



**Tauranga
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Newsletter **Week 2 11th May Term 2 2022**

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau:



Retired caretaker passes away:

Sadly after a short illness our retired caretaker Russell Lategan passed away Saturday 23rd April surrounded by his family. Russell was a tremendous caretaker and a great guy liked by all that he met. He took up his role at the end of 2009 and retired in October last year. Rest in peace Russell.

Thank you to the Crean, Agnihotry and Kino families that recently donated exercycles to our school.

Renovations to TC3, (Tauranga Community College Class), our offsite facility in Greerton will be completed by Friday 13 May. The builders will then move to our **DRC** - Devonport Road offsite facility to undertake renovations there. Our students and staff at DRC will be relocated to either our Base School or the Tauranga Brass Band hall in Greerton that we have hired for the duration of both projects.

Ngā mihi
Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Term Dates for 2022

Term 2 Friday 13 May LUCKY BOOK ORDERS are due in. Parents can order online via LOOP

Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July

Queen's Birthday - Monday 6th June

Teacher only day - Thursday 23rd June

Matariki Friday 24th June

Labour Day - Monday 24th October

Term 3 Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September

Term 4 Monday 17th October - Thursday 15 December

Dear Whānau and Caregivers



We Need You!

Do you have skills that would help with governing Tauranga Special School?

We are looking for new board members to join the team at our board elections this September. We have several long-term board members retiring and will have 2-3 vacancies.

Being a board member is a rewarding job, working together with the principal for the governance of the school.

The job involves attending 11x monthly board meetings (can be by zoom) and reading material during the month. There may be extra time needed when working on the Strategic and Annual plans and reviewing policies. Also sub-committees may arise.

I can say being a board member is a very rewarding job. You are most welcome to come along to a board meeting prior to September and check out what we do.

Please contact Barrie, Dale or myself if you are interested.

**Kay Matthews
Presiding Member (Chairperson)
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Intermediate Satellite

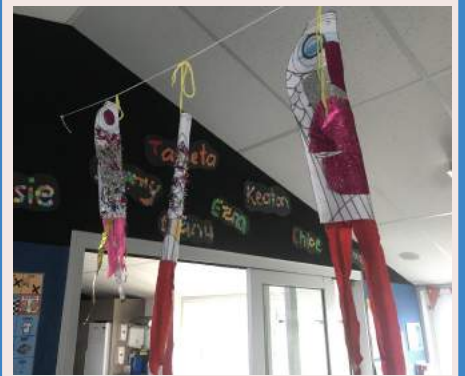
As part of our Inquiry topic on celebrations the students have been making greeting cards to celebrate different occasions throughout the year. This week the class made Mothers' Day cards. The students chose the pictures and the greeting that they wanted to put on their cards and personalized the cards for their mums.



Intermediate Satellite

On May 5, Japanese people celebrate the health and happiness for boys. It's known as "Tango no Sekku" or "Kodomo no Hi"(Children's Day).

Koinobori, carp windsocks, streamers or banners, decorate the landscape of Japan from April through early May in honour of Children's Day (originally the Boys' festival) on May 5.



In our class we have been making these koinoburi carp banners to learn about Japanese culture. We found out that in Japanese culture, the carp symbolizes courage and strength because of its ability to swim up a waterfall.

In our class we show courage and strength through our positive start to Term 2 and the friendships we are building.

TC3 Sailability

TC3 have been involved in Sailability all year, so far. We have 6 sailors who go regularly to Sailing which is run by Volunteers at the Tauranga Yacht Club.

Sailors go out in Hansa yachts and also in a Keeler named "Whio".

All yachts are accompanied by IRBs - inflatable rescue boats as support. The yachts get towed out before and towed back in after. All students have a great time and when possible learn some sailing skills from the skipper in each yacht. This week there was a nice breeze so the yachts went quite fast. Everyone else in TC3 either goes along and plays ball games or turns up for a picnic lunch once sailing is over.

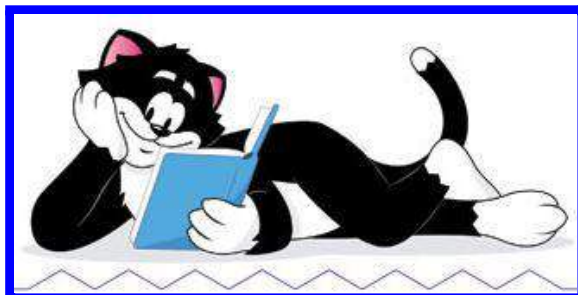




TC3 ANZAC DAY

display at 10 Yatton Street.

Lucky Book Club orders



Due Friday 13 May. Parents can order online via LOOP orders. See inside the back page of the flyer. Choose Tauranga Special School and the orders will be sent to school to go home with the student who ordered.



Just a reminder to all our Whānau that there is a [Facebook page](#) set up just for you!

Just search: [Tauranga Special School Whānau Support Group](#) and ask to join.

This is a forum where you can share thoughts, ideas and knowledge, where you can ask for help and where you can get support when you need it.

We would encourage you to join.