

Our Vision
Reaching Potential

Our 3 B's
Be Respectful
Be Prepared
Be Awesome

Our Values We Share
Respect, Manaakitanga, Integrity,
Inclusion, Excellence

Term Theme
Move with Me/Sports

Term Event
Winter Sports

School Value
Manaakitanga/Respect

Te Ao Māori
Te Reo Maori



Term2 Week3

Kia ora Families/Whānau,
This Week in Poutama Toru



We warmly welcome Johan as our new Administrator to Ruru School.
Thank you, Johan, for joining our team.



We say farewell to Gill, who has dedicated 43 years to Ruru Specialist School and has done amazing work with and for students, staff, whānau and for Ruru itself. Thank you Gill for all your support and expertise. Your IT skills and your wide range of knowledge of education is commendable. Our Ruru community will miss you and wish you well for a well-deserved enjoyable retirement.



Elgregoe the Magician

All the students and staff had a 'blast' with Elgregoe the Magician on Thursday afternoon. Elgregoe and his birds came to talk to the students about being kind, respectful and caring, things we practice daily! It was so great having our Rec Room and Gym as the venue for our whole school.



Our Classes



Salford Satellite

Kia Ora e te Whānau!

Students are working so hard in all areas. This term we are focusing on learning new kupu in Te Reo Māori, investigating all the classroom objects around us each day. It is a great opportunity for the teaching staff to practise and extend our own knowledge along with our ākonga, and we are all learning so much. Each daily goals are achieved in IEP phases, and Locklyn has done a great job this week completing phases in Maths and Relating to Others. Salford class have learnt so many skills with Caitlin our Occupational Therapist during our fine motor sessions. In particular we can see the improvement of pincer grip in the students. Tumeke mahi Salford! How lucky were our students to be able to see Elgregoe the Magician this week with his amazing show to teach us more about key values for a positive school environment!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Salford Satellite



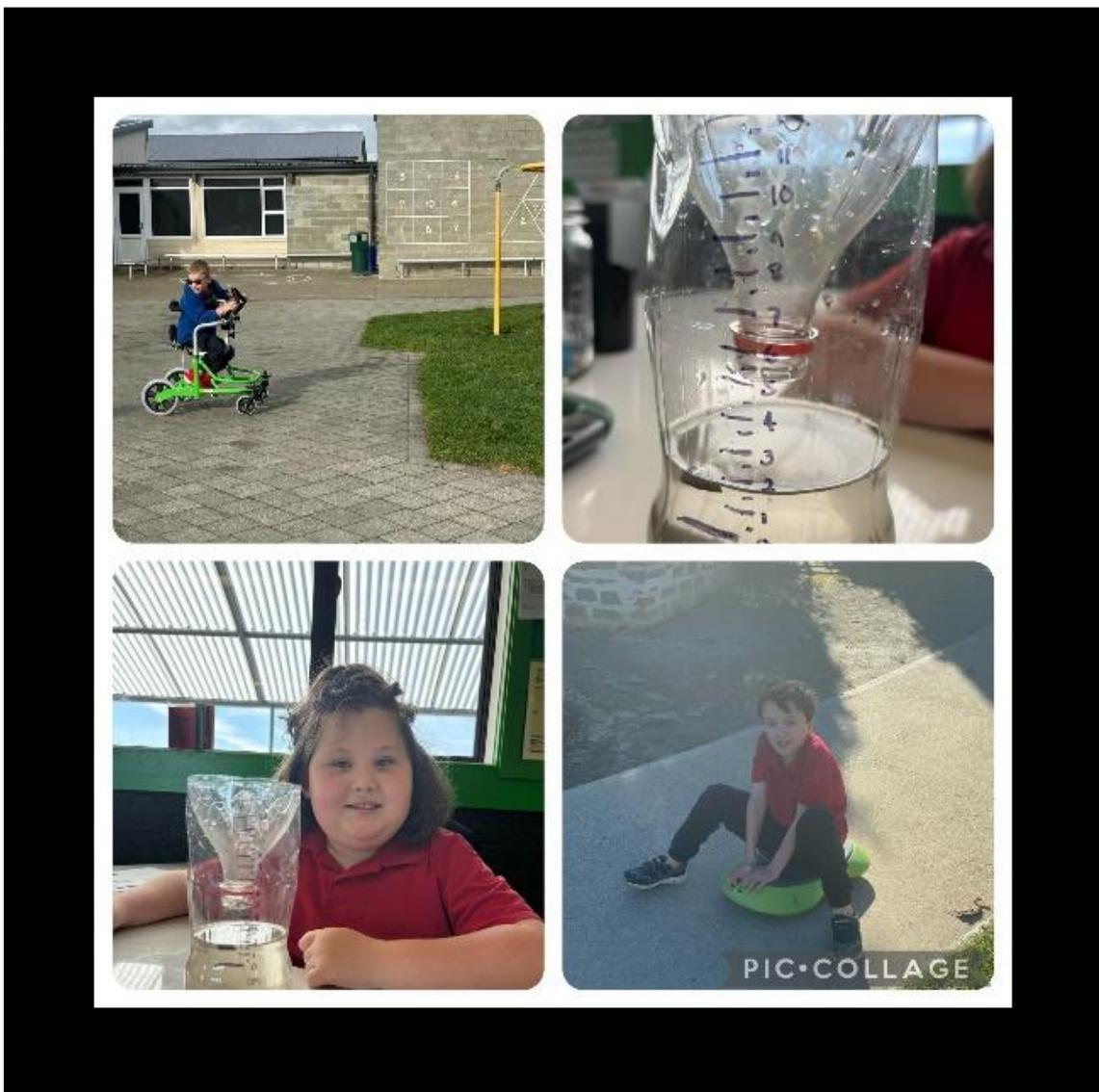
Donovan Satellite

Kia Ora e te Whānau!

Donovan had a lovely week this week. We have been working hard on our units of Maths-measurement. Our rain gauge is working well, prompting some great discussions each morning when we predict and evaluate the changes. We are also well into our unit of Move It, exploring in which ways we move our bodies. This week Jesse completed his IEP of regular exercise to 12 minutes, Well Done Jesse. James celebrates his 9th birthday this weekend. Happy Birthday James.

Enjoy the weekend and keep warm!

The Donovan Team



Verdon-Tahi

Kia Ora,

Our ākongā enjoyed a trip to Riverton where we went for a walk, visited the museum and had a play in the playground. At the museum they learnt about the history of the area and the history of women's rugby. Congratulations to Jakob who completed a speech IEP, Ollie completed a fitness IEP and Madeline a Sign Language IEP. In numeracy the students have been learning and practising how to measure with a ruler. weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend
Verdon Satellite



Verdon-Rua

Kia Ora,

Verdon Tahi and Rua students have been enjoying their Friday Life Skill Sessions. Last Friday our akonga made dumplings in the Slow Cooker for Food Tech and practised essential skills - hanging out and folding washing, brushing teeth, laces and zips, opening locks and discussing appropriate clothing for different weather types. We also discussed how to make an emergency call.

The students have been enjoying the PE focus this term and we have taken advantage of all sunny afternoons to get outside and play team sports. We are also really enjoying Lauren's Yoga sessions.

Kia mau te wehi to Gypsy who is enjoying playing netball in a Verdon team.

Tino pai to the following students for their completed ICPs/IEPs:

Sam completed a maths goal,

Hunter completed a social goal,

Gypsy completed a communicative goal and Jazzmin completed a reading goal. Well done!

Have a wonderful weekend

Verdon Satellite Rua



Kia Ora Whānau,

On Thursday mornings the girls are going to Woodworkers guild and last week made birdhouses and sanded and prepared this week's project. This week at the swimming pool we had swim school instructors. One group practised blowing bubbles, floating using a noodle on our front and back and building confidence with games. The other group practiced freestyle, backstroke and practised swimming straight. With Ross for Social Skills we talked about actions and consequences. For our Te Reo unit this week practised numbers and colours in Te Reo using kahoot. We also played Pukana again because we had so much fun playing this last week. At Whanake house Robbie has been learning how to make hot drinks, he even made some of the staff a hot drink on Wednesday afternoon with excellent feedback. Tino pai Robbie! As part of our water safety unit this week we learnt about keeping ourselves safe when swimming in rivers and lakes. Below is a copy of Anneka's poster about this. We created these posters on Canva, we are expanding our knowledge and skills using this app each week. Maddy started a new Work Experience placement this week at Walmsley House and returned to school on Tuesday we a great work report- ka pai Maddy. Below is a picture of the piece of art John is working on at CS Art on Tuesday afternoons- looking good John!

Our CAP ICPs this week are:

- Daniel- identifying prices more than
- Maddy- solving mixed percentage problems
- Saphira- making \$1 with coins independently
- Anneka- completing work experience tasks at SIT TEC

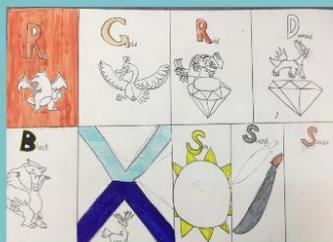
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SIT Whānau



Robbie working on his ICPs



Anneka, Saphira and Chloe at SPCA Work Experience



John's artwork work from CS art



Anneka's poster



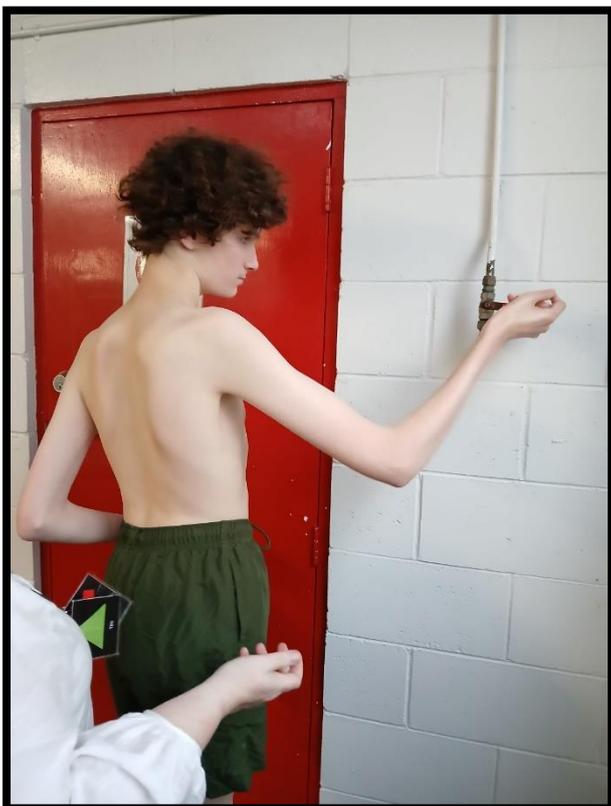
The girls with their birdhouses

Poutama -Tahi

Kia ora e te whānau,

Tamihana and Isaiah both had birthdays this week and we enjoyed celebrating with a party and lovely treat. Tamihana turned 16 years old and liked looking at the birthday card with lots of pictures of his year so far. Elgregoe the magician was great to see on Thursday afternoon and he and his assistant Sue spread some wonderful messages about being kind, respectful and caring. All values that are important and lovely to see happening within the classroom and playground environment. Our swimming sessions have been able to show great progression with both confidence in and out of the pool. Hunter and Bradley have both learnt how to turn the shower on and off themselves- Ka rawe! Hunter has been working towards an ICP goal of following a 1 step instruction so well by completing this task each day.

Have a great weekend
The Poutama Crew



Poutama -Rua

Kia ora e te whānau,

Poutama Rua will be participating in cycling skills every Thursday morning at the Stadium Southland Velodrome. There are three wheeled and two wheeled cycles available for our learners to use. The students have demonstrated their skills at climbing onto the bikes, placing their feet into the pedals and pedalling up and down to move the bike forwards. Next week students will work on steering the bikes, staying on the blue part of the cycle track and stopping on command. Tino pai to Sethian who cycled 5 Km with Tomo from Cycle Southland and tu meke to Fale for cycling the track with Kylea supporting him! Students read a range of literature each week including Word of the Week books, Touch Chat symbols, road signs and advertising in the community, books reading to interests and magazines. For digital technology students are supported to research their interests online. A recent discovery for Tim and Francis has been DIY tutorials from Mitre 10's website.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed IEP's and ICP's this week:

- Sethian road safety instruction 'STOP' independently
- Fale matching numbers 1-5 to in te reo maori
- Francis using the internet for researching his interests

Nga mihi,
Poutama team.



Poutama Toru

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week we have seen our students' strengthening relationships. Lachlan and Manson have enjoyed watching some Dora and Elmo together. They both take turns to select what to watch and are patient as each one takes a turn to make selections. We are thrilled that Manson enjoyed a swim again this week. Antoinette our Physiotherapist assisted him in completing some exercises in the pool.

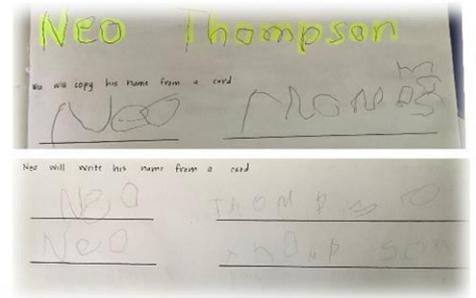
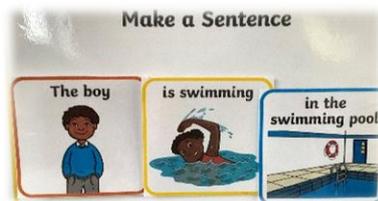
Neo has made amazing progress in the writing of his name. We all built sentences using colourful semantics. Repanga and Lachlan made the sentence by choosing one card from each group. Lachlan's sentence is below. We have again worked on measurement this week by exploring different types of measurement tools. Neo measured his iPad with a tape measure.

All students work on their IEP/ICP's daily. Neo completed a personal goal this week. Well done Neo.

El Gregoe visited the school and performed a magic show for the students. It was a fun day.

Enjoy the weekend with your whānau.

The Poutama Crew



Poutama Hine Tahī

Kia Ora Whanau,

Lots of great things happening in Poutama Hine Tahī. Our completed ICP/IEP's this week are Nevalia for matching emotions, Lauren matching numerals 11-20, and Hope for opening seesaw on her iPad to take a picture to send to her family. We have started working on some new Te Reo Kupa. We have been practising our numbers and colours. We took a trip to Otatara this week and were able to enjoy the beautiful weather. On Thursday, we attended the magic show and were amazed by the beautiful birds. We are still decorating our board to display our story, The 23 Little Javelinas. Lauren really liked preparing the sticks to make the second house.

Have a great weekend
The Hine Team

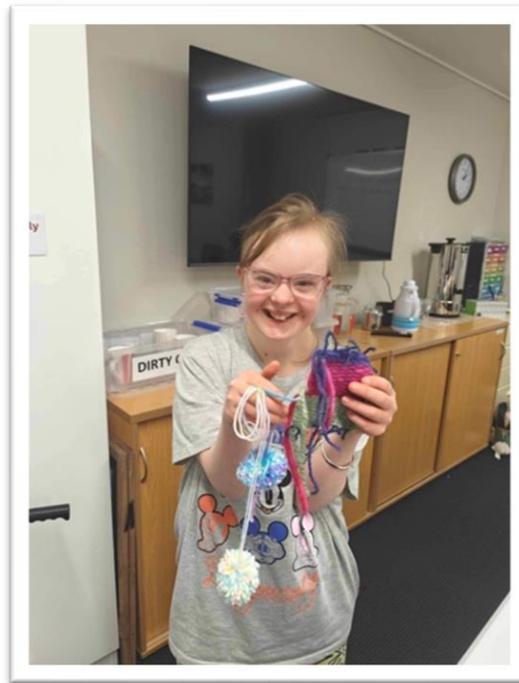


Hine Rua

Kia ora koutou,

This week the young ladies have been on a roll with their learning, especially in literacy and numeracy! A small group worked together to use a writing prompt to come up with an awesome story where they used their phonics knowledge to spell. Many students are choosing to spend some of their choice time silent reading which is exciting to see. All students are engaged in our learning about measurement focussing on using a ruler to measure and thinking about what we measure, how we measure it and why in food technology. Ka pai! Mel, Charlotte and Faith have enjoyed their courses so far and are very proud to share their mahi with our Ruru whānau. Congratulations to Elloise for completing her using phonics to spell ICP and Grace for her reading amounts of money ICP.

Have a great weekend,
The Hine Rua Team



Te Matatini - Tahī

Kia ora whānau!

During the week we have been doing lots of fun learning activities. Some of our favourites have been alphabet matching, colourful semantics story writing, big and small tower building, maths puzzles and learning games in the iPads.

On Monday Chris brought in her sensory mat again but this time we had a go at crawling across it. The students really enjoyed all the sensory input they were getting on their hands while practicing the locomotive move of crawling.

The students have really been enjoying our morning yoga, some students join in and some like to relax and use it as hauroa time. It has been awesome to see the participation grow over the last term!

On Thursday we had an exciting Magician come and share some important key messages with the school. The impressive magic tricks and beautiful birds were definitely a highlight for our class!

Ka pai to Carter-Jase who has almost capped his first handwriting IEP! Such a superstar!

Have a great weekend

The Te Matatini Team



Te Matatini - Rua

Kia Ora e te Whānau!

This term Te Matatini Rua are learning about and enhancing our ball skills for curriculum. We have started with rolling a ball to a target and learning to stop a ball that is coming towards us. Each week the learning will become more complex. All Te Matatini Rua students enjoy playing with the ball which makes this learning fun, engaging and inclusive for everyone. Tino pai Te Matatini Rua you are tu meke. This week we have been working hard towards our IEP's and we say ka pai to Kylen who CAP his IEP of imitating a vertical line with hand over forearm support. Wow Kylen Keep up the amazing mahi!

Have a great weekend
From Te Matatini Rua



Te Matatini -Toru

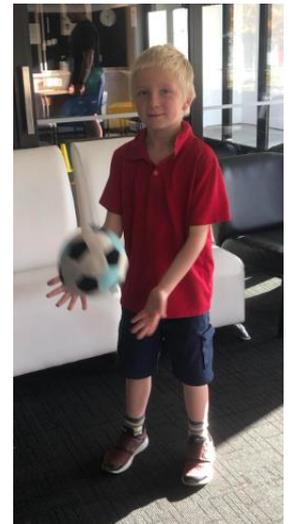
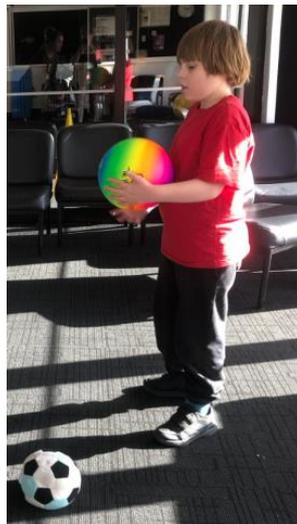
Kia Ora e te Whānau!

This week we enjoyed practising our ball skills with Caitlin. The students enjoyed throwing and passing the big balls to a partner. On Monday we went for a walk to the Edinburgh Crescent playground. The students again loved the big swing and the seesaw the most. In Numeracy this week we have been learning about clocks and telling the time. The students practised putting the numbers on the clocks.

Well done to Kyrie this week, who has completed his matching the letter i and j IEP, as well as staying on task for 2 minutes and 20 seconds. Ka Pai Kyrie!

Have a great weekend

From Te Matatini Toru Team



Rangatahi - Tahī

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a super busy week for us! We started the week with a team of us going to triangular football at the stadium. It was good to play against some of the other teams who participated in the event. Polyfest practice is well underway. We have been learning a Samoan sasa, which we will add to our performance this year. For measurement we have been exploring different non-standard and standard measuring tools.

On Wednesday we celebrated a special 16th birthday for Ocean. We all shared a special message to him and it was lovely to see everyone display Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga. Nga mihi to Oceans Māmā who provided kai for his party. Hari Huritau kia koe Ocean!

We completed our super15 jerseys and they look amazing up on the wall...who is your favourite super15 rugby team?

Yesterday we celebrated Support Staff Day by putting on a shared kai for our wonderful Teacher Aides. We appreciate the amazing mahi they do and the awhi and aroha they give to us and our teachers. Thank you to all the support staff at Ruru School...Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa!

We have enjoyed our hikoi this week with the lovely weather we've had, and completing our work experience tasks.

Shout out to David who has completed: *addition facts to 30, completing mahi on his iPad for 12 minutes and combing hair for 20 seconds...Ka mau te wehi David!*

Kia pai te wiki whakamutunga
Rangatahi Tahī Crew



Rangatahi - Rua

Kia ora e te whānau,

In Rangatahi Rua we have had a productive week completing a lot of work and enjoying having a go at different activities. Some of our highlights this week were playing a Soccer tournament at the stadium. They boys had plenty of fun and played with lots of positive energy and showing fair play, well done team Rangatahi!!!

We had another incredible and fun Sports OT session with Chris. The boys got stuck into stretching and using the Swiss ball to try different movements and play fun games. We've also had plenty of Polyfest practice during the week and getting out for walks around the community. We also enjoyed Elgregoe's Magician show and he left us wanting more!!! Today we ventured out to Sandy Point for Tramping. Some of our amazing students completed and capped some ICPs this week. Well done to:

Kegan: On task for 17mins

Luka: On task for 9mins

Lorden: 3 key details

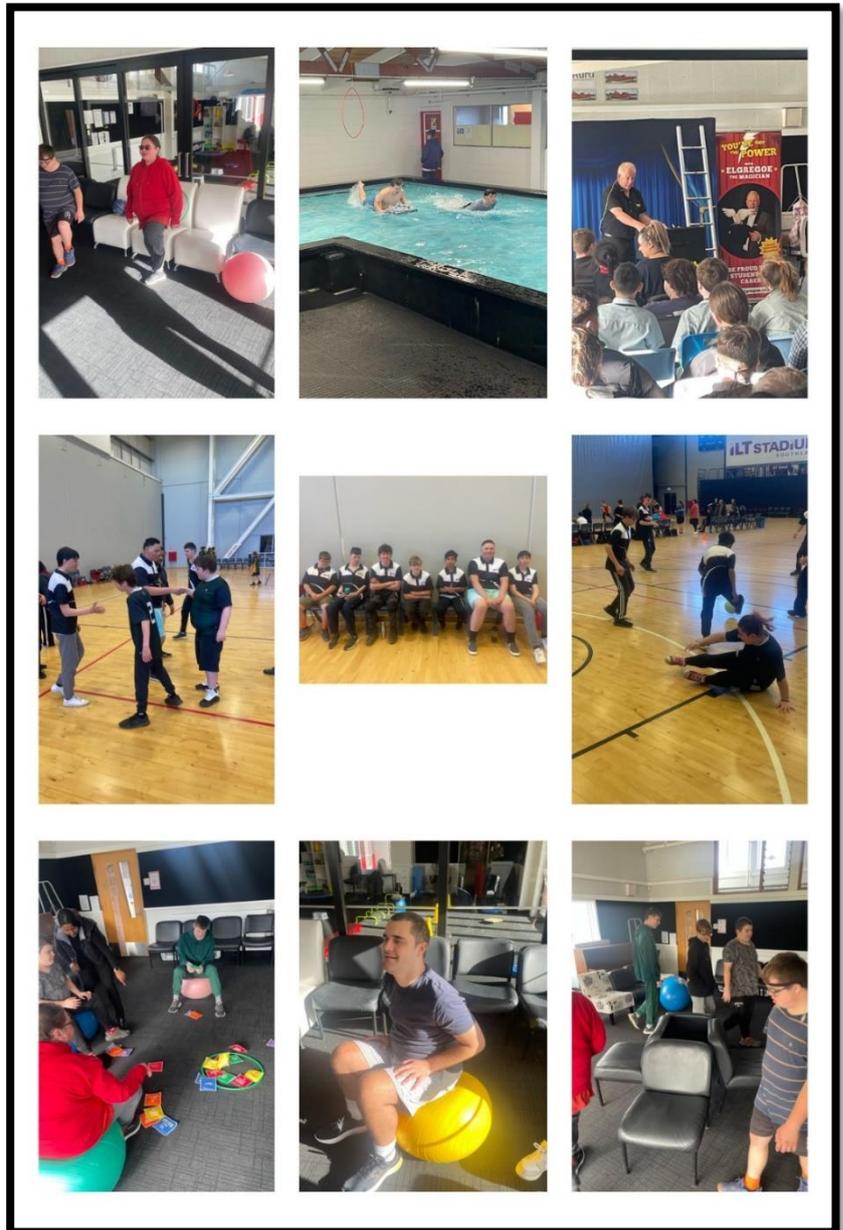
Brody: Social sight words

Akasia: making amount using \$2, \$3.

Have a safe weekend.

Kia pai te wiki whakamutunga

Rangatahi Rua Crew



Magic Room

Kia Ora Whānau,

Discover the power within! Week 3 was a transformative experience, highlighting the immense creativity of our students. The Magic room was electric with energy, thanks to our 'Star of the week' Lauren, who demonstrated the strength of perseverance. Our standout student used her AAC device to express her desire for the bubble machine, leading the way for us to embrace our unique abilities and let our light shine brighter. Tino Pai Lauren!

Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay warm!

Anna and Nochelle.



Speech Language Therapy

Kia ora e te whānau,

Unlike the weather, changing every day, the students here keep on keeping on with their class work, exercise, being social inside and out and watching the ever-growing staff room being built!

This week we can talk about balls. There are the classic large balls for throwing and games like hoops or football. There are the smaller balls like tennis and bouncy plastic ones. Plus the not so bouncy but easier to throw plastic balls like the ones in the play pits at Chipmonks.

But what about ping pong balls? (avoid if your child is a chewer). They are lighter and good for ricocheting. You can set up empty plastic bottles as skittles. Put different levels of water in and work out how hard to throw for each one. Try different sized balls.

[Play to Learn: 30 Fun Ball activities for kids — Growing Little Brains](#)

Enjoy your weekend,

Amy, Ross

Speech Language Therapist



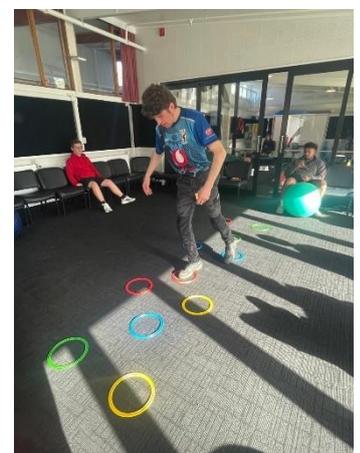
Occupational Therapy

Kia ora everyone!

We're thrilled to share some exciting updates from our occupational therapy groups this week! In these sessions, our students have been making remarkable progress in their social skills, fostering new connections and friendships along the way. Additionally, they've been thoroughly enjoying the gross motor sessions, embracing the opportunity to engage in physical activities that challenge and strengthen their bodies. Specifically, our Rangatahi students have been focusing on midline crossing and coordination skills, honing their motor abilities and even delving into the world of sports. Our Te Matatini students have been immersing themselves in sensory groups, discovering and exploring their favourite sensory choices.

Jo, Caitlin, Chris

Occupational Therapists





HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To
James and Tamihana
who celebrated a birthday this week
We wish you a wonderful day celebrating with
family and friends.

Events coming up:

- Board Meeting -22nd May @ 4pm
- **Teacher Only Day – Friday 31st May** – This is a Curriculum Day that the Ministry of Education has allocated for all Staff to have training. Students will need to remain at home this day. Go bus has been notified.

Ngā Mihi Nui,

Great tips Below!

**Change of season...
Change of toothbrush!**

It's time for a new toothbrush...

- If the bristles are scruffy, bent or splayed
- After being sick with a cold, flu, or infection
- If anyone else has used your toothbrush!
- Even if it still looks ok, it's best to use a new toothbrush every 3 months. A good way to remember is a change of season = a change of toothbrush!

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