

# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Note

Kia ora koutou,

It has been another very busy week at SBS. The children are flat out in the classrooms and making the most of the windows of nice weather we have sporadically through the day!

Firstly, this week I would like to put a big thank you out to our hardworking PTA. We have just received some very flash new technology and robotics in the school thanks to their generosity. The Junior classrooms are the proud owners of BeeBots and we have an amazing classroom bundle kit of Sphero Minis and resources. They have all been incredibly well utilised already and will be an amazing asset for the school. Through the robotics, the children learn a wide range of skills beyond simply using a device to control something else. They learn coding, control, collaboration, creative problem-solving, goal setting, communication, computational thinking, resilience, maths, reading skills, comprehension skills and many more essential skills for 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. None of these additional "nice to have's" are possible without our PTA, so again thank you.

We have unfortunately seen a tummy bug moving its way through the school this week, and we are aware that there has been some illness in our preschools. We are encouraging our children to be extra vigilant around hygiene, and handwashing in particular, and appreciate families support to try and control the spread of bugs.

There will be some noticeable absences at Assembly tomorrow. Not so noticeably, I will once again be absent from Assembly as we hold the Otago Primary Principals Association AGM and Seminar tomorrow. I would like to congratulate all of our award winners now. More importantly, our very important Road Patrollers will be absent as they attend the annual Orange Day celebrations for road patrollers from all around Dunedin. They do a wonderful job in all sorts of weather and we really do appreciate their hard work. Thanks Road Patrollers.

Ka kite ano,

Gareth Swete  
Principal.

## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Talia, Phoenix, Fletcher, Jayden, Eligh and Ava who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 5 went home with Phoenix

## Important Dates

27<sup>th</sup> November – Last day for Subway lunch orders  
19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term 4, 1pm finish time

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

On Wednesday morning Mr Swete came into Papatūānuku to teach us how to use the mini Spheros. He showed us how the mini Spheros had a special skin on the outside of them to help them roll across the different surfaces.

We used the iPads to move them around with the joy stick in the iPad app and had to code them so they would change colours and move in different directions. After lunch we were able to use them again for Maths to estimate and measure the length of lines.

*Report by Mrs Campbell*

### Hine-Rau-Whārangi

On Tuesday we had Kelly Sports. We learnt a new game with Sophie. It was a mix up of two games, basketball and football. You could bounce the ball to score a goal or kick it too. It was fun! We have been making some pictures about 'My Granny'. We had to draw a picture of some of the things

that we could do with our Granny. Harrison drew a picture of playing cricket with his Granny. Mrs Fahey has been helping us with our reading this week and we love learning about Fairy tales with her. Did you know that there is only 34 days until Christmas? Hine-Rau-Whārangī does!

*Report by Monty and Harrison*

### Tāwhirimātea

This week we tested our houses that we have made during STEAM, and I'm happy to report that all houses passed the water, wind and earthquake test. You can come and check out our results in class that are displayed on the classroom wall. We have been looking at instructional writing, and last week we wrote instructions on how to make the perfect sandwich. We even got to test out our instructions by making a yummy sandwich to eat for brain break. Yesterday we got to have a go with our new Bee-Bots - we made a maze and then we had to programme our Bee-Bot by entering in some directions. We had some mixed results but it was lots of fun being a risk taker and having a go.

*Report by Miss O'Malley*

### Ranginui

The Ranginui students have continued on our learning journey about honey bees and the world wide problem of the colony collapse disorder. We came up with a range of ideas about how we could help the bees in our community and we are currently at the planning stage of creating a bee garden. We have worked out what we need to know and how we are going to find out this information. As part of our bee study we are running a statistical investigation into the bugs we have around Sawyers Bay School and we also learnt how to draw a realistic bee, come and check the bees out on our classroom wall.

*Report by Mrs Eathorne*

### Hinemoana

Hinemoana is trying to convince others through persuasive writing. We are all writing about topics that are meaningful to us and where we want to create change. Some of our topics include fighting climate change, being able to play tackle rugby at school or that we should be able to have a class pet! We are also making choices on how to format our writing, should it be a letter? Or maybe displayed in a poster or even a speech?

*Report by Hinemoana*

### Tāne Mahuta

Our new STEAM topic is 'Understanding food through STEAM'. This week we have imagined, planned, and designed pancakes with our pancake STEAM challenge. We have a range of different pancakes being made and we are looking forward to testing them to see how we can improve our meal. In Maths we have really challenged ourselves to understand how to multiply and divide whole numbers. We have even investigated factors, multiples and square roots.

In Writing, we are improving our vocabulary by writing stories using 'the word of the day'.

*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!

### Free rain jackets with Sawyers Bay School branding

We still have about 15 jackets that are free to Sawyers Bay families available outside the office after School.



## School Life

### Sports Results

Team	Vs.	Score	PoD
Y3/4 Touch	Cancelled 14/11		
Y5/6 Touch	Cancelled 14/11		
<b>Futsal</b>			
Fireflies	Fairfield Racers	7-0 (L)	Oliver
Rockets	St Leonards Starters	3-2 (W)	Sylas
Sharks	Opoho Kickers	1-1 (D)	James
Ligers	Abbots 5	4-5 (L)	Hunter
Pink Ladies	Mornington Kotira	3-0 (L)	Kaiya
United	Andy Bay Yellow	6-1 (W)	Charlie B

### Papatūānuku with mini Spheros

