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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 Rakau syndicate this term, we look forward to working with you and 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 3

We have a whole school Matariki Inquiry in week 1 and 2 of Term 3, culminating in a sharing assembly / shared kai and a performance by our Kapa Haka/Pasifika group. During the first few weeks of the term we will also be running the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Programme. Keeping Ourselves Safe has been created by the New Zealand Police. It consists of a range of child protection resources and lessons to help children and young people learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others.

Our Term 3 inquiry topic is "**The Ancients.**" Each class will select and research the time period they are most interested in from the following three choices: **The Egyptians, Greeks or the Romans.**

The big questions that children will investigate are: *How do we learn about the past? What evidence is there today, that tells us this civilization existed? What did the ancients leave behind? What did they teach us? Is it important to conserve evidence from the past? Why do we do it? What will our generation leave behind?*

If you have visited either Egypt, Greece or Rome it would be great if you could share your experiences with our tamariki. Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher as you would be a great source of knowledge for our inquiry.

Sports and PE

We love getting together as a syndicate for exercise. This term we will keep up our fitness, coordination and motor skills through Gymnastics.

In order to ensure that all students are safe and comfortable when doing sports or PE, we encourage them to bring appropriate footwear. Fitness activities are

scheduled daily which is why students need to bring/wear appropriate footwear EVERY DAY. All students are expected to participate in PE unless they have a note from parents or caregivers.

Reminders

School starts at 9.00am. We usually start by discussing KURA Values, what is coming up and set ourselves up for the day. The school day finishes at 3.00pm. We often finish by reflecting on our learning and reminders for the next day. Children who miss these times often feel unsettled and miss out on opportunities. Please help your child by getting them to school on time and collecting them after the bell.

Toys

Toys and other special belongings We prefer that students don't bring in precious items from home as they are often misplaced or go missing. 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. This also includes Cell phones/electronic devices

Homework

Homework will continue coming home this term. Students will have daily reading sent home in book bags. These will be familiar text that the children may have read more than once. Reading can be done by the child, parents or together. Some children may bring home sight words to learn and support their reading. During the term some basic facts maths work may be sent home.

School Events

Every Monday is our Koru/Rakau team Kapa Haka form 2:30 in our school hall. Our Koru/Rakau Team Assembly is on Friday from 2:30 in our school hall. School assemblies are on Monday 7th August and Monday 4th September at 9am in our school hall. Please feel free to come along and watch or join in during these school and team events.

Water & Milk

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 are part of the Fonterra Milk for Schools programme. They supply us with milk for every child, every day. We usually have the milk around 1.30pm straight after the lunchtime break. If you would prefer your child not to be given milk please let your child's class teacher know.

Clothing

We are heading into another wet and wintery term so please make sure your child has warm clothes with them every day. We discourage children from playing in the mud, but accidents happen. A change of pants in your child's bag would be helpful and will ensure that they stay warm and dry in their own clothes for the remainder of the school day.

We look forward to another amazing term with your child.

The Rakau Team

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