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## Te Wana Hub

## New Entrants/Year 1

## Term 4 2018 Newsletter

Kia Ora and welcome back for term 4. A very special warm welcome to Annabeth Gunn who will be teaching in Room 5 this term and all our new students and whanau. We look forward to meeting with you and working together to give your child a happy and positive start to their time at school. The following is an overview of what will be happening this term and some useful information.

- **Powhiri** to welcome new students and their whanau – Mon 29 Oct and Mon 26 Nov at 9am
- **Zoo Trip** week 2 (see below)
- **Junior School Production** Tuesday 13 Nov at 5pm and Wednesday 14 Nov at 5pm
- **KURA on the Green** Thursday 6 December

### Curriculum Focus

During the first 6 weeks of the term our topic will be “Amazing Animals”. A trip to the zoo has been planned. Rooms 2, 3 & 5 will go on Thursday 25 October and Rooms 1 & 4 on Friday 26 October. A notice has been sent home, so if you could send the \$5 with the permission slip back to school promptly that would be great.

### School Show Week 5

This will involve Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4. Each class will be performing a dance in the show. Rehearsals are well under way. There will be more information coming over the next few weeks.

### KURA/PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

For those of you who are new to our school, we talk a lot with our children about being a “KURA Kid.” Our four school rules/values are Kindness, Unity, Respect and Achieve. We deliver social lessons throughout the year based on these. PB4L is a school-wide behaviour programme. Please check our website for in-depth information on the systems we have in place here at Titahi Bay School or have a chat to Miranda McMahon in the office.

### Homework

Reading books are generally sent home Monday through to Thursday and a Poem Book will come home on a Friday for you all to enjoy. 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. They can also practise spelling some of these.

Some activities to help with number knowledge may also be sent home.

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### Milk in Schools

Every day after lunch children will be offered a small carton of milk. They can choose whether to drink this or not. If your child is allergic to milk, or you don't want 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.

### Pak 'N Save receipts

For every Pak 'N Save receipt the school is given, we can claim a percentage back as a fundraiser. The money we get from this funds equipment for our developmental play area Te Manawa. So if you, or any of your family members shop at Porirua Pak 'N Save, could you please send the receipts to the school office.

### Spare Clothes

Just a reminder that it is a good idea to pack a change of spare clothes in your child's bag for a number of reasons.

### Sunhats

During terms 1 and 4 it is compulsory to wear sunhats outside. Please ensure your child has a hat every day and that it is named. Classrooms have a supply of sunscreen but if your child could start the day with it being applied at home that would be great.

### Kidscan

This amazing organisation supports our school. There are jackets, shoes, and head lice treatment available to all. The Warriors rain jackets are especially popular and we give them out to all the children.

### Communication

Please feel free to visit your child's classroom. Parent involvement in a child's education is so important. Talk to your child and their teacher about the things they have been doing and learning at school and ask your child's teacher about ways that you can support our classroom programmes as we are always happy to provide suggestions and resources if you wish.

Communicating via email is probably the most effective way for us to contact you either individually or as a class group. Please ensure that we have 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 and reminders about school events.

We look forward to the term ahead, please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries. We can be emailed at:

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Kind Regards

Fiona, Sharon (Co-Hub Leaders) Kristina, Nadia, Annabeth and Miranda (Deputy Principal)

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