

Our week has really evolved around Money, we found that the game of Monopoly doesn't really show us how money is managed in everyday life so we have started a steam project to create a board game that teaches us about money in New Zealand. I wonder what we will come up with?

We enjoyed Kelly Sports this week. We had many competitive games and came up with a few good strategies to play against each other. During Reading, one group is reading about women's suffrage. Have a discussion at home about what this means and how it changed New Zealand.

Report by Mrs Marshall

School & Community Notices

Scholastic Book Club

Orders close on Wednesday 15th May.

Mana Before & After School Care

We are ready for Term 2 enrolments! Free music lessons, free pick-ups, free fun, free food. What more could you ask for? OSCAR approved.

- www.manaafterschoolcare.com
- Johanna Newman 027 521 8373
- 1 Pukeko Street, St Leonards

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

PTA Disco

Save the date for the PTA Disco!

SAWYERS BAY SCHOOL PTA

Disco

@ the Harbour Rugby Clubrooms. Gold coin entry

Don't forget to bring some extra money for...

- Hot chips
- Hotdogs
- Glow sticks
- Lollies
- Fizzy
- Bottled water

M A 17
Y 5:30-7 PM

SBS children only. All children must have adult supervision.

Sport News

Hockey Results – Week 2

Team	Opposition	Score	PoD
SBS Thunder	Fairfield Mini	0 – 5	Olivia
SBS Hawks	MHS Blue	0 – 11	Dawn

Sport Fees

Reminder – Fees are now overdue. Please arrange payment with the Office as soon as possible.