

Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 3 ~ Week 4 & 5 ~ 2020

Haere Mai

Isn't it wonderful to see the sunshine again!

Welcome back Johann, who has moved back to NZ from Aussie.

Over the past two weeks we have launched into our L.I.G.H.T.S programme. Koru has been learning about Māori people and how they came to NZ on waka. Mānuka has been learning about NZ insects and Kōwhai has been investigating native fauna. Rarahu have delved deep into native birds. The children have been really engaged with what we have been doing which has been wonderful.

Swimming

On Monday 17th August, we begin our daily swimming lessons at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre. These continue each school day until Friday 21st August. We will need some parents to come along with the classes each day to support the children as they walk down (via Foster Park), get changed and then walk back to school. Please let your kōhanga teacher know when you can come or sign up on the sign up sheets on each kōhanga door.

Everyday, children will need **swimming togs, towel, goggles** and a sturdy **bag** that they can carry on their back to and from the pool. Below is the timetable will be using. Note: these are approximate times (except swimming start lesson).

Teacher	Group/ Kōhanga	Depart RCS	Arrive at Pools	Start swim lesson	End swim lesson	Depart Pools	Arrive RCS
Mark	Kōwhai	10:50	11:20	11:30	12:00	12:15	12:35
Kendra & Emily	Koru & Manuka	11:20	11:50	12:00	12:30	12:45	1:05
Gabby	Rarahu	12:00	12:20	12:30	1:00	1:10	1:30

School Photos

On Monday 17th August, we are having school photos. So not only is it the first day for swimming, it's also the day your child needs to come school looking their best. They must be in full school uniform, with black socks and black shoes. They will need tidy hair and clean faces. We will have our Kōhanga photos before we go swimming (see the timetable).

Teacher	Group/ Kōhanga	*School Photo Time
Mark	Kōwhai	9am
Kendra & Emily	Koru & Manuka	9.30
Gabby	Rarahu	10am

Living Christianly

This term, we will be focussing on Hope - Citizenship. At the moment we are focussing on **Genuine interest in human and environmental sustainability.**

Week 4 Theme: God has made all of us the same on the inside. We are all part of humankind. (Adam and Eve didn't feel embarrassed by their nakedness because they were at peace with how God had made them.)

Week 4 Story: Genesis 2:21-25

Week 5 Theme: We connect with others by loving them no matter what they look like.

Week 5 Story: Good Samaritan

5 Ways to Wellbeing

As a school, we are also focussing on wellbeing and discovering the link between wellbeing and learning. We have been using the Mental Health Foundation's 5 Ways to Wellbeing model, we decided it fitted the best with our Christian character and school philosophy.



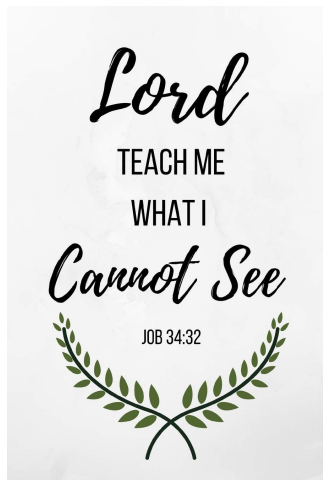
As a team, we have had some discussion about the best space to support children in the 'take notice' and 'connect' parts of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and have decided to really focus on circle time on a Friday. This means that a poem won't come home on a Friday anymore. Poems will be sent home during the week. However, feel free to read the poem, read a home book or read a reading book from your child's book bag on a Friday.

Reminders

- Children can bring their RCS sun hats on sunny days. They are not compulsory until Term 4, but feel free to bring them during Term 3.
- Children are only to wear black shoes to school expect Fridays where gumboots or sneakers are great.
- Teachers are available for quick 'transition' chats before school, please save longer chats for after school or make an appointment
- We are noticing some toys are being brought to school. Please check your child's school bag for toys before dropping them off.

Up-and-Coming Events

Week 4	Mon 10 Aug	Mr Marshall Away in Te Māhuri: Miss Liggett will be in.
	Tues 11 Aug	PCG New Parents Evening: 4:30-5:30pm in the Te Kākano Block. See you there!
	Fri 14 Aug	Leadership Release Day: Miss Liggett will be at home doing leadership work. Miss Simons will be in.
Week 5	Thurs 20 Aug	Pre-spellathon Test: We are going to have a Spell-a-thon which is a great fundraiser. Today we will be testing the kids (we may start earlier in the week).
	Fri 21 Aug	School Disco: EVERYONE welcome to come and have a boogie. Look out for more details.
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.
	Mon	Miss Liggett Leadership release (weekly): Mr Marshall will be taking Koru.



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