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## WEEK 8 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

8 September 2023

**Kia ora koutou,**

Last Friday, 1st of September, a number of our young adults with support from staff ventured to Tarawera High School in Kawerau for a disco with a neon colour theme. Despite the significant distance to travel, the disco was a resounding success.



Ngā mihi Kind regards  
Barrie Wickens  
Principal

### Important dates and info

Wig Wednesday 13 September, gold coin donation

Transport Day, Friday 15 September 10am to 12pm, Waipuna Park

Kāhui Ako Curriculum Day, Monday 18 September - school closed

End of Term 3 Friday 22 September

TC3 Senior Prom 12 October 11.00am to 2.00pm, St George Church Hall, Gate Pā.



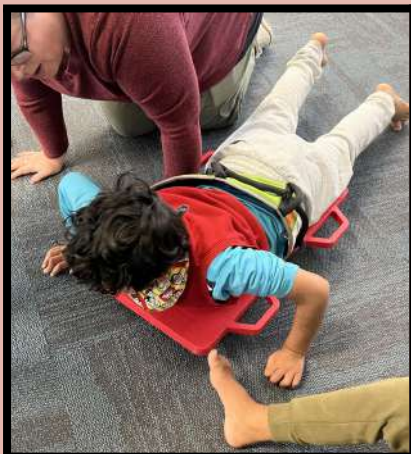
## Room 1

Room 1 students making a tic tac toe for Fathers Day, with Sarah from Bunnings. Room 1 students made good choices of colour and helped to paint. Thank you Bunnings for the neat art session for Room 1.



## Room 2

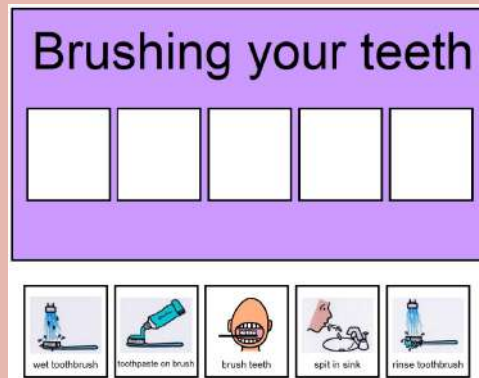
Room 2 students have been having fun exploring different types of transport and what makes the vehicles move and go.



## Occupational Therapy

The OT team has been working on toothbrushing across the school. There are a number of resources available to support our ākonga to learn to brush their teeth, these include:

### A visual sequence



### Tooth swabs

Oral swabs are great for first introducing tooth brushing especially for children with a hypersensitive mouth.



### Three sided toothbrush

For students who have difficulty with fine motor and coordination.



### Silicon toothbrush

For students that chew on their toothbrush or do not like a standard toothbrush texture.



### Brushing teeth mouthguard

For students who have difficulty with fine motor and coordination.



### Toothpaste you may like to try:

- Unflavoured non foaming toothpaste (Oranurse)
- Different flavours (Jack n Jill, Hi Smile)

You can find these alternative toothbrushes and toothpastes at:

- [www.sensorycorner.co.nz](http://www.sensorycorner.co.nz)

- [www.sensorysam.co.nz](http://www.sensorysam.co.nz)
- [www.sensoryhaven4kids.com](http://www.sensoryhaven4kids.com)

**Funding information:**

**Lottery** and **Wilson Home Trust** are two non-for-profit organisations that you can apply for funding to assist your tamariki.

**Lottery Individual with Disabilities:**

They can fund vehicles, vehicle modifications, scooters, assistance dogs and other mobility equipment that will enable better access to the community.

They also provide grants to buy equipment for people with disabilities that affect their communication, to help them communicate.

<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-individuals-with-disabilities/>

**Wilson Home Trust:**

The Wilson Home Trust offers a range of grants that aim to assist and improve the lives of children and young adults with physical disabilities, and their whānau.

<https://wilsonhometruster.org.nz/grants/>

Available Grants:

Type of grant	Limit exc GST	Number of Applications per Child up to age 22.
<i>Equipment/Activity</i>	\$5,000	Multiple times up to the limit.
<i>Wellbeing and Counselling</i>	\$1,000 x 2	Twice - can be used for child/parent/sibling.
<i>Holiday</i>	\$2,000	Multiple times up to the limit with no one holiday costing more than \$1,000.
<i>Emergency</i>	\$2,000	Applications capped at \$1,000, number of applications at the discretion of Trust Manager.
<i>Hydrotherapy</i>	\$800	Hydrotherapy/Water Confidence for 12 months. Please note that when the Hydrotherapy limit is reached, activity grants can be used for swimming.
<i>Young Adults (17 - 21 year olds)</i>	\$3,000	Multiple times up to the limit

If you need any help with applying for these grants or support/advice with toothbrushing, contact your Occupational Therapist, Erin, Kate or Amy!

