Titahi Bay SCHOOL

Ngahere Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau,

Exciting times ahead for Year 5/6 as we dive into Term 2! Get ready for a splash with our Water Safety lessons, where we'll be building confidence and skills in the water. The stage is set for our highly anticipated school show at the end of the term, promising a spectacular display of talent and teamwork. Our inquiries will take us on captivating journeys: 'Journey through the Islands' will explore diverse cultures and environments, while 'Porirua Street Art' will uncover the vibrant stories told through local murals. We're gearing up to share the progress of your tamariki with you through Term 2 reports. To celebrate their learning journey and discuss their achievements, we'll be holding our Learning Conferences at the end of the term. We look forward to connecting with you and celebrating the success of your tamariki. Please use the HERO app to advise the office of any absences for your tamariki.



Dates

APRIL
28th - Mihi Whakatau
29th - Water Safety
MAY
1st, 2nd & 6th - Water Safety
5-9th - NZ Sign Language Week
16th - Pink Shirt Day
22nd - Tough Guy & Gal
26-30th - Samoan Language Week
26th - Mihi Whakatau
JUNE
2nd - Kings Birthday - school closed.
2nd-6th - PRIDE week
10th - Inter School Netball
17th - Senior School Show
18th - Senior School Show
20th - Matariki - No School
25th - Learning Conferences 3pm - 7pm
26th - Learning Conferences 1:30pm - 5:00pm, school closes at 1pm
27th - Matariki Breakfast & 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

This term in Maths, we'll be exploring a range of topics including Geometry, Number and Algebra. Tamariki will strengthen their skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. They'll tackle more complex problems and explore patterns. They'll be encouraged to use mathematical thinking and reasoning to solve problems. We continue our Math Whizz journey, where students are expected to commit 20 minutes per day to personalised online learning. This will reinforce concepts taught in class and help track individual progress throughout the year.

Literacy

We'll be delving into the world of drama, exploring how to bring stories to life through performance. This will involve activities such as reading and writing scripts, practicing expressive reading, and participating in group performances. We will be exploring the rich tapestry of Pacific cultures through poetry, examining themes of identity, heritage, and storytelling. Tamariki will analyse how poets use language to express complex ideas, and then explore writing their own poems.

Kaupapa Māori

Our Kaupapa Māori journey sees us continue with the Te Arotahi programme and providing tamariki with two dedicated Te reo Māori lessons each week—one with Mātua Gardner and one in their classroom. In our language learning, we'll focus on building practical conversational skills through everyday phrases and sentence structures. Our inquiry into the Arts will lead us to discover the stories and symbolism behind Māori art in Pari-rua (Porirua).

Inquiry

We start the term off with the inquiry 'Journey through the Islands' where we will be exploring contemporary issues facing Pacific communities and their contribution to Aotearoa.
Our second inquiry is ' Our voices, our community, our future'. Tamariki will be exploring how Pari-rua is shaped through the arts. We will take a tour of our local area to see and learn more about local art and the meaning behind some of the street art around Pari-rua.

Water Safety

This term Ngahere tamariki will participate in structured water safety lessons at Cannons Creek Pool during weeks 1 and 2. Active participation requires tamariki to bring togs, a towel, and goggles (optional). **Lessons are scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th; Thursday, May 1st; and Friday, May 2nd (Week 1), and Tuesday, May 6th (Week 2).** There is no cost for whānau for this; however, we do expect that all tamariki will be in the water. We know that learning how to swim and be safe in and around water is an important life skill to have.

School Show

Get ready to celebrate Matariki (Māori New Year), with our school show! Each class will embark on a journey of discovery, diving into the rich traditions and stories associated with different aspects of Matariki. Through a variety of art performances, students will share their unique interpretations and learnings, bringing the essence of this special time to life. Keep an eye out for more information about our show at the start of Term 3.

The best way to contact with us is by email.

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