

Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 3 ~ Week 6 & 7 ~ 2020



Ellōrukkum Vanakkam!

Swimming has been going very well and we are seeing the children grow in confidence.

There has been a lot of collaborative outdoor play happening in Te Kākano over the past couple of weeks. The children have taken full advantage of the returning sun and we are seeing some excellent creations with the outdoor loose parts and in the sandpits. The children have also been busy learning some new literacy and numeracy games.



Play-based Learning

Over the next few newsletters we are going to be looking at schemas and the role they play in your child's play. Schemas are the avenues children explore to make sense of the world. Schemas in children's play are such an important concept when it comes to the development of children, that it's worth taking the time to understand them so you can facilitate them when you see them at home and we can support them at school.

This week's schema is: Connection

Do you like completing puzzles, doing adult dot-to-dots, or making crafts like crochet and knitting? Do you do find satisfaction in stapling or clipping things together, using pegs to hang up your washing or tying up plants to their stake? These are all examples of the **connection** schema.

Joining train tracks, clicking together pieces of lego, running a string from one thing to another... this is the urge of **connection**. This can mean connecting *and* disconnecting too, building followed by destruction, and that can mean other people's buildings and sandcastles get destructed when the urge gets hold.

At home, to support this schema play, offer construction toys, trains and track pieces and any other toy that connects with magnets or Velcro. Your child will cherish string, ribbon, chains, tape or any materials that can bind things together. Containers with lids will be a huge hit as will elastics stretched across nails pounded into pieces of wood.



Living Christianly

This term, we will be focussing on Hope - Citizenship. At the moment we are focussing on **Genuine interest in human and environmental sustainability.**

Week 4 Theme: God made us all the same on the inside. We are all part of humankind.

Week 4 Story: Genesis 2:21-25

Week 5 Theme: We connect with others by loving them, no matter what they look like.

Week 5 Story: The Good Samaritan

Selwyn Aquatic Swimming Lessons

Te Kakano swimming is well underway and really is a highlight of the term. The children are certainly getting plenty of exercise by the time they walk to and from the aquatic centre as well as having their 25-minute lesson. It's great to watch the progress being made and the enjoyment being had! Thanks to all the parents who have given up their time to help walking with our kōhanga and dressing our kiddies (not to mention keeping track of goggles, towels, tops and togs! And socks!!!)

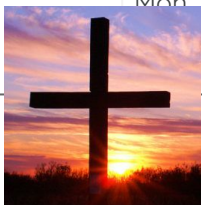


Reminders

- Children can bring their RCS sun hats on sunny days. They are not compulsory until Term 4, but feel free to bring them during Term 3.
- Children are only to wear black shoes to school except Fridays where gumboots or sneakers are great.
- Thank you to those parents who are supporting us with swimming. Please keep an eye on the weather each day so you know if your child may need a hat/jacket. Even on warm days, a beanie to wear after swimming is a good idea.
- We are noticing some toys are being brought to school. Please check your child's school bag for toys before dropping them off.

Week 6 & 7 Events

Week 6	Daily	Swimming 2:45pm School Pick Ups: Thanks for being prompt!
	Mon 24 Aug	Lockdown Drill: We will practice what to do if the school goes into lockdown.
	Wed 26 Aug	7:30pm Parent Community Group Parent Evening with Sarah Keenan: Meeting in the library. Great way to get connected with the school and other parents, while learning some excellent information on keeping your child safe in a digital world.
Week 7	Mon 31 Aug	Leadership Day: Miss Liggett & Mr Marshall are meeting with the other leaders. Reliever in.
	Tues 1 Sept	Mrs Nuthall's Office Day: Mrs G in Rarahu 1.15pm Staff Vs Students Netball Match 7 - 9:00pm PCG Monthly Working Bee
	Wed 2 Sept	Miss Langridge's Office Day: Mrs Cunningham in Mānuka 3:30pm NE Parent meeting
	Thurs 3 Sept	Mr Smith's Office Day: Mrs G in Kōwhai
	Fri 4 Sept	Miss Liggett's Office Day: Mr Deadmarsh with Kekewai (mixture of Rarahu & Kōwhai on Fridays) 2-3:00pm Selwyn Hawks Miniball afternoon
Weekly	Mon & Tues	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. Miss Liggett Leadership release (weekly): Mr Marshall will be taking Koru. Assembly: In Level 2, we are having assembly, however we are not inviting parents at this time. We will take a photo of the children getting certificates.



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