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WEEK 9 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

Friday 9 December 2024

Kia ora koutou,

This will be our last newsletter for the 2024 school year, a year marked by the highest ever student roll number of 118 and we start next year with 122. We will hit our maximum capacity of 125 before the end of the first term. For those families that we are not able to accommodate we will have a 'Show of interest list', that we can use to convince the government that we urgently need more satellites across the Tauranga region, and that allows for parent choice in the system.

Next year is our school's Diamond Jubilee - 60th birthday, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd of May. Expressions of Interest can be made directly at our school office, or ring in 07 5784424.



KAPA HAKA, PASIFIKA, CLASS
PERFORMANCES & GRADUATE
FAREWELLS

2024 SHOWCASE

WHEN: DEC 16 **START:** 11:00 AM **END:** 12.30PM

FREE ENTRY

There will be plenty
of seating for whānau
& parking available
onsite via Devonport
Road.

We look forward to
seeing you
@
**TAURANGA
BOYS COLLEGE
GYM**

Next Monday 16th December we are holding our TSS Showcase, 11am at Tauranga Boys College Gym. It would be great to see as many of our school's community at our final main event for the year.

Our 2024 Tauranga Special School Yearbook has been produced thanks to the amazing coordination work of staff member Naomi McDonald. Every family and staff member will receive a copy that I'm sure will become a keepsake.

To our whole school community thank you for your support to our school this year. Best wishes to you all.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Board of Trustees vacancy: Our Board has a one vacancy position and is seeking someone from our school community, to fill the spot from the start of next year through to September, when new Board Elections are held. If anyone is interested to find out about this important role, please contact Sandra Peter, our Board's Presiding Member via

presidingmember@taurangaspecialschool.nz

Important dates:

16th December - TSS Showcase

18th December - Last day of school (finishing 12 noon)

4th February 2025 - Start of term - Wā Whakakotahi day, 30 minute meetings for whānau/caregivers, students and class teams (see flyer below for booking information)

5th February 2025 - Normal classes resume, taxis will be running

6th February 2025 - Waitangi Day (no school this day)



Tauranga Special School WĀ WHAKAKOTAHĪ LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETING

What is Wā whakakotahi?

A 30 minute meeting with your class teacher and team to consolidate and unify for the year ahead

When is it?

4th February 2025 You can book at
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using code: 77ftc
any issue contact us on 07 578 4424 or at
office@taurangaspecialschool.nz

Who can attend?

Whānau, grandparents
and caregivers are
welcome to attend

Can I bring my tamariki to the meeting?

Yes, Teacher Aides will be
on site to support during
your meeting time if
needed



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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

DRC Pukeko Class



We have been having fun making smoothies. We explored vegetables and fruits first. Then, we chose what we wanted to put in smoothies by using yes/no buttons. To make smoothies we took turns to push a button to activate a blender. Our smoothies were very tasty!



DRC - Tui Class



Fun in the sun and smiles all round for Tui class this term. Everyone loves getting outside for water activities, to play games and continue with our focus of physio and exercise.



Room 2

This year as well as the usual core curriculum subjects room 2 students have had a chance to experience and enjoy many varied sensory activities. Some of the activities have produced new sensations for the students and all have been enjoyed.



Welcome Bay - Kirsty

After a fun and busy term we have enjoyed being creative, using our senses and making choices whilst preparing for Christmas and the summer holiday! We have made a variety of Christmas decorations, baked cookies and enjoyed celebrating the end of year with a shared kai with our whānau.



Kea Class Christmas Fun!



Welcome Bay - Anna

In term 4 we have been learning about how I keep my body healthy. We have been looking at different fruit and vegetables through sensory stories and food explorers. Alexander was a scientist and conducted an experiment about tooth decay using eggs. Fantastic learning experiences to support healthy living!



Physiotherapy

Showcasing some of the specialised equipment physio provides (via funding applications to Enable or MoE) to help keep our tamariki moving, keep joints and and muscles in good alignment and maintain wellness. We have trikes, walking frames, standing frames, hip wedges/floor support systems and wobble stools.



Stationery requirements 2025



Tauranga
Special
School

ACHIEVEMENT · CELEBRATION · WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA · INNOVATION, INQUIRY AND CURIOSITY/AKO · WELLBEING · INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY · MANAAKITANGA

Stationery Lists

TSS is providing the majority of stationery for students across the school and trying to keep purchases for whānau to a minimum.



Room 1

Teacher: Sara

2 1B5 books for Diaries

Room 2

Teacher: Michael

2 1B5 books for Diaries

Room 3

Teacher: Hayley H

1 hardcover A5 book (diary)

3 Scrapbooks- white pages

Room 4

Teacher: Hayley G

2 1B5 books for Diaries

DRC

Teachers: Vicky, Yasumi

2 1B5 books for home school diary

Welcome Bay

Teachers: Kirsty, Anna/Angie

3 1B5 exercise books

4 Scrapbooks -white pages

TC3

Teachers: Margaret, Helen

3 scrapbooks-white pages

4 1B4 A4 lined books

Intermediate Satellite

Jolani

4 1B5 books - diary

1 Scrapbooks - white pages -

Mike

4 Scrapbooks - white pages -

4 1B5 books - diary

Te Kura o Manunui- Brookfield

Teacher: Jo, Cathryn

1 Hardcover A5 book (diary)

1 clearfile 40 leaf

1 scrapbook -white pages

Pāpāmoa College

Teachers:

Jenn

6 scrapbooks -white pages

2 Clever Kiwi writing books

Shane:

2 1B5 exercise books for diaries

3 scrapbooks - white pages

1 clever Kiwi writing books

Teacher: Brendon

2 1B5 exercise books for diaries

1 scrapbook- white pages

1 Clearfile - 40 leaf