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WEEK 10 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora koutou,

IEP/ARA meetings drawing to a close:

While this week is reduced to three days, the majority of our IEP and ARA meetings have been completed. We are very pleased with the high turn out of parents at the face to face meetings and a few via zoom meetings due to illness or other circumstances.

Reminder - Covid is still with us:

Our school no longer has Covid test kits available. Families can get them free from their local chemist. Covid and measles can look similar, if in doubt call Healthline 0800 611 116. There is no longer a 7 day isolation requirement but we advise that if anyone has Covid or similar symptoms please remain at home. With winter not too far away we will need to factor in the flu variations which will add another level of complexity.

Heads Up:

Travel Safe via Tauranga City Council are proposing to reduce speed limits near schools, parts of the city centre and some Marae, to make it easier for people to move around and stay safe. Information specific to our Base School in Eighteenth Avenue and Tauranga Intermediate will be sent to us, and public consultation will open from Friday 5 April to Friday 3 May. Our initial response would be to support any speed reduction, and we would encourage our school community to also respond regarding our sites and other schools that you may have other children attending.

Ngā mihi Kind regards

Barrie Wickens

Principal

Important dates:

Friday 12 April - End of Term 1

Staff only Day June 4th (day after King's Birthday Monday)

Pāpāmoa College - Jenn

Special Olympics Athletics:



On March 19 Tauranga Special School joined in the track and field Special Olympics alongside other schools from around the Bay of Plenty, held at the Tauranga Domain. We enthusiastically took part in a variety of Field Events, including shot put, softball throw, long jump, and the mini javelin. Alongside these, there were different races for us to participate in such as the 50 m walk/run, 50 m wheelchair race, 100 m walk/run and 100 relay. With cheers of support we rallied behind our friends and felt immensely proud of our collective efforts. The day was filled with joy and a sense of achievement for all involved, making it an unforgettable experience.

Pāpāmoa College - Andrew

Music and Art in class sessions:



There is one thing we all agree on in our class, we have all enjoyed doing art this term. Painting, drawing, using stencils and etching details with the end of a brush are some of the ways we have been making our mark.

Pāpāmoa College - Dave

Wish4Fish:



On Thursday the 29th February the Senior students from Pāpāmoa College went on the Wish4Fish boat in the Tauranga Harbour and out to Karewa Island. We met up with students and staff from other senior classes at Tauranga Special School. All of the students took home a small portion of the Kaimoana gathered during the trip to share with whānau back home. The main purpose of the trip was to have fun, strengthen friendships between students across the school, have an opportunity to learn about how a boat runs, and learn where our kaimoana comes from. Ka rawe koutou mā!

Speech-language Therapy

Just a little note about “Food at School”



We hope our students are enjoying the school meals that are available as well as bringing in food from home.

Many of our students need a little adult help with their food and drink in school. When that is the case the student will have an **Kai Kawa Plan** that has been signed off by their Parent or Caregiver.

If you would like to talk to your class Speech Language Therapist about any eating, drinking or swallowing issues please don't hesitate to get in touch!

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