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Kakano Team Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. Hopefully the holidays have refreshed your children and they are keen to get back into school life. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning, developing friendships and having fun.

Our Kakano team has grown quickly this year and we have many more children starting in Rooms 4, 14 and 15 this term.

Welcome / Powhiri:

A big welcome to our new families who start school this term. There will be a Powhiri on Monday the 2nd of May at 9:15am for all new children, staff and families. The next Powhiri will be held on Monday 13th of June for families who start during the term. Please come along and be welcomed with your children.

Curriculum:

Our morning programme is where we focus on our maths and literacy (Reading, Writing, Spelling and Printing). Maths is largely focused around number knowledge and strategies for counting and ordering, with additional learning strands each term. This term's focus will be Time and Measurement. Our sounds/spelling programme forms the basis for our literacy learning and leads into reading and writing development. It is essential children continue to practice alphabet, sight words and reading at home to support this. We have a big focus this term on hearing and recording sounds and developing into independent writers.

The afternoon programme is largely developmental, integrating our inquiry with art and language experiences. Our Inquiry for Term 2 is: 'The Time Machine', each syndicate in the school will be looking at a different part of time and looking at how our past has shaped our future. The Kakano syndicate main focus will be the last 15 years, with a secondary topic looking a little further back into time on how toys and games have changed through the generations, as well as our school. Our big questions will be:

How was life different and why? How did we get to where we are now? Week 2 of term 2, we will celebrate the launch of our time machine inquiry by dressing up as someone from the past - your choice of era! 60s, 70s, 80s or a famous person in NZ history, anything goes!

Each class has two timetabled sessions in Te Manawa, our Developmental Learning space, per week. We do physical education for 20 minutes 3 – 4 times a week. We also have our school cross country race on the 12th of May.

Matua Murray Patterson works with rooms 4, 14 & 15 each Wednesday teaching basic Te Reo Maori through waiata, and all children participate. Junior Kapa Haka is every Wednesday from 2:30 – 3:00pm in the hall.

During term 2 we will also be having mixed class electives for both the junior and senior school, starting week 2 on Fridays from 11:00am – 12:30pm. Children have made 3 choices and will be put into groups for these electives ranging from art, sport, science to music activities
We have our Kakano team Hui on a Friday at 2:30pm in the library. School Assembly is held every second Monday in the hall at 9:05am (Starting Week 3 May 9th).

Reporting / behaviour:

At the end of this term every child will be given a full school report outlining their individual progress in each area of school life. These will be given out and discussed with you at the parent teacher interviews which are held on the 4th July 2.30-7.30pm, 5 July 2.30-7.30pm, 6 July 3pm-5.30pm.

July – To book your interview logon to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, select Titahi Bay School, code is **a9kub**.

We look forward to spending time with you and your child discussing their progress and next steps. There will also be work displayed in the hall from our Time Machine inquiry. Please make the time to have a look when you come to discuss your child's progress

We continue to use our Positive Behaviour for Learning Traffic Light System to manage student behaviour, which focuses on rewarding positive behaviour and giving students opportunities to stop, think and change behaviours that are distracting or affecting their learning. We also have an individual/class reward system where students are rewarded for positive behaviour that shows the KURA values.

Remember: It is very important that children come to school on time. This is a very important part of the day where we discuss what is happening for the day and our KURA values.

Wheels at school:

Wheels such as scooters or skateboards can be brought to school and ridden on the back court only, any day. Bikes can also be ridden on the bike track around the field.

Communication with families:

Communication is very important and email is often the most effective way for us to communicate to our parents as individuals and as a group. Please give your email to your child's teacher, or contact one of us below.

Please check out our school website <http://www.titahibay.school.nz/> for more information about our school and what's happening. We also have a school Facebook page – if you have a Facebook account you can like us and then you will see posts including updates/reminders about events at school.

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Regards, Kakano Team

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