Titahi Bay SCHOOL

Koru Pānui

This term kicks off with an exciting split learning programme for our Year 2 and 3 students. For the first three weeks, our Year 3 tamariki will be diving into learning about marae tikanga in preparation for their *noho ā kura* (overnight stay at school) in Week 3. Meanwhile, our Year 2 students will journey around Aotearoa with Nelly the Kuaka (Godwit), discovering key moments in our country's history.

In the final six weeks of the term, our whole hub will come together for a hands-on STEAM inquiry. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics. Our theme, *Mission Possible!*, challenges students to use creative design and problem-solving to address real-world issues. Tamariki will explore materials, simple machines, and construction techniques as they design and build more durable or functional toys using recycled materials. It's going to be a term full of exploration, innovation, and fun!



Dates

JULY
14th - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
31st - Noho Marae Year 3

AUGUST
4th - 8th - Cook Island Language Week
12th - Moove n Groove Year 3
15th - School Disco
18th - 22nd - Tongan Language Week

SEPTEMBER
5th - Redwood sports exchange
15th - 19th - Te wiki o te reo Māori Language Week
17th - School Hāngī
19th - 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 3?

Maths

This term we will be revisiting fractions, and cycling back over number structure, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, exploring each area in greater depth. 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.

STEAM expert?

As part of our *Mission Possible!* inquiry, we'd love to invite whānau who work in a STEAM-related role to share their mahi with our tamariki. If you use a design process in your job, or have a hands-on STEAM activity to lead with students, we'd love to hear from you! Please chat with your child's kaiako if you're keen to be involved.

Calendar Art

Each year Titahi Bay School runs a Calendar Art Fundraiser. Students create a beautiful piece of art in their class. Parents can then order calendars, cards and diaries with their child's art on the front. These items make excellent Christmas gifts for whānau! Details will follow on how you can purchase these.

Winter Term

With the cold and wet weather, please pack extra warm layers (like a fleece or thermal) in your child's bag. Our grassy areas are muddy, so if your child plays on the grass, include spare clothes (pants and a top) in case they need to change.
A pair of slippers or comfy socks for the classroom makes for a comfy learning environment too.

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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