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WEEK 8 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

20 June 2024

Kia ora koutou,

Speed limits to drop to 40km/h outside Tauranga schools for drop-off and pick-up: For clarification we already have the 40k speed limit around the streets of our Base School and Tauranga Intermediate, not just for drop-off and pick-up times.

However, for your information we received an email on Monday 10 June from Travel Safe Schools that speed limits will drop to 40km/h outside Tauranga schools for drop-offs and pick-ups. These reduced speed limits outside school gates were made by our outgoing Tauranga City Council Commissioners at their recent council meeting. These reduced limits will be variable, which means they only apply 30 minutes before the start of the school day and 20 minutes after school ends. Outside of these times speed limits will remain the same. Council's Head of Transport Nic Johansson said, *"the desire to manage speed limits at high-risk locations is about improving safety on local roads."*

"Our local schools have told us that increased traffic and people driving vehicles at high speeds is a significant risk to student safety. While pedestrian fatalities aren't a common occurrence, accidents do happen, and speed is a factor in the likelihood and outcomes. Lower speeds allow for shorter sight and braking distances which is important in complex, busy situations such as school pick-up and drop-off times".

The reduced speed limits, with signs advertising when the speed limits are operational, will be introduced over the next few months as the signs become available.

From our point of view the decision was a no-brainer, as I mentioned at the start of this message, we already have the 40k speed limit in place all the time. We would like to add and appreciate if everyone using the Kaka Street Cul-de-sac to access the back of our school, reduce their speed to well below the 40k. It is a very narrow street, during school time filled up with our staff's vehicles and the many coming and going of taxi vans and parents dropping off and picking up our students. **SLOW and EASY please.**

One additional change to our roading network that just started this week is the construction of a lights controlled crossing on Fraser Street between 18th and 17th Avenues. The project is expected to take eight weeks to complete. Please take care when travelling through this area, delays and disruption will be a factor.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Important dates:

Tuesday 25 June - Whānau and Community Hui 6-7pm - See flyer below

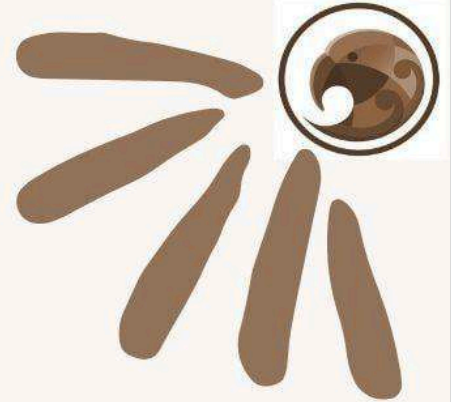
Friday 28 June - Matariki (School closed)

Wednesday 3 July - School Matariki event 11am-1pm at Base school

Friday 5 July - Last day Term 2

INVITING OUR TSS...

Whānau & Community



NEW DATE! Our first Whānau & Community Hui for 2024 is fast-approaching.

At this meeting, we will share information about our current school initiatives – and we invite your ideas too.

WHERE: Room 1 at Base

WHEN: 6-7pm Tuesday 25th June (kai provided)

WHAT: This term, we'll share information about:

- property updates
- curriculum changes
- Kapa Haka & Matariki updates
- Team Teach- new framework supporting us to understand behaviour and minimise risk and restraint

YOU'RE WELCOME TO ATTEND IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

PLEASE RSVP BY 24/6/24

If you'd like to attend in person, but will need supervision for your tamariki, please contact us so we can organise this – we'd love to see you

RSVP TO: naomim@taurangaspecialschool.nz or phone us on 07 578 4424.

TC3 Harakeke Team (Students: Seb, Vinay, Ezra, Nicole, Paris and Diana) (Teaching Staff: Margaret, Jess, Sharon and Cherie)

With all the glorious weather we have been having, it was such a shame that on the day of our interschool Football Tournament the rain forced a cancellation. There is talk that hopefully it could happen in Term 4. Nevertheless, Harakeke practised and practised beforehand. Along with support from our wonderful Physiotherapy Team, Megan and Kim, our students made huge progress and enjoyed going out first thing in the morning to Morland Fox Park. Here students could use the field and the goals to fine tune their skills.



TC3 - Brendon's Class



To say we've been busy would be an understatement! Totara has been out and about, exploring the city, meeting new people, taking part in community activities, and learning about how we can be the best people we can be.

Sailability, Special Olympics, firewood, cooking, travel training, community visits, aquafit, football, and the list goes on and on.

Our students have been wonderful ambassadors for our school, using fantastic manners when out and about and making new friends along the way.

Tauranga Intermediate - Jolani's Class



For our inquiry topic this term we learned more about who we are and where we are from. We have been visiting and exploring local playgrounds around Tauranga Moana. We also love learning about Māori cultural stories. We learned about the Legend of Mauao and Taurikura.

Tauranga Intermediate - Sara's Class

This term our inquiry has been all about who we are and where we live. As part of our inquiry we have been visiting our favourite local playgrounds around Tauranga Moana. We have also been learning about Māori cultural stories such as Ko Mauao te maunga: Legend of Mauao and Taurikura as well as waiata such as Tauranga Moana, E hika tū ake and Papaki tū ana that are important to Tauranga Moana.



Mana Kaha Team

Each week our ākonga (*learners*), kaiako and kaiāwhina (*teachers and teacher aides*) from our kura work together, experience success and navigate challenges too. Our kura is continuing to support our ongoing learning and mahi together using the Team Teach framework.

Our staff and students are supported to seek and offer help when navigating challenges, so we've created visuals in the form of posters to encourage this.

Here is one of the posters that you'll now see in our learning spaces. Our staff model the 'help' sign for ākonga throughout the day for so many routine activities. This poster is a reminder to seek **help** and to suggest **more help** for each other specifically by changing face/swapping in and out of situations. Often a change of face significantly helps to de-escalate a situation, and ensures that risk is minimised and the hauora (*wellbeing*) of all is preserved. When we seek help regularly in times of low stress (like in regular routines), then seeking/offering help in times of high stress becomes more routine and more effectively fosters positive change in a situation.



Whānau who would like to learn more about our Team Teach approach are very welcome to contact our Mana Kaha Team at school. Team Teach will also be a topic in one of our next Whānau Hui, so you're all very welcome to attend to learn more about this framework (dates are posted through Storypark and Facebook).

Here is our email address: manakaha@taurangaspecialschool.nz

Take care whānau.

Ngā mihi nui,

Penny Gee

Kaiārahi Hauora / Leader of Wellbeing

WHĀNAU SUPPORT GROUP COFFEE AND WORKSHOP



**JULY 5TH
10:30 - 12:30
65 CHAPEL
STREET
TAURANGA**

**Teina from TCC will
cover:**

- **The Hāpai Access Card: Learn about this initiative**
- **Skillet - Tauranga Access Maps: Explore accessibility in our city**
- **Are Community events/facilities accessible to you?**
- **Opportunity to feedback**

COME AND JOIN US

*Strengthening
connections for our TSS
whānau.*

**Come along to share a
coffee with other
parents and caregivers
of students at TSS.**

**Teina Boyd,
Accessibility advisor,
Tauranga City Council,
will be presenting.**

RSVP TEXT SHARON

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