



Koru News

• Term 1, 2023 •

Dates

- 1 Feb - School starts -
pōwhiri 9am
- 22 Feb - Meet the teacher
4:30 - 6pm
- 2 March - Scooter Ready
Y1/2 starts
- 2 March - Pedal Ready
scooters Y3 starts
- 7 March - pōwhiri 9am
- 8 March - Te Ara Moana Y6
Group 2 starts
- 8 March - Y3-6 non stop
cricket (PP date 15 March)
- 8 March - Waikanae Pool Trip
Y1-3
- 21 March - Y1-2 Football
- 25 March - School Triathlon (pp date 1 April)
- 6 April - Term 1 ends

Koru hub

Hub Leader: Mathew O'Hagan

Room 14:
Charlotte Ell
charlotte.ell@titahibay.school.nz

Room 15:
Mathew O'Hagan
mathew.o'hagan@titahibay.school.nz

Room 17:
Natalie Hillier
natalie.hillier@titahibay.school.nz

Kia Ora Koru Whānau

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura, welcome back! We hope that you had a fun summer holiday and that you and your children are settling back into the routines of kura life.

For these first couple of weeks we we are focused on helping our tamariki settle into their classrooms, and building relationships with each other and with their new kaiako.

We look forward to meeting you on 'Meet the Parents' evening on February 22. However, you are more than welcome to pop by and catch up with us before then. We welcome the chance to talk face to face with you. Aside from that, the best way to keep in touch with your classroom teacher is via Seesaw.



We love to keep you updated with your child's achievements and we use Seesaw to do this. If you can not access Seesaw, please let your child's teacher know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM

School lunches

At our kura, school lunches are provided. Please let the office know if your child does not want to receive a school lunch. We provide fruit for morning tea but it is a great idea to pack extra snacks. Please also pack a drink bottle filled with water.

Be SunSmart!

Term 1 is a SunSmart term. Please apply sunscreen before school. Make sure your child brings a clearly labelled hat that can stay in the classroom.

Our school rule is:
No hat, no play!

Learning this term

We will be setting up our literacy and numeracy programme routines during term one. We will be exploring Tītahi Bay and our Porirua Harbour for our inquiry, learning about kaitiakitanga - being champions for our environment. We will also be learning to introduce ourselves and whānau in te reo.



You can contact your child's teacher either through their email on the side
or via seesaw.

School website: titahibay.school.nz



Meet the Koru Team

Kia ora ki a koutou! Ko Mathew O'Hagan ahau. I'm excited to be joining the Tītahi Bay kura team in '23 as kaiako for room 15 and Koru Hub leader. I was born in Porirua, and grew up here and in Kāpiti. After university in Wellington, I jetted away from Aotearoa for what ended up being 18 years abroad. I've been a teacher for 24 good years (and in five different countries). It's so good to be back home. Now I live in Plimmerton with my partner and little dog. I love long walks, the beach, books, the bush and TRAVEL. Feel free to approach me and/or your classroom teacher for any enquiries about teaching and learning in our hub or any feedback you may have. Come and see me in room 15 or contact me on mathew.o'hagan@titahibay.school.nz

Kia ora! Ko Charlotte tōku ingoa. This year sees me enter my sixth year at Tītahi Bay School and still loving it as much as my first. Born and raised in Johnsonville, I love the opportunity to come out into this wee slice of paradise for my mahi to work with the best kids on the planet! Outside of the classroom, you will often catch me on the weekends sipping coffee in Wellington's best cafes and catching up with friends or down at the local gym. What I love most about our school are the people; the colleagues I get to work alongside, the whānau I get to meet, and most of all the kids who make each day FUN. I'm grateful to work in such a wonderful community and excited to work with our Koru babies once again this year.
charlotte.ell@titahibay.school.nz

Kia ora koutou. Ko Natalie tōku ingoa. I entered Tītahi Bay School as a trainee teacher four years ago, and have enjoyed every minute. My love for the Bay was undeniable so I moved here shortly after my teaching career began. I have a huge passion for the outdoors. If you don't see me working up a sweat at the gym, you may find me down at the beach on my paddle board or climbing up Rangituhi. Prior to teaching I taught dancing, so I will never shy away from a kanikani in the classroom. I believe if it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you. All tamariki are born to be great! With the right support and a positive learning environment, there is no doubt they will shine and be the best versions of themselves they can be. natalie.hillier@titahibay.school.nz

