

Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 1 ~ Week 5 & 6 ~ 2020

Nau Mai Haere Mai - Welcome

It has been a busy start to the term. The children are now well settled into routines and are making progress in their academic learning. They will be bringing home a reading book each day and some sight words (if needed). Please write in their Kluwell book how they are going with their reading book at home - it is really helpful for us. We have parent info evenings in Week 5. The TK teachers will be available afterwards for a chat if you need us.

Learning Through Play - Benefits of Forest Play

As you are aware, Te Kākano has implemented Forest-based free play on a Friday morning. As educators, we like to be aware of the researched movements that can bring the best benefits for our children and we carefully consider how these can be implemented in our hub. This term we are trialling Forest Learning Through Play every Friday morning.

Currently Forest Schools are being established across the country and have a solid presence in Finland which has one of the best education systems in the world. Although, we aren't looking to become a forest school, our environment has been set up so our children can experience nature and enjoy some of the benefits of this type of play. We have a stunning Native Forest and Food Forest for our children to explore. This term our focus is the Native Forest and we are relating this to our overall LIGHTS topic for 2020 which is Native Nature!

Some of the researched benefits that we would love for our children to experience are:

1. Building confidence and independence
2. Feeling empathy for others and nature
3. Physical fitness
4. Physical health benefits
5. Improved mental health
6. Learning by experience
7. Exposure to risk management
8. Better Sleep & Mood
9. Learning about God's creation

**For more Information,
check out:**

<https://home.bt.com/lifestyle/health/wellness/forest-school-9-ways-children-benefit-from-learning-and-playing-outside-11364276783242>



Willowbank

We are very excited to be having some learning experiences with Willowbank Wildlife Park. The Years 2&3 children from Kōwhai and Rarahu will be travelling to Willowbank to experience the Ko Tāne interactive lesson as well as having a good look at our native birds. The Year 1 students from Kōwhai and Mānuka will have a visit at school from the travelling Tuatara as part of their LIGHTS learning. Both these events will happen on **Wednesday 11th March** (week 6).

Please fill in this form by this Wednesday 6th March:

<https://forms.gle/jN21KRfQsrP5jCTNA>



A Lens on Learning: What's in this Book Bag?

Everyday your child needs to bring their book bag to school and take it home. It will have the yellow or green Kluwell Notebook in it and any reading books that have been sent home. It may have sight words or paper notices in it. Please ensure your child has their book bag daily.

To support your child's literacy learning, your child will bring home one of two different types of books - browsing box books or home reading books. Your child's **browsing box book** is two or three levels below the level of the book that they are using in the classroom. The **classroom book** is used by the teacher to give explicit instruction in reading during Guided reading groups. It is expected that children will read their story more than once. More information can be found in the parent handbook

Good To Know!

We have selected some children to get extra support through our Early Words programme. The Early Words programme teaches children at their level, one to one, in a short daily fun lesson where not only a basic sight vocabulary is learnt, but children learn how to learn. Each child has lessons with a Community Volunteer. The programme has two different sheets of home learning, a reading sheet and a writing sheet. A pink book should come home with these in. Please review this home learning daily.

Reminders

- Hats must be worn everyday. Please name this clearly or ask your child's Kōhanga teacher to use their silver pen to name it.
- This is the best time of year to make sure EVERYTHING that your child brings to school has their NAME on it.
- Children need sunscreen on daily please.
- Correct uniform must be worn every day.
- Toys are not be brought to school.

Up-and-Coming Events

Week 5 <i>Every Week 5 & Week 7 of the Term, TK teachers will be taking their Classroom Release Time (CRT)</i>	Tues 3 Mar	Mrs Nuthall's CRT: Mrs Rowena G will be taking Rarahu
	Wed 4 Mar	Miss Langridge's CRT: Mrs Madeleine Cunningham will be in Mānuka
	Thur 5 Mar	Mr Smith's CRT: Mrs Rowena G will be in Kōwhai TK Assembly: Check to see if your child is receiving a certificate.
	Fri 6 Mar	Forest LTP & Friday Rotations: Be prepared for outdoor fun in school PE gear Play-based Professional Development for Mr Smith: Mrs Gaye Woodlock will be in Kōwhai
Week 6	Wed 11 Mar	Year 2/3 Willowbank Trip: Make sure your children are ready for their native nature experience with full school uniform, packed lunch, hat, sweatshirt, drink bottle and sunscreen. Year 1 Tuatara Visit & Pyjama Party: We've had a Year 1 request that we have a Pyjama Day, however we have decided that a Pyjama party after lunch would be more appropriate Please pack your child's pyjamas in their bag and bring a shared plate to Miss Langridge on that day.
Weekly	Monday & Tuesday	Meetings: Please be aware TK teachers have meetings after school on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these.

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THIS IS THE DAY THE
LORD HAS MADE; LET
US REJOICE AND BE
GLAD IN IT.
Psalm 118:24

Blessings,

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