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## WEEK 7 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

11 June 2025

Kia ora koutou,

### **Brand new double Satellite at Te Puke Primary school announced:**

Last Thursday 5 June, Erica Stanford, the Minister of Education, announced that \$30 million would be spent on 18 new satellites and 5 classrooms for specialist schools across New Zealand. A Ministry Infrastructure Manager rang me twenty minutes before the Minister announced on national radio with the list of successful schools. We will receive a new double class satellite to be built as soon as practicable at Te Puke Primary School. Ironically, we closed a one class satellite there at the end of 2019 when our roll dropped to one student. The number of ORS funded students in Te Puke township and surrounding rural schools has increased significantly since 2019. For our school this is a major development that will enhance our satellite network geographic spread, and will offer many families more choice of schooling options.

We will be holding community consultation with families with ORS verified children in Te Puke and the surrounding rural schools. Our current families that live in the area will be included in these discussions.



*Concept drawing of the proposed double satellites at Te Puke Primary and Te Kura o Manunui*

In the meantime, we are pushing on with the planning and build process for our new double class satellite to be located on site at Te Kura o Manunui School in Brookfield. This project is taking longer than we anticipated but our revised timeline is that it must be completed before the end of this year. Ideally the start of term four would be ideal.

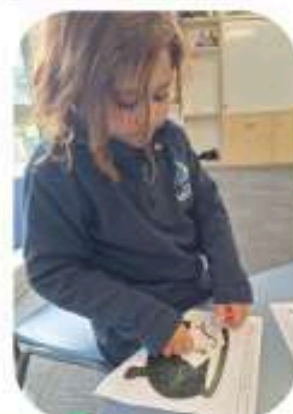
Our Board has also formally registered their interest in the current Brookfield Primary School site as a potential campus for our school, with our region's Infrastructure/Digital Division (Property) and directly with the Education Minister. Her response was positive in that she requested more information about our proposal. Strategically we will continue to seek out other potential satellite opportunities. Our current student roll stands at 122 with three more due to join us by the end of this term. Our total student capacity across all our sites is 127. Our Waiting List stands at 21. When we have a vacancy that is suitable to the age and needs of an individual child on the Waiting List, a position will be offered.

Ngā mihi  
Barrie Wickens  
Tumuaki Principal

### **Important dates:**

20 June	Matariki Public Holiday (no school this day)
24 June	Matariki Event at Base School
27 June	Last day of Term 2
14 July	First day Term 3
18/19 Aug	Staff only days (no school these days)





## TKOM- Cathryn's Class

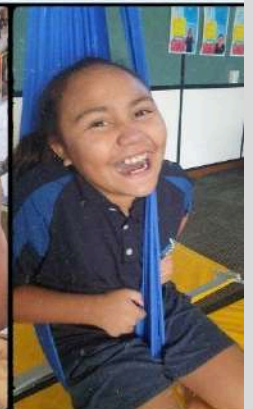
We have been reading lots of different books and we have been busy with creative activities inspired by the stories.







Term 2 at TKOM has been all about celebrations. We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. We celebrated birthdays. We celebrate learning new things.





## Room 1

This Term we have been enjoying exploring natural and recyclable materials as part of our curriculum topic. We have had fun creating art from recycled materials. We visited Countdown to recycle our soft plastics and have been walking around the block to explore the autumn leaves. We have also explored sand in our sensory story.





## DRC - Yasumi's Class

### Matariki art

We have been having fun creating Matariki artworks. We are looking forward to displaying the egg carton star mobile at base school on the Matariki whole school event day.





## DRC - Vicky's Class

### Stories and sunshine

If there are two things Tui class students love, it is stories and sunshine. This term we have made the most of the beautiful weather getting out and about when possible. When the weather is not so great, we love storytime. Win Win in Tui class.

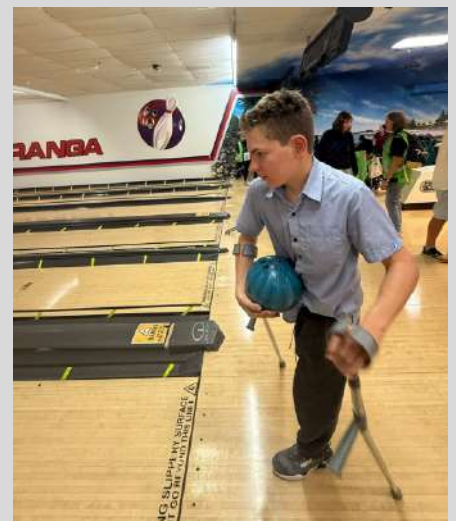




## Physiotherapy



In week 5, the physio team went to visit Patricia Avenue School in Hamilton to look at their new swimming pool and physio programs. This was a very worthwhile visit with lots of learning for our pool and physio programs.



Earlier in the term Megan and Awhina supported students at a Special Olympics Ten Pin Bowling event. This was a huge success and hopefully we'll do it again next year.





Awhina has been running circuits in our gym at TKoM and supports students each week at Kapa Haka.



Kim has been busy with Room 1 students in the pool and they are making great progress. She also swims with Papamoa College at Baywave once a week. It's great to see everyone having fun.