Titahi Bay SCHOOL

Rākau Pānui

Kia ora e te whānau o Rākau,

Can you feel it? That buzz is building... summer is just around the corner! Yet we still have so much to do! We have now said 'see you later' to Miss Waters on her parental leave journey, and have happily welcomed Whaea Grace into Room 11. We know Grace well and are excited to have her as part of Rākau for the term. We also welcome Mr Chris Clark to kura who will be covering Grace on Mondays. On top of our core learning this term, a big focus for our Year 5s will be on looking ahead to Year 6 and the many leadership opportunities on offer. Our KURA focus for Term 4 is kindness. As always, please feel free to get in touch with us or pop in for a korero.

Ngā mihi nui - Grace, Khaylen, Jimmy, Jayden



Dates

OCTOBER
6 - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
6 - Fijian Language Week
15 - Ki-o-rahi Tournament
24 - Curriculum day - school closed for instruction
27 - Labour Day
29 - Interschool EPro8 Event

NOVEMBER
4 - Whole School Athletics
7 - Book Week dress up day
10 - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am
11 - Interschool Athletics

DECEMBER
10 - Kura on the Green
16 - School ends 12pm

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 4?

Maths

In Term 3 we started a new programme called Maths No Problem, so in Term 4 we are continuing to progress through this programme, which consists of explicit teaching, buddy work and independent tasks. We'll be moving through lessons on graphs, fractions, angles and time across the term. Maths Whizz continues to be accessible at home too.

Literacy

We continue our narrative focus for the first couple of weeks of Term 4, before looking at writing poems, explanations, and letters. For reading, students will work on targeted skills, including strengthening foundational reading through structured literacy, deepening understanding with our PM reader series, or engaging in discussions about novels.

Kaupapa Māori

Our te reo Māori sessions will come directly from our in-house staff PD from Term 3 where we built knowledge around possessives and ownership. We will use these in a variety of sentences that we have looked at over the year. Kapa Haka will also continue to be a highlight of the week every Thursday afternoon.

Inquiries

Term 4 is a science term! We will be looking at parts of human anatomy in the first half of the term - the heart and skeletal system. In the second half of the term we switch to looking at solving mysteries through forensic science. We will be using science kits from House of Science to help bring science alive in our classrooms.

PE and Health

Our school athletics day is in Week 5 so we will be having rotations in the lead up building skills for a successful day at Kura Park! After this we move into striking and fielding games - perfect for those up and coming summer days! We will also be spending some sessions on the bikes to ensure bike skills are up to scratch.

Navigating the Journey

Navigating the Journey is the Sexuality and Relationships Education resource that we use at school. We will be running Year 4 sessions and Year 5 sessions separately, once a week. Here is a link to the whānau guide which covers the topics in the resource. Feel free to get in contact with Matt Tilley if you have any concerns or queries. principal@titahibay.school.nz

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