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## TITAHIBAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 1 ISSUE 1 FEBRUARY 5 2021

### KERRY'S THOUGHTS



Tēna Koe, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei,  
Bula vinaka,  
Fakalofa lahi atu, Taloha ni, Fakatalofa atu and  
warm greetings to you all

**He aha te mea nui o te ao?**

**He tāngata! He tāngata! He tāngata!**

What is the most important thing in the world?

It is people! It is people! It is people!

As we go into the start of 2021 once again we need to think about everyone and what is good for NZ. It was hard to send our first COVID letter out to you all well before school started but it is important you know what our staff and board are reading and thinking about. Let's hope we don't need to send any more this year.

Welcome back to you all and this newsletter will be full of lots of information and some you would have heard before but it is good to have reminders.

REMEMBER Waitangi weekend and SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY so see you back on Tuesday.

It was great to start the year being interviewed on Radio NZ about our Bike program in school and how it came about and what we do- proud to discuss this.

[Bikes in Schools: best thing ever](#)

We were also involved with a report that was written for Porirua City Council on bikes in school.

[Porirua Bikes in Schools Story Dec 2020.docx](#)

Our staff were all set for a Noho at Horouta marae for 2 days before we came back to school and our Maori team had planned a brilliant couple of days. We have had to postpone this until later in the year as there was a tangi on the Marae.

Our strategic plan for 2021 is

**To grow people**

**To grow relationships**

**To grow innovation**

**Our vision is KURA kids are believers and achievers.** We work really hard to ensure that we live and breathe this vision in all that we do in school and our community.

Our school values are **KURA**

**Manaakitanga** KINDNESS

**Kotahitanga** UNITY

**Whakarangatiratanga** RESPECT

**Kia tutuki ai** ACHIEVE

In 2021 we will be part of the following professional development-

**Year 6- 9 Literacy consistency with Titahi Bay Intermediate and Mana College with Learning Solutions.**

**Effective Maths teaching with NZ Council of Education Research**

**Healthy Active Learning with Sport NZ.**

**Digital Curriculum with Auckland University**

We will work on the following things during the year-

Aotearoa NZ Draft History Curriculum

Titahi Bay School Local Curriculum

Garden to Table

Porirua Harbour Trust

We are so excited to be part of the Aotearoa Draft Curriculum on History - we will add our ideas but also learn lots. Have a look at this video it is great to watch and remind ourselves of what this is all about.

<https://vimeo.com/507722095>

You would have seen the youtube clip we put out at the end of the year where our tamariki told you what will be in our local curriculum and you will see Miranda McMahon painting a visual mural on the bike container wall to show what is our focus for learning locally.

CHECK THIS OUT - Ko Titahi Bay te kura!

[https://youtu.be/\\_IB9kvT4xKo](https://youtu.be/_IB9kvT4xKo)

So 2021 looks like a lot of fun learning and being involved with lots of things, which we like at our school.

At the end of 2020 we presented our data to the board and for the year we had we were very pleased with the results, we will have some explicit focuses this year, as some tamariki had a lot of time off school last year and we will have some gaps to fill, but considering the year we had we are pleased with this data.

### **End of year 2020 DATA**

**88.8%** of children at expected level for reading

**84.4%** of children at expected level for writing

**83.4%** of children at expected level for maths

I talked with John Murdoch from Mana College today and they had **90** Year 9's and there will be a lot of our ex KURA kids in that cohort. At Titahi Bay Intermediate they have 170 Year 7 and 8 enrolments so again a lot of KURA kids in that cohort and we wish both schools all the best for the start of 2021.

**Communication-** Please go to the classroom teacher first, they know your tamariki and they know what is happening for them. If you still have a concern then you go to the HUB leader, the next step is Miranda McMahan for anyone in Year 1-3 and Jamie Merrick for anyone in Year 4- 6.

**Our old school website** has not been updated with 2021 information as we are waiting to take our new website live in a few weeks. We know you will like the new format when it comes out, so we will keep you updated. We thank Josh Twaddle for his work on the website.

### **TITAHI BAY SCHOOL HAS AN APP!!!**

PLEASE DOWNLOAD TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SCHOOL INFO, NEWSLETTERS, IMPORTANT DATES ETC. YOU CAN ALSO USE FOR ABSENCES AND ORDERING FRIDAY LUNCHES .

Our GOAL is to have all whānau on this App.



Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and **Search 'SchoolAppsNZ'** to download the app onto your device.

Then search 'Titahi Bay School' to find your school's app.

**School contact details** - we will send you an email with this newsletter today that will inform you of all your current details, if anything is wrong please let either Jodene or Lisa in the office know.

[lisa.campbell@titahibay.school.nz](mailto:lisa.campbell@titahibay.school.nz) or [jodene.gooch@titahibay.school.nz](mailto:jodene.gooch@titahibay.school.nz) or ring them on 2368399.

Or if you are going to be away you can do one of the following-

Through the school APP - use the absence tab

Ring the school phone and leave a message 042368399

Ring the school cell and leave a message 027750272

Email school office [office@titahibay.school.nz](mailto:office@titahibay.school.nz)

Please do one of these things as it takes a very long time to ring everyone in the morning.

**School FACEBOOK** – Titahi Bay School, click like to follow us for lots of information and updates.

**HUB newsletters** - these will be coming out to you by email/ SEESAW and paper copies. It will be important for that area of the school.

**CAMP** – Year 6 camp will be at El Rancho in Waikanae , Wednesday 24 February through to Friday 26 February.

Any queries regarding this please contact [jamie.merrick@titahibay.school.nz](mailto:jamie.merrick@titahibay.school.nz)

**TRI 2021** – The school Triathlon will be held on Saturday March 20 with a postponement date of Friday 9 April.

Any queries please contact [miranda.mcmahon@titahibay.school.nz](mailto:miranda.mcmahon@titahibay.school.nz)

**YMCA** –We have worked hard to negotiate a great deal with YMCA for our whānau and you will have seen that before school care is \$3 7.30am to 8.30 am and they get breakfast. After school care is \$6 and this starts at 3pm to 6pm. Please phone YMCA on 02108299256 to organise this.

**SUBWAY lunches** - These are available on Tuesday and Thursday the envelopes are in the office you fill in with the money and put in the box on the desk.



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**ALL MEALS INCLUDE A COOKIE AND A FRUIT SQUIRTZ**

Cookies are not part of the standard School Lunch Programme Menu and may not meet local or regional nutrition criteria. These have been made available for you to choose at the special request of your school. Check with your school for their individual school lunch nutrition criteria.

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**Size? (Pick 1)**

4 inch \$6.50

6 inch \$7.50

12 inch \$10.50

**Bread? (Pick 1)**

White

Wheat

**Meat? (Pick 1 or see below)**

Ham

Beef

Turkey

Vegetarian

**Premium Meat**

Chicken Strips **Add \$2.00**

**Your School:** .....

**Your Name:** .....

**Room/Class:** .....

**Money Enclosed:** .....

SUBWAY USE ONLY:

**Change Enclosed \$**

**Salads?**

Cheese

Lettuce

Tomato

Cucumber

**Sauces?**

Mayonnaise

Honey Mustard

Barbeque

NO Sauce

To exchange Squirtz for 400ml Pump Water **Add \$1.50**

To exchange Squirtz for Orange Juice Sipper **Add \$1.50**

**Road Patrol** - Jamie Merrick looks after road patrols and if you can help out with a morning 8.30am to 8.55am or afternoon session 3pm to 3.10pm then please contact him as we need help on the crossings to make sure our KURA kids stay safe.

We will be doing a big push with whānau to cross the road at the pedestrian crossing as last year a lot of new whānau with their new entrant were crossing on the road wherever and this is a dangerous start to school life.

**School driveway** - Please don't drive up our school driveway during the day as we have little KURA kids who are still learning where they can go and we had a couple of near misses last year.

**School donations**- Remember we get the school donation from the Ministry of Education so we don't ask for anything from you except Camp and maybe a couple of different events at school.

**School lunches provided in Term 2 2021**- The Board and I will be in negotiations this term for our school lunches that will be provided from Term 2 and I will keep you posted on this. All the lunches are checked to ensure they are the healthiest for our KURA kids.

**Classroom release** - All teachers get 2 days a term to do paperwork and assessment so our tamariki will have different teachers in their rooms. We use Nadia Collins, Cheryl Dimond, Suzette McVicar and Christine Macilquham.

**Provisional teacher release** - This release is for teachers who are in their first or second year of teaching and we have Natalie Hillier, Tayla Radovanovich, Michelle Cobeldick and Allie Waters and they will all have half a day release a week.

**Maths whizz** - This is a program we pay for at a cost of \$35 per child and it is an effective way to enhance our maths programs in school. The Ngahere and Rākau HUBS will share information with you in their newsletter and they will also run a session for whānau later in the term

**Digital and social media** - I can control what happens in school and we have real strict guidelines on what our tamariki can access. What happens in your own homes and out of school time I have no control of, so we suggest if you see anything online you don't come to us but you go through Facebook or Netsafe.

We are aware that many of our KURA kids are on social media outside of school and this at a young age can cause problems when someone writes something about another person. Please check out Netsafe and look at what you can do as a parent to help your KURA kid- this is very important.

#### **NETSAFE HELPLINE**

- Call toll-free on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)
- Email [help@netsafe.org.nz](mailto:help@netsafe.org.nz)
- Complete an [online contact form](#)

Text 'Netsafe' to 4282

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**Virtuoso strings - Violins-** We have been lucky to be a part of this for 2021 through the kindness of Creative in schools. In term 1 we can have 15 tamariki in year 5 / 6 who will work with 2 trained violin musicians and they will have sessions every week. If any of our

tamariki show promise they will be asked if they want to join the Porirua Orchestra. This is exciting times for our KURA kids and later in the year other year groups will be able to sign up for this.



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### 2021 TERM DATES

Term 1 – 2 February – 16 April

Term 2 – 3 May - 9 July

Term 3 – 26 July – 1 October

Term 4 – 18 October – 13 December

### IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

8 February – Waitangi Day Observed – NO SCHOOL

9 February – Powhiri 9am

16 February – Meet the Teacher 3pm – 6pm in your child's room

22 February – Pedal Ready – Rākau Hub

24-26 February – Y6 Camp

25 February – Waikanae Pool trip – Rākau and Koru Hubs

8 March – Powhiri 9am

20 March – School Triathlon

1 April – Triathlon Assembly

2 April – Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

5 April – Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL

6 April – Easter Tuesday – NO SCHOOL

7 April – Teacher Only Day – NO SCHOOL

16 April – Term 1 ends



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# ***Why do we put so much pressure on children?***

Swords & Snoodles

***As adults we have slow days, down days, sad days, happy days. As adults we have days where we just want to nap and eat cake. So why do we expect so much from our little people? They're still growing. Still learning. Still developing. Still human.***

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