

# NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 8

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019



## Principal's Note

Kia ora koutou,

This week has been an absolute blast with Activity Modules keeping us all energised and excited. The children have really enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside the many adults that have so kindly volunteered their time to run or support activities. We have had all sorts of experiences going on such as baking, cooking, sports, decorations, painting, coding and robotics, yoga, harakeke weaving, cityscape design, ukulele and so much more. Next week we will be rotating our groups around and having the children enjoy a different activity for the second week.

Tomorrow End of Year Achievement reports will be sent home with your children. This is a summary of their achievement over the year and goals for moving forward. Please note that if your child has been at school for less than a term, a six-week interview will take the place of a formal written report. The reports are designed to be specific to your child, informative and fair. The teachers have spent a considerable amount of time crafting these reports so we do hope that you will find them useful. Inside the envelope that the reports come in is also a slip where you can either provide feedback on the reports, or request a time to sit down and discuss it in person with your classroom teacher if it is essential.

Last night many of our futsal teams had their last games for the season and our Touch teams will also finish this week. I have really enjoyed being able to watch many of our teams perform and the support that they get from the side-lines. I would like to congratulate all of the children for representing the school so well both in a competitive sense, but also through the way that they manage themselves and show respect for their teammates and opposition. A big thank you goes to all of the coaches and organisers of the teams. We really do appreciate keen parents getting amongst it and helping our kids to achieve. I know that the children appreciate your hard work too, thank you coaches.

Ka kite ano,

Gareth Swete  
Principal.

## Person of the Week



Congratulations to Carter, Hailen, Freya, Emily, Oscar and Liam M who were nominated for Person of the Week. The trophy for Week 7 went home with Freya

## Important Dates

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

## Classroom Notes

### Papatūānuku

This week we've been finishing off our Christmas cards to give to people who live in rest homes. The tamariki wrote so carefully and neatly in the cards. They look great, and I'm proud of their efforts.

We have all enjoyed our activity modules, and have shared what we did each session in a sharing circle at the end of the day.

During maths time, we've been improving our direction knowledge as we learn to code Bee-Bot to do a variety of things. Tomorrow in assembly, we'll share some of what we've learned this week with Bee-Bot.

How are those bean plants growing, now that they're at home? Please email a photograph to me, if your child would like to share with the class, how their bean plant is growing. Thank you!



Report by Mrs Campbell

### Hine-Rau-Whārangī

What a wonderful week we've had! Our highlight has definitely been the Activity Modules. We really enjoyed working with a mixture of children and adults. The children shared awesome things they made and did.

Our new Bee-Bots are a definite hit in HRW. We are using Bee-Bot to help us code in Maths, and spell in Literacy.

*Report by Mrs Barr*

### Tāwhirimātea

Activity modules have been underway this week. It's great seeing the smiles on the children's faces, as they come back to class to share what they have done. In maths we have been looking at subtraction strategies, 'rounding and compensating', and using a number line to solve equations. We have also looked at groups of numbers and multiplication. One of our maths warm up games is 'Buzz' and our high score has been well over 350! We also enjoy a game of '21' - challenge us over the weekend, but remember, first one to say the number '21' is out!

*Report by Miss O'Malley*

### Ranginui

What a great week we have been having! The students have enjoyed a range of activity modules, Sophie taught us new games at Kelly Sport, we had visiting scientists from the Biochem department at the University and we have managed to squeeze in running our own statistical investigations! We have also started to put together some ideas for our 'Summer books', these are going to be books we bring home that have a wide variety of activities we can do, that will support our learning over the holiday break. The children are designing these books and we already wish we had more pages! Keep an eye out for the books arriving home in Week 10.

*Report by Mrs Eathorne*

### Hinemoana

We have completed our first week of activity modules and the children have been having a wonderful time. Some children have completed their own Christmas arts and crafts, made their own beeswax wraps and even learnt some new words in German. We are looking forward to next week when we will get to participate in a different activity module we have chosen. By the time you read this the Year 5 and 6 children will have finished their last boating session for this year (fingers crossed!) so we would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents who have helped us with transport and keeping our kids safe out on the water. We are all very grateful for your time and help!

*Report by Hinemoana*

### Tāne Mahuta

The end of the year is creeping up on us very quickly. We have started preparing our speeches to share with you all at our final assembly next Friday. This week we have loved participating in our activity modules, everyone has come back to class and shared their experiences and their work with others. We have

been learning about bread and how fermentation works, we have baked bread and developed different processes of making bread based on different countries. Who knew there were so many different types of bread from different countries! Kelly sports was a lot of fun this week, we thanked Sophie for the time she has spent with us this year and she looks forward to seeing some of our Year 6 faces at events in the future.

*Report by Mrs Marshall*

## School and Community News

### Food bank Can Drive/Book sale

We have retired a substantial number of books from our library. These books still have plenty of life in them. Next Thursday, we will be making them all available after school. You can 'purchase' these for the price of a can of non-perishable food. One can = 5 books. All cans will be donated to the annual food bank appeal on the same night.

## School Life

### Sports Results

Team	Vs.	Score	PoD
Y3/4 Touch	MHS Red	5-1 (W)	Beau
Y5/6 Touch	Wakari Black	8-0 (W)	
<b>Futsal</b>			
Fireflies	St Josephs Blue	3-0 (L)	Kenzie
Rockets	Fairfield Superheroes	4-0 (L)	Issac
Sharks	Waitati Kickers	2-5 (L)	Pip
Ligers	St Josephs Purple	3-0 (W)	Everyone
Pink Ladies	Tainui 2	3-0 (L)	Lyra
United	Tainui 4	4-1 (L)	Charlie G

**Piano Awards** – Congratulations to Lyra, Emily and Ava for achieving excellent results in their piano exam



### Activity Modules and Futsal winners

