

Te Kākano Hub Newsletter #9

Term 3 ~ Week 3 & 4 ~ 2019

*A warm welcome to Arioeh (Kōwhai) & Nahum (Mikimiki) Ben-Canaan.
We pray you are abundantly blessed as you journey through our school.*

More Benefits of Learning Through Play

- **Thinking skills**
Play-based activities enable students to engage in flexible and higher-level thinking processes. These include inquiry processes of problem solving, analysing, evaluating, applying knowledge, innovation, and creativity.
- **Interpersonal skills**
Play based learning often requires interaction with others and gives students the opportunity to practice language development, cooperation, negotiation, leadership, empathy, active listening, and compromise.
- **Intrapersonal skills**
Play contributes to a child's sense of well-being and can support the development of intrapersonal skills such as self esteem, motivation, resilience, concentration, persistence, and time management.
- **Student agency and engagement**
Play based learning can encourage student agency and often results in deeper levels of student engagement in learning.
- **Smooth transitions to school**
Schools that have adopted learning through play in junior classrooms report that new entrant students settle to school quickly because of improved continuity between school and early childhood education.

**From the Ministry of Education site TKI*

Guided Learning - The Arts

You may have already seen this in the latest school newsletter. For the first two terms of this year we had a focus on visual art, which we did in our rotations on a Friday. We were very impressed with the growth mindset our TK children developed at this time, and the greater passion they had for art. This term Miss Langridge has just started a music unit. We are first looking at some basic elements of the theory of music. In week one we looked at rhythm and over the next few weeks we will focus on tempo and dynamics. We encourage you to ask your children about what they have been learning and see what they can share with you.



Snack Time

Our 'rolling kai' Snack Time has been going well. Most children are able to discern what is a beneficial snack to have at this time. Snacks such as cheese and crackers, sandwiches with protein fillings eg meat, cheese and eggs, seeds and nuts (refrain from peanuts please) yoghurt, raw veges, and fruit. Other snacks such as chippies, cakes, muffins and biscuits can be eaten at lunch time. It may be a good idea to show your child their lunch box and explain what they could have for Snack Time each day.

Living Christianly

Over the next two weeks we will be continuing to learn about Jesus. In week 3 we will be learning how Jesus brings Hope when there are things out of our control and in week 4 we will learn about how Jesus rescued Peter from drowning. We are learning 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 practice dressing themselves.
- Please insist on the correct uniform being worn to school. This includes black shoes, black socks, long hair tied back, black tights or base wear for under the shirt. Also, only school hats which are compulsory in the 4th term.



Wise words to please follow from Toy Story 4.

“Toys stay at home”

Up-and-Coming Events

Week 3	Tuesday 6 August	Learning Conferences: 1:00pm to 8:00pm
	Thursday	Te Kākano Assembly at 2:30pm in Te Kākano. We invite you to join us! There is no Whole School assembly this week..
Week 4	Thursday	Te Kākano Assembly at 2:30pm in Te Kākano. We invite you to join us! There is no Whole School assembly this week. Miss Langridge is away recovering from oral surgery. Another teacher will be in.
	Friday 16 August	Study Day: Miss Liggett will be in a Within-Schools Day at Hillview. Another teacher will be in. Miss Langridge is away recovering from oral surgery. Another teacher will be in.
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.
Weeks 1,5,10	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