



Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 4 ~ Week 6 & 7 ~ 2020



Kamusta- Hello (Filipino)

Wow, this term is already flying by and it will be the end of the term before we know it.

A reminder that our big project for this term is for Te Kākano to make our own whare (meeting house), which is part of our LIGHTS learning this year. We are going to need lots of help to get this project off the ground. If you are handy with building or can help us source materials, please contact Miss Liggett asap.



Play-based Learning

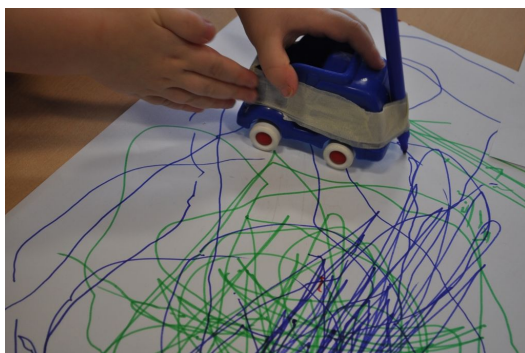
Over the next few newsletters we are going to be looking at schemas and the role they play in your child's play. Schemas are the avenues children explore to make sense of the world. Schemas in children's play are such an important concept when it comes to the development of children, that it's worth taking the time to understand them so you can facilitate them when you see them at home and we can support them at school.

This week's schema is: Rotation

Anything that goes around anything that is circular - wheels, turning lids, watching the washing machine on spin cycle, drawing circles, spinning around on the spot, being swung around. These are all experiences of the Rotation schema.

At school, the Te Kākano children enjoy wheeling the tyres over to their huts, riding on their scooters and bikes on Wednesdays and swinging around on the monkey bars.

At home, children exploring this schema are interested in things that rotate or that are circular, e.g. objects with wheels and spinning tops. You may find they are fascinated by your washing machine!



Living Christianly

This term, we will be focussing on **Excellence - Character**.

Wk 6 Concept: Self-regulation and responsibility for learning

Wk 6 Bible Character: Herod: When faced with an unknown situation, Herod acted out of fear and made some bad choices

Wk 7 Concept: My grit, tenacity, perseverance, and resilience

Wk 7 Bible Character: Simeon (Simeon had to wait to see Jesus - he didn't give up on God's promise)

Memory Verses - Wk 6: 2 Timothy 1:7 & **Wk 7** Hebrews 12:1b

RCS Values Competency-Based Learning

This week, we would like to share our *Growth Mindset* learning.

Growth Mindset is a “belief that our most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hardwork - brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for accomplishments” *Carol Dweck*.

Our TK Growth mindset saying for **week 6** is:

Instead of: “I can’t do this!”

Think: “I am going to train the train my brain to do this”

For **week 7** it is:

Instead of: “I can’t make this better”

Think: “I can always take more time and improve”



We are concentrating on these in our morning hui times and reminding children when we have the opportunity during learning sessions to give the sayings a context.

Reminders

- Children MUST wear sunscreen and a RCS hat daily for all of Term 4.
- Children MUST wear correct uniform everyday. Reminder notes will now be sent home unless the child brings a note to their Kōhanga teacher explaining their incorrect uniform.

Week 6 & 7 Events

Week 6	Mon 16 Nov Tue 17 Nov Wed 18 Nov	TEACHER ONLY DAY: No school as teachers are planning for next year 2021 Parent Meeting: Ring office for details TK Assembly from 2:25pm: Everyone is welcome to attend while at Level 1.
Week 7	Mon 23 Nov -Wed 25 Nov Mon 23 Nov Wed 25 Nov	Scholastic Book Fair: Mr Smith on CRT: Mr Marshall in Kōwhai TK Assembly at 2:25pm: Everyone is welcome to attend while at Level 1.
Weekly	Mon & Wed Tuesdays	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. Miss Liggett’s Leadership Release Day: Being responsible for overseeing the teaching and learning in TK is a big job, which takes time. Miss Liggett will be off site every Tuesday with Mr Marshall in Koru.



Blessings,

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