

Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 2 ~ Weeks 8 & 9 ~ 2020

Talofa Lava - Hello!

Happy Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa (Samoan Language Week). It's a great time to reflect and celebrate how special God has made the people of this earth. We can unite in our similarities and grow understanding in our differences. It has been great to be back in the classroom with children adapting well to the new Health and Safety requirements. Us teachers have been busy teaching the children about our 'new normal', ensuring positive relationships are reestablished and we have been busy doing assessment in reading, writing, and maths. We have really enjoyed seeing all of the children again.

Level Two Health & Safety

A reminder that there are a number of Health & Safety things that we need to abide by. Please continue to pick your children up at 2:40pm, and sign in if you enter the school.

We are finding that some children's hands are not reacting to the hand sanitiser well. If this is your child, please feel free to send along some soap/cream that they can use.



Urgent!

We are missing a number of exercise books. Please bring your child's writing book, Living Christianly book and Handwriting Book back to school as soon as possible.

all children need their own named pencil case to keep at school during Level Two



Reading/Writing/Maths

Our academic curriculum is being informed by all of the assessment that teachers are working hard to complete at the moment. We have assessed all writing, most of reading and will be focussing on maths next week. It has been good to spend one on one time with children to understand how the strategies taught at school and the practise they've been doing over the past few weeks have impacted their learning. You will receive a report that will clearly show where your child's progress is sitting in relation to expected progress for their year in Week 10. It's important to look at your child's learning holistically and remember that they have been through a big change. It's important we gather all of the information we can to ensure we teach our kids where they are at.

Sunshine reading books will be updated over the weekend. Reading books will be sent home in Week 9.



Learning Through Play Resources

We really need boxes to be brought into school for our craft area. If you have any of any size, please feel free to drop them off into the box kit.

We love donations towards our play. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, please feel free to drop it in.

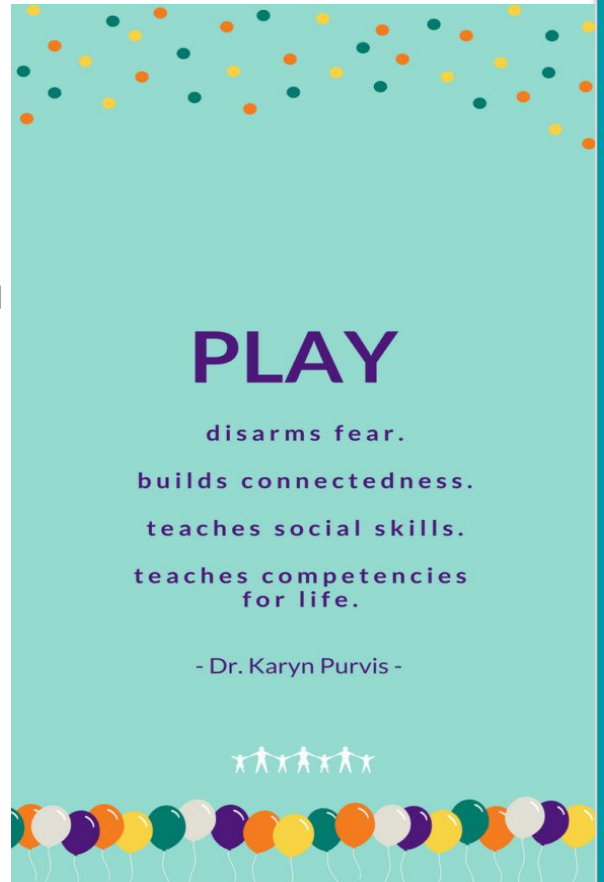
But What If My Students are Falling Behind Academically? - A Message from Longworth Education

“A growing body of research supports the healthy development of executive functioning skills through play and the correlation these skills have to successful academic outcomes. At a time when our children have had an interruption to their schooling, many are calling for the need to have children get back to school so they don’t “fall behind”, and for many to “catch up”. In creating this pressure, the divide between the academics, and learning through play deepens. But the big question here is.....fall behind what? Catch up to What? From what we know, the development of executive function skills is actually the vital bridge children need to the world of academic success. And these skills are best honed and grown through play.

“Executive function during childhood also predicts important outcomes, like academic performance, health, wealth and criminality, years and even decades later” (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2018).

So, if we want our kids to cope through this interruption to the school year, and continue developing into healthy and happy humans, the answer is to provide increased opportunities for them to play at school.”

We have observed our Te Kākano children wholeheartedly engaging in their play over the past fortnight. They have been connecting with their friends, being creative and have been settled and happy.



- Dr. Karyn Purvis -

Up-and-Coming Events

Week 8	Mon 1 June	Queen’s Birthday: No school
	Thurs 4 June	Dental Van: They will call children according to their list
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Week 9		‘Regular’ school week
Weekly	Monday & Tuesday	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.

Blessings, Miss Emily Langridge (Mānuka), Mr Mark Smith (Kōwhai), Mrs Gabby Nuthall (Rarahu) & Miss Kendra Liggett (Koru)