



Te Kākano Hub Newsletter #10

Term 3 ~ Week 5 & 6 ~ 2019

A warm welcome to Corey Bensley who has joined Mikimiki.



Swimming

This week begins our fortnight of daily swimming lessons. The children will walk down to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre via Foster Park each day. We do need help! Any parents/caregivers who can help to walk down with us, please **arrive 30 minutes** before these lesson times: **Mikimiki 12:30pm - Mānuka 1:00pm - Kōwhai 1:30pm**

Swimming lessons are a wonderful learning opportunity for our students and could one day save their lives. Committing to this means that the teachers need to be more flexible with their teaching timetable as our usual routine will be interrupted. Please partner with us by helping your children to understand that there may be changes and to listen to what the teachers say and use the visual timetable (each class has one) to find out what is happening.

See timetable below:

Mikimiki - Miss Langridge: Class together at 11:45am, leaving at 12:00pm. Lesson at 12:30pm. Lunch when they return and normal afternoon programme.

Mānuka - Lynda: Class together at 12:15pm, leaving at 12:30pm. Lesson at 1:00pm. Lunch when they return and flexible afternoon programme.

Kōwhai - Kendra: Lunch at 12:15pm. Class together at 12:45pm, leave 1:00pm. Lesson at 1:30pm. Flexible afternoon programme on return.

Writing: Will be in Kōhanga's and not in writing books over these two weeks.

Reading: Each child will bring home 4 browsing box books on Monday for the week's reading, and the occasional guided reading book. They will be doing guided reading in class.



Children need **NAMED** togs, towel, goggles (optional but helpful) and a swimming backpack or they can use their school backpack. Please **name** all uniform including singlets, underwear, socks etc.

Learning Through Play

So what are the teachers doing during Learning Through Play time? During child-adult play the child develops a trusting emotional bond and important physical, cognitive, social, and language skills. Attentive playtimes also play a critical role in shaping the way children think, learn, react to challenges and develop relationships through their lives (Raver & Knitzer, 2002).

In Te Kākano, you will see teacher's participating or observing child-directed play. They will use descriptive language coaching by verbalising a running commentary about the child's behaviour and activities. This also encourages language development. Persistent coaching is when the teacher comments on the way the child is working on a project, describing the growth mindset qualities that s/he is using at that time. For example being focussed, working hard or staying patient. Emotional coaching; labelling feelings as children experience them, develops sound emotional regulation now and in the future.

Sometimes the coaching is one on one or peer coaching and teachers observe this and record what is happening. This is a way in which children learn positive play interactions as the teacher labels, names and models appropriate ways to react to others. Teaching children to problem solve through their play gives an opportunity to practise strategies to manage conflict. For more information check out this article from the Incredible years teaching programme which all the TK teachers are trained in; <http://www.incredibleyears.com/wp-content/uploads/Reddy-Chapter-7.pdf>

Living Christianly

Over the next two weeks we will be continuing to learn about Jesus. In week 5 we will be learning about how Jesus brings Hope to us even when we doubt, and in week 6 we will be looking at the story of the woman at the well. We are continuing to learn the song Jesus Loves Me, by KidsSpring Children's Ministry.



Reminders

- Name all clothes and provide spare clothes for accidents in a waterproof bag.
- Please have a named water bottle for school.
- Prepare your children for swimming. Children may need to practise dressing themselves.
- Please insist on the correct uniform being worn to school. This includes black shoes, black socks, black tights, long hair tied back, and black base wear for under the shirt. Also, only school hats which are compulsory in the 4th term.
- Found property is in a bucket beside the cubbies on the verandah of our main entrance,



Up-and-Coming Events

Week 5	Monday to Friday Friday 23 August	Swimming: Swimming each day. Whole School Assembly at 9:15am in Te Pihinga. We invite you to join us!
Week 6	Monday to Friday Friday 30 August	Swimming: Swimming each day. Mrs Cunningham in TK today. RCS Agricultural Show forms and payment due TODAY!
Weekly	Monday/Tuesday	Meetings: Please be aware TK teachers have meetings on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these.
Week 10	Friday	Whole School Assembly: at 2:05pm in the Te Pihinga building. There is no Te Kakano assembly on those weeks.
All Other Weeks	Thursday	Te Kākano Assembly at 2:30pm in Te Kākano. We invite you to join us! There is no Whole School assembly on those weeks.



Blessings,

- Mrs Lynda Siave - Mānuka
- Mrs Lynn Alcock - Mānuka
- Miss Kendra Liggett - Kōwhai
- Miss Emily Langridge - Mikimiki