



Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 1 ~ Week 3 & 4 ~ 2021



Welcome to 2021 in Te Kākano

Haere mai to James, Noelle & Micah B who join Mānuka in the next couple of weeks. We pray God blesses you as you begin your learning journey here at RCS.

It Takes a Village to Teach Your Children

Our Te Kākano team is a very dedicated bunch who want the best for the all the children that come through our Hub. Here's an overview of all of the people who do/will interact with your child and what their role is. It also is a quick guide for who to see about what.



Mrs Kendra Ficks
Yrs 0/1 Mānuka Kōhanga Teacher
Small Group Teacher
Te Kākano Learning Leader

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Responsible for:

- Mānuka pastoral care
- Supporting Level 2 Behaviour Conferences
- More serious/private pastoral care concerns
- Overall Curriculum Implementation
- Decisions about whole Hub activities
- Some reading/writing/maths groups



Miss Emily Langridge
Small Group Teacher
Term 3 New Entrant Teacher
Works in TP from 12-3pm
RCS Library

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Responsible for:

- Kōwhai pastoral care on Fridays
- Some reading/writing groups
- Whole School Nature Play
- Oversees the RCS Library



Mrs Gabby Nuthall
Yrs 1/2 Kōwhai Kōhanga Teacher
Small Group Teacher
Reading Recovery Teacher

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Responsible for:

- Kōwhai pastoral care
- Some maths groups
- Junior Choir
- Reading Recovery



Mr Mark Smith
Yrs 2/3 Rarahu Kōhanga Teacher
Small Group Teacher
Whole School Sports Coordinator

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Responsible for:

- Rarahu pastoral care
- Some reading/writing/maths groups
- TK sports & outdoor play



Mrs Beth Marlin
Teacher Assistant - ESOL

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Responsible for:

- Implementation of effective English as a Supplementary Language programme (school wide)
- Supporting Learning Through Play



Mrs Monica Verwoerd
Teacher Assistant - Literacy

Responsible for:

- TK reading book system
- Supporting Learning Through Play
- Implementation of VAMP programme
- Implementation of Early Words



Community Readers/Volunteers

A number of community volunteers come in to read with children who need extra support in literacy learning. They are police vetted and overseen by Mrs Anna Thirkell.

Reminders

Mornings: Our programme begins at **8:55am**. We urge you to be on time to school to give your child time to settle and get organised, you can arrive from 8:30am. Even being 5 minutes late means your child misses the roll and important information like the timetable & calendar.

Afternoons: School finishes at **3:00pm**. Please collect your child at this time from the door closest to their kōhanga space, expect Koru & Kōwhai who get collected from the main door. We will call parents if children are not collected by **3:10pm**. If this is tricky for your schedule, we recommend you utilise the services of Papa Jacks (after school care programme).

Teacher Communication: Teachers are free for quick 'check in' chats in the morning (i.e. to let us know something that might directly impact your child's school day) and are around for conversation at the end of the day on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If a conversation is of a more serious nature, please send an email/message and book in a time. Teachers have meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Fridays: On Friday we run a different programme to Monday-Thursday (which is mainly Literacy/Numeracy based). We begin with assembly, spelling and nature play. We then do arts, dance/kapahaka and PE, followed by Whānau group time. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather as we spend time outside. PE gear & sneakers are expected to be worn. Note: Mrs Nuthall works part time and only teaches Reading Recovery on a Friday.

Healthy Lunches

We are noticing that some lunches aren't giving children the best fuel for learning. A reminder to keep lunches full of protein, healthy carbohydrates and healthy fats. Keep 'treat foods' to a minimum where possible. We strongly discourage single use plastic wrappings.



Week 3 & 4 Events

Week 3	Tue 16 Feb	Mrs Nuthall at Reading Recovery Training: Only half a day, back in the afternoon for learning conferences.
	Wed 18 Feb	Learning Conferences: Normal 2:50pm (Covid-19 Level 2) finish.
Week 4	Mon 22 Feb	Mrs Nuthall at Reading Recovery Training: For afternoon.
	Tues 23 Feb	New Families Dinner: Feel free to attend if you were invited by the PCG
	Wed 24 Feb	Mrs Nuthall at Reading Recovery Training: For afternoon.
Weekly	Mon & Tues	Meetings: Please be aware TK teachers have meetings after school on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these.
	Fridays	TK Assembly from 9:05am: Everyone is welcome to attend while at Level 1. TK visits RCS Library: Please bring back library books each week so your child can get new books for their Saturday/Sunday reading. Spelling: Please ensure your child brings their spelling notebook to school every Friday

I praise you because
I am fearfully and
wonderfully made.

PSALM 139:14



Blessings,

Miss Emily Langridge (Koru)
Mrs Kendra Ficks (Mānuka)
Mrs Gabby Nuthall (Kōwhai)
Mr Mark Smith (Rarahu)