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KORU - NEW ENTRANT INFORMATION 2018

Tena Koutou

Welcome to the Koru team, the New Entrant / Year 1 area of Titahi Bay school. We are excited and honoured that you have chosen to send your child to our place of learning and look forward to getting to know your family well over the coming years. We believe that the education of your child is a partnership between home and school and that by working together with honest and open communication the journey together will be a rewarding and successful one.

Kakano (School Visits)

We would like to invite your child to have at least 4 visits before they start school. These are on Monday afternoons 1.30-3.00pm. After you enrol your child we will be in contact with you to confirm these. You will bring your child to the classroom and you can stay, or leave them in our care, which we find is a great way for them to develop confidence in anticipation of the full transition to school.

On enrolment you will be given a stationery list. The items can be purchased online via the school website. It is very helpful if these can be available on your child's first day so they are ready to go!

New Entrant Assessments

During the first 2 to 3 weeks at school we will make some assessments to determine what stage your child is at with regards to their learning. This will inform our next steps and planning. This information is available for you to look at and if there is a concern we will be in touch with you to discuss this.

Powhiri

This is a very special ceremony to officially welcome all new children, families and staff to our school. These are held twice a term. The dates and times are published in our school newsletter and on our website. We would love you to participate in this, check the nearest date to the start time of your child. If you are unsure just check with us. All you need to do is meet together in the staffroom on that day. It's a lovely welcome!

PB4L - KURA

Titahi Bay School is a PB4L school (Positive Behaviour for Learning). We have 4 key values/rules:

K - We are **Kind**

U - We work together in **Unity**

R - We show **Respect**

A - We aspire to **Achieve**

Students learn what each of these values look like in different settings, e.g. in the classroom, playground, library, when eating, etc.

KURA is well established in our school and you will see it displayed, hear it talked about and see it in action schoolwide. Please visit the school website to read more about it.

Te Manawa

This is the creative play space between Room 3 and the library. Your child will spend time participating in a variety of developmental activities involving role play, construction, music, science, water/sand play, craft, art, etc. This provides a great opportunity for developing social skills and oral language, co-operating and building positive relationships.

Communication

Parent Interviews

"Meet the Teacher" is held early in Term 1. This is a chance for you to tell us about your child and for us to share how your child has settled in. Parent interviews are held in Term 2, at the same time you receive a report celebrating your child's achievements and we look at their next steps in Literacy and Numeracy. You will also receive an end of year report in Term 4. Families who start during the year will be given an opportunity to meet with their teacher also.

Website/School Newsletter

Please visit our school website. Check out the **FAQ's** as this has all the extra detailed information about what goes on in our school. The Information Booklet (Prospectus) has further information, this is also on the website.

www.titahibay.school.nz

We can email the school newsletter to you fortnightly when we receive your email address. Otherwise you can receive a hard copy if requested. All up-to-date information is in these and we urge you to note important dates, reminders, etc.

Facebook

We have a school Facebook page, so please 'like us' and receive regular information and photos about what exciting and interesting things are happening on a day-to-day basis. You will probably see your child there either in class, the playground or on a school trip.

School App

You can keep up-to-date with all happenings at our school, as notices and events are posted on the APP. Absences can be done on the APP, as well as change of contact details. You can also pay school fees and trips. Download now. Go to the APP STORE or PLAY STORE and download.

Public Health Nurse

Dianne Murdoch is our Public Health Nurse and is available to give health advice and information to your family. She is in school most Thursday mornings every week and you can contact her in the following ways if you have any questions or concerns about your family.

Ph: 237-8521 or mob: 027-227-8091

Email: dianne.murdoch@huttvalleydhb.org.nz

If you have any concerns about your child you can also let us know and we can pass these on to Dianne for her to follow up if you wish.

Vision and Hearing

All New Entrants are assessed by the vision and hearing testers who visit each term. They will notify you about these results.

Dental Health

The dental clinic is at the front of the school. Their phone number is 0800-825-583 option 1. They will be informed that your child has enrolled at our school.

KidsCan

This is a charity organisation that provides food, sunscreen, nit shampoo, clothing and footwear to many schools throughout New Zealand for no cost. These are available to you all and we distribute these items often. If at any time you may find any of these items useful just let us know. You can go to the office or see us in class.

Fruit and Milk in Schools

We are fortunate to receive fruit every week and milk daily. These are allocated to each class. Please ensure at enrolment that we are aware of any allergies your child may have.

Sunsmart

We are a Sunsmart school and we require every child to wear a sunhat during terms 1 and 4 when outside. Please ensure your child has a hat (named please). It is often easier if they have one they can keep at school in the classroom. That way they are always safe in the sun.

Developing Independence

One of the early goals for New Entrant children is for them to continue developing their independence. We expect and encourage them to take care of their personal possessions and to manage these themselves. For example on arrival at school we would like them to hang up

their bag on their hook, take out their book bag and put it in the box. As soon as possible it would be great if they are encouraged to do these things for themselves. We will be encouraging them to take care of their personal possessions and the equipment and resources within the classroom.

Whanau Involvement

There are many ways you can be involved in this school community and we sincerely wish you to be. Whether it be through helping out in classrooms, being involved with the Home & School Committee helping out with fundraising, being part of our Whanau or Pasifika groups, helping out on school trips, or in any other way, we welcome you with open arms.

You can contact the following staff members or chat with friends and other parents for further information. We would love you to be a part of these groups and you will be welcome at any time that feels right for you.

Delwyn Gardiner - Whanau Group

delwyn.gardiner@titahibay.school.nz

Mike Laing - Pasifika Group

mike.laing@titahibay.school.nz

Miranda McMahon - Home & School

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Please feel free to contact us with any queries or concerns you may have. We are looking forward to getting to know you and to enjoy sharing in the learning steps your child takes as they embark on their school days. Our doors are always open to you.

Kind regards

Fiona, Sharon, Nadia and Kristina

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