

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Note

Kia ora koutou Whanau,

This week we welcome Lucca, Violet and Lucas to the School. We are really pleased to have you both with us!

Swimming has once again been the highlight of the week. We are very pleased to see the children's amazing progress in the very short time that we have had lessons. A great big thanks to everyone for keeping your children well-organised and well-fed during this very busy period.

Thank you to all of the families who were able to come along and check out our Book Fair. We had two lucky winners from our spot prize draw, Harrison Miller and Lena Sweeney, who both won a very flash book each. The School will also receive a bonus allocation of Scholastic credit thanks to your support which will be used to put new, exciting books into our library for the kids.

Hopefully this week you received a notice home regarding the upcoming Activity Modules. The Activity Modules is a programme that we run near the end of Term 4 every year where we call on the different expertise and interests of our teachers and families. We will be running three hour long sessions a week over two weeks and giving our children the chance to choose which Activity Module they would like to do. We cross-group the children so that there is a range of ages and levels all working together. The chance to learn alongside the 'big kids' is often the highlight for our juniors, and the big kids love looking after their junior friends too. PLEASE, if you want to be involved in any way, or could offer a secret talent or skill that you have, we would love to have families working alongside us.

Over the next few weeks, we will be busy making further preparations for 2020. This also includes putting together draft classroom placements for next year. When we do this, we make many considerations about where we place a child such as the age, year level, social considerations, learning style, matching children with teachers, areas of strength, areas requiring support among many others. We are however always interested in the perspective of parents. If you feel that there is something that you would like us to take into consideration, please see me in person to discuss. There is no obligation to do so as I can assure you that we agonise over the decisions and will always act in the best interest of the children, but you may want the opportunity.

Ka kite ano,

Gareth Swete
Principal.

Person of the Week



Congratulations to Harry, Ally, Eli, Levi, Emme and Finn who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 4 went home with Levi

Important Dates

15th November – Last day of School Swimming
19th December – Last day of Term 4, 1pm finish time

Classroom Notes

Papatūānuku

We welcome Lucca to our class this week!
We have had fun designing our STEAM creations. The Gingerbread man needed to get across the river, because the only way he knew was to go over by fox, but that didn't have a good ending. So Papatūānuku tamariki had to work together with a buddy and design a way for the Gingerbread man to cross the river. He had lots of options to choose from: a boat, a yacht, a motor boat jet planes, a zip line, an aeroplane, a bridge. The children in our class are very creative.

We have enjoyed more sessions of swimming this week, and are progressing well. Thank you parents and grandparents for your help in the changing rooms.

On Wednesday we went to visit Koputai Early Childhood centre on our way to swimming. It was super to see everyone there and play outside in their wonderful playground. Thank you to Koputai for the very warm welcome.

Report by Mrs Campbell

Hine-Rau-Whārangī

We huffed and we puffed and the houses didn't blow down! We finally finished building our houses for the Three Little Pigs and then we tested our designs. The Wolf definitely won't get his dinner tonight!



Report by Mrs Barr

Tāwhirimātea

This week in Tāwhirimātea we have continued to develop our skills in the water at swimming. Friday will be our final session for the year. We have all done so well and made loads of progress. The swim instructors even commented on how amazed they were with our swimming abilities! We begin learning about a new math topic this week - Position. We will learn about the difference between movement and position, left and right, quarter turns and half turns, and we will be using the theme of Robots and coding to help us put it all into practice! We are really enjoying taking part in our Maori rotations in whanau groups on Fridays. The activities we are doing include raranga (weaving), waiata-a-ringa (action songs), Tākaro ā-ringa (hand games), te rakau (stick games), Poi toa (poi games), and Te Reo (the language). Be sure to ask us to show you what we have learnt.

Report by Miss O'Malley

Ranginui

Have you heard about colony collapse disorder? The students in Ranginui have been finding out information about why bees are disappearing around the world, what would happen if bees became extinct and how humans can help to ensure bees survive. Have a chat to your child about some of the ideas we have come up with so far, we are on the hunt for more ideas so let us know if you have any good ones!

We have had a great two weeks of Swimming and the improvement in skill and confidence is wonderful to see. It has also been a good opportunity for our students to show they are self-managers; being organised for each session and ensuring they look after their belongings. Well done Ranginui!

Report by Mrs Eathorne

Hinemoana

Hinemoana has begun exploring Transformation, beginning with symmetry and reflection. We created our own reflection art using small panels and extended these using mirrors. The mirrors made our panels look like a full circle (or, created 360 degrees). We learnt that mirrors provide us with a reflection because they are shiny and smooth. The light bounces off the mirrored surface, and then reflects the image back into your eyes. We also played around using two or more mirrors and discovered when the light bounces off one mirror and hits another mirror you are seeing a reflection of a reflection.



Report by Hinemoana

Tāne Mahuta

This week we worked very hard to publish our Lego picture books, we were very lucky to get to share them with Tāwhirimātea. They also got to share their houses that they had made from their story 'The Three Little pigs'. We have created some very imaginative mazes, we have identified the different angles we have created and measured the perimeter of our maze. We have had another great week of swimming, everyone has done so well!

Report by Mrs Marshall

School and Community News

Activity Module

A notice about our annual Activity Modules was sent home on Tuesday. They will be running at the beginning of December. These run for two weeks and the children choose two activities to participate in over this time. Some of the activities in the past have included craft, art, sports, cooking, baking, clay, friendship bracelets ... the list is endless! If you are interested in helping, please let Jo know. The more helpers the merrier!

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School Life

Sports Results

Team	Vs.	Score	PoD
Y3/4 Touch	Abbots 1	8-3	Hunter S
Y5/6 Touch	Arthur St Blue	10-2 (w)	Lyla W & Josh M
Futsal			
Fireflies	George St Panthers	3-1 (L)	Liam Heseltine
Rockets	Bradford	1-1 (D)	Luca P
Sharks	Opoho Strikers	2-7 (L)	Rhys H
Ligers	Sacred Heart Strykers	7-0 (W)	Thomas J
Pink Ladies	Tainui 2 - defaulted	3-0 (W)	Nadia O
United	George St Blasters	7-2 (L)	Olly J