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School**
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Newsletter Week 8 13 September Term 3 2022

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau:

School will be closed Monday 26th September for the public holiday announced by the Government.

Brookfield Primary School Satellite Classes Secured: In September 2019 Minister of Education Chris Hipkins announced that due to projected student roll growth for Brookfield Primary School, the current facilities and land area was too small to accommodate the growth, so a new school would be built down the hill on Millers Road. Currently the foundations of the first part of the build are underway. What has been missing from the start was recognition that our Satellite class was on the current site and no provision was made in the design of the new school. Fast forward three years and after prolonged pressure from Brookfield's Board of Trustees and our Board, the Ministry has confirmed that we will be included in the second half of the build with a **double class sized Satellite**. At the beginning of next year the school's name will change to **Te Kura o Manunui**. The school is expected to be completed for **Term 1 2024**.

Caleb Everitt....DRC Sensory Wall.

Many thanks to Caleb Everitt from Tauranga Boys College for the amazing sensory board and mural he designed and made for DRC. Caleb is a Year 13 student whose Year 13 Technology project brief required him to research, design and complete a project that was functional and useful for a group of people. Caleb contacted our school and spent many hours researching and designing the board. Throughout the process, Caleb talked to myself and staff at DRC and Richard Hirstwood from England, ensuring that what he was doing was going to work for the students. He has an eye for detail, gave thoughtful consideration and spent many hours completing the project. Already the sensory board has made a difference to the students at DRC with some engaging with both the tactile mural and the individual panels at the back. Thanks Caleb and all the best for Canterbury University next year!!



Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

AIMS Games 2022



During Week 7 of this term, thousands of students from around New Zealand descended on Tauranga to compete in many different sports. TSS students competed in the Cross Country on Sunday 4 September. A big congratulations goes out to Zico Iraia who placed 2nd and Tameta Kino 3rd in the boys race with Madison Hickson coming in 3rd for the girls.

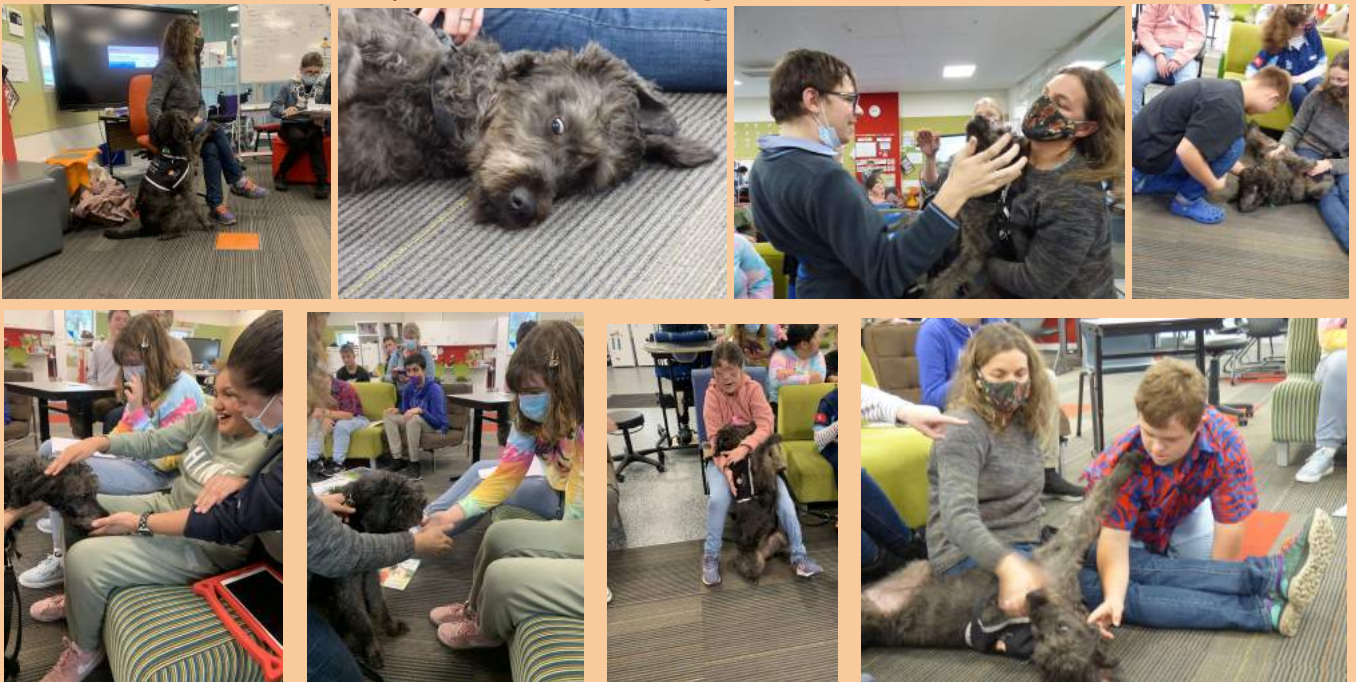
Outstanding result team TIS.

Pāpāmoa College

Pāpāmoa College's topic is all about taking care of animals. We have had some great experts come into our room or we have visited them at their farm with their animals. They have shared their knowledge and the students have enjoyed learning about the animals through asking questions.

Well done Pāpāmoa College students.

Lenny the service dog came to meet us.



Barrie came and gave us a lesson on how to wash Lulu at the dog wash.





We visited a farm in Pyes Pa to learn about raising calves.



Pāpāmoa College visit AIMS Games



Term Dates for 2022

Term 3 Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September

**School Cross Country Tuesday 20 September. All are welcome to come along and join us.
Tauranga Domain at 9.45 am**

Hei Awhi Expo Thursday 22nd September

Public Holiday Monday 26th September- school will be closed

Term 4 Monday 17th October - Thursday 15 December Labour Day - Monday 24th October

Room 3 at Base



Room Three has two new class members, Timothy and Elliot, the guinea pigs. We have been learning about how to feed them and care for them. For some it has been a challenge to be close to them, for others they have been a huge interest. Watch out for their visits to other classes in the near future.





Hei Awhi Expo—An information expo for young people with any type of disability, whānau, educators and supporters.
Free entry

Thursday September 22nd, 12 to 4 p.m.



**Life Zone Church hall,
7 Oak Lane, Judea,
Tauranga (lots of
parking available)**

For further information or if you'd like to be an exhibitor, please contact heiawhi@taurangaspecialschool.nz or ring Tauranga Special School 07 5784424

