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WEEK 2 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

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Education Review Office - Heads Up.

Kia ora koutou,

We have been informed that throughout August to November, the Education Review Office (ERO) will be reviewing 26 day special schools across the country. We have not been notified at this stage of our actual review dates.

The purpose of ERO's external evaluations is to give parents, whānau and the wider school community assurance about the quality of education children and young people receive. ERO reports on the equity and excellence of learning outcomes for all students and for specific groups including Māori students, Pacific students and students with additional learning needs. All our students fall into the last group. One key focus is on accelerating learning for students. ERO also reports on the quality and effectiveness of the school's processes and practices for continuing and sustaining improvement. Along with observational visits to several classes, the Reviewers interview staff, our Board of Trustees, a few families and if appropriate some of our students to gain a deeper understanding of how we tick. Following the review a draft report is prepared and the school has time to respond to any inaccuracies and then the final report is presented.

As soon as we are informed of our review date we will let our community know. The actual review process takes about three days.

Our last review which was very successful was held in September 2019.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Important dates and info for Term 3

Kāhui Ako Curriculum Day, Monday 18 September - school closed

End of Term 3 Friday 22 September

Welcome Bay

Toroa class students have been so excited to come back to school! We have welcomed a new student Xavier to our class and he loves playing with the digger in the sand. Rhys has been enjoying using the foot spa in our Tool box session in which we are exploring different tools we can use to help regulate our emotions. Alexander and Bentley had fun having a tea party with Lisa, inspired by the Tiger who came to tea. Laura explored moving her body in a dance session with Sophie . Malachi played with playdoh in hub time in Ngā Māhuri. We have had so much fun back at school!



Welcome Bay

Kea have started the term well. We have welcomed a new teacher aide. Her name is Lif. We also have a student teacher from Waikato University named Chloe, working with us for Term 3. We are excited about our topic this term as we are learning about different aspects of transport. This involves role play as we explore different vehicles, what they do and who drives the vehicles and what makes them go. Our therapists are also on board. We had fun with Kit (SLT) with the demolition story and the students pretended to be workers with their big boots, fluoro vests and goggles. Big boot prints, stomp stomp stomp.....So much fun!



Studio 5

Studio 5 has had a great return to school, getting back into our classroom routines. Continuing on from last term, we are focusing on completing our self care routines. These include: teeth brushing, face washing, hand washing, toileting and showering.

Each student is working on completing each step of a visual sequence with increasing independence. When we first started our focus on the self care routines, we noticed most of our students required some hand over hand support to complete the majority of the steps of their routines. However with consistency and repetition, we have been delighted to see our students now completing most of the steps with very little support.

Amazing work studio 5!



Physiotherapy

This term in physiotherapy we are practicing walking sideways and backwards. This is to strengthen our postural muscles and keep our feet from turning in.

We are also training for our school cross country which will be held at The Domain early in Term 4. This is always a very special day for our school.

Students continue to make progress with their swimming. Most students are swimming weekly at our Base pool or a public pool. A reminder that our students and a caregiver can get free entry into Tauranga City Council Pools. Please contact us if you need a card to do this. We send 12 students every week to Riding for The Disabled in Welcome Bay, which helps with their physical skills and so much more.

Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Karen and Megan, Physiotherapists.



We recently were visited by The Wilson Home Trust. Here is their brochure about ways they can support young people with physical disabilities in our area.

HYDROTHERAPY



AUCKLAND

Monday and Wednesday afternoons
20 minute sessions with a
qualified therapist.

OTHER REGIONS

Other sessions available in some areas
on request.

Call 0800 948 767 or 09 485 3461
or email
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For Children with Physical Disabilities

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WHAT WE DO

- Grant Funding
- Information and Support
- Hydrotherapy
- Parent/Caregiver and Children Activities
- Equipment Demonstrations

QUALIFYING AREA



The Trust supports and enhances the lives of physically disabled children and young adults up to the age of 22, living in the eastern North Island of New Zealand.

We do this in many ways including providing information and support, services such as activities and financial support by way of grant funding.

Regional areas that qualify under our Trust Deed are

- Northland
- Auckland
- Waikato
- Bay of Plenty
- Gisborne and East Coast
- Central Lakes = Havelock, Taupo, Tokoroa, Tairāwhiti

AVAILABLE GRANTS

Grant Type	Limit Excl GST	Number of Applications per child up to the age of 22
Equipment/Activity	\$5,000	Multiple times up to the limit
Young Adult grant from age 17 to age 22	\$5,000	Multiple times up to the limit
Wellbeing and Counselling	\$1000 x 2	Can be used for child/parent/carer
Hydrotherapy	\$800	Hydrotherapy/Water Confidence for 12 months
Emergency	\$2,000	Individual applications are capped at \$1,000, the number of applications is at the discretion of the Trust Manager up to the limit
Holiday	\$2,000	Multiple times up to the limit with no one holiday costing more than \$1,000
Group	\$5,000	See Group Grant Funding criteria: www.wilsonhometruster.org.nz



GRANT FUNDING CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

Grants can be made in respect only of children and their families who fit the following criteria:

- For first time applicants, please provide the following: **Proof of diagnosis and identity**
- Age: Children/Young Adults up to the age of 22
- Physical disabilities are those with primarily impaired function of the body and/or limbs, who fulfil the physical disability criteria
- Location: Should live in the qualifying area (see diagram)
- Financial Need: Include evidence
- Have explored other funding options
- Provide relevant supporting documentation, as required

Visit our website www.wilsonhometruster.org.nz for more details.