

NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Week 7

Thursday 5th September 2019



Principal's Note

Kia ora Whanau,

A big welcome to Alex who has started with us in Papatūānuku this week. It is great to have you and your family with us Alex.

It was an exciting day on Wednesday when the children turned up to find the Harold truck in the school grounds. By the end of today, all classes would have had their first session with Maria and Harold in their very flash Life Education Mobile Classroom. The children will all be covering a different range of topics with Harold and Maria including feelings, relationships and the body. Please do ask your child all about what they learnt when they get home.

Most of our classes are now coming to the end of their inquiry into Space. To celebrate and share our learning, next week, we will be opening up our classrooms to share our learning with you. Instead of a 2.15pm assembly, we will be in class and ready for visitors at 2pm. All family members are very welcome to come through, ask questions and let our children show off what they have been up to. At 2.30pm, we will head down to Room 7 altogether for awards and one shared song. We do hope that you will be able to make it along as the children are very proud of their learning.

In the classrooms, we teach our children the skill of being Active Listeners. This is where they listen attentively to others and respond to that person in order for both people to understand each other better. Often we mistake hearing for listening. Just because you hear someone talking, doesn't mean that you are listening to them. It is a skill that you can practice at home with your child too and they will love you for it. Even when we are flat out busy, it is important at times to put down the remote/phone/book when talking with your child. Remove all distractions and really concentrate on what they are saying. Often we get fixated on what we want to say and instead of listening, we end up just waiting for our turn to speak. It is a real skill to clear your mind of other thoughts and listen only to what someone else is saying. Becoming literate starts with our ability to communicate orally. Practising these skills with your child will not only help you enjoy each other's company, but also support their learning in all literacy areas, and help them become literate adults later in life.

Ngā Mihi,

Gareth Swete

Principal

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Carter, Kaiya, Brayden, Harri, Oliver and Emme who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 6 went home with Harri

Important Dates

Fri 6 th Sept	SBS Starters – 1.20pm in Papatūānuku
Tues 10 th Sept	PTA Meeting – 7pm @ Careys Bay Hotel
Weds 11 th Sept	Polyfest
17 – 20 th Sept	Year 6 Camp
Fri 20 th Sept	SBS Starters – 1.20pm in Papatūānuku

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

This week we welcome Alex to Papatūānuku! We had a fun visit to Sawyers Bay Playcentre on Wednesday. Thank you Playcentre for being so welcoming and letting us enjoy your centre's indoor and outdoor environment! We've worked hard on our calendar art this week, using some interesting tools to create a solar system picture. Ask your Papatūānuku tamariki which tools we used! We are learning about positional language, and following instructions as part of our geometry learning in maths. We are learning our left and right! We're looking forward to showing families some of our learning about space, on display next Friday.

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

Hine Rau Wharangi have been super busy this week. We visited Harold in his awesome truck yesterday. We found out that Harold is very shy and cheeky. He made different face to show his feelings to us. (Isabella)

Mrs Swete has also been showing us how to use the Spheros in classroom. We changed the colours on the Spheros and drew pictures like a plane. We used I pads to connect to the Internet and sent the pictures to the planets in the Solar system - (Nina) While Mrs Swete was in our class we were learning to use the Spheros We have also finished making us Space mobiles and we think they look pretty good.

Report by Mrs Brewer

Tāwhirimātea

Tāwhirimātea are excited to present their space project to their family and friends next week. They have been working extremely hard, researching and recording facts, and creating a display to show off their STEAM learning from this term. Wednesday we had a visit from Harold and Maria from Life Education. We talked about different ways to be a nice friend, and how we would like to be treated is the way we should treat others.

In maths we have been expanding and reading three digit numbers and our challenge next week will be to look at 4 digit numbers.

Report by Miss O'Malley

Ranginui

Ranginui are continuing their exploration of the problems space junk is already causing or could cause in the future. We had fun coming up with the worst possible idea to try and fix these problems and now we are designing what we hope are slightly better ideas! By the time you read this we will have had our first Life Education visit. We are looking deeper into how we can be an effective team member and ways we can show kindness towards others. Another school in Dunedin has asked us to be pen pals so the children have been drafting letters this week to send. I am sure we will all be waiting eagerly to see if any replies come back!

Report by Mrs Eathorne

Hinemoana

Continuing looking into Space, we have started to explore the stars and constellations. We know that stars are big balls of gas and that the sun is our biggest star. Constellations are the pictures / patterns that the stars make in the night sky. We have constructed our own 'Universe in a Box' and labelled some constellations, such as Leo, Lyra and Scorpius and learned at what time of year we can see these stars in the Southern Hemisphere. We are also making our own seven point stars following different patterns, maybe ask your child at home about this and they can show you how. It's trickier than it looks! Our Polyfest performance is next Wednesday and we have upped our practices and our performance is looking pretty sharp! If you have the time we would love your help on the day or just have you there at the Edgar Centre supporting our tamariki.

Report by Hinemoana

Tāne Mahuta

Our Steam projects are taking off, we are learning about many scientific understandings that happen in Space and on Earth. We

are looking forward to sharing this with everyone next Friday. In Maths this week we have continued to develop our thinking around fractions. We have found many patterns and used multiplication and division to help us work out a fraction or percentage. We are just starting our Space play writing after having focused on expressive reading for the past 3 weeks. Our aim is to use descriptive language to create a very expressive play.

Report by Mrs Marshall

School and Community News

Polyfest 2019

Tēnā koutou, Bula vinaka, Fakaalofalahi atu, Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, Greetings,

Our performance for Polyfest is fast approaching! Our confirmed performance day and time is Wednesday 11th September, at approximately 2.15pm. Please note that the festival may be running early or late so please allow for this.

The festival will be held at the Edgar Centre. The entry fee is \$2 per audience member. We would like to extend a warm welcome to family and friends to attend and support our Kapa Haka performance.

Please see Skool Loop to fill in permission for your child/ren for this event.

Seafood Fest – PTA helpers still required

We are still a couple of people short of our target to help with the upcoming Seafood Festival. If you are into a free entry and the chance to help out on a major west harbour event, please do let us know and we can pass on more information.

Sawyers Bay Garden Club Spring Flower Show

The SBS Garden Club is holding its annual Flower Show on Saturday 28th September (same day as the Seafood Festival) in the Town Hall. As part of this great floral occasion, we invite children to enter in the children's art and photography competition.

The children's art is in two categories: 7 and under and 8 – 12 year olds. The challenge is to create a garden in a shoe/boot...fun!

The photography is for all under 12 year olds and there are two categories: Clouds and Favourite Dress Up.

The children can bring their entries to the Port Chalmers Town Hall on Friday 27th September from 3 – 8pm or before 9.30am on Saturday 28th. There are cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

If you have any queries, contact Sapph Prentice at sapponia@yahoo.co.nz



Sport News

Don't forget to enrol in the Spring Playball Holiday Programme. We will be operating from Bayfield High School during the upcoming holidays 8 am - 6 pm Daily. With specialised sports clinics delivered to children via our highly trained coaches, everyone is guaranteed to have lots of fun. In addition to this, we have Trip Days to Movies, Leap & Dunedin Gymnastics Academy. For the full schedule and more information head to <http://playballdunedin.com/> or email: coachliam@playball.co.nz. Be QUICK as spaces are filling fast. WINZ Subsidies available.

