Titahi Bay SCHOOL

Koru Pānui

Welcome to Term 3 in the Koru Hub! This winter, our innovative tamariki are becoming junior engineers for our school-wide "Resilient Kāinga (Community)" inquiry.

Working through the engineering design process, students will build and create solutions to real-life problems. They will investigate, test, and construct functional rafts and stable bridges to cross Tangaroa's wild waterways. There will be a lot of trial and error, building our own resilience as we work through how to improve our constructions. Our literacy learning will be woven through this exploration. Tamariki will read non-fiction texts to research structures, follow step-by-step instructions, and practice instructional and report writing to document their test results. Combined with measuring and weight math, we are ready to innovate!



Dates

JULY
20th - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am

AUGUST
3-7th - Cook Island Language Week
17-21st - Tongan Language Week
21st - School Closed - Curriculum only day
24th - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am

SEPTEMBER
11th - Onesie Day
14-18th Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
25th - Term 3 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

We will strengthen our number skills by mastering addition, subtraction, multiplication (2s, 5s, 10s), division, and practical money problem-solving. We will also explore fractions, shapes and transformations, and repeating patterns. Finally, we'll dive into measurement, focusing on mass, capacity, and volume.

Literacy

Our daily programme includes 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

This term in Te Reo Māori, we are learning to ask and answer, "*Kei te aha koe?*" (What are you doing?) while building a library of everyday action verbs. Later in the term, we will celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and practice memorising our personal mihi to proudly share who we are.

P.E.

We will be sharpening our coordination and striking skills with a dynamic Bat/Ball/Catch unit. We will put our agility and teamwork to the test as we train for and compete in a Rippa Rugby Tournament between classes. To end the term, we will be explore Māori Games, including Kī-o-rahi and traditional stick games (Tītī Tōrea).

Reminders

Please pack a change of clothes and dress your child in layers for the winter weather.
We are becoming a 'nude food' school, so please remove all wrappers before packing lunch boxes; any wrappers will be sent home.
Finally, please leave personal toys and treasures safely at home.

Homework

Every week, ākonga are sent home with a reading text. Please return book bags every Thursday to give kaiako time to prepare new texts to take home on Friday. Consistent reading is key to developing excellent reading skills.
Also, a daily 10-15 minute stint on StepsWeb will really help your child rocket in reading, writing and spelling!

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