

Written for Beau in August 2016

Beau yesterday your mum came to pick you up from Kindy in a big storm, it had been so windy a tree had fallen over on your drive way. The next day at Kindy you couldn't wait to tell us about what you had seen.

When I asked you, you told me ...

"The tree fell on the driveway and Meeka and my Mum were watching it. The tree fell over. The wind blew it over. There tractor lifted it on the lawn. Popa cut it up with his 'trainsaw'. It is nice good firewood."

You decided you really wanted to draw a picture of what had happened at your place.

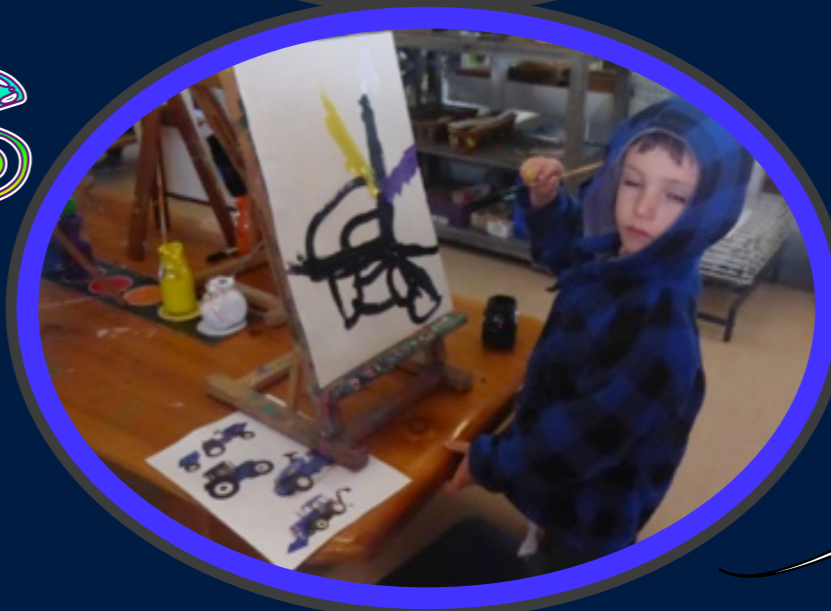
You got stuck in straight away. Once you had drawn the background of your picture you ran into a problem. "I can't draw a tractor!" Uh-oh we had run into a problem that would require a creative solution.

I talked with you about how we could be like Tuna and could use the resources that are available to us to solve this problem. After a few moments we decided we needed to source a picture of a tractor. You suggested looking on the computer. You choose a few pictures of tractors that you really liked and we printed them off. You decided that instead of using the photo to copy onto your picture you were going to be creative and cut out a picture and stick it on.

We reflected on our mahi (work) and talked about how you were like Tuna: You used me and the internet as a resource to help you solve your problem, and you tried out different ideas and used creativity to solve a problem by sticking on the picture of a tractor.

A few days later you asked me if I could print off some more tractor pictures for you because you wanted to use them to paint a picture. You set up your work station with paints and an easel. One you had painted your tractor you decided you really needed a book about painting tractors to help you...maybe the next time we have the Kindergarten Van we could go for a trip to the library and look for a book about tractor painting.


Beau this sequence of events shows you really know how to be like a Tuna and use the resources around you creatively to solve problems.



Resourcefulness

Hononga Putake Whānui

Putake = Source
Take = Reason / issue
Whānui = Wide variety
Hononga = Ability to
Interconnect things



This is the mental process of learning

TRACTORS

"TUNA RAU TAKE"



Beau's Voice

"I was like a Tuna cause I couldn't draw a tractor but i got a picture and put it on."