

Titahi Bay School

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Welcome back to all parents and caregivers of our tamariki to what we are sure will be an exciting and fun-filled term. If you and your child are new to the Koru syndicate this term, we look forward to getting to know you.

Please check the school website www.titahibay.school.nz and Facebook page for more information about current and upcoming events and notices. You can find a link to our Facebook page through our website.

Topics and Events for Term 2

Following the success of our two whole school inquiries last year (ANZAC, Reduce Reuse Recycle) we have decided it is time for a blast from the past! During Term 2, your child will travel back in time with their teacher to discover how the past has shaped the present.

Our big questions will be:

How was life different and why?

How did we get to where we are now?

Each syndicate level will step out of their machine at a different period in New Zealand history.

'Way Back Wednesday' 11th May Whole School Dress up

Week 2 of next term, 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!

On Fridays, students will be participating in an elective of their choice. (They will be doing the same elective each week.) Some of the elective choices included music, science, art, jewellery making, sports and drama! It will be a busy and exciting term!

Sports and PE

Despite the cooler weather there will be plenty of opportunities for our students to keep active. We will spend the first couple of weeks training for our Whole School Cross Country day on May 9. We are always in need of parents to help with marshalling on this day so please let your child's teacher know if you are free on that day.

We love getting together as a syndicate for exercise. This term we will keep our fitness up by doing Jump Jam in the hall and will be focusing on ball skills – especially passing and catching.

In order to ensure that all students are safe and comfortable when doing sports or PE, we encourage them to bring appropriate footwear. Jandals, sandals, 'Heelies', fashion shoes and

other non-sports shoes are uncomfortable to run in, and can result in injury and permanent damage to developing tendons and muscles. We don't allow students to do PE in bare feet because of the risk of injury from sharp objects. All students are expected to participate in PE unless they have a note from parents or caregivers. We will also be doing syndicate fitness activities on several mornings each week which is why students need to bring/wear appropriate footwear EVERY DAY.

Toys

We prefer that children don't bring their precious toys or other treasures to school; it is very distressing if they get lost or damaged. Teachers will not take responsibility for these items if they are brought to school.

Reading Books

Reading books will continue to be sent home from Monday to Thursday. Your child has a "Reading/Communications" notebook for you fill out and sign when the reading has been done. Please encourage your child to do the daily reading and to take responsibility for bringing the books and notebooks back to school every day. We will send Poem books home on Fridays and ask that these are returned on the following Monday. Children will not always have a different book every night; the same book may be sent home more than once. These books should not be too difficult as the purpose of home reading is to support what is being learnt at school, as well as to develop fluency, expression and reading to punctuation.

Assemblies

Koru syndicate assemblies are a great way for us to come together and celebrate the successes of the week. These will be on 'odd weeks', on Fridays at 2:30pm in the hall. Whole school assemblies will be on alternate Mondays in the school hall. Please check with your classroom teacher as the dates for whole school assemblies will vary depending on the week. Feel free to come along and celebrate with our children.

Milk

We are part of the Fonterra Milk for Schools programme. We have the milk each day after lunch at around 1.30pm. If you would prefer that your child does not have the milk, please let your child's class teacher know.

School Interviews

We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress during Parent interviews at the end of this term (4 July 2.30-7.30pm, 5 July 2.30-7.30pm, 6 July 3pm-5.30pm). You'll also receive a written report about your child's learning. To book your interview logon to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz select Titahi Bay School, code is **agkub**.

We look forward to another amazing term with your child.

The Koru Team

Mike, Rebekah, Kristina, Sharon and Nadia