



Koru News

• Term 1, 2024 •

Dates

FEBRUARY

7th - Mihi whakatau 10am

15th - Meet the Teacher evening 4:30pm - 6pm

MARCH

5th - Rooms 17, 19

excursion to Pataka

7th - Rooms 1, 18 excursion to Pataka

11th - Mihi whakatau 9:15am

29th - Good Friday (school closed)

APRIL

1st - Easter Monday (school closed)

2nd - Easter Tuesday (school closed)

6th - School triathlon

8th - Postponement date for school triathlon

12th - Last day of Term 1

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 ready to get 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 their new kaiako.

We look forward to meeting you on 'Meet the Parents' evening on February 15. 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.

Koru hub

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Room 19:
Mathew O'Hagan
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School lunches

At our kura, school lunches are provided for free. **Please let the office know if your child does not want to receive a school lunch.** We also provide fruit for morning tea but it is a great idea to pack extra (wrapper free) snacks. We are a water-only school and have drinking fountains, but a drink bottle filled with water is a great idea for the classroom.

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 at kura. A labelled hat usually finds its way back to its owner :)

Our school rule is:
No hat, no play!

Learning this term

We will set up our literacy and numeracy programme routines during term one. Our inquiry is called **'Tāonga tuku iho: Our treasures, our heritage'**. We will explore the concept of tāonga-treasures, and how these connect to our identities, whānau, kura and our Titahi Bay community. 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 joined the Tītahi Bay kura team in '23 as kaiako 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 25 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 19 or contact me on mathew.o'hagan@titahibay.school.nz

Kia ora! Ko Cherie tōku ingoa. cherie.haughton@titahibay.school.nz. Born and raised in Orongomai, Upper Hutt, I moved with my husband and three children (currently aged 7-15 years) to Porirua ten years ago, after several years living overseas. In 2023, I fulfilled a long held dream to become a teacher, completing my Masters of Primary Teaching. I feel very fortunate to have the chance to be a part of the Tītahi Bay School community, and have been quite blown away by the warm welcome I have received in the short time I've been here. I'm keen to help create safe spaces where all tamariki feel seen, heard and can thrive. In my spare time I love to garden and be outside, to journal and read, to make art, and to walk our beautiful pup beside the sea. 'Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai' - Nurture the seed and it will bloom.

Kia ora! Ko Kristina tōku ingoa. Kei Parparaumu ahau e noho ana. I've been at Titahi Bay School since 2013. I love being a teacher because I like kids and I like helping people. Creating a classroom environment that's fun, safe and positive is important because I believe students learn best when they feel happy and loved. My hobbies include reading, doing jigsaw puzzles, spending time with my pets and going on nature walks.

Kia ora koutou. Ko Natalie tōku ingoa. I entered Tītahi Bay School as a trainee teacher five 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.
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