



# Kākano Pānui



A very warm welcome back to school from our Kākano team. We hope that you had a fun summer holiday and that your tamariki are looking forward to starting the school year. For the first couple of weeks we will be spending a lot of time getting to know your tamaiti (child) and providing opportunities for children to get to know each other and their new classroom and classmates. We suggest you pack a spare set of clothing in your child's bag as often they get dirty or wet and need a change. We look forward to meeting you at the meet the teacher evening.

## Dates

### **FEBRUARY**

- 3rd - Mihi Whakatau 9:30am
- 6th - Waitangi Day
- 11th - Meet the Teacher 5pm
- 17th - Waikanae Pool Trip

### **MARCH**

- 3rd - Football Year 1 & 2
- 24th - School Photo Day
- 28th - School Triathlon Titahi Bay Beach

### **APRIL**

- 1st - School Cross Country
- 2nd - Last day of Term 1



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 1?

### Maths

This term we will be focusing on learning to read, write and identify numbers to 20. We will be learning to order and sequence numbers, and to make combinations of numbers up to 5, and then up to 10. We will be using a range of strategies, objects and materials to lay the foundation for our learning of mathematics in the junior school.

### Literacy

Our daily structured literacy programme consists of spelling lessons, phonological awareness, handwriting, reading and writing. Each week your tamariki will bring home homework to be completed throughout the week. Please ensure bookbags are returned to kura on Thursdays. They will be sent home again on Friday with new homework.

### Kaupapa Māori

Our weekly Kapa Haka sessions will be kicking off with Matua Gardner and Whaea Nadia in Week 2 this term. We look forward to learning new waiata from Ngāti Toa Rangatira and our other iwi from around the rohe. Our reo Māori focus this term will be around our daily routines and learning how to introduce ourselves in te reo Māori.

### Inquiry

Our Term 1 inquiry focuses on 'Ko au, tōku whānau, tōku taiao', I belong to this place and can care for it. This journey begins in our akomanga (classroom) and expands to the kura and wider community. As we learn to be kaitiaki of our environment, we will also explore 'Ko wai au?' (Who am I?) to deepen our understanding of ourselves and each other.

### Hauora/Health

Term 1 is a summer term so please ensure your tamariki brings a named pōtae (hat) to school each day. It is a good idea to have a pōtae (hat) that can be left at school. It is helpful for kaiako if whānau can sunscreen tamariki before school. This can be reapplied during the day, as needed. Please send along a drink bottle filled with water only.

### Daily Routines

A great time for your child to arrive at school in the morning is 8.35am. This enables tamariki time to settle, see their friends and get ready for the school day. At the end of the day, please wait outside the classroom for the kaiako to release children. This is a safety factor, we like to ensure all our tamariki get home safely, and our afternoon routines are not interrupted.

The best way to contact us is via email.

Firstname.surname@titahibay.school.nz

Tanya King - SENCo/ Intervention

Chelsea Renshaw - Rm 5/Hub Leader

Nicholas (Piki) Pile - Rm 5

Cherie Haughton - Rm 3

Sarah Taylor - Rm 2

Nadia Collins - Kaiako