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**Newsletter**

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## **From the Desk of the Principal**

**Kia ora Koutou,**

I hope that you all keeping dry from this awful weather. We have had a great two weeks here at school. Students have started their Swimming and Riding For The Disabled programmes. Some of our senior transition students are participating in new work experience opportunities and there is excitement about our new class.

There has been a lot of transition going on for many of our students as we establish new classes for next year. I reiterate from my last message that parents of all students who are transitioning have been informed. Therefore, if you have not been contacted your child will not be transitioning classes. We have opened our new class on base it is called Toetoe. This class will have 3 students in it. Manuka class has moved to the room next to the staff room. The classroom teacher in Toetoe is Gill Ytsma and she will have Jackie and Rochelle as her support staff.

It looks as if we will be part of the rolling strikes planned for the country next week. Otago will be striking on Thursday. It is very disappointing that we all have been unable to reach a resolution.

**\*\*\*The school will be closed on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November for instruction. If a resolution is reached prior to this date we will notify all parents.**

We welcome Tom and Kurtis our new students to our school. Tom has begun at Pikopiko and has had a great start. Kurtis has come to us from Taieri High School and is fitting in very well.

We have also had commitment from our board to fund some outside play equipment at Pikopiko. We hope to have this work done for the start of next year.

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Matthew

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**ABSENCES - ALL CLASSES & SATELLITES - please phone the office by 9.00am**

455 0347 – 1 for Absence line  
455 0347 – 2 to speak to Julie at the office

Text 027 3538 244 – Office phone.

Please leave your student's name and a reason for the absence.

## **WHAT'S COMING UP**

**Term 4 Oct 15 – Dec 18**

**Nov 15 Thursday – School Closed - STRIKE DAY**

**Nov 26 BOT 5.15**

**Dec 17 BOT 5.15**

**Dec 18 12.00 noon - students finish**

**Students Clothing**  
**A request from teachers to please name clothing.**

# Manuka Class



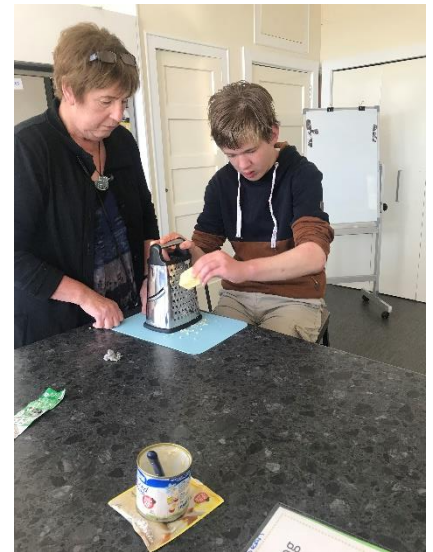
## Making Cheese Rolls

250g can reduced cream

1 packet instant onion soup

300g cheese, grated

2 loaves white sandwich bread



Mix reduced cream and soup powder. Add cheese and mix well. Spread 1 heaped dessertspoon of cheese mix onto the bread. Roll the slices from the cheese side up.

Don't put too much cheese on!!! Bake in the oven 180° for 12-15 minutes until golden brown.



**Enjoy your Cheese Rolls !!!!!**

**Eli, Sean, Russell and Ruth**

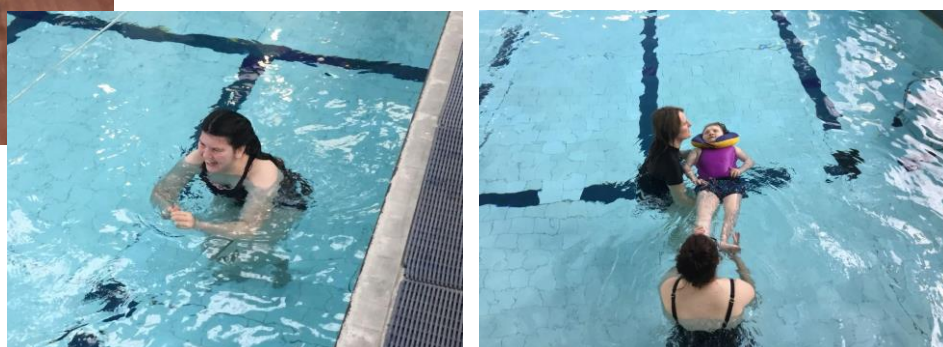
## Occupational Therapy News Term 4



This term I have been trying out some new fine motor games, here is Rebecca from Kowhai sorting pom-poms on to the correct colour sticks.

With the Physio Pool closed for maintenance recently, yesterday was our first day back working on our gross motor skills in the water. It is going to be great to continue to work on these skills at the Physio Pool for the remainder of the term.

I have also been working closely with Gill who is now the teacher of the Toetoe classroom. This is going to be a positive change for the students in this new class and Gill is working hard on setting up a programme that will suit their individual needs.



With Summer approaching (although it may not feel like it today), it is a great time to inform parents and caregivers of some great resources out there to assist with planning some boredom busters for the holidays. The Pocket OT is my go to when I'm low on ideas, she has a wonderful website with blogs on several different topics and is also one of my top hits on facebook, almost every day I share or save a post from the Pocket OT. Here is the link for those that wish to go and check it out for yourself.

<https://www.pocketot.com/blog/>

Many thanks to the parents, caregivers and teachers for your support and cooperation throughout the year.

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### New Faces at Sara Cohen School

We welcome  
Kerry Davey  
Teacher Aide



### Summer time reminders . . .

Please make sure your student has a sun hat (named), a water bottle, and sunscreen applied every day.