

Learning Support Overview

Inclusive Learning Summary- as reported to the Board of Trustees by Anna Pratt and Pamela Bishop



Introduction

The goal of all learning support is to better equip students with the strategies/skills/resources to enable them to function more confidently, both socially and academically. At Te Ao Mārama we have a wonderful learning support team to work with teachers, students and families.



Current Supports

English Language Learners and Literacy Intervention



These programmes place a large focus on building skills and confidence in oral language, reading and writing fluency, comprehension, word knowledge and phonics/spelling. Our Inclusive Learning Assistants (ILAs) offer this support to students in class and in small withdrawal groups. They work closely with our teachers to support the needs of these learners.

In-class support



We have Inclusive Learning Assistants who support students in class with learning, self-regulation, social/emotional learning, and health needs. Often these learning assistants are also supporting ALL learners, and helping to lower our class size ratios.

External Specialists



For some of our learners who require greater levels of support, we can also access advice from Resource Teachers for Learning and Behaviour, Psychologists, Speech/Language Therapists.

Therapy Dog



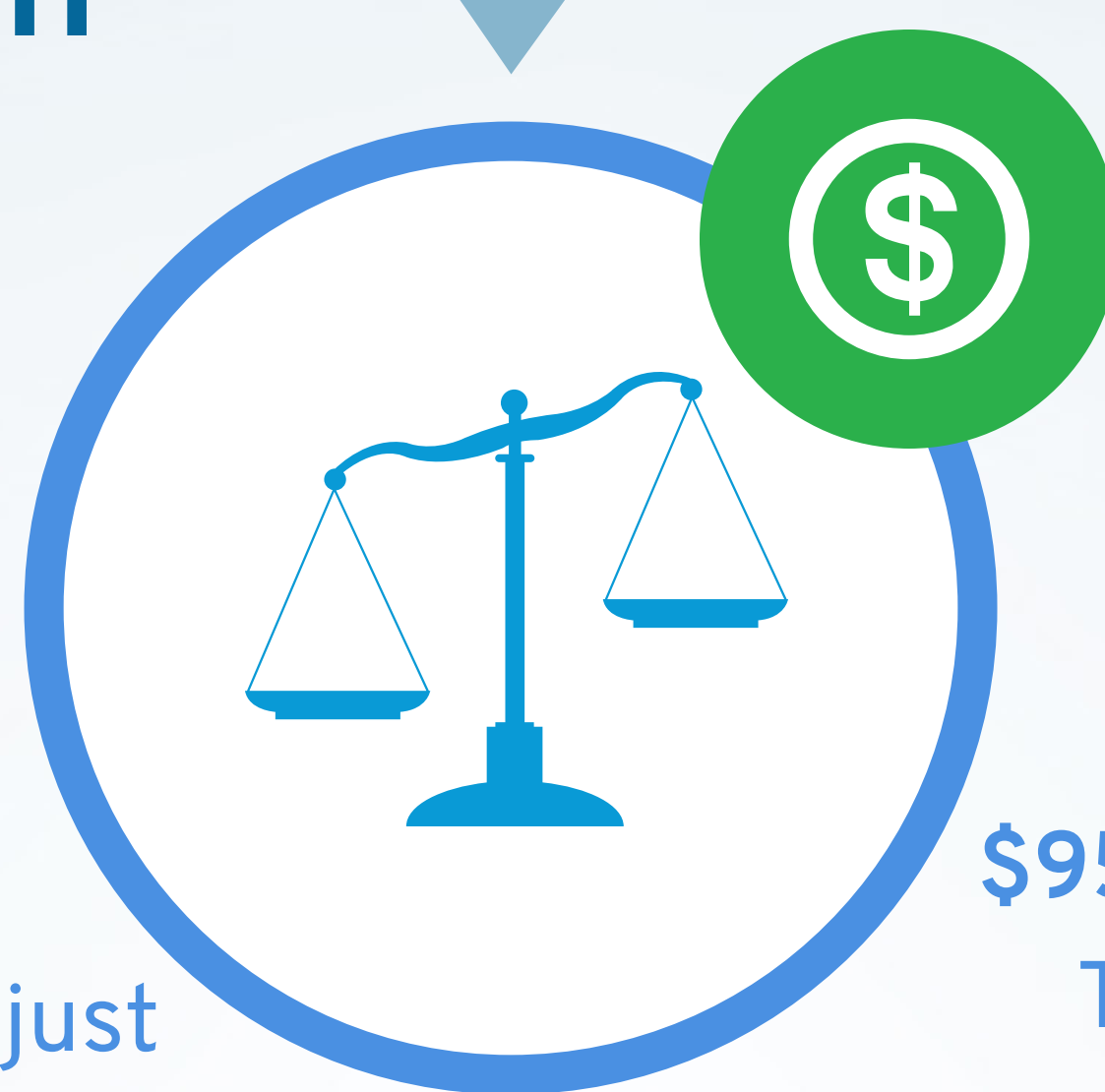
George goes with Anna to meet and greet families, and is also used as emotional support one on one or within the learning spaces. He has been well utilised in terms of dog education, self regulation and the development and confidence in learning.

Our funding challenge

Ministry of Education Special Needs Funding

In 2020 our Government funding to specifically support students with learning, behaviour or other needs is just \$16,600.

Note; this is largely due to the socio-economic factors of our community. Some schools of our size receive over \$400,000 per year extra.



School spending

The Board of Trustees has funded \$95,000 to support learning needs here at Te Ao Mārama i.e. over 500% of what we receive. This demonstrates our commitment to supporting our children. We sincerely appreciate any payments of the school donation towards this area, as this helps to lower class sizes and to assist all learners.