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KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER Week 6 Term 2

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Kia ora koutou,



Kaumātua Tu Piahana, Principal Barrie Wickens and Teacher Jay Rotorangi.



Thelma Dibley and Monique Eades

On Thursday 11 May we held a special blessing ceremony and farewelled two long serving staff. Tu Piahana, our school's Kaumātua, blessed our new building alterations and then a memorial plaque was placed on the seat bench (shown in the photo to the left), in memory of Russell Lategen, our caretaker who passed away just over a year ago. The 100 or so people in attendance then moved into Room One for a formal farewell to Teacher Monique Eades, 18 years service and Physiotherapist Assistant Thelma Dibley, 22 years service.

Monique has taken up a Learning Support Coordinator's role at Te Puke High School and Thelma into a well earned retirement. Thelma sent us a photo recently showing off a rather large snapper she had caught with the new fishing rod gifted to her from the school.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Important dates and info for Term 2

Kāhui Ako Staff Only Day - Friday 2nd of June

King's Birthday - Monday 5th of June

End of Term 2 - Friday 30th of June

Papamoa College Satellite: Taha Tinana

On Wednesday the 24th of May all of our Papamoa College Satellite students competed in the Special Olympics Soccer Event. We fielded three teams of 5 competitors and two substitutions made up with a few of our classmates from TC3 who met us at Otumoetai College where the event was held.

It was a beautiful sunny day where teachers, students and support staff were able to have fun, unite together as Tauranga Special School and interact with other students and schools such as Te Puke High, and Tarawera High who came in for the event.



Fergus and Krystal focused.



Nikita chasing the ball



Sam in goal keep.



Madison and Sam give each other some pre-game encouragement.



Kaleb creating space



Carter leading his team forward



Arley marking his spot.



Emelia, Kaleb and Fergus on the charge.

We focussed on being a good sport, with all of our students and staff shaking hands or giving a high five at the end of every game and repeating the words “Good game” to the other team. This event was so much fun. We made new friends and new connections with our community. We realised on our reflection at school as a group that we had been working on our Physical Wellbeing, Taha Tinana from Te Whare Tapa Wha.

We will continue to work on Taha Tinana as we progress through term 2 and look forward to letting you know how we get on.

Papamoa College: Taha Tinana

NZRDA is a member association made up of over 50 local RDA groups who are in local communities throughout New Zealand like ours at TSS.

The core purpose of NZRDA is to provide interaction with horses to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people experiencing disability, or who have specific challenges or needs. While focusing on Taha Tinana (physical wellbeing) at the Olympics, these students were working on the same Taha at RDA.

Katelyn



Khy



Chloe



Japleen



Japleen



Khy



Room 3

This term we have been reading the story of Greedy cat, we have done lots of activities relating to our story. We have painted greedy cats, made sticky buns and bought sausages from the butcher shop.



Marcia (Occupational Therapist Assistant) has been teaching the students about the importance of brushing their teeth. She has brought in some teeth that the students have been able to practise on.



Physio

This term we are working on our students lying on their tummies and getting on and off the floor without assistance. We are also encouraging all our classes to increase the physical activity in their day. This may be a community walk, a physio circuit, exercises inside the class or games involving movement.

We continue to use our base pool in winter. It's heated to a toasty 34 degrees and we have heated changing rooms. You are welcome to provide a thermal for your student to swim in. All students have swimming or hydrotherapy goals and we finish off practising our survival skills.

We also welcome Awhina, Physiotherapy Assistant to our team. Karen and Megan, Physiotherapists and Kim and Awhina, Physiotherapy Assistants.



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