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WEEK 10 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora koutou,

September to November is technically New Zealand's spring season. The warmer weather lifts everyone's spirits and predictions are that we are in for a long and dry summer.

As this term comes to an end when we look back it has been a very busy one with some major decisions made and events carried out.

On a sad note we lost one of our students, 11 year old Haylo Toitoti Te Moni, to illness.

Some of the events and developments that have taken place this term include:

- Two mihi whakatau to welcome our new students, their families and new staff
- Completion of our Tauranga Special School Whāngaia Curriculum document
- IP and Ara meetings with our families
- Significant renovation progress has been made with our Welcome Bay Satellite due for completion mid November
- Our new double satellite class project at Te Kura o Manunui - Brookfield is now back on track, with a completion date near the end of term two next year
- The water damaged accessible bathroom at our Tauranga Intermediate satellite will be completed this week after a drawn out insurance claim process that was declined
- Kapa Haka Ahurei Festival Rotorua on Friday 13 September, involving five specialist schools. This was initiated last year and is now an annual event which we will host next year
- Hei Awhi Expo on Tuesday 24 - an information expo for people with any type of disability, their whānau, educators and supporters. This expo is held biennially and is organised and run by staff from our school
- Whole school Special Olympics on Thursday 12 September held at our current Brookfield School
- Manaaki volunteer initiative launched to provide practical care for those in our Tauranga Special School community
- Whānau information evening Wednesday 25 September held at our Base School, the main focus on Zones of Regulation was presented by three of our Occupational Therapists

Best to you all for the holiday break. Stay safe.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Tumuaki / Principal

Important dates:

26th September - TSS Olympics

27th September - End of Term 3

14th October - Start of Term 4

1st November - Teacher only day

Room 4

This term, our class has been learning to move our body in different ways. Whether that is through dance, swimming in the pool, playing games or exploring new playgrounds.

Our favourite ways are PMP circuits either inside or outside where we can practise our balancing skills. We have also been able to visit the Te Kura o Manunui old site where they have created a gym area to practise our gross motor skills.



DRC Pukeko Class

Thematic Inquiry - How I move my body



We have been playing ten-pin bowling and Bocce in class. The special bowling ramp is amazing! All the students are able to play the games independently.

DRC Tui Class

SPEC Headway - Sports and exercise

Tui class have experienced a variety of Sports and exercise this term including regular visits to the Devoy Squash Centre, Ten Pin Bowling Alley, Special Olympics Basketball, Aims Games Hockey plus plenty of DRC activities to keep us moving our bodies.



Manaaki

At Tauranga Special School, we aim to support holistic wellbeing.

Manaaki is our vision for volunteers from our TSS whānau, providing practical care for our TSS whānau.

But, for Manaaki to exist, it will rely on volunteers - donating time, skills, groceries or koha.



Manaaki is a very new idea for us at TSS.

As a trial, our staff did a group cook-up at Base.

We made macaroni & cheese, shepherd's pie and mild chicken & rice.

If you'd like to volunteer for Manaaki, you can cook at home or join in for a group cook-up one day. You can donate ingredients and *cook yourself*, donate ingredients for *others to cook*, or just donate your time to cook what *others have donated*. So many options!

If you'd like to be involved, or know more information, please contact Penny or Michele via email at manaaki@taurangaspecialschool.nz, or phone 07 578 4424.

**Ko ngā pae tawhiti whaia kia tata.
Ko ngā pae tata, whakamaua kia tina.**

**The potential for tomorrow is
determined by what we do today.**

**Ngā mihi maioha,
Penny & Manaaki**