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WEEK 6 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora koutou,

We had our **Education Review Office (ERO)** one day review on **Thursday 24th of August**. On this day the reviewers focussed on a wide range of compliance requirements that all schools follow. ERO were very happy overall with our systems in this school.

Next term they return for two full days to look into areas such as our Strategic and Annual Plans, teaching and learning, pastoral care, our school's shared values and much more.

Our last review was in September of 2019.

ERO's Overall Judgement then was that *"on the basis of the findings of this review, ERO's overall evaluation judgement of Tauranga Special School's performance in achieving valued outcomes for its students is : **Strong.**"*

Staff Changes: Due to personal circumstances a small number of staff have had to tender their resignations. The school has also experienced higher than usual levels of staff illness. The class teams of staff that our families are familiar with, have had to be adaptable and may continue to need changes from time to time while we seek replacements and until things settle down. Thank you everyone for your help while we work through this.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Important dates and info

Transport Day, Friday 15 September 10am to 12pm, Waipuna Park

Kāhui Ako Curriculum Day, Monday 18 September - school closed

End of Term 3 Friday 22 September

TC3 Senior Prom 12 October 11.00am to 2.00pm, St George Church Hall, Gate Pā.

TC3

Term 3 has seen the Gym Crew get underway at the Windermere Gym and they love it. They go every Friday and are learning to follow the rules of a gym and use the cardio equipment to stay fit and healthy.

Music has also been on the cards with some lucky students taking part in a 2 day Chamber Music workshop out at Pāpāmoa College - so much fun.

Hine and Jack continue to do great work volunteering at the library.

Being safe around our roads is still a big focus for us and our safe travelling.

So far Term 3 has been awesome.



TC3

This term TC3 students practised their Basketball skills for the BOP Secondary School Basketball Tournament, which took place on the 16 August at Tauranga Boys College(TBC). TC3 and Pāpāmoa High School (TSS) formed three teams and played against Ōtūmoetai College, Te Puke College, TBC, and ourselves. All students participated and enjoyed themselves. There was great team support and sportsmanship from both our students and those from other schools. It was wonderful to see the teams line up at the end of each game and shake hands or high five each other.



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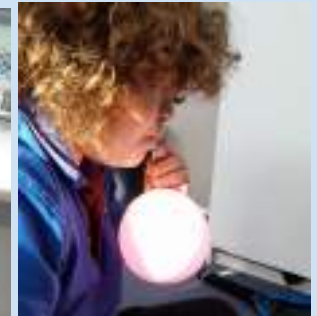
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Tauranga Intermediate School - Cathryn's class

We have been investigating how to make toy cars move. We explored using a balloon car kit to make the cars move and enjoyed pumping up the balloon to different sizes before releasing the car. We then worked out how to make our own balloon cars and raced them. We discovered that attaching two balloons to the car made it faster.



Covid Restriction Changes

As you may be aware the government has now removed Covid 19 restrictions concerning self isolating at home when you have Covid.

If your student tests positive for Covid 19 please let us know and, as with any other sickness, keep them at home while they have symptoms.

Tauranga Intermediate School Satellite - Sara's Class

This term we have been having a fantastic time at Argos Gym. We have been learning lots of great skills such as balancing, jumping, agility and coordination. We have loved jumping on the trampoline, swinging on the tarzan swing, walking across the beam and completing lots of other super fun activities.



Mana Kaha Team

At Tauranga Special School we have been engaging in collaborative mahi to support our hoamahi/colleagues, our ākonga/learners and their whānau as our kura journeys towards embedding the Zones of Regulation (Kuypers, 2011).

Developing the skills involved in emotional regulation can be difficult, yet this development is something that all of us engage in throughout our lives. The Zones of Regulation is a program that supports people to develop these skills.

A great summary of how Zones of Regulation works can be found here:

<https://zonesofregulation.com/how-it-works/>

Our vision for our kura is to support our ākonga with consistent and familiar **visual supports** and **language** regarding emotions and emotional regulation, across all of our sites. Our classrooms have Zones of Regulation displays, our communication systems such as lanyards, PODD books and our new Coreboards also have emotions and links to Zones of Regulation. We have recently trialled a Zones of Regulation check-in and 'toolbox' wheelbarrow, which based on staff feedback, has now become a box that can be easily accessed by staff and students in our Base playgrounds. Of course, our mahi is ongoing.



To use the Zones displays and tools:

We are encouraged to identify our emotions/Zones using displays such as the one to the left, and then decide if we would like a 'tool' to help care for ourselves. For example, perhaps a set of headphones might help, a squishy fidget toy, or even a drink of water may be something we choose to help us regulate.

More recently, we have been developing a Zones of Regulation display for use by our whānau if you feel that this is something you'd also like to try.



Developing the skills of regulation may have already come up in your recent IP or Ara meetings, or it may be something that isn't necessarily something your tamaiti needs to prioritise right now. However, if you'd like a copy of the Zones of Regulation for Home resource, and/or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact our Mana Kaha team or your classroom teacher.

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