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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.

A special welcome to Carly St-Laurent who is the new teacher in room 17 replacing Karly Logan. Please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself or contact her at:
email: carly.stlaurent@titahibay.school.nz

Topics and Events for Term 2

Twice a year we endeavour to explore a whole school inquiry focus. This term our inquiry focus will be on 'WATER'. The Rakau team inquiry is called 'Drains are for rain' where we will inquiry into how we can make a positive change to our local environment.

Big Ideas:

- **Whanaungatanga** – Everything is connected: what we put in our drains will influence the life of the creatures in the sea. Drains are for rain and rain only.
- **Biodiversity** –We need lots of different plants and animals to keep everything healthy and to protect mauri.
- **Kaitiakitanga** –We have responsibilities: we can help prevent storm water pollution. Kaitiakitanga means guardianship and protection. It is a way of managing the environment, based on the Māori world view. Children will become guardians or 'kaitiaki'

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 Thursday May 11. 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. Following on from the cross country we will be developing our large ball skills needed to play sports like basketball, rugby, soccer and volley ball. Kelly sports will also be coming in this term (date to be confirmed) to run a PE workshop with our teams classes.

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 29th May and Monday 26th June at 9am in our school hall. The Rakau team will be running the school assembly on Monday 29th May. Please feel free to come along and watch or join in during these school and team events.

Book Week

Our annual Book week is in week 4, Monday 22nd May – Friday 26th May with a dress up day on Thursday 25th May. More information about this will come home early in the term.

ELECTIVES

Electives will be happening this term. These will be on Fridays between 11.00 and 12.30. They will begin in week 2, Friday 12th May and run until week 7, Friday 23 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 parent/teacher Interviews.

Interviews: Monday 3rd July 2.00-7.30pm, Tuesday 4th July 2.00-6.00pm, Wednesday 5th July 3pm-5.30pm.

To book your interview logon to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, select Titahi Bay School, code is **pm87m**.

We look forward to spending time with you and your child discussing their progress and next steps.

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.

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 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.

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 lunch time break. If you would prefer your child not to be given milk please let your child's class teacher know.

The Rakau team.

Mike Laing , Rebekah Maskell, Kristina Stevens, Ebony Sushames, Nadia Collins, Ang Strand, Jacinta Hamer, Grace Mulvihill, Carly St-Lauren