

## Special Olympics "World Cup" Soccer Tournament

On 23 June seven students - Sami, Sam, Nicola, Eru, Mitchell, Robbie, Shannon, and two year 8 transition students (Elias and Bruce), competed against six other teams in New Plymouth, at the TSB Stadium.



It was a busy and tiring day for all the students. They played in four, 15 minute, five-a-side games. We were able to sub players on and off so we rotated them fairly quickly.



They were interested to see their peers in action, and to be competing against others of similar ability.

Sam, Eru and Mitchell could hit the ball with their wheels or footplates but it was also permissible for their support people to kick the ball for them.



Nicola was helped on field by an aide so that she was able to notice which way to kick and be in the thick of the action.



Sam, Robbie, Bruce and Shannon were more able to understand the rules and were good at kicking the ball. Shannon scored all three of our goals!

Elias was in goal and with his teacher-aide's verbal prompting he was able to stop several goals!

