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## Newsletter **Week 7 30 November Term 4 2022**

**Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau:**

**Board of Trustees Vacancy:** We still have one vacancy position on our new Board to fill. Parent Maria Veronese was formally welcomed to the Board at our monthly meeting held on Tuesday 15 November. If you are interested in joining our Board please ring the office and leave your name and phone number and we will be in touch.

**Staff Changes for 2023:** In any given year there is always a number of staff that move within our school, a few leave to seek other opportunities and one or two retire. Next year we will have four new teachers and several new teacher aides. Our priority is to ensure that we have the best staff team combinations to meet the needs of each group of students. A significant number of students are also moving within our school and six are leaving us at the end of the year. We recently circulated our teachers' placements for next year and in the near future will share our support staff placements.

On the specialists' front we have identified a need to increase our occupational therapist and physiotherapist capacity. We are in the process of appointing new part time specialists to these roles to start with us in 2023.

Ngā mihi Kind regards  
Barrie Wickens  
Principal

### Term Dates for 2022

**Term 4 Monday 17th October - Thursday 15 December (lunchtime)**

**Kayak Day - Thursday 1 December. 10-12ish All parents/whānau/caregivers invited.**

**SPEC Celebration, Awards and Shared lunch - Monday December 5th at 11.30 -  
at DRC 428 Devonport Road. Parents/Caregivers are invited.**

**Hockey Without Limits** is an activity programme based around (but not exclusively) Hockey and is accessible to those with disabilities of all natures. Tauranga Special School were lucky enough to be involved in this 4-week programme.

Lots of classes joined in, had fun and learnt some skills.

**Thank you Hockey Without Limits - Tauranga Hockey Association.**



## Pāpāmoa College Satellite

This term has been a big one for our Class with the Special Olympics day and a wonderful trip to Taupo last week. We have also had the pleasure of not only going to the Art Gallery, but for them to come and visit us too. What a treat!! Hockey Without Limits also took place this term, making for one amazing term to end the year. We'd like to give a huge shout-out to our amazing students, who have been so positive and happy throughout the year. We are lucky to have such a wonderful crew, keen to learn, laugh and try something new.





## Room 3 at Base

Numeracy in action: This term's mathematics focus in Room 3 is functional numeracy including money. We have enjoyed counting all day long and especially loved mat time songs like 5 Green Speckled frogs and 5 Currant Buns. But the best of all has been the shop play where we have modeled and played shops- buying and selling grocery items at our class shop!

