



## **Te Wana Hub New Entrants/Year 1**

### **Term 2 2018 Newsletter**

Kia Ora and welcome back for term 2. A very special warm welcome to 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.

#### **Important Dates.**

- Powhiri to welcome new students and their whanau- Mondays 21/5 and 25/6
- School Cross Country Wednesday 9/5
- School Photos 11/5
- Queen's Birthday Week 6 4/6
- School Interviews Week 10- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

#### **Curriculum Focus**

During the first 5 weeks of the term our topic will be "Now and Then". We will explore changes over time and as part of the focus we would like to hold a "Grandparents Day". We will be inviting Grandparents to come along but if Grandparents are not able to come, aunts, family friends or that special person in a child's life will be welcomed. We will be incorporating a maths focus on TIME during this topic. We will be sending out more information over the weeks to come. The second half of the term will be all about "Space."

#### **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.

#### **Seesaw**

This is a school-wide programme that will start this term, look out for information from your child's teacher over the next week or two.

#### **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.

#### **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 and 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 helps fund 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. Now that the wet, muddy winter terms are upon us this is especially useful.

### Room 3

We welcome Miranda McMahon to our hub. She will be teaching in room 3 every Friday for the rest of the year.

### 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

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