

Te Wana Hub Term 3 2020 Newsletter

New Entrants/Year 1

Ka Tū Te Wana, Ka Tū Tahi

Kia Ora Koutou.

A big warm welcome to all our new whanau and students. It is so nice to be back to our normal routines. The following is to give you an overview of what will be happening this term, and some useful information.

Important Dates

- Monday 20/7 9am – Powhiri to welcome new children and their families
- Week 2- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Parent Interviews
- Week 3 - Book Week
- Week 4 - Maths Week, Cook Island Language Week
- Week 6 - Monday 24/8 Powhiri
- Week 7 - Maori Language Week/ Whanau Breakfast
- Week 7 - 4/9 TEACHER ONLY DAY
- TERM ENDS - 25/9

The school website and facebook page are great places to check for any other events that may pop up during the term.

Curriculum Focus

Literacy programmes (Spelling, Oral Language, Writing, Reading and Printing), and Maths programmes are taught daily. The afternoon programme is largely developmental, integrating Inquiry (topic), with Art and other experiences.

Our Inquiry topics for term three are: “Matariki”, and “Space.”

Each class also has timetabled sessions in Te Manawa (our developmental learning space) each week.

We do Physical Education at least twice a week for 20 -30 minutes. To start the term we will be learning Jump Jam routines.

We have Junior Kapa Haka in the hall on Thursday at 12.30 p.m.

KURA

For those of you who are new to our school, we talk a lot with our children about being a KURA KID. This stands for Kindness, Unity, Respect and Achieve. These are our school values. It is the foundation for social lessons that we work on with the children throughout the year, and is a big part of who we are at Titahi Bay School.

We also have an individual class reward system used in class to encourage and praise positive behaviour. Children may receive small prizes when they have reached a specific target or goal.

We are happy to explain this further in person if you have any questions, or check out our school website for further information on our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school.

Homework

Please check your child's book bag each day and fill out their reading log. In general a book will come home Monday through to Thursday and a Poem book will come home on a Friday.

It is important that your child learn their alphabet as quickly as possible to help them in their reading and writing. Please help your child to practise any letters they need to learn.

High frequency words will be sent home for your child to learn. Being able to recognise these quickly will make a huge difference in your child's reading development. Your child can also practise spelling a few of these.

Some resources to help with counting practise may also be sent home.

Hats

We are a Sun Smart school. As such we have a "no hat, no play" policy in terms 1 and 4, and encourage children to still use hats in terms 2 & 3. If possible, it is a good idea to get a hat that can be left in their school bags. We recommend putting some sunscreen on your child before they come to school in the morning.

Milk in Schools

Every day, either before or after lunch, children will be offered a small carton of milk. They do not have to drink this if they don't wish to. If your child is allergic to milk, or you do not wish him/her to have milk, please let us know as soon as possible.

Recycling and "Rubbish Free" Lunches

We actively promote the concepts of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle with the children. As such we would appreciate it if you could try and use reusable options when packing your child's lunch, e.g. plastic containers.

Spare Clothes

Just a reminder that it is a good idea to pack a change of spare clothes for your child. If you wish you are welcome to leave a plastic bag with spare clothes hanging on your child's bag hook at school. We recommend labelling your child's clothing.

Communication

Please feel free to visit your child's classroom regularly. Parent involvement in a child's education is essential. Talk to your child and their teacher about the things that they have been doing at school, and ask your child's teacher about ways that you can support our classroom programmes.

Communication is very important, and email is often the most effective way for us to contact parents as individuals and as a group. Please make sure that your child's teacher has your current email address.

Our school website <http://www.titahibay.school.nz/> , has information about our school and what's happening. We also have a Facebook page – if you have a Facebook account you can “like” us and then you will see posts, including updates/reminders about school events.

We look forward to teaching your child, and working with you to help him/her to be a happy and successful learner. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We can be emailed at:

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Kind Regards,

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