

Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 4 ~ Weeks 8, 9 & 10 ~ 2020

2020 - What a Year!

Can you believe we are almost finished for the year?! Te Kākano is getting ready for the closure of our year together. We are busily finishing our LIGHTS projects, preparing for Te Pihinga for those children moving on, having transition visits for the children who are joining us in 2021, finishing rehearsals for Prize Giving and most of all, enjoying the last three weeks of Te Kākano 2020. It has been a pleasure to teach your children this year, supporting them through Lockdown/Levels and implementing learning programmes when we returned to school that have seen your children shine in their learning, whether it be academic, social or emotional. Mrs Gabby Nuthall and Mr Mark Smith have proven invaluable in their first year in TK, joining the TK 'seasoned-pros' Emily and I. I am so grateful for all of the hard work, prayer, thoughtfulness, conversations, late night emails, and team meetings that these teachers invest into, ultimately for the betterment and education of your children. What a joy it is to lead this team! Our TK heartbeat is to genuinely do what we can, as best as we can for the children that come into our classrooms. We don't always get it right, humans can be like that - but we are proud of how far the children have come in such a turbulent year. So as we draw to a close, we would like to thank you. Thank you for partnering with us. Your willingness to come in and chat and work alongside us to support your child is a blessing. Thank you for trusting us with your children every day. For those moving on we pray God's blessing upon you and for our returning families we are excited for the potential of 2021.

*Blessings, Miss Kendra Liggett - Te Kākano Learning Leader
~returning in 2021 as Mrs Kendra Ficks👩🏻~*



Play-based Learning

The amount of learning that has occurred in our play-based space and during our Forest Play sessions this year has been impressive. Everyday, the children affirm to us why giving them this opportunity is so important and totally worth every effort that we put into providing opportunities for genuine play-based learning. We started the year being so encouraged by the Education Review Office's (ERO) outstanding review of the educational practice that was happening in the Te Kākano. This was a huge honour, being told that our space was one of the most purposeful and pedagogically sound play-based education spaces they had reviewed.

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ABOUT AS IF WERE
A RELIEF FROM
SERIOUS LEARNING.
BUT FOR CHILDREN
PLAY IS SERIOUS LEARNING.
PLAY IS REALLY
THE WORK OF CHILDHOOD.**

- Fred Rogers

This is something we will continue to strive to uphold as a team in 2021. Miss Emily Langridge has spent this year, continuing on next year too, deep in learning about the pedagogy and implementation of Nature Play. We are looking to see how her work impacts our forest play programme. We hope you have enjoyed reading about some of the pedagogy that underpins why we do what we do in our newsletters. We believe that implementing the two curriculums, Te Whāriki and the New Zealand Curriculum is an effective way to meet the needs of our students that begin their primary schooling with us in Te Kākano.

We hope you find lots of opportunities to play over the break. Feel free to collect any natural materials (shells, rocks etc) from your travels and bring them to school for children to explore.

Good-to-Know

- All library books must be returned by the end of Week 9 at the latest. No more books will be issued out for the rest of 2020.
- We will not be sending reading books home with children from Week 9. Please return all reading books to school as soon as possible.
- All unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be donated to goodwill or disposed of when Term 4 ends. Please be vigilant about making sure your child has all of their belongings.
- Children's learning books will be coming home by the end of Week 9. If your child is continuing in TK, feel free to keep the books for next year if they have space left in them.

Week 8, 9 & 10 Events - It's getting busy!

Week 8	Tue 1 Dec	RCS Run, Jump, Throw day - TK is from 9:40-10:50am	
	Wed 2 Dec	2021 New Entrant Visits with Miss Liggett TK Assembly from 2:15pm: Everyone is welcome to attend..	
	Fri 4 Dec	Yr 0-2 Forest Play 9:15-9:55am, dress appropriately	
Week 9	Mon 7 Dec	Whole school transition morning Children will go to their new Kōhanga teachers. Mrs Nuthall CRT Day: Mr Marshall in Rarahu. All reading books due back to school.	
	Tues 8 Dec	Whole school transition morning Children will go to their new Kōhanga teachers. Last TK assembly for 2020 from 2:15pm - all welcome	
	Wed 11 Nov	TK Hub Hui Day/TK Kelly Sports Day: Dress in PE gear. TK Teachers will be offsite.	
	Thur 12 Nov	School Books Coming Home: Feel free to enclose a reusable bag in your child's school bag that they can put all of these books into. <i>Book Bags/Reading Folders do not need to return to school for the rest of the year.</i>	
	Fri 13 Nov	Yr 0-2 Forest Play 9:15-9:55am, dress appropriately All library books due back to school.	
Week 10	Mon 14 Dec	9:30am-12:30pm ~ Whole School Dress Rehearsal at Rolleston College : TK will need some help with this. Please see Miss Liggett if you can help us. 2:00pm ~ OAC Christmas Program with Marty Scheib. A wonderful puppet show about the true reason for the season. Unfortunately, we don't have space for parents. 5.00pm ~ RCS 2020 Prize giving Pizza Dinner at Rolleston College (gluten-free catered for) 5:30pm ~ Children to go into the auditorium to prepare for the Prize Giving 5:55pm ~ Parents/Whānau invited into Auditorium space 6:00pm ~ RCS 2020 Prize Giving in the Rolleston College Auditorium	
	Tue 15 Dec	Service Day - Serving our school. Children are welcome to wear their PE gear. Miss Liggett's Last Day wedding preparation for the 27th December	
	Wed 16 Dec	RCS Fun Day More details to come in next week's newsletter	
	Thu 17 Dec	Lego day Children will have the opportunity to engage in lego activities at school	
	Fri 18 Dec	Final day of Term 4 ~2:00pm finish	



Blessings,

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