

# NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 2

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019



## Principal's Note

Kia ora Whānau,

Well we are all feeling a little deflated regarding the West Harbour Sports Day cancellation. The biggest concern for the organisers was the ground conditions and having small children, wet from the feet up, in cold, windy weather. I would like to thank all of our community who got in behind the event and offered to help out. We are always so appreciative of the support that we get even if we didn't do the activity. The teachers will be very quickly devising a scheme where we can put together a mini version of the Sports Day here at the school for our kids. We will be looking at using a whole half day and will of course keep you in the loop as soon as we have a weather window and a definitive plan. We know that our children were disappointed that they couldn't compete with their friends from other school but at least we can celebrate our athletic skills here at SBS.

Tomorrow, we will be sending a separate notice home regarding our upcoming swimming lessons with JC Swim School starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The usual subsidised cost that we ask parents for is \$45. Due to accepting your \$2 donations for Sports Day, we will be reducing the amount requested to \$43 rather than having to work a way through our accounts to refund the \$2 coins. If you would rather have your coin back, please do let me know.

A big thank you too to our parents who heeded the call for support for our Sausage Sizzle this week. We have half a roster and would always appreciate more helpers. It only takes a short time if you are available. The money that we raise through our sausage sizzle is what covers most of our EOTC costs over the year. When we ask for a \$2 bus donation for example, the buses actually cost significantly more per head but we can afford to subsidise this cost through our Sausage sizzle alone.

Have a great long weekend and hope for some better weather to get out amongst it over Labour Weekend.

Ngā Mihi,

Gareth Swete  
Principal

## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Freddie, Boon, Monty, Alysha, Thomas and Abby G who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 1 went home with Abby G

## Important Dates

28<sup>th</sup> October – Labour Day

4,6,8,11,13,15<sup>th</sup> November – School Swimming

19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term 4, 1pm finish time

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

We have packed a lot of learning into this week already.

We have been fascinated with the nest in the tree by the little fort. Some of us check up on it each playtime and lunchtime, and watch the Mother bird sitting on her eggs. This week we realised that two eggs have hatched! We tip toed over and observed for a while one day. We were lucky enough to see the father bird come and feed the two babies some worms. We talked about how nests were made and saw lots of items the birds find around our grounds to make nests. We'll keep you posted as to where these outdoor observations take our interest and learning!

We've enjoyed learning a new card game at Maths time. We are learning our addition facts to 5 or 10 and have learned how to use some playing cards to help us. Ask your Papatūānuku tamariki to show you how we do this! We're also working on our backwards counting.

We spent some time this week acting out the start of the Jack and the Beanstalk story. We all took on a role and

performed in groups, in front of the class. I was so impressed with the expressive dialogue and confidence of our Papatūānuku tamariki. Tino pai.

*Report by Mrs Campbell*

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We are knee deep in our STEAM learning and we are designing solutions to help Little Red Riding Hood and Granny. The children thought of a lot of possible solutions to get a message to Granny to warn her of the wolf and the teams are currently researching their ideas. We'll let you know when we'll share our learning at assembly. We welcomed Mr Whitaker to our class this week. Mr Whitaker is a College Teacher and he will be with us for another two weeks.

*Report by Mrs Barr*

### Tāwhirimātea

We have been working hard on our handwriting skills this term, making sure all letters are shaped the same way and are all the same size. To remember which way our letters are formed we have a little story to go with each letter. Ask us about some of the letters we have worked on so far.

We have been working on a secret art project with Mrs Swete and we hope to have it finished by Friday to share in assembly. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been looking at fractions and identifying what fraction is bigger or smaller. We know that one half is much bigger than one tenth. It was a bit tricky though as we know from our number knowledge that 10 is much bigger than 2. A great long weekend activity could be some baking in the kitchen to help reinforce our learning of fractions.

*Report by Miss O'Malley*

### Ranginui

Welcome to Miss Galloway who has joined Ranginui from the University of Otago, she will be with us for the next two weeks. Each week this term we have started with a values focused challenge. Can your child tell you the five values at Sawyers Bay School?

We have been researching bees this week after reading an article about the danger bees are facing and how bees help humans. Next we are going to start brainstorming what we can do to make a difference to this very big problem, let us know if you have any ideas!

*Report by Mrs Eathorne*

### Hinemoana

We have been exploring syllables and how these help us to spell words and read with fluency. To understand syllables further we have written Haiku poems. Haiku poems are traditionally from Japan and are usually written about the seasons and nature. They follow a special syllable pattern of 5, 7, 5. Below is some of our incredible Haiku poetry. Can you guess what they are about?

Rays of blazing light,  
Beam upon the field.

The flowers bloom.

By Georgia Moore

Sprinting for a tri,  
Close to being defeated.

Suspense is building.

By Emily Dick

Trees make a pathway,  
To sunny open spaces.

Rays shine down at me.

By Eli Olsen

*Report by Hinemoana*

### Tāne Mahuta

This week we read a book called Puffin the architect, we created our own nests after reading about puffins many designs. We are knee deep in multiple Lego challenges.

We are learning how to improve our designs to our Balloon aired lego cars after only one was able to move using the balloon. We are also creating constructions to work on our zip line in Maths, we are learning about geometry, measurement, time, speed, distance,

probability and angles.

We are all excited to see the progress we have made since starting a new handwriting program this term.

*Report by Mrs Marshall*

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## School and Community News

### PTA Glow Disco

The PTA will once again be holding a safe and fun alternative to Halloween at the Harbour Rugby Clubrooms on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 5.30-7pm. All SBS children and younger siblings with accompanying adult will be welcome. There will be food and drinks available for purchase, lots of fun and music. Gold coin donation.

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## School Life

### Sports Results

Team	Vs.	Score	PoD
Y3/4 Touch	Kaikorai Lions	4-1 (win)	Liam G
Y5/6 Touch	GB Keas	3-1 (win)	
<b>Futsal</b>			
Fireflies	St Joseph Blue	1-1 (draw)	Beth C
Rockets	Mac Bay Sharks	13-0 (win)	Isaac S
Sharks	Fairfield Swarm	2-1 (win)	Stevie L
Ligers	SFX Lions	11-0 (win)	Archie M
Pink Ladies	Tainui 2	4-1 (win)	Abby G
United	Abbots 6	8-2 (loss)	Sean G