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WEEK 2 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER 24 July 2025

Kia ora koutou,

Notice from Board of Trustees:

This term, Tauranga Special School will hold a **Board of Trustees election** – an important opportunity for our school community to help shape the future of our kura.

The School Board plays a vital role in setting the strategic direction of the school, overseeing governance, ensuring financial stewardship, and most importantly, supporting high-quality educational outcomes for every learner.

We are looking for parents and community members who:

- Care deeply about education and student success
- Work well as part of a team
- Can ask thoughtful questions and contribute to robust discussion
- Communicate clearly and are community-minded

You don't need to have a background in education – we welcome diversity and value people from all walks of life. If you're passionate about making a positive difference and want to help shape the future of TSS, we encourage you to consider standing for election.

More information about the nomination and election process will be shared soon.

In the meantime, if you're curious about what being on the Board involves, feel free to reach out or visit www.schoolboardelections.org.nz for helpful resources.

Ngā mihi

Barrie Wickens

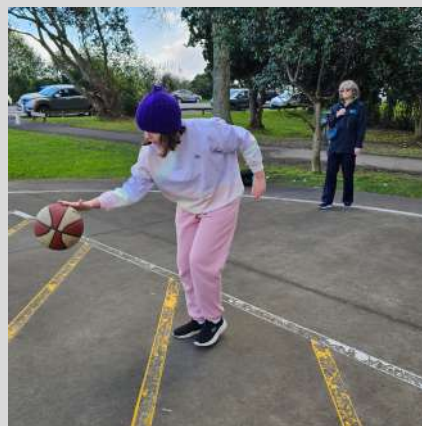
Tumuaki Principal

Important dates:

18/19 Aug	Staff Only Days (no school these days)
21 Aug	Special School Kapa Haka
31 Aug-5 Sept	AIMS Games
12 Sept	Ra Whakangahau Kapa Haka
19 Sept	Last day of Term 3
24 Oct	Staff Only Day (no school this day)

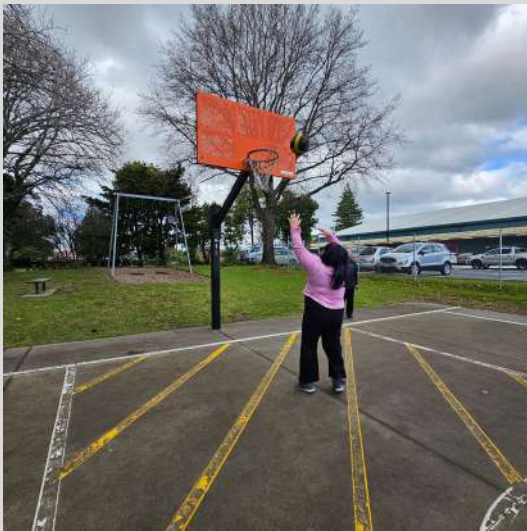
TC3 - Helen's Class

Our students have been learning about the appropriate work skills which are needed for successful employment. They are participating in Work Experience at either Greerton Library or at St. George's Charity Shop this term. We have got off to such a great start!



We have been brushing up our basketball skills this week, ready for the Special Olympics in August. We are getting much better at shooting hoops and dribbling.

TC3 - Nicola's Class



Tauranga Community College Class (TC3) have had an amazing start to Term 3. We are learning new basketball skills and training hard for our Special Olympic Basketball coming up this term.

The students are busy making bees wax wraps to sell and we have started work experience in the St George's Centrepont Opportunity Shop.

TC3 students enjoy getting out and about and getting the groceries at Woolworths for the other classes too.

TIS - Jolani's Class



Our students enjoyed cooking and Felix loved going to RDA. This term, the topic focus is Whakamahi - cause and effect, so we've had lots of fun exploring some activities related to this. We also completed Numeracy and Literacy activities focusing on numbers and letters of the week. What a great start to term 3!

TIS - Mike's Class



We are hard at work with our AIMS Games practice for bowls and cross country. We are using our gym times for bowls and we have Nikora from Room 4 join us. We will be using our community visits to practice cross country at Waipuna park. Bring on AIMS Games!

Here's to a good Term 3.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



ERIN

TUES - FRI
ROOMS 2 & 3
PĀPĀMOA COLLEGE
TAURANGA
INTERMEDIATE



AMY

OT ASSISTANT
ALL CLASSES



KATE

MON & WED
WELCOME BAY



AMY

MON - FRI
ROOMS 1 & 4
TE KURA O MANUNUI
TC3 & DRC

ERIN IS BACK!! - We are so pleased to welcome Erin back from her maternity leave this term!

The focus for Term 3 is assessing our students progress towards their IP/Ara goals and what other supports they might need to work towards enabling independence



We are also welcoming Sarah, an Occupational Therapy student from Otago Polytechnic for 8 weeks this term. She will be spending time in Room 1, Welcome Bay, TC3 & DRC



MAURI TAU -Mauri tau means that you have landed in a state of calm and balance. Like the tide, this state ebbs and flows and requires regular awareness and practice. Each week classes explore a different set of regulation tools. Focusing on specific body parts working out to in, hands, arms, shoulders, torso. In an attempt to increase our student's awareness of feelings and body cues in their bodies. (interoception).



Trike for sale

Tracey and Willie Reid have a second hand trike for sale that they would like to offer to another whānau in the school community.

These tricycles are \$1700 new, and they have been told that second hand ones are generally worth \$800-900. They would be happy with offers around the \$500 mark. It has been well loved by their daughter from ages 9-15yrs.

They live in Pāpāmoa and would be happy for people to view and have a try. Please contact the school office to get their contact email address if you are interested.

Ngā mihi

