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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau;

On behalf of all of our staff, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our school community for your full support on Wednesday 25 November, when the school was closed to allow our staff to attend the funeral of **Deb Hudson** our Deputy Principal. While the rain was relentless that day a huge number of people attended to farewell Deb.

In our Base School staffroom, we have a Memories Book open for parents to call in and record a few words in memory of Deb.

This will be our last newsletter for the year. A year defined by Covid -19 that still ravages the world.

We end this year with the highest student total in our school's history of 102. While we have several students leaving, new enrolments are happening. Our predicted start-up total for Tuesday 2nd February 2021 will be 95. It won't stay at this level for long.

Best wishes to you all for the festive season.

Ngā mihi
Barrie Wickens
Principal

2020 Term dates Term 4 12 October - 14 December

Thursday 10th December: Pāpāmoa Satellite students last Day

Monday 14 December - students' last day(except Pāpāmoa College satellite)

2021 Students' First Day Tuesday 2nd February

Room 4



Room 4 students have also enjoyed getting out and exploring our school grounds and our community in places like the new sensory garden, the Classic Flyers cafe, Memorial Park, and the local playground.

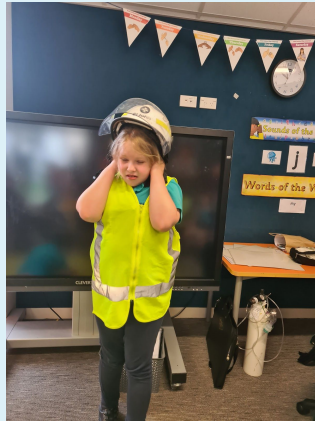
Sensory experiences are a great part of our programme. This term it's been all about transport- in dirt, shaving foam, paint, water and shredded paper!

Welcome Bay Satellite - Kahikatea

Visit from St Johns

For our topic this term we have been learning about transport vehicles and the roles people play. We asked Annette from St Johns to come and talk to us about what an ambulance is used for and what ambulance drivers do.

We even had visitors from Brookfield satellite and Room 3. This was a very special day, and the students really enjoyed this new experience!



A note for the holidays from Karen Porter

- our physio.....

Physical activity for our students is very important at Tauranga Special School. All students have either an individual physio program or are part of an active class program.

We all know the benefits of being physically active and it's the same for our students, whether they are mobile or in a wheelchair.

It would be great over the Christmas holidays if students could “push play” for at least 20 minutes a day.

For our non-mobile students, it could be using their standing frame, walking frame or even doing some assisted sitting with a member of their whānau on the floor while watching TV.

For our mobile students, a twenty-minute walk every day is great. Also, kicking a ball in the garden, playing with a balloon inside, making an obstacle course or for some of our students following dance routines on sites like go noodle, are good activities.

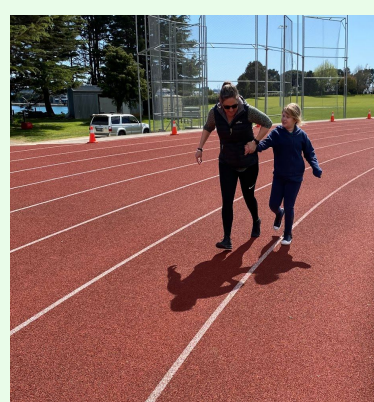
Often friends/relatives have unused exercycles in their garages- why not ask to borrow them? Maybe try setting a timer and get pedalling for 20 minutes!

Remember to use first ... and then ... for motivation. This works for everyone in the family. eg First exercise (whatever form that is) and then iPad, tv or whatever their motivator is.

If you need visuals, more ideas or any other help with equipment please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a good school break everyone.

Karen Porter Physiotherapist



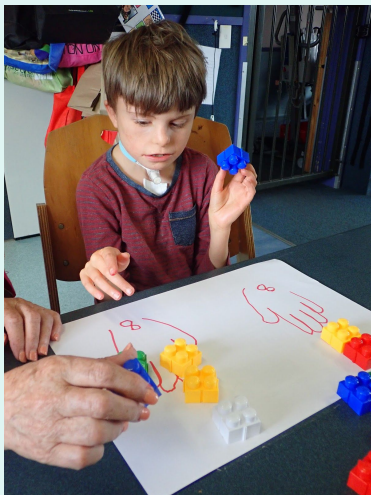
Room 1 Work Time



Topic: We have been exploring different types of transport in the sensory story.



Art: We created pictures of boats, aeroplanes, cars and trains by using a range of materials.



Maths: We have been learning about "measurement". We have been exploring the words- "long, tall and short".

Party time at Merivale

We love to throw a party at the Merivale Satellite. This term we have celebrated 4 birthdays. We practise singing the birthday song before playing party games.

Our favourite game is “Pass the parcel” and the “Egg and spoon race.”

At the end of the party, we sit around and share delicious kai. Very happy children over at Merivale!



Pāpāmoa College - Bike Week

Pāpāmoa students have looked at the changes in bikes through the ages.

The culmination of the topic was Wheels Week.

Students were able to bring their bikes, scooters and skateboards to school and ride them each afternoon.



Room 3

This term we have been out and about visiting the different emergency services and checking out other modes of transport around Tauranga. The students loved visiting the Fire Station and exploring the fire truck. Another favourite place to visit was the airport. We also took turns in the kids' aeroplanes.





Mount Maunganui Half Marathon

Thanks to Dale Megson and Monique Eades for organising our team of runners,
Well done to all those students, families and caregivers who participated in the 2020 Mount Maunganui Half Marathon.
A great time was had by all and all team members received a medal for their efforts.

Congratulations!!



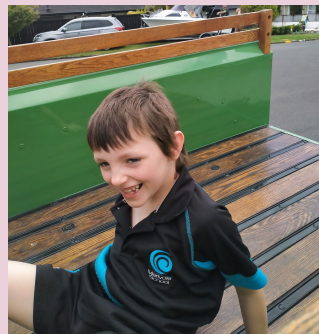
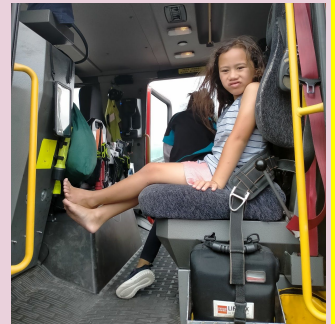
Junior Transport Day - End of Year Celebration



Some students sat in the Fire Engine



Lots of fun.
Lots of people.
Great dress-ups!
Some very cool characters visited.
Thanks to all who came along for the fun.



Senior End of Year Celebration at Pāpāmoa College

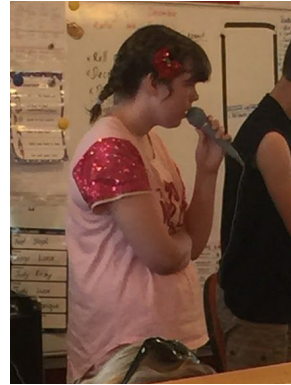
Fabio & Peta singing



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Georgia singing.

Levi playing the drums & singing.

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Hine & Calais singing



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Intermediate dancing.



Dancing to music.



Families were there.



Sausage Sizzle!

