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WEEK 4 KAWERONGO - NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora koutou,

Satellites Back on Track: Te Kura o Manunui - Double Satellite:

Last week we were officially informed that our proposed new double satellite at Te Kura o Manunui in Brookfield will be going ahead. The expected time frame for completion at this stage is looking likely to be the end of term one next year, but hopefully earlier. A lot of the construction will be completed offsite at a large indoor facility situated at The Lakes. Our first priority is to have the buildings completed, and then add a new playground that will be funded by our Board. The Ministry has already funded several playground areas at the new school and there is no allowance for an additional one.

Welcome Bay Satellite relocation and refurbishment on site: This is not quite on track as I had hoped. Despite our best efforts to have the facility completed by the end of this term several factors beyond our control have pushed the project out for completion 'til November. Final design changes had to be made, coupled with Ministry Infrastructure legal procurement/tendering timeframes that can't be shortened. The remaining areas to be renovated are the attached bathrooms. In the meantime our students and staff will continue in the two current classroom spaces provided.

Ngā mihi Kind regards
Barrie Wickens
Principal

Important dates:

28th August - Special Olympics Basketball
29th August - Learning Support Awareness Day
8th September - AIMS cross country event
9-13th September - AIMS games week
13th September - Kapa Haka - Rotorua
24th September - Hei Awhi Expo at Historic Village
27th September - End of Term 3
1st November - Staff only day (no school for students this day)

Room 3



In Room 3 we have loved exploring counting, numbers and size so far this term. Some of our favourite activities have been creating big and small towers, finding big and small animals, and counting and making numbers with playdough and dominos.



Room 2

This term Room 2 students are enjoying the tactile sensory dance/movement times with Sophie. Sophie comes in on Monday morning and runs the program. Staff work 1:1 with students. Its a time of enjoyment, relaxing - a great way to start the week.



Pāpāmoa College - Dave's Class

In SPEC we have been "Exploring Sport", this has meant that we have explored a wide range of sports such as Soccer, Cricket, Basketball and even Petanque! This has been a great way to exercise, get outside, move around and have fun!

Sam kicking the Ball



Katelyn shooting for goal



Japleen with her jingle ball



Khy hitting for six!



Arley shooting for the stars!



Nikita winding up for a dunk!



Our Superteam ready for Action

Pāpāmoa College - Jenn's Class

For Inquiry we are learning "How do I move my body". In P.E. We are learning to play different sports, developing our team skills, learning and following rules for different sports. We are really enjoying learning to play football, bowls and basketball as some of us are in training for AIMS games. We are enjoying watching the Olympics, the athletes have been inspiring.



Pāpāmoa College - Andrew's Class

We have been getting into moving our bodies by dancing, looking at different sports and learning how to help each other play games, and do different movement activities.



ENJOYING BOOKS WITH ALL! From your SLT Team

Speech and Language Therapy

The SLT team works to develop communication and eating, drinking, and swallowing skills.



Billie Hampton Edwards
Kaiarataki mātanga - Team Leader
Kaiwhakatika Reo Kōrero
Speech Language Therapist



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Kaiwhakatika Reo Kōrero
Speech Language Therapist



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Speech Language Therapist



Kathleen Jones
Kaiwhakatika Reo Kōrero
Speech Language Therapist

*If you could do **one thing** that will help with developing:-*

- vocabulary and language skills***
- critical thinking and understanding***
- imagination and creativity***
- awareness of a world outside of your immediate environment***
- shared attention and concentration***
- empathy and emotional awareness***
- independent learning***
- social and emotional development***
- writing skills***
- academic success***

Then *reading* is for you!

All of our students can enjoy 'reading' even if it is not always in the most usual ways we think of.
Here are some tips if you would like to do more reading at home.

- ★ Match the 'book' to the child - for those still exploring with their mouths try the fabric or thick cardboard books.
- ★ For our students who are sensory explorers - try tactile books with pages that offer different touch adventures.
- ★ When aiming at developing language, try and pick books with heaps of repetition that can be learned so our students can begin to predict and join in at key moments when you repeat the story.
- ★ For encouraging looking, have books with more pictures than words with high interest topics - if trucks and diggers are your thing that's the picture book for you! Lift the flap books can be cool to try and books that have mirrored pages so you can see your face.
- ★ Getting books out for just a couple of minutes every day can make huge changes.
- ★ Always pick books that are interesting to you and the child. The local libraries have heaps of books covering a range of many highly motivating topics - trucks, food, dragons whatever you and your child are into!
- ★ Don't worry if you don't finish the book. Just read for as long as your child can manage and aim to build up. This might just be a couple of pages to start.

HEI AWHI EXPO 2024

AN INFORMATION EXPO FOR PEOPLE WITH ANY
TYPE OF DISABILITY, THEIR WHĀNAU, EDUCATORS
AND SUPPORTERS

FREE ENTRY



TUE 24 SEPTEMBER

11:00 AM - 04:00 PM

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HISTORIC VILLAGE
17TH AVENUE**

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN BEING A STALLHOLDER, CONTACT
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