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TITAHI BAY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

We hope you had a relaxing Easter Break and welcome you back the new term. We thought we'd take this opportunity to share some of our school's news and achievements with you.

ASPIRE TO ACHIEVE

Priority-Learning and Extension Work - Our staff have spent a lot of time targeting and developing best-practice methods to teach each of our children. The efforts of our teachers, and their success, are starting to show. Using the results in the most recent STAR tests for literacy and PAT tests for mathematics, our teaching teams are continuing to put comprehensive plans around priority-learning in place to further help those children in need of extra support. They're also looking at ways to extend the learning of those children who are very motivated learners. Deborah Malcolm is currently doing some extension science work with a group of children and we also have some extension work happening within classes, in mathematics in both the Rakau and Ngahere syndicates. We're delighted at the balanced teaching approach and support the staff fully in their tremendous efforts here.

Triathlon 2014 - The 2014 triathlon was another fantastic success on so many levels. \$16,859 has been raised to-date from this event! This will go towards 2 class sets of bicycles and a storage/workshop container to be brought on-site. We would particularly like to thank:

- the staff and their family and friends – particularly as it was held on a Saturday,
- Christine King and Lynn Lang for their continued management of after-event issues and donations
- the triathlon organising committee, chaired by the incredible Carryn Poki
- the Home and School committee members and volunteers who all dug deep on the day
- those who worked on taking, preparing and sorting the photos
- the incredibly supportive sponsors
- the volunteers
- the marshals
- the police recruits
- Titahi Bay Fire department
- Porirua City Council
- All of the school families who donated their time, money, equipment, and food.

This is such an enormous collaborative event and we're truly thankful for all of your generous support and encouragement. The triathlon has been an attempt to gain wider community involvement in our school and this is achieved every year with greater success. Thank you everyone for your support.

KINDNESS

KIDSCAN - It has been such a treat for the school to have KIDSCAN as a sponsor. We know all our children are warm, fed and supported. The Warriors jackets are stunning, and our children love them. Thanks KIDSCAN!

YMCA After-School Care - We continue to welcome the YMCA after-school care programme to our school. We have received great feedback from families using the service and were pleased that a holiday programme was available to families over the break. We thank the YMCA for the service they have tailored for our school.

UNITY

PB4L - You may know that Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) is an initiative supported by the Ministry of Education to enable schools to introduce a school-wide approach to behaviour. Our school began this journey two years ago, which is where the KURA values and principles were derived from. These principles were introduced as a way for all children, staff, support workers and families to know what the expectations are in any area of the school.

The school community has been surveyed several times now to measure and track the understanding the school's rules. In the first year, about 40% of those surveyed across the school community displayed knowledge of the school's principles, rules and values. This figure jumped significantly to 85% in the second survey after the launch of KURA, and this year it stands at 100%.

This is an incredible result and one well-earned by Titahi Bay School. We thank you for embracing these principles at home as well as at school and we can be proud that our KURA culture is now being noticed and talked about by many within New Zealand's education sector.

The exciting news is that The PB4L initiative doesn't stop here. As the school has performed so well in this initiative, we will begin moving forward into the 2nd PB4L Tier which looks at much wider issues. This is great for our school and the families in our community.

Mutukaroa – Mutukaroa is a programme which makes the most of families and schools working together. It focuses on working with parents to understand the achievement of their children in their first three years of school and to support their learning in home. Fiona Fitzgerald is our school's Mutukaroa coordinator and is already meeting with some of our families.

Parent/Teacher Meetings - The 3 way Parent/Teacher meetings have again been very successful with 100% participation from our families. We would like to thank you for allowing the children to stay home on the interviews day - our staff have expressed how very positive the experience is when interviews can be spaced out over a longer period to ensure they can give their full attention to every child. This is a great way to plan for the year for our children and work together as a team.

RESPECT

Our School - Finally, how great are our school grounds? From the beautiful gardens, to the bright colourful murals and painting, to the playground and the bike track. Our school is becoming a place for community gathering which makes it a special place. We have great pride in the presentation of our school, and thank you for sharing that pride when you are at the school grounds out of school hours and treating it in a KURA way.

Thank you Kerry Delaney and all of the staff at Titahi Bay School for making the school a place of learning, laughter and liveliness.

We wish you all the best for the coming term.

Titahi Bay School Board of Trustees - Shelley Cheyne, Sarah Campbell, Terry Crawford, Scott Hemsley, Carl Jones, Sharon Thompson, and Gaby Wesley-Smith