



## **TITAHI BAY SCHOOL - KURA KIDS are Believers and Achievers**

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### **Te Wana Hub Newsletter**

#### **Term 4 2019**

Kia Ora to all and a warm welcome to our new whanau. We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting term. It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of the year!

#### **Important Dates**

- **Powhiri:** Week 2 - 21 October, Week 7 - 25 November
- **School Athletics Day:** Week 3 – Tuesday 29 October (postponement day Friday 1 November )
- **Tokelau Language Week:** Week 3
- **Te Papa Trip:** Week 2 24 October
- **LABOUR DAY:** 28 October
- **Teacher Only Day:** 29 November
- **Last day of School:** Monday 16 December 1pm

Our Inquiry topic for term 4 is “Mini Beasts” (insects) and the final 3 weeks we will engage in Christmas activities.

Literacy programmes (Spelling, Oral Language, Writing, Printing and Reading) and Math programmes are taught daily. The afternoon is largely developmental, integrating topic with art, Physical Education and other experiences.

We have a Te Wana Hui (assembly) on Friday afternoons at 1.30 – 2.00. You are most welcome to join us.

#### **Te Papa Trip**

We need to finalize helpers for this trip. Could you please return your permission slip with \$5 a.s.a.p so we can do this. If you have lost your slip we have spares.

#### **Athletics Day**

This is on Tuesday 29 October at Kura Park. We will be training for this most days so please could you ensure suitable footwear is worn. We would love to have you join us on the day.

#### **Sunhats**

As we are a Sun Smart school we require all students to wear a sunhat while outside during term 4. Please ensure the hat is named please.

#### **KURA**

We are a PB4L school (Positive Behaviour for Learning.) For those of you who are new to our school, we talk about what KURA means. These are our 4 school rules/values and they stand for Kindness, Unity, Respect and

Achieve. It is the foundation for social lessons that we work through over the year, and the Programme is a big part of who we are at Titahi Bay School. You can find in depth information on this on our school website.

### Homework

Reading books will generally come home Monday – Thursday and their Poem Book will come home on Friday. Please ensure this is returned on the following Monday.

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 practise any letters that they need to learn.

High Frequency words will be sent home for your child to learn. Being able to recognize these will make a big difference to your child's reading development. Your child can also practise spelling some of these.

### Milk in Schools

Every day 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 if you don't wish him/her to have milk, please let us know.

### Clothing

Please ensure that clothing is named and it is a good idea to pack a change of spare clothes.

### Safety

Just a reminder that YMCA has a "Before School" Programme so that children are supervised until 8.30 a.m. Teachers often have meetings and other commitments before this time and are not available to supervise early birds. They also provide breakfast.

Can you please ensure you use the pedestrian crossing with your children. We spend a lot of time reminding them about road safety.

### Communication

Please feel free to visit your child's classroom regularly. We value the contact with you. Parent involvement in a child's education is so important, so it is helpful to talk about the things they have been doing/learning at school.

Email is often the most effective way for us to contact parents as individuals and as a group. Please make sure we have your current email address.

Our school website <http://www.titahibay.school.nz/> has information about our school. We also have a Facebook page, if you have an account you can "like" us and you can then see posts, including updates/reminders about a variety of school events. We have a school app to download go to the App Store, search SchoolAppsNZ and download, you can inform the school of absences, order and pay for Friday Lunches, read newsletters, see alerts, term dates and upcoming events, etc.

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Kind Regards

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