

# Titahi Bay School

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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Welcome back parents and caregivers of Rakau children.

Term 2 has arrived, and the next 10 weeks will be full of wonderful educational opportunities for your children. Please feel free to pop in and catch up with your child's teacher before or after school. During class time teachers are focused on their students so won't be able to stop and discuss things. You can also contact your child's teacher by email.

Our school day is from 9am to 3pm. Getting your child to school on time will help them to prepare for the day. Often we finish our day by handing out notices and discussing the day's learning. We would appreciate as few disruptions as possible at this time of day.

## Topics for Term 2

### Inquiry

#### **WHOLE SCHOOL INQUIRY- TIME MACHINE**

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?*

In Rakau we will be looking at 1900-1950 (Both World Wars, The Depression, a day in a child's life from different times in these time periods.)

All tamariki will look at common themes within each era that children can relate to, for example school life and the use of tools/technology.

*'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!

### PE and Sport

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

We have our whole school House Cross Country event in Week 2 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Postponement Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Children will be doing training for this in weeks 1 and 2. The event will be held at Onepoto Park with times to be advised.

#### **SWIMMING**

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June our syndicate will be taking part in swimming lessons at Cannons Creek Pool. Children will be grouped according to their level of confidence in the water, and are taught by experienced instructors, provided by Dash Swim School. We will travel to and from the pools by bus. Your child will need a swim bag with togs, towel, goggles if they have them and a little extra in their lunches on these days as swimming uses a lot of energy.

To help cover the cost of these very important lessons we need each child to contribute \$10. Please send this money into your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

The buses will leave at the following times:

**(Room 7 will need to be at school earlier than normal.)**

Room 7 leave school at 8.50  
Room 8 leave school at 9.30  
Room 9 leave school at 10.00  
Room 16 leave school at 10.30  
Room 17 leave school at 11.00

## **BASKETBALL/NETBALL**

Weeks 7-10 we will be learning passing, catching and shooting skills.

## **NEW SONGS**

The two new songs we will be focusing on in our team hui this term are Counting Stars by One Republic and History by One direction. Our hui is 12.00 each Tuesday please pop along to the hall and sing with us if you are available at this time.

## **ELECTIVES**

Electives will be happening this term. These will be on Fridays between 11.00 and 12.30. They will begin in week 3, Friday 20th May and run until week 8, Friday 24 June. Children have already made their choices and will find out which groups they are in early in the term. There is a good range of opportunities again this year. Please ask your child about their electives once they start.

## Reports and Interviews

Reports are coming out in week 10. They will be given out at Interviews. Parent Interviews: 4 July 2.30-7.30pm, 5 July 2.30-7.30pm, 6 July 3pm-5.30pm.

To book your interview logon to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://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 the hall from our Time Machine inquiry. Please make the time to have a look when you come to discuss your child's progress.

## Homework

The expectations of homework remain the same. These are listed below:

*Maths-Whizz* - we recommend three 20 minute sessions a week on top of what your children do in class. If this isn't possible at home we can accommodate by making computers available before school and at break times.

*Reading daily*. The importance of this can't be emphasised enough. Your child's class teacher will have a system in place. This may involve specific set books from school or personal choice books from home.

Regular reading is what makes great readers.

*Reading Eggs* for those children who have been signed up. This should be 3 20 minute sessions a week.

*Spelling* lists (provided in term 1)

## Reminders

### *Toys and other special belongings*

We prefer that students don't bring in precious items from home as they are often misplaced, go missing, or cause arguments between students. Teachers will not take responsibility for these items unless they are part of the class programme and it has been agreed that they can be brought to school the day before.

### *Water*

All children are allowed (and encouraged) to have a water bottle at school. Children are allowed to drink water all day. Being well hydrated helps them to learn. We continue to have milk available each day after lunchtime.

We will keep you informed of upcoming events. Please read the school newsletter as it has a lot of valuable information in it.

We are looking forward to another fun term,

The Rakau team

Jamie, Karly, Sharon, Jacinta, Grace, and Phil