



## **Titahi Bay Intermediate School**

*Our Place, Your Place, For Success*

Newsletter – 1 February 2016

**Tena Koutou, Talofa Lava, Fakaalofa lahi atu,  
Kia Orana, Taloha, Malo e lelei, Greetings to you all**

A big warm welcome to our new students and their whanau as well as our returning students.

I would like to thank you all for your support this morning with our powhiri. It was a very moving experience for those that attended. The leadership of our Year 8 and new Year 7 students was outstanding, I am sure that we are going to see a large number of leaders continue to develop throughout the year.

We have a number of exciting events coming up over the next three weeks for our students. There will be a number of permission slips that need to be filled out and returned to school. So please ask your child if they have returned their permission slips to the office.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact me.

Dairne Kaimoana  
**Principal**

### **What's On!**

**Life Surf Beach Education Programme – 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at Titahi Bay Beach.**

**Water Safety Programme – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Weeks 2 - 3 (8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb) Schoolwide Testing Whanau BBQ – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 5.00 – 7.00**

**Big Day Out – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at Days Bay (Eastbourne)**

### **Life Surf Beach Education Programme**

As we are surrounded by water in New Zealand and especially in the Bay, we have enrolled all of our students to participate in the NZ Life Surf Education Programme. This will be held next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Half of the school will go one day and then the other half of the school will go the next day.

We are looking for parent helpers who are willing to be in the water as we need a 1 to 5 ratio. If you are able to help on either day(s), then please contact the school.

A permission slip is attached with this newsletter. Please fill it out and return to the school. There will be no cost for this programme as the school will be covering this as we see it as an important programme for our students.

### **Water Safety Programme at Te Rauparaha Arena**

We have been given an opportunity for our students to participate in a Water Safety Programme being run at Te Rauparaha Arena. There is no cost to us except for us transporting students to and from the pool. As our students are older, we will be walking them to and from the pool, weather permitting. A permission slip has gone

out today, so please fill it out and return it to the school office.

### **Schoolwide Testing**

Over the next few weeks all classes will be testing students for reading, writing and maths. It is essential for our planning to know where our students are working at, so please ensure that your child is at school every day.

### **Whanau BBQ**

This Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding our Whanau BBQ in our Community Garden. This is an opportunity for whanau to come along and get to meet staff, the Board and other whanau within our school community. We will fire up the BBQ at 5.00 and will finish at 7.00 p.m.

Please come along and bring a plate of kai or meat to cook on the BBQ for everyone to share. There will be sports gear available if you feel like having a friendly game with the kids.

### **Big Day Out**

We are holding our annual Big Day Out this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, weather permitting. The whole school will spend the day at Williams Park (Days Bay) in Eastbourne. It is a day for students and staff to get to know each other and to have a bit of fun at the same time.

Whanau are more than welcome to join us at Williams Park for the day, unfortunately due to the buses being full you will need to find your own way.

### **Parent Support or Volunteers**

We have a number of extra curricula activities that require some parent or volunteers to assist us with the running of them.

We run **Breakfast Club** on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> February – (Week 3). Teachers are rostered on to cover this but it would be fantastic if we had anyone who could give up 45 minutes a morning to supervise students during this breakfast time. Teachers are required to be in class at 8.30 a.m. so it would be great to have another adult who can just finish off the final 10 – 15 minutes.

We will have **Saturday netball** coming up later in the year so would like to know if there are any coaches or managers out there who would like to coach or manage a team.

If you are able to help out with any of the above or have strengths and skills that you could offer to support us, then please contact the school office and leave your details and I will get back to you.

### ***Scooters, Bike and Skateboards***

Students are allowed to bring scooters, skateboards and bikes to school. However if your child is riding a bike to school they must wear a helmet while riding the bike.

All scooters, bikes and skateboards must be carried or walked through the school grounds to ensure safety of other students.

Students can use their scooters and skateboards at lunch time in the designated area, but again must walk their equipment to and from this area.

### ***What's On***

Attached is our What's On for Term 1. Put this on the fridge so that you know what is coming up throughout the term.

More information will come out as I do not want to overwhelm you with lots and lots of paper.