

Te Kākano Hub Newsletter #6

Term 2 ~ Week 7 & 8 ~ 2019

*We would like to welcome Zaniel Villarosa (Zoie's little brother)
and Maine Du Plessis to Mikimiki.*

New Building - MOVING DAYS ARE THIS WEEK

The CST (Christian Schools Trust) has given us the go ahead to move into the Te Kākano Block from Thursday. This means we need as many hands as possible to move the entire Hub in 2 days. By Friday afternoon, our old classrooms should be empty. There is still a lot of sorting to do, so if you can come in during the week (any time), we would so appreciate it. We are still hoping for a **Week 8 (Monday 17th June)** for the children. If you can help, see Kendra or just come down on Thursday 13th June/Friday 14th June from 8:30am onwards.

Learning Through Play

Have you noticed repetitive behaviour in children's play? Things like climbing, throwing things or hiding in small places over and over again. This kind of repetitive behaviour is an act of learning through play that is called a schema or 'urge'. These repetitive actions of children allow them to explore and engage with their environment. You will see the child in intense concentration, complete absorption, deep enjoyment and persistence during the activity. Urges show us that this kind of repetitive play is meaningful. It also provides us with a framework for engaging with children to help them maximize their learning. Here are some examples of urges in play:

- Transporting - urge to carry things
- Enclosure - urge to put things into containers, hiding in boxes
- Enveloping - urge to wrap themselves or things in fabric, paper, sticky tape
- Rotational - urge to spin or go in a circular motion
- Orientation - urge to hang upside down, get on top or under things
- Positioning - urge to put things in alignment, tidying up
- Connection - urge to connect, join (includes disconnecting too!)
- Trajectory - urge to climb up and jump off, throw and drop things
- Transformation - urge to mix water with sand, juice with food
- Construction and deconstruction - urge to put things together and pull them apart



UC College of Education Student Teacher

We warmly welcome Mr Strathern Harrison to Kōhanga Kōwhai and Te Kākano. Mr Harrison will spend the next 2 weeks observing and interacting with our children. He will return later in the year for his 4 week placement. Feel free to say hi when you see him around.

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 **“we can choose to turn to God and God brings us hope”** and **“we can pray no matter what is going on”**. We are looking at the stories of the two Kings, Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar. These are our memory verses for Weeks 7 & 8. We are learning the song Ask, Seek, Knock by Hillsong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3vXskh1ig>

Humility is
the fear of the Lord;
its wages are riches
and honor and life.
Proverbs 22:4



but God
HAS SURELY LISTENED
And HAS HEARD MY PRAYER.
Psalm 66:19

Reminders

Matariki - 25th June

Matariki is a celebration for all New Zealanders. In Waitaha, Te Waipounamu the Māori New Year begins when Puaka (Rigel) appears as the brightest star over Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū (Banks Peninsula). Matariki/Puaka is traditionally a time to celebrate whānau and all the precious moments. A time to huddle together and stay warm. We share kai, we share stories, we remember our loved ones that have gone before us and give thanks for the prosperous year ahead. Over the next couple of weeks we will be exploring different activities to do with Matariki, particularly in our Learning Through Play, LIGHTS and Art times.

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. Thank you for those who are working with their children in this area, it is noticed.

Up-and-Coming Events

<p>Week 7</p> <p>At some point across the week</p> <p>Tues 11 June Wed 12 June</p> <p>Thurs 13 June</p> <p>Friday 14 June</p>		<p>PCG Lap-a-Thon: Teachers to run the lap-a-thon for each class</p> <p>Report Writing: Miss Langridge away, Mrs Cunningham in for Mikimiki</p> <p>Report Writing: Mrs Siave away today. Miss Liggett is away today too.</p> <p>Report Writing: Mrs A away, Mrs Cunningham in for Mānuka</p> <p>TK Move: Come down and help us out from 8:30am.</p> <p>TK Move: Come down and help us out from 8:30am.</p> <p>PALS Day for TK: The TK children will be involved in a sports day run by the PALS. Feel free to wear RCS sports uniform and appropriate sports shoes.</p> <p>Life Education Bus: Kōwhai & Mikimiki will be going on the Life Education bus today. We will be learning about food.</p>
<p>Week 8</p> <p>Mon 17 June</p> <p>Tues 18 June</p> <p>Fri 21 June</p>		<p>TK Starts in the Te Kākano block! Don't forget to remind your children on Sunday night that their building has changed. This may alleviate anxiety.</p> <p>Report Writing: Mrs Siave away today</p> <p>Life Education Bus: Kōwhai & Mānuka will be going on the Life Education bus today.</p> <p>Life Education Bus: Mikimiki & Mānuka will be going on the Life Education bus today..</p> <p>School Cross Country: Come along to support your children as they race for the finish line. 12:00-3:05pm</p> <p>Lap-a-thon: Money due in today!</p>
<p>Weekly</p> <p>Monday/Tuesday</p> <p>Thursday</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>Te Kākano Assembly at 2:30pm in Mānuka. We invite you to join us!</p>



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