



Sawyers Bay School Newsletter

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School & Community Notices

Museum Visiting SBS

Otago Museum are coming to school to run a programme called 'Human Impact on Aotearoa' with each class next week. Students will be involved in activities looking at the biodiversity in our environment and finding out how humans have changed New Zealand over time. The three senior classes will be on Wednesday 31st July and the three junior classes will be on Thursday 1st August. Students need to bring along a jacket and wear clothes they don't mind getting dirty. A change of clothes in students' bags will be good if the weather is cold or wet.

Dunedin City Library

Craft, fun and games for primary/intermediate age kids. Held at 4pm on the 2nd Floor, City Library every second Thursday. FREE.

- Thursday 1 August - Cosmic Creations
- Thursday 15 August - Going Potty
- Thursday 29 August - Father's Day
- Thursday 12 September - Inspired by Fifi
- Thursday 26 September - Masks

Glow Dunedin
Family friendly entertainment in the heart of the city this weekend! Below are some of the events that begin on Friday.

Rainbow Rosalind, silent disco, UV painting workshop, UV face painting, late night shopping, Malls in the Dark Experience.

See the Facebook page for more information:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/691610767947861/>

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

If you haven't already heard of Bread Tags for Wheelchairs, then you might like to take a moment to visit the website below.
<https://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/>
Let's keep our bread tags out of the landfill and put them to a good cause! Once recycled, 200kg of bread tags can fund one wheelchair. It may seem like a lot, but if we all do our bit then it could be easily achieved. Please bring any bread tags that you might collect from now on into the Office and we will drop them off to the Dunedin collection point.

Sport News

Hockey Results – T3W1

Team	Opposition	Score	PoD
SBS Thunder	Andy Bay Strikers	0 – 2	Fletcher
SBS Hawks	MHS Blue	2 – 3	Emily

Miniball Results – T2W10

Team	Opposition	Score	PoD
SBS Ministars	St Clair 3	8 – 4	Liam Hurring
SBS Stars	Kaikorai Bucks	18 – 30	Carter

Kids Cross Country Series
Event 4
Where: Memorial Park, Mosgiel
When: Sunday 4th August 2019 starting at 9.30am
For more information and to register visit www.athleticsotago.co.nz
Spot prizes available!!

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Anahera, Mathilda, Dylan, Eligh, Liam, Emme who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 10 went home with Emme.

Important Dates

- Tues 30th July PCT Discussions, 3 – 5pm
- Thurs 1st Aug PCT Discussions 5 – 7.30pm
- Fri 2nd Aug Cross Country, 2pm
- Thurs 8th Aug Year 6 DNI visit
- Mon 12th Aug North Zone Cross Country
- Thurs 15th Aug Ukulele Jam
- Weds 21st Aug Junior Museum Trip
- Thurs 22nd Aug Senior Museum Trip
- Tues 27th Aug Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament
- Weds 28th Aug School Photos
- Thurs 29th Aug Year 5/6 O'Mathalon
- Tues 4th Sept Life Education lessons start

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku
Welcome to Term 3 in Papatūānuku! We're thrilled to welcome Hazel to her 2nd week of school. The term has started with high interest and excitement around our inquiry topic for this term - SPACE! We have a space centre in our classroom that is not only a place of activities, pictures and information, it is also becoming a mission control, a rocket, a space station and many more things during dramatic play times. It's exciting to watch! We are getting really good at counting backwards now!! In Mathematics, we are also learning about teen numbers, how they are made up, and how to say them clearly so we don't get misheard with numbers like 13 - 30; 14 - 40 when we say them. We look forward to welcoming the SBS Starters tomorrow for the first session for Term 3.

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We have launched into our learning about Space by having our own solar system in our class and learning about the 50th Apollo 2 mission. We were captivated at how high the Saturn V Rocket was, and at the time of building, it was the largest rocket ever built. We used our measurement skills to see how far 111m actually was. You may have noticed our markings on the footpath across from school. 111m is from the round-about to the garage by the school crossing. We're busy learning about the Lunar Module too and we're transferring our learning to our own 3D model. We'll hopefully be sharing these with you at assembly next week.

Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

Welcome back to another fun and exciting term this year! We are learning about space for our topic choice this term and so far we have explored some key facts about the sun, moon and planet Earth. We've been busy inventing with a design brief 'anything Space related', ask us what we are making! We have also written some amazing stories about what we would do if we met an alien! Come in to class and read our work. In class we have a mission control centre setup and we plan to for the next few weeks adapt the design, as well as making a class rocket ship to go with it. If you have any arts and craft items that you think might look good on our rocket ship, then please bring them in next week.

Report by Miss O'Malley

Ranginui

It is wonderful to be back at school and it sounds like many of our students spent the holidays resting and recovering from the Winter bugs going around. We have begun sharing our knowledge around 'Space' and working out what is capturing our attention and what we would like to find out more about. See if your child can teach you an interesting Space fact. During Reading this week we have been creating our own mini books and we are looking forward to sharing these with the class tomorrow.

Report by Mrs Eathorne

Hinemoana

Welcome back to the new term! Alongside the rest of the school we have begun this terms topic - Space. We have practiced our questioning skills by asking questions all about space, using words like will, are, could, is, did and how to come up with a variety of questions. We have created our own aliens and are beginning some descriptive writing about our creations. We have also completed some foreshortening astronaut art which is hanging up in our classroom (feel free to come and check them out!) We are learning about 'position' and have played a game called 'Hidden Positions' - maybe you could ask your child about this and even give it a go at home?

Report by Miss Laing

Tāne Mahuta

Our first week back at school and we have landed on Mars! We have worked together to create a base and are now asking questions to explore what it would be like to live on Mars and what we would need to survive in our base. Many questions we have! We are creating 3D shapes and are looking to create our own planets using 3D shapes. We have discovered 12 undiscovered planets in writing and we are describing what they look like when we arrive there on our spaceships.

Report by Mrs Marshall

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for Term 3. We have another action packed term ahead of us and we are very happy to have all of our children excited to be back at school. A special welcome to Hazel who joined Papatūānuku and the end of last term. We are thrilled to finally have you with us Hazel.

Next week is going to be a busy one already. You should have received a notice home regarding Parent/Child/Teacher discussions next Tuesday and Thursday. If you did not receive a booking form, please get in touch asap so that we can get you in. The PCT discussions are essential for keeping the home-school links strong and setting goals for our tamariki for the second half of the year.

On Friday next week, we also have our annual School Cross Country. The senior children will be completing the same track as last year while our juniors have a 'fun run' around the bike track. We would love to have as many parents cheering on the kids as we can. If you can make it at 2pm, that would be fantastic.

Over the last few terms, we have noticed an increase in some children arriving late at school or having days off sometimes unnecessarily. The first half hour of every school day is the most important. It sets your child up for the rest of their day and missing this time puts them on the back foot. We would really appreciate parents support in getting your children to school on time, every day. One of our teachers came across this table that helps to illustrate our concern around absences:

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

Our learning time together with your children is precious. Thankyou in advance for your support.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā.

Gareth Swete
Principal