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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau:

GREAT NEWS:



Brand New Van: Yet again **Jo Crean**, Professional Learning Leader, has pulled off another successful funding grant application, that has resulted in us being able to purchase a brand new ten seater Toyota van. With a significant number of community visits our students and staff undertake as part of our programmes throughout the year, coupled with our steady increase in student numbers, our Board of Trustees consider that our school's vehicle fleet must be safe, comfortable and as modern as possible.

Jo applied to the New Zealand Community Trust for a grant of \$30,000 towards the new van and came up trumps. Our Board's contribution towards the total purchase price of \$58,000 is \$28,000 (\$7,600 of which is GST which we get back), meaning the Board's actual cost is \$20,400.

The van is already in use and in the near future will have our school's logo attached.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Term Dates for 2022

Term 3 Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September

Term 4 Monday 17th October - Thursday 15 December

Labour Day - Monday 24th October

Book Club



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 **SCHOLASTIC**

Tauranga Special School @ Greerton Yarn Bombing



Greerton Yarn Bombing

A lot of staff from Tauranga Special School gave a lot of their time to knit/crochet some beautiful coverings for a couple of trees in Greerton Village. TC3 walked around and took photos of the amazing creations.

We were all amazed by the creativity we saw.

TC3 - Tauranga Community College Class

TC3 has an amazing, handmade, all original, 3 piece artwork on the wall above one of our sofas. Everyone was involved in making these cool collage pieces. Each piece is approximately 80cm tall and 55 cm wide. The 'T' is made up of student and staff portrait photos. The 'C' is made up of letters of the alphabet and the '3' is made up of individually designed and coloured in 3s of course.



Last term we said goodbye to Trey who was our teacher aide for 2 terms this year. Trey had worked in other classes. TC3 loved having him in our room. He was funny and could talk just like Kermit the frog. Here he is sitting in the middle.

It was great to see the sun come out today (26 July) so that the girls from TC3 could have time outside with their buddy class (Room 1). Everyone had smiles on their faces and joined in to make our time together fun.



Kia ora e te Whānau!

A pānui has been sent through to us from the rōpū Tūa o te Pae which is a project being led by Wāhanga Tū kōrero (Talklink Trust).

It is their mission to find out information from people and their whānau who need to use assistive technology (ipads, coreboards etc.) to help them communicate.

Currently assistive technology options are only available in certain languages and te reo Māori is not one of them.

The rōpū would like to get some data around how many assistive technology users out there are Māori and how many would want to have the option of speaking or listening to Te Reo. This information will help us go back to the companies who make the technology and explain why it is important to have te reo Māori as a language option.

Here is a link to a Youtube clip with Geneva Hakaraia- Tino speaking about this topic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLA6L725qCc>

Here is the link to the survey:

<https://talklink.typeform.com/to/prKupVqI>

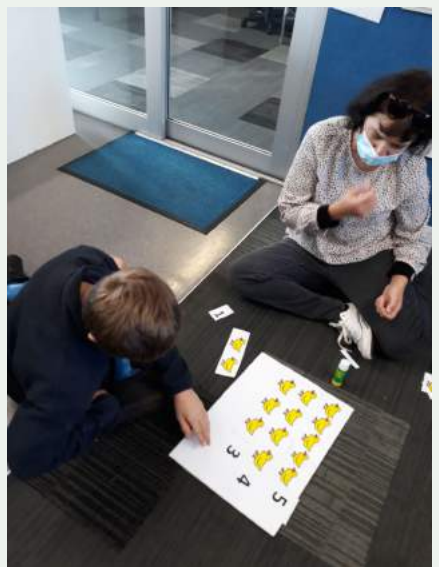
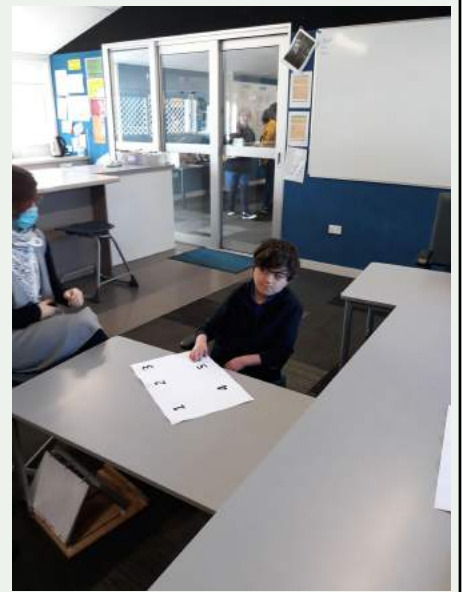
Thank you so much
Billie Hampton Edwards

Tauranga Intermediate Satellite

Functional Math

This term one group of intermediate students are practicing making groups of up to five. This week the students have been enjoying singing, sequencing and matching numerals in a variety of activities relating to the rhyme 5 Little Ducks.

Ducks.





Students counted how many ducks were in a group. They then looked at numbers 1-5 and chose the number depicting how many ducks were in the group and matched it to the group.



Functional Numeracy- Including Money

In the Intermediate we are learning to give change from a \$10 note with 50 cents included. To achieve this goal we have started a little shopping Role Play called “Dave’s Dairy”. We are using fake money that is shaped to be the same as the notes and coins we see everyday. We have so much fun applying our skills with money to add and subtract change and learn about how to practice the everyday shopping needs of our whānau.



We each had a turn of being the shopkeeper and doing the shopping with change given.

Pāpāmoa College

Term 2

Wow!!!! What a term we've had, from sports challenges with another school to exploring the history of our own backyard. Printmaking at the Art gallery with the lovely staff was definitely a highlight where budding artists got to try their hand at a new art style - SO COOL!.

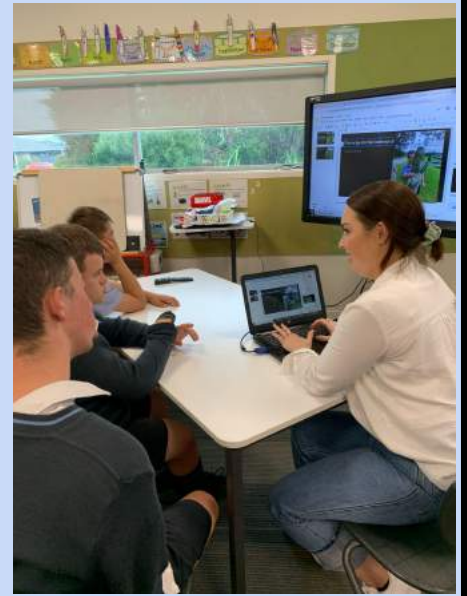
Mount Richmond School came to see us and played a thrilling game of soccer with us - magical skills on display and a 2-1 Victory for Pāpāmoa College. The smiles and friendships made were a sight to behold and will long be one of our greatest days - hopefully we can get a rematch.

As part of our topic, we've been learning about the fascinating history of Pukehinahina and the battle that took place. Visiting the site of the battle was a very special trip and one that raised some wonderful questions from students about our home area and the events that have shaped our community.

Term 2 has been a blast and we're pretty sure the rest of the year will be just as awesome.

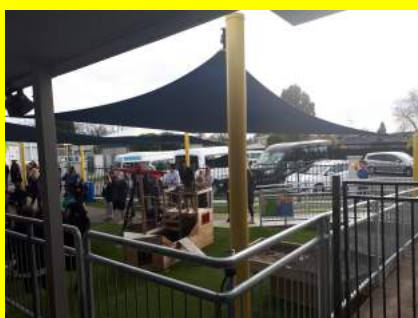






Matariki and Mihi Whakataau

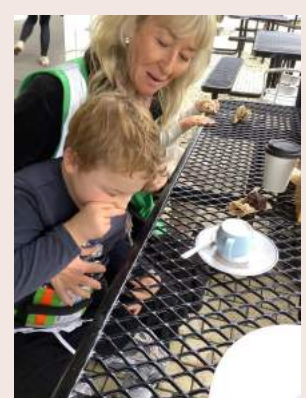
An important welcome to
our school Term 2
Fun activities. Fun times.



Room 3

Term 2

This term Room Three has been getting out and exploring at the Historic Village. We have been imagining what New Zealand was like many years ago. This is a safe space to learn about being out and about in the community and keeping safe while we walk together.



This last week we stopped and had a lovely treat at The Whipped Baker cafe. We sat and enjoyed fluffies and doughnuts together before we hopped back into our van to come back to school. What fun!

