Titahi Bay SCHOOL

Koru Pānui

Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Bula, Kia Orana, Aloha and Kia Ora everyone! Koru begins term two with an exciting adventure across the Pacific Ocean! We will explore five incredible island nations—Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands, Niue, and Fiji! From crystal-clear waters and tropical rainforests to fascinating traditions and legendary stories, each island offers something amazing to discover. We can't wait to meet our Pasifika neighbours! Later in the term, as we prepare for our school performance, we'll explore the arts and inquire into how people use creativity to raise their voices and create change in their communities. We'll explore plays, dance, puppetry, and art, and think about how we can use this knowledge to inspire others and make a difference in our community. We look forward to sharing our creativity, ideas, and learning with you at our kura performances. Please use the HERO app to advise the office of any absences for your tamariki.



Dates

APRIL
28th - Mihi Whakatau
MAY
5-9th - NZ Sign Language Week
14th - String Puppets
16th - Pink Shirt Day
26th - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
26-30th - Samoan Language Week
29th - Strike Performance
JUNE
2nd - King's Birthday
2nd - 6th - Pride Week
16th - Junior School Show
20th - Matariki - School Closed
25th - Learning Conferences 3pm - 7pm
26th - Learning Conferences 1:30pm - 5:00pm, school closes 1pm
27th - Term ends 3pm

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 2?

Maths

We will revisit and build on Term 1 learning about place value. Students will explore addition and subtraction in greater depth, before moving onto multiplication and division. We'll also revisit fractions. Through hands-on activities and problem solving, students will continue strengthening their number sense and confidence with mathematical operations.

Literacy

Our daily programme includes engaging activities like spelling and reading through the iDeal platform. Students will practice correct letter formation and apply sounds to be able to both read and write. Targeted reading groups and daily writing sessions support every learner's progress, helping to build confident, capable readers and writers.

Kaupapa Māori

We will continue building the knowledge needed to confidently recite our pepeha. We'll explore local legends, including the story of the taniwha Awarua, and Kupe the explorer, to understand how our landscape was shaped and named. We will also be learning about Matariki.

P.E.

We'll keep practising dance as we prepare for our school show. We'll also focus on ball skills: throwing and catching, then apply these in fun games that build teamwork, coordination,and confidence. Our sessions aim to keep us active, and build the skills we need to enjoy and succeed in physical activities.

Reduce Waste

Let's work together to reduce soft plastic waste from school lunches! We encourage families to sign up to the school lunch programme to help minimise packaging waste. If you pack lunch at home, try a "nude food" lunch box—take the food out of wrappings and dispose of them at home. Small changes make a big difference for our environment!

Homework

We strongly encourage daily reading at home from reading boxes at kura, or of your child's choice from home. Record what is read in reading logs. Consistent reading is key to developing excellent reading skills. A daily 10-15 minute stint on StepsWeb will really help your child rocket!

The best way to contact us is via e-mail.

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