



# Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

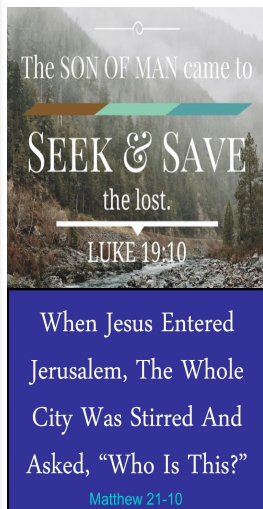
Term 4 ~ Week 7 & 8 ~ 2020



## Malo e Lelei - Greetings in Tongan!

We have had a busy two weeks in Te Kākano. We are really impressed with how our children are taking up the challenge of home reading. There are several children who have reached their 25 night mile'stone' over the past fortnight (see below). We appreciate your support as it makes a big difference with children's confidence in group lessons. Tino Pai everybody!

*This fortnight, we welcome Miané, Micah A & Olly to Te Kākano!*



## Living Christianly

This term, we will be focussing on **Christ-Like**.

### **Wk 7 Concept: The Restorative Process (Perspective)**

Restoration: We need to do what is needed to make things right in a relationship (Zaccheus gave back what he had stolen from others)

**Memory Verse:** Jesus said, "Salvation has come to this house today.... The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them." **Luke 19: 9-10**

**Wk 8 Concept: The Easter Story (Jesus's death and resurrection is the ultimate restorative act)** Jesus presses on towards Jerusalem (even though He knew He was going to His death)

**Memory Verse:** *Then Jesus went into Jerusalem. The city was filled with excitement. The people asked, "Who is this man?"* **Matthew 21:10 (ICB)**

## Better Basics - Spelling

This year, Te Kākano is putting an emphasis on ensuring that our children find success in literacy and numeracy. As part of this we have initiated a spelling programme. Children will bring home the same spelling words for two weeks. We will test these twice, to ensure that they are secure. Please teach these to your children at home both verbally and in writing. The more words children know how to write, generally the better quality writing is produced.

Ways to teach spelling at home:

### **1. Teach your child spelling words with 'Lily Pad Letters'**

Take a large sheet of construction paper and write each of the letters of the alphabet. Cut the area around each letter into the shape of a lily pad and lay them out on the floor. You can even ask your child to help you decorate the lily pads and colour them green.

Have two of your children pair up to play this game, or team up with your child yourself. To play, the first person must think of a word and read it aloud. The second must then step on the letters to spell the word.

### **2. Use 'Stair Steps' to memorise certain words**

This is an easy game to help your child memorise the way certain words are spelled. Have your child write each word as if they are stairs, adding one letter at a time. For example:

S/Sp/Spe/Spel/Spell

### **3. Toss around the 'Spelling Ball'**

Here's a fun game that the whole family can enjoy. Stand together in a circle with a ball. Call out a word, toss the ball to another person, and have that person spell out the word, and so on. If the word isn't spelled correctly, then whoever has the ball tosses it to another person who will try to spell it.

### **4. Use magazine clippings to familiarise with letters**

Have your child cut out the letters from a newspaper or magazine to spell words. This will encourage them to consider each letter carefully and individually, while creating visual representations of the words as a helpful memory aid.

### **5. Play 'Scrambled Spelling' using alphabet blocks or fridge magnets**

Give your child a number of scrambled words. You can use alphabet blocks or fridge magnets, or even make your own by writing letters on pieces of paper. Then have them unscramble the words within a time limit. This game makes a great competition for multiple children.

### **6. Create a 'Spelling Train' to have fun while spelling words**

Read a word aloud and have your child write it down. Using the last letter in that word, ask them to write another word beginning with that last letter. They can continue the 'spelling train' using the last letter of the word. For example:

Toe, Eat, Tea, Ant, Tin

### **7. Play online spelling games for kids**

Online spelling games designed for kids is a great way to teach your child spelling words and skills in a fun, low-pressure, and highly effective way.



## Reading at Home

We are really proud of some of the children who are reading everyday. Teachers are keeping record of how many nights our reading children are reading at home and some children are fast approaching our first mile'stone' of 25 nights. Please keep signing in the Kluwell books when you are reading with your children at home.

**Congratulations to our 25 Nights Pearl Gem Readers this fortnight!**

**Abby, Christian, Jimmy, Joshua, Ming Hao, Franco, Luke, Clarise, Hope, Elsa, Hannah, Isla, Abigail, Pascaline, Alayna, Jacob, Roy, Evelyn, Oliver, Luka, Ava**

## Reminders

- Our lost property box is overflowing - please check daily to ensure your child has all their stuff.
- Children **MUST** wear correct uniform everyday. Reminder notes will now be sent home unless the child brings a note to their Kōhanga teacher explaining their incorrect uniform.

## Sunhats

We are noticing that a number of children do not have a named sunhat at school. Can you please check that your child's sunhat is in their kōhanga hat box and is clearly named. If they do not have one, please purchase another one from the office.

## Healthy Lunches

We are still noticing that some lunches aren't giving children the best fuel for learning. A reminder to keep lunches full of protein, healthy carbohydrates and healthy fats. Keep 'treat foods' to a minimum where possible. We strongly discourage single use plastic wrappings.



## Week 7 & 8 Events

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| <b>Week 7</b> | Thurs 18 Mar | <b>Miss Langridge at Kahui Ako Course:</b> Reliever coming in  |
|               | Fri 19 Mar   | <b>TK visits the RCS Library:</b> Please ensure your children bring their library books back   |
| <b>Week 8</b> | Wed 24 Mar   | <b>Mrs Nuthall at Reading Recovery Training in the Afternoon:</b> Miss Horn covering.  |
| <b>Weekly</b> | Mon & Tues   | <b>Meetings:</b> 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. |
|               | Fridays      | <b>TK Assembly from 9:05am:</b> Everyone is welcome to attend while at Level 1 - not at Level 2.   |
|               |              | <b>TK visits RCS Library:</b> Please bring back library books each week so your child can get new books for their Saturday/Sunday reading.                     |
|               |              | <b>Spelling:</b> Please ensure your child brings their spelling notebook to school every Friday  |



## Blessings from

**Miss Emily Langridge (Koru)**  
**Mrs Kendra Ficks (Mānuka)**  
**Mrs Gabby Nuthall (Kōwhai)**  
**Mr Mark Smith (Rarahu)**

Only in God there  
is fullness of joy.