



Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 4 ~ Week 4 & 5 ~ 2020



Nóng hō!- Hello (Shanghainese)

We are having an interesting time with our weather at the moment, aren't we?! However, the children are enjoying getting outside as much as they can. Our big project for this term is for Te Kākano to make our own whare (meeting house), which is part our LIGHTS learning this year. We are going to need lots of help to get this project off the ground. If you are handy with building or can help us source materials, please contact Miss Liggett asap.



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: Enveloping

To have a sheet over your head, wrapping things in fabrics or with tape and paper - all actions seen in the Enveloping schema. An extension of this is peek-a-boo, now you see it now you don't, a concept that just keeps on amusing. Children may be interested in enveloping themselves, objects or space, e.g. wrapping themselves in blankets or curtains! They may enjoy making parcels and putting everyday objects inside.



At school, the Te Kākano children love to get into any cardboard box that will fit them and enjoy hiding in our puppet theatre and plastic house. We often find the children making huts and getting in there. We will happily take any donations of envelopes (including used) and paper, also any blankets or tarps would be so appreciated.



At home, to support this schema, Provide blankets and fabrics so your children can wrap themselves, their teddies or toys. If they enjoy enveloping objects, they may like to use old envelopes or make parcels out of yesterday's newspaper.

Living Christianly

This term, we will be focussing on **Excellence - Character**.

Wk 4 Concept: My grit, tenacity, perseverance, and resilience*

Wk 4 Bible Character: Joseph (A man of integrity in the face of uncertainty)

Wk 5 Concept: Learning to deep learn

Wk 5 Bible Character: The Wise Men (Men of great learning who prioritised God)

Memory Verses - Wk 2: Colossians 3:23 ICB & **Wk 3:** Galatians 6:9 NIV

RCS Values Competency-Based Learning

This week, we would like to share a STEM learning activity that our Towards Te Pihinga children did with Mr Smith last Friday. We are wanting to really focus on giving our children the opportunity to extend their thinking and be challenged in their creativity.

The challenge was for them to make a conveyor belt out of recycled materials. While doing this they demonstrated the RCS **'Creative'** value at the **'Pre-Foundation'** Level:

- **Asking the right inquiry questions** (I am learning how to ask questions about a topic that interests me.)
- **Developing new ideas and solutions** (When I face a challenge I come up with one idea to solve it.)
- **Leadership for action** (I can complete a task with another person.)



Reminders

- Children **MUST** wear sunscreen and a RCS hat daily for all of Term 4.
- 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.

Week 4 & 5 Events

Week 4	Mon 2 Nov	Miss Grace Hikuroa & Miss Hannah McKinnon join us from Laidlaw They are in their first year of their study to become Primary School Teachers. They are with us for 3 weeks.
	Wed 4 Nov	TK Assembly from 2:20pm: Everyone is welcome to attend while at Level 1.
	Fri 6 Nov	Explorers Preschool Visit: They will be joining us for our forest play morning. Mr Smith Away at Sports Competition: He will be back in the afternoon.
Week 5	Mon 9 Nov	Miss Langridge CRT Day: Mr Marshall in Mānuka.
	Wed 11 Nov	Full School Assembly at 2:15pm: Everyone is welcome to attend while at Level 1.
	Fri 13 Nov	Show Day - No School (Remember that Monday 16 November is a Teacher Only Day)
Weekly	Mon & Wed	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.
	Tuesdays	Miss Liggett's Leadership Release Day: Being responsible for overseeing the teaching and learning in TK is a big job, which takes time. Miss Liggett will be off site every Tuesday with Mr Marshall in Koru.



Blessings,

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