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## WEEK 2 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

15 October 2025

Kia ora koutou,

**Board of Trustees News:** Our Board is very pleased to announce that **Dale Megson**, our current Deputy Principal, has been appointed as our **new Tumuaki Principal** for our school commencing in the role at the start of next year. Barrie Wickens, our current Tumuaki Principal, tendered his resignation earlier this year that will draw to a close 23 years of amazing service to our school.



Dale Megson



Barrie Wickens

**Te Kura o Manunui - new double satellite project**, (Brookfield), has been delayed yet again: At the site, landscapers have removed all the scrub from the hill side next to where the classrooms were to go. Their actions have destabilised the slope. Geotech testing has been undertaken and three options to stabilise the slope have been presented to the Tauranga City Council. We are now in a protracted process waiting for the Council to decide on the best remediation option. The original proposed opening of the new facility was at the beginning of 2023. The new incoming National Government immediately froze hundreds of school property projects including ours. Several months later, the original architect and company to build the facility lost the contract and the process had to start from scratch. Modcom based at Taurico won the new design and construction contract. The actual modular designed building is sitting in Modcom's large factory, ready for transportation to the site, but it can't go anywhere till the land stability issue is resolved. In the meantime our students and staff destined to occupy the new facility, have been accommodated in the old Brookfield School that our Board are managing. What was supposed to be a one year stay is now nearing the end of three years. We are far from happy with this process, the ongoing delays, and continue to push for the project to be completed. As soon as we have a revised opening date we will let our community know.

Ngā mihi  
Barrie Wickens  
Tumuaki Principal

## Important dates:

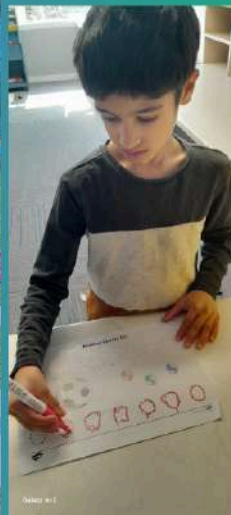
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| 23 Oct | Nationwide teachers/tumuaki principals/support staff and school therapists strike (Primary, Intermediate and Special Schools: (No school this day) |
| 24 Oct | Staff Only Day (no school this day)  |
| 27 Oct | Labour Day (no school this day)  |

## Room 1

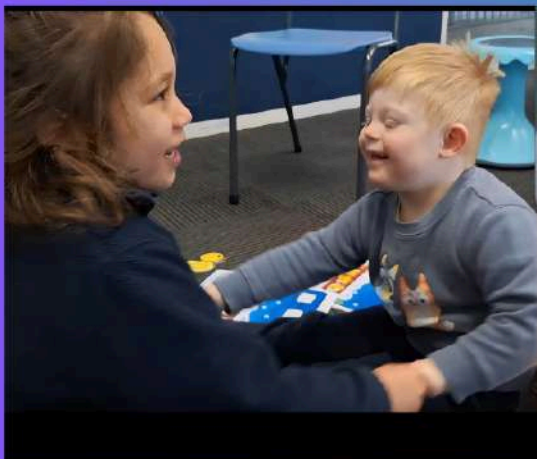
We have been really enjoying our time in the base swimming pool throughout the winter and now it's getting warmer it's even better! We have also had fun at Kapa Haka, listening to shared stories, playing instruments and counting objects for maths!







**TKOM - CATHRYN'S CLASS**  
 WE HAVE ENJOYED GETTING BACK INTO  
 OUR SCHOOL ROUTINE . WE HAVE BEEN  
 BUSY LEARNING , PLAYING AND  
 RECONNECTING WITH FRIENDS.







We are learning  
about the red  
zone with Amy

## Physiotherapy

Welcome back to Term 4 - we know it's a few weeks to go but with the summer break fast approaching, we thought it would be nice to share some ideas and places to get out and about around Tauranga Moana over the break.

Te Moananui ā Toi, the Coastal Bay of Plenty is a beautiful and exciting place.

Tauranga access map - this link provides a list of the council parks in the tauranga region

<https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/culture-and-community/strengthening-community/accessibility/tauranga-access-map>

The following parks / playgrounds / reserves are fully fenced (secure)

Kaka Street reserve

Lees Park

Te Paeroa Road

Many beaches now provide wheelchair accessible mats, amazing beachside boardwalks and accessible picnic tables. Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club has 2 beach / water wheelchairs available for free public use, as well as Tauranga City Council also having chairs available to hire.

For those who want more of a challenge, there is also a Te Kiawhakatere Trail rider Trike available to assist with accessing Mauao Base track and the Summit track - pop into Mount Maunganui Beachside Holiday Park for more information.

## Swimming

Don't forget that all of our students are able to get a swimming card with access to Bayvenues swimming pools with free entry for students and one support swimmer. If you don't have a Bay Venues card pop in to baywave or other pool and request a form alternatively contact you class teacher and we will work on this for you.

<https://www.taurangapools.co.nz/about-us/accessibility>

The card allows access to Baywave, Greerton Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Otumoetai Pools, Mount Hot Pools and Memorial Park (over the summer months) with Katikati and Te Puke Pools coming on board very soon. Watch this space...



