



Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 3 ~ Week 9 & 10 ~ 2021



What a term it has been. Thanks for the effort you invested into your children over lockdown. The children have come back and quickly settled into Alert Level 2 life. It has been such a joy to see them playing outside with their friends and enjoying their school life again. It has been wonderful and we are enjoying being back at school and teaching your children.

Living Christianly – This term, we will be focussing on Love (Collaboration).

Weeks 9-10: Understanding my team and solving problems (Managing team dynamics and challenges)

Christians are taught in the Bible to handle disputes in a loving manner, with a goal of restoration. Robust discussion around a difference of opinion is a life skill, building both courage and clarity. We should be able to express our own points of view, explore and discuss different opinions and come to agreement, or agree to differ in peace.

2 Timothy 2:23 NIV Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

Proverbs 27:17 NIV As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another

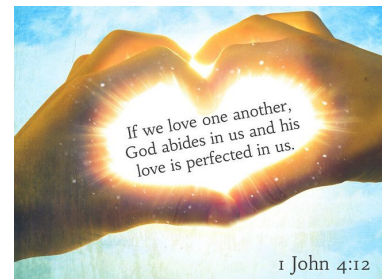


Week 9 - Topic: Fruit of the Spirit - Peace

Memory Verse: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. **Psalm 23:4a**

Week 10 - Topic: Fruit of the Spirit - Summary

Memory Verse: If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. **1 John 4:12**



RCS Swimming in Weeks 5-6: Cancelled

Swimming has been cancelled. We inquired about a variety of options, however due to the renovations and staffing, they can't get us in any other time. Therefore, we will be going swimming next year.

'TK at the Show'

Te Kākano will be attending the Canterbury Agricultural Show on Thursday 11th November 2021 (Week 4 of Term 4). Obviously, this is subject to being in Covid-19 Alert Level 1 and the Show being able to go ahead. We will be following all of the Health and Safety guidelines provided to us. We will keep you updated on these as we become more informed.

Travel: We will be travelling by bus to and from the Canterbury Agricultural Park. The bus will be leaving school at 9:10am (please don't be late as we will not be waiting), with the hope to be at the Show around 9:45am. The bus will be leaving the Show at 2:15pm, the expected arrival back at school is 3:00pm.

Ratios/Helper Safety: Helpers attend a Health and Safety briefing and are expected to follow the guidelines. They will have been police vetted. Each child will be in a group of 4 kids, with 1 adult who is responsible for them. For added safety, we buddy the adults up, so that there are 2 pairs together with their 8 children in total. Most will be buddied with a teacher/teacher aide where possible. This is the lowest adult:child ratio we have taken to the Show (1:4).

Money at the Show: With regards to children being given money by their parents to spend at the Show, because of equity (i.e. some children get given money and some don't), it's tricky. Then again we need to balance that with parents who would like this option for their children. We need to think about whose responsibility is the money, what if it gets lost etc. Therefore, we have not yet made a decision about children being able to take money to the Show.

Lost Child: All children wear a name tag that has the schools cellphone number on it. They also wear our bright blue uniform which is a big help. Mrs Ficks' biggest responsibility on the day as the coordinator, is to be available in case any calls are made. The very first thing the helpers/teachers do is take them to the lost kids tent or they are encouraged to find a police person. This is our 4th time going to the Show and we have only had one incident where a child 'got lost', this was due to misbehaviour and running away from their group.

More information will come out in following newsletters, so please ensure you check your emails regularly. This is also a good time to recheck that the office has your correct contact details so that we can call you if (and we pray against this) an emergency arises.

Mile'stone' Reading at Home

Please keep up reading daily and sign the notebook - even if it's just a tick. The consistent reading at home has meant we have not seen many children drop back which is awesome so thank you parents for keeping that up during lockdown!

Reminders

- **Seesaw:** Please send Mrs Ficks an email if you are not on Seesaw or are having any issues at k.ficks@rcs.school.nz
- **Lost Property:** Please email/Seesaw message your child's Kōhanga teacher if you are missing anything. We are steadily filling our lost property bin but understand that Alert Level 2 does make it a bit trickier to come and have a look
- **Name Everything:** It's a good reminder to name everything that comes to school please.
- **Sun Hats:** Not compulsory this term but recommended as the days get sunnier. Please ensure your child has a CLEARLY named hat for next term.
- **Reports:** You will receive your child's academic report at the start of next term. It will include the latest data (which we are gathering at the moment), including progress during the last lockdown. You will then book a learning conference with the teacher who teaches your child for each subject (reading, writing, maths). Take note of this on your child's report so you book with the correct teacher.
- **Pastoral Care:** Pastoral care is still very important to us during Alert Level Two, even though parents aren't onsite. Let Miss Horn know if you'd like to chat to us after school or send us a message/email.
- **Sausage Sizzle:** The Parent Community Group is organising a 'contactless' Sausage Sizzle fundraiser. Keep an eye out for more information. It's on the last day of term.

Up & Coming Events

Week 9	Mon 20 Sept	Leadership Meeting: Mrs Ficks is with the leadership team, Mr Deadmarsh in.
	Tues 21 Sept	Mr Smith & Mrs Nuthall half day for CRT: Mr Deadmarsh in.
	Fri 24 Sept	Mrs Ficks' Leadership Release: Mrs Maeder in as usual.
Week 10	Mon 27 Sept	Teacher Only Day: Teachers having Hub Hui Day to prepare for Term 4
	Fri 1 Oct	PCG Sausage Sizzle: Ensure you have read the school newsletter for information about this Final TK Assembly for the Term: Parents welcome at Alert Level 1 (not at Level 2) Last Day of Term! Children at home for 2 weeks. Feel free to reread the Sunshine Books to keep up reading progress.

Blessings from

**Miss Emily Langridge (Koru), Mrs Kendra Ficks (Mānuka),
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& Miss Brittany Speden**