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## **Newsletter      Week 9      30th March Term 1      2022**

**Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau:**

### **Board of Trustees Triennial Elections 2022:**

Triennial elections for school boards have been moved from April this year to between 5 and 23 September 2022. For the first time the election process will include the provision for electronic voting. The Ministry of Education has acknowledged that due to the impact of the ongoing Covid-Omicron situation, deferring this year's elections will better suit schools.

Some of our current Board members have declared that they will not be putting their names forward for re-election, so we will be looking within our school community for new candidates. In due course the election process information will be circulated. If you are interested in standing for our Board you can find information through New Zealand School Trustees Association or the Ministry of Education websites.

**Keeping our School Open:** With the impact of the Covid - Omicron Pandemic that is impacting across our whole country, schools and kura are doing their best to stay open despite significant student and staff absences. Our school has remained open and will continue to do so unless staff numbers in our sites drop to below safety margins. Just a friendly reminder that if your child is unwell, please keep them home. Students should not be at school if they are showing symptoms of Covid, even if they are testing negative.

**A reminder that school is closed for students on Monday 4th April.**

Ngā mihi Kind regards  
Barrie Wickens  
Principal

### **Term Dates for 2022**

**Term 1 Wednesday 3rd February - Thursday 14th April**

**Term 2 Monday 2nd May - Friday 8th July**

**Term 3 Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September**

**Teacher only day - Monday 4th April**

**Queen's Birthday - Monday 6th June**

**Teacher only day - Thursday 23rd June**

# **Pāpāmoa College**

## **Swimming: Term 1**

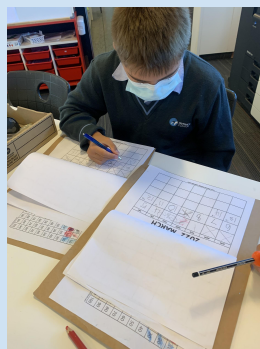
At Pāpāmoa College we love to swim, whether it's at Base kura, or Pilot Bay. We are learning new skills like floating on our backs, walking around the pool or in the moana, diving for toys, putting our heads under the water, and taking go pro videos.

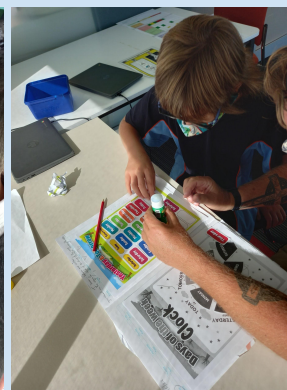
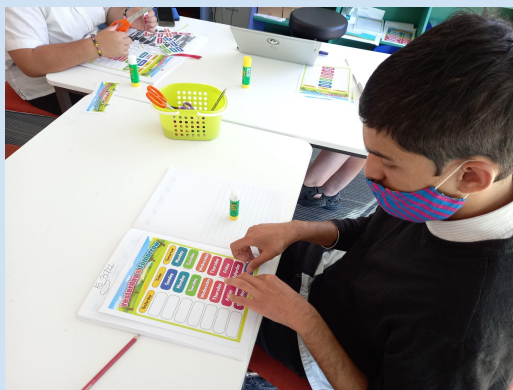
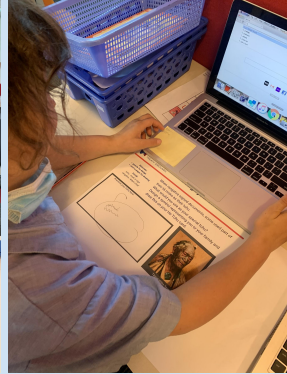
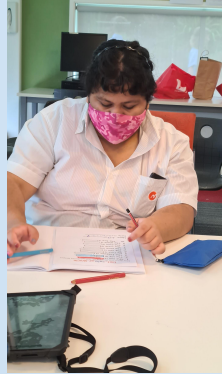
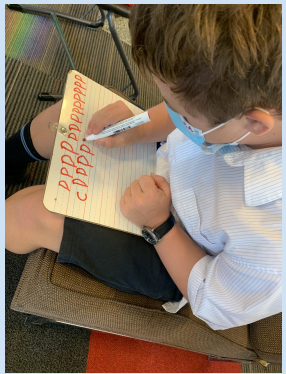
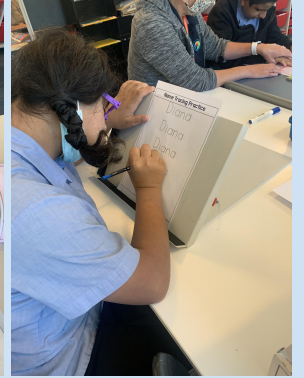
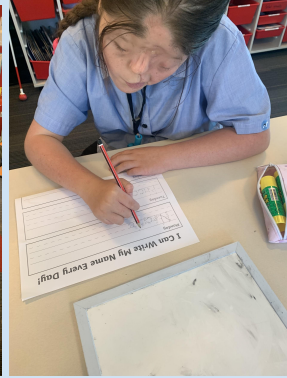
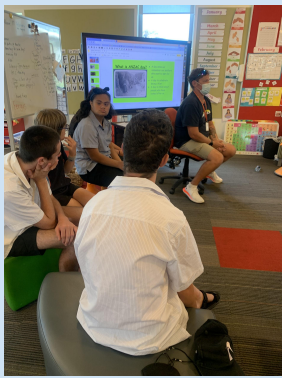
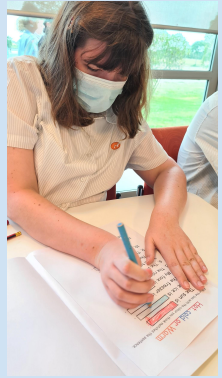




## Mahi, Term 1

**We are extremely focused when it comes to our mahi. Across the day we know what it means to concentrate, whether it is looking at maps, writing, learning about Waitangi Day, Anzac Day, reading, painting, or sequencing. We love to learn. Check us out!**





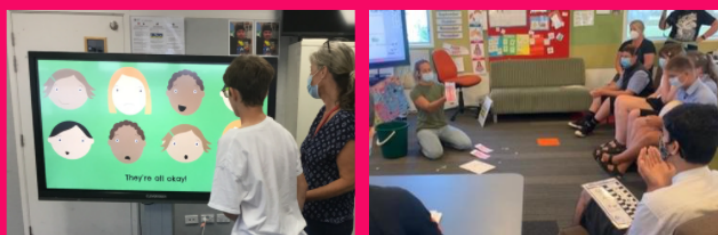
# ROOM 3



In Room Three this term we have been learning about making our own pizzas. When we do this we learn mathematical concepts about sequence and time, fine motor skills and about trying new foods. This has been lots of fun and we have especially loved it when our families who have been at home have joined us on a google meet and made their own pizzas at their house. We are all turning into little Masterchefs. The best bit comes at the end...eating...mmmmm yum!



# Our Specialist Team in Action



Our Speech Therapy team have supported classes with sensory stories, literacy activities, attention, listening & communication skills, emotional regulation programs, and much more!

SPEECH THERAPY IN ACTION



This term has seen our Specialist Team collaborate with classroom teachers and support our students in evolving ways, as travel across our sites has been minimised in response to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Here are some of our team members in action!

While change can bring uncertainty, our team has used these changes as opportunities to make some amazing memories and strengthen relationships within our TSS classrooms.



Our Occupational Therapy team have supported classes with sensory activities, fine motor activities, emotional regulation resourcing, self care – and in many more ways!

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN ACTION



Our Physiotherapy team have supported classes with individual programs, running physio circuits, hydrotherapy and learn to swim sessions.

PHYSIOTHERAPY IN ACTION

We love to see the enjoyment on our students' faces when they practice and learn new skills!