Titahi Bay SCHOOL

Kākano Pānui



Nau mai ki te wāhanga whā o te tau! Welcome to Term 4!

We're excited to begin the final term of 2025 with lots of fun and learning. Tamariki will enjoy science mini inquiries and book week, including a book character dress-up day on 7 November.

Term 4 is a pōtae (hat) term, so please send a named pōtae and a water bottle each day. Highlights this term include art with Experience Wellington (Week 6), a Play Trailer visit (Week 7), Athletics Day at Kura Park, and a fun athletics skills workshop.

We finish the year with Kura on the Green on 10 December—a casual picnic evening for whānau. Check Hero for weekly updates and reminders!

Dates

OCTOBER
6 - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
6 - Fijian Language Week
24 - Curriculum day - school closed for instruction
27 - Labour Day
28 - Fundamental athletics skills session

NOVEMBER
4 - Whole School Athletics
7 - Book week dress up day
10 - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
21 - Play trailer day

DECEMBER
10- Kura on the Green
16 - School ends 12pm

Hero

Hero is our primary platform for communication. Please ensure that you are logged into the Hero app and that you have notifications enabled so you don't miss out on any important information or learning updates.

What's happening in Term 4?

Maths

For Term 4, we will continue using Maths No Problem!, a new maths programme that aligns with our curriculum and supports the progression of our students' learning. We'll focus on number structure, developing strategies for accurate counting, recognising and reading numerals, and adding and subtracting. Each day, we'll review our number strategies and practise our skills with hands-on Numicon materials.

Literacy

Our daily Structured Literacy programme includes spelling, phonological awareness, handwriting, reading, and writing. Tamariki bring home weekly homework, which should be returned on Thursdays to go home again on Friday with new tasks. You can support reading fluency by encouraging your child to re-read stories from previous weeks in their scrapbook. Re-reading helps build confidence and fluency.

Kaupapa Māori

It was awesome to finish Term 3 celebrating 50 years of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori together. Our tamariki are continuing to grow in confidence as they stand to share their pepeha and kōrero tuakiri. Next term, we will also be focusing on how to respond to simple classroom language in Te Reo Māori. Alongside this, we will be weaving pūrākau (stories) and making rich connections to Te Ao Māori through our science inquiry.

Inquiry

We will be working alongside the House of Science next term learning to think like scientists. Tamariki will take part in a range of exciting mini science units, including *Rockets – 3, 2, 1 Lift Off*, *What Do You Think*, *Sweet and Sour*, *What's the Buzz?* (exploring bees), and *Volcanoes*. We can't wait to discover, experiment, and share our scientific thinking!

PE

In week 5 (Tuesday the 4th) we will be having our kura athletics day over at Kura Park. This is a really fun day for our tamariki. Whānau are welcome to come and join us for the fun! We will have our own Kākano practise rotations as part of our P.E programme leading up to this. Please send tamariki to school with sturdy shoes and clothes on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Daily Routines

A great time for tamariki to arrive is 8.35am, giving them time to settle and see friends before the day begins. At the end of the day, please wait outside the classroom for kaiako to release children, ensuring safety and smooth routines. This term is a no hat no play term.—Please send a named hat in your child's bag every day.

The best way to contact us is via email.

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