

# Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 1 ~ Week 1 & 2 ~ 2021

## Welcome to 2021 in Te Kākano

Haere mai to Alannah, Franco, Olly, Evelyn, Abby, Alayna, Christian & Joshua who have joined us this year!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with our new kōhanga.  
There are a few changes in teacher classes/details:

**Koru - Miss Emily Langridge**

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## Important Information for Te Kākano - Please Read!

### Home Learning

**Reading:** We are having a big emphasis on reinforcing learning at home this year. In your child's book bag this week, you will find their **Kluwell notebook** and a reading book. Please read this book with them at home and **sign/comment** in the book. We will be checking these books and sending reminders if we see that a child has missed their home reading for two days. We have found there is a direct correlation between children who read at home and the success in class.

**Sunshine Classics:** By the end of week 2, Sunshine Classics books will be set up for everybody. These are books that can be read online and have follow up activities to work through - great for weekend reading. Look out for a Seesaw message about this.

**Poetry:** Your child will bring home their poetry book on a Friday to share. Please read it with them and return it in their book bag on a Monday. We do poetry everyday.

**Spelling:** Children will be given spelling words on a Friday which will be tested the following Friday. Please teach these to your children at home both verbally and written. The more words children know how to write, generally the better quality writing is produced.

### Te Kākano's Read-Ometer

A fun incentive for home reading, TK's Read-Ometer is up on the wall, ready for names to be added. Each time a teacher stamps the Kluwell book, they will mark a number in the 'nights of reading' box in the book. When your child has reached a 'milestone' they will receive acknowledgement at a TK assembly and be moved up the Read-ometer on the wall! We are looking forward to everybody having success in reading at home - so have a think how you can make it a priority in your home routine.

**'Milestone' levels** Pearl: 25 Nights, Opal: 50 Nights, Topaz: 75 Nights, Sapphire: 100 Nights, Aquamarine: 125 Nights, Ruby: 150 Nights, Jasper: 175 Nights, Amethyst: 200 Nights, Diamond: 250 Nights.

**Name Everything:** Shoes, hats, books, bags, uniform - anything that your child brings to school has their name on.

## Important Information for Te Kākano Continued - Please Read!

### Timeliness

**Mornings:** Our programme begins at 8:55am. We urge you to be on time to school to give your child time to settle and get organised. School opens at 8:30am. Even being 5 minutes late means your child misses the roll and important information like the timetable & calendar.

**Afternoons:** School finishes at **3:00pm**. Please collect your child at this time from the door closest to their kōhanga space, expect Koru & Kōwhai who get collected from the main door. We will call parents if children are not collected by **3:10pm**. If this is tricky for your schedule, we recommend you utilise the services of Papa Jacks (after school care programme).

**TK Assembly:** Te Kākano assemblies have been moved to Fridays and begin at 9am. They run for 30 minutes. We will continue to message you via Seesaw or Emails if your child is receiving a certificate.

**Stationery:** Don't stress if what you have ordered hasn't arrived yet. Just bring it in when you can.

**Shoes:** We don't wear shoes inside. If your child has laced shoes, please ensure they know how to do them independently. We highly recommend velcroed or easy-lace shoes. If your child struggles to do their shoes independently, please practice this over the next couple of weeks.

**Hats/Sunscreen:** Please put sunscreen on your child daily this term. Hats are **compulsory** this term and must be worn at every break.

**Seesaw:** Seesaw is our online learning journal which allows us to share the learning your children are doing at school against our RCS Values Competency rubrics (displayed on the main wall in TK). We also use Seesaw to message you about things. Please download the Seesaw for Parents app. We are in the process of swapping the kids to their new kōhanga, which should be completed by Week 2.

**Teacher Communication:** Teachers are free for quick 'check in' chats in the morning (i.e. to let us know something that might directly impact your child's school day) and are around for conversation at the end of the day on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If a conversation is of a more serious nature, please send an email/message and book in a time. Teachers have meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Fridays:** On Friday we run a different programme to Monday-Thursday (which is mainly Literacy/Numeracy based). We begin with assembly, spelling and nature play. We then do arts, dance/kapahaka and PE, followed by Whānau group time. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather as we spend time outside. PE gear & sneakers are expected to be worn. Note: Mrs Nuthall works part time and only teaches Reading Recovery on a Friday.



### *Blessings,*

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