

Titahi Bay School

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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Welcome to Term 3 parents and caregivers of Rakau children.

This term is only 9 weeks long but we plan to pack a lot of fun and learning into those 9 weeks.

Rooms 9 and 16 will have student teachers working with them this term from the 8th August until the end of term.

Topics for Term 3

WHOLE SCHOOL INQUIRY- OLYMPICS

We are going to be learning about Olympics for the first four weeks of term, the history, athletes who have competed and are competing, and the Olympic values. We are going to have a Rakau Olympics event in week 5 as will be learning some Olympic style sports during our P.E programme.

CLASS INQUIRY

Each class will choose a topic they want to find out about for their inquiry for weeks 6-9.

SCHOOL SHOW

This term we are working towards the show in week 9, Wednesday 21st at 2pm and 6.30 pm. We are working with specialist dancing teachers this term in the build up. These lessons will be each Thursday.

11.00 - 11.40 Group Three Rooms 16, 17, 7

11.45 - 12.25 Group Four Rooms 8, 9

BOOKWEEK

Bookweek is from the 15th to 19th August. There will be a book character themed dress-up day on Wednesday the 17th August. We will also be having a house based art activity that day.

MATHS

This term we will be having a focus on measurement. In the first two weeks of term children will do some activities around length, measuring with non-standard units like hand-spans or granny steps, as well as using standard units like cm and metres. Telling the time will also be taught. Later on in August we will be learning about capacity, volume and area with cool activities like measuring corn kernels and determining the volume of popcorn they will make.

PE and SPORT

Rakau are going to have their very own Mini-Olympics. Classes will be representing their chosen countries in the following events; Sprints, speed walking, basketball, rugby, and discus. Our competition will be held in week 5 and we would love to see you there.

NEW SONGS

The two new songs we will be focusing on in our team hui this term are *Love Yourself* by Justin Bieber and *Can't Stop the Feeling* by Justin Timberlake

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. The time on Maths-Whizz should be mostly spent in 'Tutor' as this is where progress is made.

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)

ALSO any things discussed at Parent Teacher interviews to be kept up - e.g. playing maths games.

Reminders

Powhiri

Powhiri this term will be on the 29th August.

Our school day is from 9am to 3pm.

Getting your child to school on time will help them to prepare for the day. We often go over what is coming up over the day. Children who miss this find it harder to settle into their learning. We usually 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.

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