



# Kākano Pānui



We hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing Easter break! We have an incredible term ahead, highlighted by our art-inspired inquiry unit: "Te Awa iti, Te Moana nui: Our Stories in Colour and Clay." We'll be exploring the "Small Wonders of the Shore," focusing specifically on the unique textures and shapes of Titahi Bay Beach. We are also thrilled to welcome our newest tamariki to Room 5 as they begin their exciting journey at our school. Looking ahead, we look forward to connecting with you during our Learning Conferences in Week 9 to discuss your tamaiti and their progress. Please use the HERO app to notify the office if your child is away. Keep an eye out for our special assembly where we will celebrate our recent triathlon achievements!

## Dates

### APRIL

27th - Anzac Day  
(observed)

29th - Autism Awareness  
Day

### MAY

1st - Triathlon Assembly

12th - Te Papa Trip

15th - Pink Shirt Day

### JUNE

1st - King's Birthday

2nd - Mihi Whakatau

9:15am

29th - Reports sent home

### JULY

1st, 2nd - Learning

Conferences

3rd - Term 2 ends 3pm



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## What's happening in Term 2?

### Maths

We are continuing using Maths No Problem. This is a hands-on, fun and engaging approach that our tamariki love! Each class will work through activities involving a wide range of experiences. Exploring 2D shape, position and orientation, and patterns. We will continue to explore counting patterns, plus adding and subtracting strategies.

### 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

This term we will be learning sentence structures around *Ko wai au?* (*Who am I?*) and *Ngā kare ā-roto me ngā āhuateanga* (*Emotions and feelings*). Tamariki will be learning how to introduce themselves and their whānau in te reo Māori and express their emotions and feelings.

### Inquiry

In Weeks 1-3, we explore Patterns of the Pacific, learning the geometric lines of Tapa cloth. From Week 4, we focus on the Small Wonders of the Shore, using sand and shells to create a tactile "Shoreline Mural" of Titahi Bay. We conclude the term by honoring Matariki through collaborative celestial art.

### Hauora/Health

It's that time of year again that we need to wrap up warm.

Please layer children's clothing, remembering that our classes get warm with the heating on, however, it can be cold outside.

It is a good idea to have a change of clothes in your child's bag.

To prevent the spread of illness, please keep children home if they are feeling unwell.

### Kaitiakitanga

With our inquiry being Te Taiao/Environment, we will be exploring how to be better kaitiaki/guardians of our environment. We encourage waste-free lunchboxes for our tamariki. This may include taking food out of packets before coming to kura or providing kai without packaging. Soft plastic recycling is a great way to reduce landfill waste.

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