



TITAHI BAY SCHOOL - KURA KIDS are Believers and Achievers

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Te Wana Hub Newsletter

Term 3 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 that we are halfway through the year already! We all really enjoyed meeting with you during interviews and celebrating your child's progress.

Important Dates

- **Powhiri** Week 2 29th July Week 5 19th August
- **Book Week** Week 3
- **Home and School Beer & Curry Night** Week 4 16th August
- **Maths Week** Week 6
- **Onesie Day** (Wellington Free Ambulance) Week 7 Friday 6th September
- **Maori Language Week** Week 8

Our Inquiry topics for term 3 are "Dinosaurs" and "My Place, My Community" – (Local Elections)

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 for this.

Book Week

During week 3 the students will be exploring literature, studying different authors and genre. On the Thursday 8 August we will have a school-wide dress up day encouraging them to come dressed as their favourite book character. They will have the opportunity to meet in house groups for some fun activities.

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.

This term your child will be setting some goals and we will share these with you via Seesaw.

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 practice 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 practice 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, especially as this is a wet and muddy term!

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 child, there have been a lot of instances this week where parents are taking the shortest route. We spend a lot of time reminding the children 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.

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Kind Regards

Fiona, Sharon, Kristina, Claire and Ang