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Kia ora

Kayak Day Tuesday 14 March: Kayak Day this year was an outstanding success. While there was a slight chill in the air the sun was out and the tide conditions were on our side. We think this event had the biggest turn out of parents and caregivers we have seen. I'm sure our students had a great experience and special thanks to one and all.



Nationwide Strike Day Thursday 16 March: Thank you to our school community for your support during our strike day last week. We know that the event caused disruption to many families, especially those with several siblings in more than one school or centre. There are real tough issues in our education system that need addressing and while we may not all agree with strike action, it is not taken lightly by principals and teachers.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Important dates for term 1

End of Term 1 - Thursday April 6th

Term 2 starts: Wednesday 26th May as Monday 24th April Staff only day and Anzac day Tuesday 25th April

PĀPĀMOA COLLEGE



At Pāpāmoa College we have been doing Food Tech in our SPEC group. We have looked at prices and online goods in our numeracy sessions and shopping vocabulary in our SLT sessions with Edwina. All of this positive work has resulted in our students completing a weekly shop using a visual list where they complete the task of shopping using all of the learning from class. They then complete the FoodTech aspect in class with Marcia the OT Assistant on a Friday. Tino pai team.



Kirsty's class at Pāpāmoa College: We have been learning to make connections and build relationships by sharing our Pepeha. This involved using our communication skills and devices as well as creating a visual image to share the information. We also applied our learning about different colours, collage materials, painting tools and techniques in order to create our self portrait, mountain and water. We have enjoyed sharing our work with the class and regularly practise introducing ourselves during our morning hui.

PĀPĀMOA COLLEGE CONTINUED



Buddy class visits with Jenn's group and Michael's class Room 1 met at Base school for our fortnightly visit. We had so much fun introducing ourselves, playing on the swings, singing songs, laughing, and getting to know each other. We all really enjoyed our sensory area at Base school as well as the local playground. We are looking forward to our next visit on March 30th.

ROOM 3



In Room 3 we have been learning about ourselves and where we come from. We have been making connections with others and learning about their culture, interests and whānau. This was done through learning where in the world we came from and sharing our favourite kai and toys from home.



We have used kai to learn about statistics and measurement. Room 3 loves baking together, it has been a nice way to connect with friends and a great opportunity to build in lots of communication.



Kayak day was a great success! Thank you to whānau and caregivers that came along to enjoy this amazing day. The students and teachers in room 3 really enjoyed the kayaks, some had multiple trips out to enjoy the water and sunshine.

SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPISTS

Hi from Billie, Kathleen, Kit, and Edwina - your SLT team here at TSS! We hope the school year has started well for you.



We are a Total Communication School here at TSS which means we use a range of ways to help our students communicate - for those of you who are keen please scan this QR code with your camera to see a short clip on Augmentative and Alternative Communication AAC, alternatively try this link to watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmsdLzQW5G0>



Khy (Pāpāmoa College) and her Mum Misty had the wonderful experience of being invited to the government house to meet the governor general. This invitation was a result of the fantastic work Khy's mum Misty does with Rare Disorders NZ (RDNZ). Misty launched a parental/caregiver guide in which Khy's story is published and is an advocate for rare disorders as well as being the RDNZ Māori support lead. March is the RDNZ awareness month and Khy is on the cover for this. We are all so proud of you both.

Ka Rawe Khy and Misty.

<https://www.raredisorders.org.nz/assets/Documents/Final-Parent-and-Caregivers-guide-web-pdf-v2.pdf>