



# Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 4 ~ Weeks 3 & 4 ~ 2021



My flesh and my heart may fail, but  
God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.

(Psalm 73:26)

We hope that your child gave you their 'Just in Case There's a Lockdown' pack on Friday. We will pass these out during the week to children who were absent. A reminder not to use this pack unless we move to Alert Level 3/4. If we don't reach these levels between now and the end of the term, these are to be returned as a whole pack.

## Living Christianly - This term, we will be focussing on **Peace (Communication)**.

### **Weeks 3-4** Communicating to particular audiences

Christian communication between other people should always come forth in a loving manner. We know what we communicate, and the way we communicate it, has the power to bring life or death to those we interact with. Jesus knew who he was talking to and adjusted his communication style to accommodate this. Jesus' communication was motivated by a deep concern for the spiritual well being of his audience. He is our model.

**Colossians 4:6 TLB** Let your conversation be gracious as well as sensible, for then you will have the right answer for everyone.

#### **Week 3 - Topic:** Communicating to particular audiences:

The gospel first starts spreading: Peter talks to all the people in Jerusalem and the Holy Spirit descends so that all hear the gospel in their own tongue.

#### **Memory Verse: Acts 2: 11b**

"But we hear these men telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!"

#### **Week 4 - Topic:** Communicating to particular audiences

Gospel for all people:

Cornelius praying - angel, Peter sees the vision/dream of the sheet with all the animals on it

#### **Memory Verse: Acts 1:8**

You will be my witnesses—in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world.

## Orana Park Trip

We are still awaiting our refund from the NZ Agricultural Show. Thank you to those who have paid the \$15 for the initial trip, which will now be transferred to cover the costs associated with our Orana Park experience. A reminder email will be sent if we can't see a record of your payment, and please reply to this email if you think it has been sent incorrectly.

As our overarching theme this year is 'Tiaki - caring for God's World', we have been able to organise an educational programme with the team at Orana Wildlife Park that will give the children an opportunity to engage with this topic in a different context.

## A New Sunshine App - please delete the old one

Sunshine Books is what Te Kākano uses as an alternative resource for reading books during Level 3 and Level 4. They have informed us that they have a new updated app - yay! Please delete the old one and download this new one. Below is what the new app looks like. Your child's username and password should work on this one. Please let your child's kōhanga teacher know if you have any issues or questions.



Sunshine Online  
Wendy Pye Publishing Limited Education  
You don't have any devices  
Add to wishlist



Sunshine Online  
Creating a World of Readers  
WENDY PYE PUBLISHING LIMITED  
Designed for iPad  
Free  
View in Mac App Store

## Sickness

We are noticing that children are being sent to school sick. If your child has a cough, runny nose, blocked nose, cold, headache or fever then they are not to be at school. If your child presents with these symptoms at school (without a medical explanation like hayfever), they will be taken to the sick bay and will need to be collected. If your child needs to spend more than 2 days at home to recover, we can email some worksheets for them to complete if needed, however recovery is the first priority. Children who aren't at their peak in terms of their immune system are more vulnerable at school which is why the directive from the government is for children who are sick to stay at home during Level 2.

## University of Canterbury Teaching Students are here

We have two student teachers here with us for 5 weeks of this term. Miss G has returned to Rarahu and Miss Susi Afitu has joined Miss Langridge in Koru. We pray that their time at our school is a blessing and that they learn all they can during the time they have with us. They will complete their placement on Thursday 11th November.

## Kōhangas in 2022

It is the time of year where we are beginning to solidify what the school will look like next year. There are exciting plans underway and we are allocating children to their new kōhangas. Kōhanga/kōhanga teacher changes can bring up a range of emotions for children and being told information too early can create stress/anxiety responses which can impact them enjoying their term. It is important that the TK teachers lead the conversations with children about their kōhanga changes to prepare them to transition well. We have a clear transition strategy where we will let children know which kōhanga/teacher they will be with in 2022 during Week 7. Official confirmation will be sent home at the start of Week 8 to parents and they will have 2 half day transitions on Wednesday/Thursday of Week 8 (the whole school participates in this). This is a luxury approach where we as a school has decided that transitions are important and therefore prepare children as best as we can. Lots of primary schools send children home with a letter on the last day of school. We appreciate your support with this.

Something to note, RCS is growing at a rapid rate! In response to this there is a new building being built which will probably open end 2022/start 2023. Therefore a new Hub is being established next year called Te Wana (meaning 'the shoot') which will be in the main building. It will initially be a Year 3/4 Hub, moving to a Years 2/3/4 Hub upon building completion. Please keep the building progress in your prayers.

## Mile'stone' Reading at Home

Wow! We are getting some really high numbers of nights reading at home! At the beginning of the year, we set 250 nights as the ultimate goal, not knowing how determined our TK kids were going to be. It has been an absolute joy handing out our 'bubble' medals to those who have achieved this goal. We do have a plan for those aiming for higher nights - so watch this space!



## End of the School Day - 2:45pm

Thank you so much for continuing to turn up on time at 2:45pm. This supports the school keep compliant with Health & Safety protocols and provides protection to children by not having too many adults congregating outside of the school gate. Mrs Ficks would also like to pass on a special thank you for your patience as she remembers/learns everybody's faces (which is so tricky with a mask!), as it's important to her as team leader that she recognises the whānau of our tamariki in the Hub. If Mrs Ficks or Miss Horn have not called your children within 5 minutes of your arrival at 2:45pm, please indicate this to them at the gate.

## Reminders

- **Sun Hats - Compulsory in Term 4.** Please ensure your child has a CLEARLY named hat daily.
- **Seesaw:** Please send Mrs Ficks an email if you are not on Seesaw or are having any issues at [k.ficks@rcs.school.nz](mailto: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 - seems to be a LOT of socks/shoes left!
- **Name Everything:** It's a good reminder to name everything that comes to school please.
- **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.

## HELPer Termly Values Awards for Te Kākano

Each term we give out values certificates for Hope, Excellence, Love and Peace. We understand that the restrictions in Level 2 can make celebrating this with your children tricky. We will endeavour to post photos of these celebrations in our fortnightly newsletter until we move back to Alert Level 1 where we you can join us at assemblies again. This fortnight we are celebrating these tamariki - tino pai koutou!



### Up & Coming Events

Week 3	Mon 1 Nov	<b>Teacher Only Day:</b> No school for children
	Wed 2 Nov	<b>Mr Smith CRT Day:</b> Mr Deadmarsh in <b>SCHOOL PHOTOS! Clean full school uniform (including socks/shoes), tidy hair</b>
	Fri 3 Nov	<b>Miss Speden CRT Day:</b> Mr Deadmarsh in
Week 4	Mon 8 Nov	<b>Mrs Nuthall CRT Day:</b> Mr Deadmarsh in
	Wed 10 Nov	<b>Mrs Nuthall Reading Recovery:</b> Miss Speden in during the afternoon
	Fri 12 Nov	<b>Show Day:</b> No school!
Weekly	Mon	<b>Spelling notebook should be with their teacher:</b> We are now handing spelling out on a Monday. <b>Hand in Library Books:</b> These will be collected in every Monday, after weekend reading.
	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.
	Fri	<b>Mrs Ficks Leadership Release:</b> Mrs Maeder in Mānuka <b>TK Assembly from 9:05am-9:35am:</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.

**Blessings from Miss Emily Langridge (Koru), Mrs Kendra Ficks (Mānuka), Mrs Gabby Nuthall (Kōwhai), Mr Mark Smith (Rarahu) & Miss Brittany Speden**