Te Kākano Hub Newsletter #5

Term 2 ~ Week 5 & 6 ~ 2019

We pray healing over the children who have been sick over the past couple of weeks.

We are now well underway into Term 2. We had a very successful lockdown practise last week and were happy with how all of the children followed the procedure. A reminder to bring in a named can of food. Watching the bark being blown onto the new junior playground was very exciting and it has made the new outdoor space look quite inviting. The new playground space is almost ready for some awesome children to play on it!

Learning Through Play

With the weather turning cooler, we need some more things to do inside. We would love any donations of boxes (eg empty cereal boxes), felts/pens/coloured pencils, stickers, cards, craft supplies, toy cars and blocks. Please give these to your kōhanga teacher or the office. Thanks in advance! We are noticing that the children are really enjoying making their own spinning tops out of the Morefun and Klikko. We have been posting these on Seesaw for the interested children.



Guided Learning: Mathematics

You can visit https://nzmaths.co.nz/maths-our-house to get ideas about how to promote maths at home in an authentic way. If you can practice different types of counting eg counting forwards and backwards firstly to 10, then 20, then 100 etc. Also, learn the number that comes before, after and between these numbers. I your child can count to 20 and back fluently then try skip counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, firstly forwards and then backwards. Start counting at different numbers eg from 32, 16 or 6 and then counting on or back from these numbers.

Living Christianly



This Term our focus is Excellence and Hope: As we grow in excellent character, we grow in hope. Over the next two weeks we are learning that "It takes courage to do the right thing, but when we do we grow in hope" and "We can choose to turn to God. God brings us Hope." We are looking at the stories of the fiery furnace and Nebuchadnezzar. These are our memory verses for Weeks 5 & 6. We are learning the song Ask, Seek, Knock by Hillsong https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3vXskhl1ig



New Building

The building was missing some minor plumbing things and did not pass it's first inspection, therefore we are now anticipating a **Week 8 (Monday 17th June)** opening. We would appreciate help on for the next three Fridays (31st May, 7th June, 14th June). Please see Kendra Liggett if you have time to help. Dads, keep an eye out for a working bee coming up to help build a mud kitchen and playhouse.

Growing in Character

One of the things that is really important for us is that children take responsibility for their belongings. It is important *they* carry *their* bags into school and take responsibility for putting books bag away, getting their lunchboxes out, taking their shoes off, etc.

Reminders

Kai Time

It is important that your child brings a drink bottle to school every day this term. This prevents them asking to go out in the rain to get a drink from the fountain. Teachers are able to fill drink bottles up in the day as required. Also, a reminder that we are a Bronze enviro-school so we encourage rubbish-free lunchboxes. Please use reusable alternatives (ensure these are named).

We really encourage the children to choose foods that are fresh and natural (e.g. fruit, veges, cheeses, meats, sandwiches, yoghurt) for their snack time. Please could you provide a selection of these things in your child's lunchbox and a reminder *no* confectionery of any kind.

Clothing

The PE top may be worn with black leggings or shorts on **Friday only** for PE/whānau groups. Polar fleeces are recommended each day this term - ensure these are named. Please consider velcro shoes if your child cannot yet tie laces. Te Kākano has slippers for children to borrow to keep their toes warm over winter.

Toys

A reminder that NO toys are to come to school, including key chain toys.

Library Bus

Unfortunately we have been informed that the Library Bus has been retired. You are able to return books to the Rolleston Community Centre library.

Up-and-Coming Events

Week 5	Mon 27 May Wed 29 May Fri 1st June	Lap-a-Thon: PCG's Lap-a-thon forms go out! Look for these in book bags. STRIKE DAY: The teachers will be out on the corner of Matipo Street and Blenheim Road in the morning then walking from Victoria Square to the Education Building. You are more than welcome to join us or canvas your MP in support of your teachers by emailing them. TK Sort Out: 8:30am-10:00am see Kendra if you can help.
Week 6	Mon 3 June Tues 4 June Wed 5 June Thurs 6 June Fri 7 June	Queen's Birthday: Holiday from school. Report Writing: Miss Liggett away, Mrs Cunningham in for Kōwhai Report Writing: Miss Liggett away, Mrs Cunningham in for Kōwhai Report Writing: Mrs A away, Mrs Cunningham in for Mānuka Report Writing: Miss Langridge away, Mrs Cunningham in for Mikimiki Lap-a-thon: Forms due in today! TK Sort Out: 8:30am-10:00am see Kendra if you can help.
Weekly	Monday/Tuesday Thursday	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. Te Kākano Assembly at 2:30pm in Mānuka. We invite you to join us!



Blessings,

Mrs Lynda Siave, Mrs Lynn Alcock, Miss Kendra Liggett & Miss Emily Langridge.