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WEEK 3 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER No 1

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Kia ora koutou,

A very warm welcome back to our whole Tauranga Special School community, and special greetings to our new students and their families.

Before our students' first school day we started our school year with two full days of professional development for all staff, with a major focus on introducing a new **TeamTeach** programme, our students' Mana Kaha Plans and extensive health and safety procedures. We will provide an outline of the TeamTeach programme in the near future.

Thank you to our families for the very high attendance turn out to our first ever **Learning Partnership** meetings held on Wednesday 31 January. The initial feedback we have received from parents and staff indicates that they were very valuable in terms of meeting and greeting each other, providing updates on each student's well being, and collecting essential information required at the start of each year.

At the end of last year our student roll was 113. We started this year with 111 students with a few more in the pipeline. In our next Newsletter we will have photos of our 20 plus newish or new staff members.

Brookfield Primary School Satellite (the new school's name is Te Kura o Manunui): Our students and staff in our Satellite are being accommodated in the front half of the old school, while their new accommodation is being built down the hill at the Te Kura o Manunui site. A special thank you to our staff, and some of their siblings, that helped set up the new classrooms. We will manage the site for the duration of our stay. We are currently sharing the site with *Kids Inc* - OSCAR before school and afterschool care providers.

Welcome Bay Primary Satellite: While progress has been slower than expected with the eventual planned move from the current classrooms to more suitable facilities on site, we are ramping up the refurbishment process. In terms of a timeframe for the eventual, realistically term one is out the first half of the second term. We will keep you posted on developments here.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Important dates:

16 February - Kayak Day: Ōpūpū/ Rotary Park

Friday 29 March - Good Friday, school closed

Monday 1st April - Easter Monday, school closed

Tuesday 2nd April - Easter Tuesday, school closed

Friday 12 April - End of Term 1

Te Kura o Manunui

We are lucky enough to have a pool on site at Te Kura o Manunui.
Our ākonga love cooling off with a swim in the middle of the day.



Te Kura o Manunui

It has been a busy start of the year in a new space. We have had great fun exploring the new classrooms and playground.



Room 1

Room 1 has been enjoying getting back into our physio routines.



Mana Kaha

2024 is bringing exciting change for our Mana Kaha team and for our kura.

Two of our team members, Penny and Naomi, have been leading Team Teach training for all staff members in our kura.

Team Teach is an accredited training framework designed to focus on positive behaviour support approaches, with an emphasis on de-escalation, risk and restraint reduction.

Our staff have been involved in discussions and activities designed to further develop our shared values, knowledge and skills. Through these shared learnings, we as individuals, our class teams and our kura are strengthened as we support our students.



Our Mana Kaha team works closely with the therapists who make up our Specialist Team. Our Mana Kaha team includes both therapists as well as teachers, bringing together expertise from our diverse skillsets as we work to support our students and staff. Along with our current team members, our team now includes two of our teachers who work as Professional Learning Leaders in our kura, Nicky and Pip. Your 2024 Mana Kaha team members are pictured below.



L-R: Penny Gee, Billie Hampton Edwards, Erin Connolly, David Keightley-Phillips, Naomi McDonald, Nicky Henderson, Pip Jonathon

Please feel free to contact us if you'd like any further information about our team and our role at Tauranga Special School. You can contact us via email manakaha@taurangaspecialschool.nz or via phone on 07 578 4424.

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Friday 1 March	12noon - 6:30pm
Saturday 2 March	9am - 4:30pm
Sunday 3 March	9am - 4:30pm

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