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WEEK 2 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

19 October 2023

Kia ora koutou,

Farewell to our Assistant Principal Andrea Andresen:

Andrea joined our school in 2010 as a classroom teacher and taught in our Merivale Satellite, Room 3 at Base then Pāpāmoa College Satellite. Andrea was appointed Assistant Principal in 2016 and has made an outstanding contribution to our school across many aspects, especially with her passion and skills areas, Te Reo and Tikanga Māori, mathematics, and the compulsory annual data collation for the Ministry of Education, showing our students achievement in core subjects and for our School Wide Goals

Andrea has been appointed as an NZEI Te Riu Roa Field Officer role for the Bay of Plenty - Waiariki Region. Her last day with us will be Friday 20 October.

On behalf of our school community thank you Andrea for your service to our school. Best to you in your new role.



Ngā mihi Kind regards

Barrie Wickens

Principal

Important dates and info

Labour Day Monday 23 October - school closed

Staff only day Monday 6 November - school closed for students

Last day of term 15 December 12 noon

Pāpāmoa College - Dave's Class

On Thursday, 12 October 2023 we celebrated the Senior, Hollywood-themed, Prom at the Saint George Anglican Church hall in Gate Pā, Tauranga.

We went there in a 1957 Chevy kindly driven by Ian Goodger (teacher Hayley's father). We had the most delicious food, kindly donated by Mount New World, and Nicole Connor's parents Mark and Kelly. We had so much fun with Te Puke High School and Rotorua Specialist School attending. A picture speaks a thousand words.



Pāpāmoa College - Jenn's class

Our class eagerly anticipates every Thursday morning as we gather at the base school for our engaging kapa kaka sessions. It's a time filled with joy and anticipation, where we have the freedom to select various instruments or poi to participate with. Throughout our sessions, we diligently practise our beats, pattern, and rhythms, all while immersing ourselves in the beauty of Te Reo Māori through our waiata.

In the spirit of togetherness, we also have the privilege of joining forces with our buddy class and the inspiring Whaea Josie for heartwarming sing-along sessions. Our hard work is in preparation for the grand finale of the term -a special performance that you will all be invited to.



Pāpāmoa College - Kirsty's Class

This term in Literacy, we will be exploring Springtime as a theme for our learning.

We began by reading and participating in a sensory story based on the book, 'When Spring Comes,' by Kevin Henkes and explored our new sensory tray! We will be learning new signs, symbols and words related to spring and use these to communicate our learning.

We will explore the Spring season further through books, sensory activities, art, community visits and by doing some gardening!



Room 3

This week we welcomed two new students to Room 3 ~ Luke and Chitleen. We look forward to getting to know both of you.



This week we have created a safe space to develop our gross motor skills inside the classroom, the students have enjoyed climbing, jumping and sliding.



Sophie (the music and dance teacher) came in to do a session in Room 3. All the students participated and thoroughly enjoyed the music and movement.



Speech and Language Therapy

The SLT team works to develop communication and eating, drinking, and swallowing skills.



Billie Hamption Edwards
Kaiārahi, Team Leader
Kaiwhakatika i te Reo Kōrero
Speech Language Therapist



Kit Hardy
Kaiwhakatika i te Reo Kōrero
Speech Language Therapist



Rebecca Scott
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Kathleen Faulls
Kaiwhakatika i te Reo Kōrero
Speech Language Therapist

**Did you know that 18 – 24 September 2023 was
Speech-language Therapy Awareness Week!**

**The theme this year was KOTAHITANGA, which is about celebrating working
together, in partnership, towards a common goal.**

**As a way to get the word out there to celebrate this week the SLTs threw down a
challenge to all school staff to be superstars with their communication skills - the
promise of a chocolate treat or lolly meant that everyone was up for the fun and
every staff member who was seen to be using a strategy well was put in a draw to
win a prize. There were so many people in the draw - I think probably everyone! - The
winner was Owen from Room 4. Well done Owen! And well done everyone - you were
amazing!**

**We all work together under the umbrella of our Tauranga Special School Whānau to
achieve best possible outcomes for our students. We value the partnership we have
with the school team and whānau and how collectively we have more of an impact to
make things happen.**

**Thank you all so much for the support and encouragement you give to the SLT goals
and programmes. We really value you!**

Term 4 SunSmart Policy

Tauranga Special School is a SunSmart school. We encourage hat wearing when students are outside. Please send in a hat (clearly named) for your child to wear at school. It is helpful if you can apply sunblock to your student before they come to school and dress them in clothing that protects them from the sun. We have sunblock at school that we will reapply as needed. Thanks for your help with this.

TSS Health and Safety Committee