

# Te Kākano Hub Newsletter #7

Term 2 ~ Week 9 & 10 ~ 2019

*Welcome to Hannah Terpstra (Mikimiki) and Jemimah Terpstra (Kōwhai)  
who have joined us from Western Australia.*

Good things come to those who wait. We waited and we now have a really, really good thing. The Te Kākano Block has been absolutely incredible to be in. It is warm, purpose built for us and it feels like we have been in there for a lot longer than five days. We feel completely supported by our school community and know we absolutely could not have done it without each of you serving and contributing, from helping us move to ensuring your child was ready for the change. So thank you! May there be many years of love and learning in this building!

## Learning Through Play

Miss Kendra Liggett is going to be going up to Tauranga in Week 10 to present a workshop at the NZACS (New Zealand Association of Christian Schools) annual conference. This is a great honour and testament to the hard work that has been put in by the Te Kākano teachers over the past year. It has been a huge investment to get Learning Through Play into RCS. The teachers have watched and won multiple Trade Me auctions, scoured Facebook Marketplace, gone to markets in the rain, spent Saturdays at Play-based professional development, done online courses, visited other schools and preschools, edited and re-edited the timetable, had numerous conversations with other play-based educators, talked to you as parents, learned how to use Seesaw, been granted funds from the BOT, asked the PCG to fundraise for a flexible playground, and brought in our own toys from home. The investment has and will continue to pay off because of your wonderful children. We can set everything up as best as we can but it's all just stuff until your children add their imaginations, creative-thinking, problem-solving and social skills. Seesaw paints a wonderful picture of how rich our small investment has really made the learning in Te Kākano and as a side benefit we are now 'leaders' in play-based pedagogy in Christian Schools. Thank you for trusting and supporting us through this continuing journey.

Kendra's workshop is entitled 'Learning Through Play in a Christian Context'. It will be about our journey in implementing Learning Through Play with our Year 1-3 hub at Rolleston Christian School. This workshop will explore the 'Why' (current research), the 'When' (classroom timetabling) the 'Where' (classroom setup), the 'What' (children's learning), the 'How' (teacher practices), the 'Woes' (our disappointments) and the 'Wows' (our encouragements). Please pray for her as it is a big responsibility to represent RCS. Pray her words will be clear, that God's peace will be with her and the teachers are inspired by the workshop.

## Living Christianly

We have had a wonderful term learning about Daniel this term.. The children enjoyed these stories very much and should be able to tell you about Daniel's faithfulness in pray to God and how God was with and worked through Daniel in some very challenging situations. Daniel demonstrated his faith by praying to God even though he knew that doing so would endanger his life!

## Flexible Playground Working Bee

Thank you to Dave Crump and Nathan Watson for spending their Saturday afternoon assembling the new Flexible Playground. The children are going to love it!

## Growing in Character

Keeping our cubbies clear and tidy is a great responsibility that we encourage you to reinforce with your children. Slippers and their placemat are the only thing that are to be left in there at the end of the day.

# Reminders

## Matariki - 25th June

Matariki is a celebration for all New Zealanders. In Waitaha, Te Waipounamu the Māori New Year begins when Puaka (Rigel) appears as the brightest star over Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū (Banks Peninsula). Matariki/Puaka is traditionally a time to celebrate whānau and all the precious moments. A time to huddle together and stay warm. We share kai, we share stories, we remember our loved ones that have gone before us and give thanks for the prosperous year ahead. Over the next couple of weeks we will be exploring different activities to do with Matariki, particularly in our Learning Through Play, LIGHTS and Art times. Come and check out our wonderful Te Manu Tukutuku (matariki kites) on the walls.

## Clothing

A reminder to pick up your child's lost property from the box by the main door or off the lost property table at the main school building by the end of the Term.

## Toys

A reminder that NO toys are to come to school, including key chain toys.

# Up-and-Coming Events

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| <b>Week 9</b>  | Monday 24 June   | Lynda and Kendra are at school but will be involved in a leadership meeting. Mrs G (Rowena) will be relieving today and will take responsibility for the Kōwhai kids today<br><b>Permission forms for Hillview Cross Country are due today</b> |
|                | Tuesday 25 June  | <b>Kelly sports day.</b> Wear PE uniform if you have one and wrap up warm! A team of young coaches will take TK students through the morning for games and activities. TK teachers are all out today, planning for next term!                  |
|                | Thursday 27 June | <b>Official opening</b> of Te Kakano Block (no TK assembly come to this!)  |
| <b>Week 10</b> | Monday-Friday    | <b>Reports</b> go out this week. They will be emailed to you.  |
|                | Tuesday 2 July   | <b>Hillview Cross Country</b> for those children who qualified. Miss Liggett & Mr Smith will be in charge: 10am-2pm<br>PALs for Juniors at school 1:15-1:45pm  |
|                | Thursday 4 July  | Miss Liggett at NZACs conference   |
|                | Friday 5 July    | Miss Liggett at NZACs conference<br>Last day of the term   |
| <b>Weekly</b>  | Monday/Tuesday   | <b>Meetings:</b> Please be aware TK teachers have meetings on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these.<br><br><b>No TK assembly week 9, whole school assembly week 10</b>                           |



*Where  
God guides,  
He provides*

ISAIAH 58:11



**Blessings,**  
Mrs Lynda Siave, Mrs Lynn Alcock,  
Miss Kendra Liggett & Miss Emily Langridge.