

Te Kākano Hub Newsletter #15

Term 4 ~ Week 5 & 6 ~ 2019

Agricultural Show

THIS Thursday 14th November, RCS is going to the NZ Agricultural Show. Please start to prepare your children now. They will most likely be walking around with a TK parent/teacher and there are about 4-5 children in a group (4 for Mikimiki). Please read through the notice that came home in the school newsletter. **The children must be at school by 8:45am on that day.**



Assessment Week

On Monday-Wednesday (11th-13th November) TK teachers will not be teaching reading and maths groups as we will be spending that time doing our end of year assessments on the children. Children will still be bringing home browsing box books to read for the week.

Learning Through Play

Princesses, pirates, cats, dogs, super heroes, mums, dads, babies - so many roles that we have seen our children transform into over the past couple of weeks. If you have been around the Early Childhood scene before, you will know what a central role dress ups play in dramatic play. We love seeing our children engaged in this play, especially when they play together. Below are some of the benefits of dramatic play:



Dramatic Play Allows Children To:

- see the world from a different perspective
- expand imaginations
- increase vocabulary
- develop confidence
- build problem-solving skills.

And it's FUN!

Examples:

Early examples include pretending to be a train/airplane. Older kids may play house, super hero vs villain, or set up a restaurant with roles (customer, cook, waitress, etc).



How to Encourage:

Adults can insert themselves into the child's play by being a similar character, talk about what they are doing, and model new examples for play themes.

>>> Dramatic Play <<<

Dramatic play occurs when children pretend they are a character, animal, or item. This type of play will increase in complexity and duration as children get older. It begins to develop as early as 12 months, and children should create multiple play scenarios by 3 years of age.

Why is it Important?

Dramatic play has tremendous benefits. It can increase imagination, promote vocabulary knowledge and language development, provide practice for executive functioning skills, as well as encourage and refine social skills, empathy, and understanding of point of view.

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LIGHTS Through Play

The children have loved planting the trees with Mrs Steven over the last couple of weeks. They are doing a great job of watering them and making sure their play doesn't hurt them. Thanks Amy for helping us out!

Living Christianly

This term we are looking at our value of hope and peace, and in particular the Fruits of the Spirit. Each week we will focus on a Fruit of the Spirit, starting with Peace this week and Patience next week.

Curriculum Area Focus - Singing and Dancing

Every Friday the children have been engaged with Miss Liggett in learning our dance for the end of year 'show' during Prize-giving. As usual, there is a nativity element to our song which the Mikimiki children will be doing this year. The Mikimiki costumes will be provided by the school thanks to the generosity of previous classes. Kōwhai and Mānuka will be a chorus of angels. Costumes must be named and handed in a bag to Miss Liggett by the end of week 7.

Kōwhai & Mānuka Girls: White fairy/angel wings, white/silver halo & a glittery fairy-like skirt (any colour) that can be worn over their skirt.

Kōwhai & Mānuka Boys: White fairy/angel wings, white/silver halo & a piece of tinsel (any colour) that can hang down like in the picture (see right).



2020 TK Classes

The new classes will be released in Week 8 as these have not been finalised. Year Twos that are continuing in Te Kākano will either be with Mr Mark Smith or Mrs Gabby Nuthall. The Year 0s and Year 1s will either be with Mr Mark Smith or Miss Emily Langridge. If you are a Year 2 Kōwhai parent and want a meeting to discuss our 2020 decision, please email Kendra.

Reminders

- Name all clothes and please provide spare clothes for accidents in a waterproof bag.
- All children **MUST** have a named **RCS hat** for Term 4.
- Please have a named water bottle for school.
- Please insist on the correct uniform being worn to school. This includes black shoes, black socks, black tights, long hair tied back, and black base wear for under the shirt.
- Please check the Lost Property basket inside the main TK door.

Up-and-Coming Events

Week 5	Monday 11 Nov	Miss Langridge report writing, Mrs G relieving
	Tuesday 12 Nov	Mrs Siave Assessment Day, Mrs G in Manūka
	Thursday 14 Nov	NZ Agricultural show: Be at school by 8:45am.
	Friday 15 Nov	School closed: Canterbury Anniversary day
Week 6	Monday 18 Nov	Teacher only day
	Tues 19 Nov	Mrs Siave Report writing, reliever TBC
	Thursday 21 Nov	No TK assembly
	Friday 22 Nov	Full school assembly: 9am, Mrs Siave released, Mr Smith in for Manūka
Weekly	Monday/Tuesday	Meetings: Please be aware TK teachers have meetings on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these.
Weeks 6,10	Friday	Whole School Assembly: at 9.05 am in the Te Pihinga building. There is no Te Kakano assembly on those weeks.
All Other Weeks	Thursday	Te Kākano Assembly at 2:30pm in Te Kākano. We invite you to join us! There is no Whole School assembly on those weeks.

Blessings, Mrs Lynda Siave (Mānuka), Miss Kendra Liggett (Kōwhai) & Miss Emily Langridge (Mikimiki)