Titahi Bay SCHOOL

Rākau Pānui





Kia ora e te whānau o Rākau,

While we have said 'haere ra' (good-bye) to Mr Steele as he heads off on parental leave for the rest of the year, we say a huge 'WELCOME BACK' to Allie Waters as she takes over as kaiako for Room 13 after her own stint on parental leave. We are so excited to have Miss Waters back in Rākau, and with Ang Strand taking over as Hub Leader, we know the whole Rākau hub continues to be in fantastic hands!

As expected, Term 3 will be another jam-packed term with Year 3 classes adding gymnastics and noho-prep into the programme while our Year 4 classes add gymnastics and Epro8. After the roaring success of our Healthy Waterways and Rubbish Reduction inquiry last term, we are also pumped for our Resilient Kainga inquiry and seeing how ākonga direct their own learning with this later in the term.

At home, please actively support your tamaiti/tamariki to read for at least 15 minutes each day, and work with them on remembering their times tables.

Ngā mihi nui,
Your Rākau Kaiako

Dates

JULY
20th - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am

AUGUST
3-7th - Cook Island Language Week
13th - Year 3 Noho
17-21st - Tongan Language Week
21st - School Closed - Curriculum only day
24th - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am

SEPTEMBER
11th - Onesie Day
14th - Redwood Exchange Y3-6
14-18th Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
25th - Term 3 ends 3pm

Hero

HERO is our primary platform for communication and admin. 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

Times Tables are key. Practise, practise, practise! This will help immensely with the multiplication and division learning in Term 3. All students need to know their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x, and 10x while Year 4s also need to know their 6x, 7x, and 9x. We will also be doing some fractions learning and geometry later in the term. Students continue to do hands-on activities alongside bookwork to consolidate their new learning.

Literacy

Linking with our inquiry, our writing will be primarily report writing, with specific writing structures being used for different purposes. A lot of our reading will also link to the topic of natural disasters, with some students still working through their phonics in our structured literacy lessons. As always, please ensure tamariki are reading for 20 minutes at home every day.

Kaupapa Māori

A big event on our kura calendar, the Year 3 noho-a-kura will be taking place in Week 4. See Hero for information on this. To support this kaupapa, Year 3 students will be practicing and reciting their pepeha/korero tuakiri to introduce themselves, and learning about marae experiences and tikanga on a marae.

Inquiries

Our Term 3 inquiry is looking at how resilient kainga hold up against different natural disasters. This will have a STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) focus, and links with our Year 4 classes taking part in the Epro8 engineering challenge. Students will be exposed to different natural disasters before choosing one to focus more closely on.

PE/Health

Term 3 is gymnastics term! Each class will have one session per week in the hall using the huge range of gymnastics equipment we are lucky to have. In additional sessions, we will have a focus on net and wall games. Please put a spare change of clothes into school bags for any unexpected muddy slip-overs that can often happen during break times.

Māra ki te Tepu

Always a highlight of the week for our ākonga, Māra ki te Tepu (Garden to Table) continues every Wednesday morning. On top of the garden sessions, our classroom sessions will continue to have an enviro-friendly focus, alongside links to our inquiry with earthquake and volcano science sessions. A huge thank you to the whānau that come to help with this kaupapa!

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