

## Tips For Parents Nga whakaaro mo nga matua

- Visit the school playground during weekends with your child
- Make sure your child's school bag is big enough to fit lunchbox, drink bottle, reading book bag and swimming gear
- Please name your child's clothing
- Encourage your child to be independent in self care skills
- Invite friends around who may be going to the same school
- Children are discouraged from sharing food and drink at school
- Ensure your child and the school know what the after school arrangements are
- Feel free to come and talk to the school

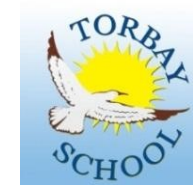
## How Best To Prepare Your Child For School

- Encourage your child to get dressed by themselves and pack their own bag
- Get your child to practice tying their own shoe laces
- Know how to use a toilet properly
- Tidy up after themselves
- Singing and chanting nursery rhymes and songs
- Develop some knowledge around the alphabet letters and numbers
- Answering their questions and encouraging them to ask questions
- Teach your child their full name and practice writing it
- Get into a routine of spending some time each night to share a book



## Torbay School

Te Kura Tuatahi O  
Whangataoa



### Flying High Learning for success

Torbay School provides a basis for lifelong learners through a challenging, supportive, stimulating and caring environment



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## School Visits

Visiting school is an excellent way to become familiar with new surroundings and make connections with the teacher, classroom and environment.

At Torbay School we offer the opportunity for children and whānau to visit and build relationships with our learning community. We work in an open, fun and exciting learning environment. School visits are held every Thursday morning.

### School visits are a good time for your child and you to find out more about:

- Classroom programme and routines
- Playground—playtime and lunchtime expectations
- Fees and stationary
- Swimming
- Where to hang your bag and keep your gear
- School assemblies
- Anything you may have a query on

## Our Foundation Programme

Torbay School recognises the importance of transitioning students from their Early Childhood Education to a Primary School setting. We believe for students to be successful they need to have a love and curiosity for learning, which will be the key for lifelong learners.

Young children bring to school interests, experiences, abilities, skills and expertise. Within our Wā Kitea programme (*Discovery Time*), students are most competent when they are able to 'drive' their own learning. We encourage students to be Reflective, Resilient, Innovative, Collaborative and Curious through play. We also use our CARE Values:

**Commitment**  
**Aroha**  
**Respect/Responsibility and**  
**Excellence**



## Our Other School Programmes

At Torbay School we have a range of programmes that students can participate in throughout their time here.

Here are a few....

### Cultural:

- Kapa Haka
- Pasifika
- Fan dance
- Band
- Choir



### Sports:

- Miniball
- Basketball
- Little league
- Netball
- Hockey
- Flippaball
- Rippa rugby
- Touch rugby
- Swimming
- Waterwise



Other programmes include Gifted and Talented, TV Station, Robotic, Environmental Education, Mandarin Language and many more...