



# Te Kākano Hub Newsletter

Term 4 ~ Weeks 5 & 6 ~ 2021



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and —

I WILL GIVE  
YOU REST.

MATTHEW 11:28

Wow this term is racing away on us! The TK teachers are going to be very busy over the next fortnight assessing and doing end of year administration, to set up for 2022. We would so appreciate your prayers for energy over this time :) We are off to Orana Park in Week 6, which is sure to be a highlight! If you don't already, please read this newsletter in its entirety as it has important information about the end of year in it.

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

**Weeks 5-6** Communicating in Different Ways

In the Bible, God used a variety of different ways to communicate to his chosen people. Jesus used a number of ways to explain a concept in order to connect to all people. He was creative in his approach, knowing people wouldn't hear his word in the same way. He is our model.

The Bible

**Week 5 - Topic Communicating in Different Ways:** Paul's conversion - Stephen's martyrdom, Paul's missionary journeys ,Paul writes his letters to the young churches from prison

**Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:22b**

I have become all things to all people. I did this so that I could save some of them in any way possible

**Week 6 - Topic Communicating in Different Ways:**

Phillip with Ethiopian, Phillip in Samaria, Luke's writing of the gospel of Luke and Acts

**Memory Verse: Acts 8: 31**

He answered, "How can I understand? I need someone to explain it to me!"

## *Hubs/Staff/Kōhangas in 2022*

As you will have read in the email from Liz, we have a new teacher who will be joining the Te Kākano team next year. Her names is Mrs Lorne (pronounced law-nee) Lee. Mrs Lee is an experienced teacher, recently working at Timaru Christian School and we feel excited to see her flourish in our space in 2022.

A season has come to a close and it is with a sad heart Te Kākano team is farewelling Miss Emily Langridge. Miss Langridge has been an integral part of the establishment of our Hub for the past 5 years. We will write a proper farewell in our next newsletter. She will conclude her year with us in Te Kākano this year before stepping into her new season.

Due to an increase of numbers, a new classroom block is being built at RCS during 2022. Therefore, a new Hub is being created. Te Wana (meaning 'the shoot'). This will be lead by Miss Langridge (yay!) and will be established with Miss Lisa Hegglun in the main block. This is a culmination of two years of work by Miss Langridge as she has been leading the RCS staff in a focus of wellbeing through Nature Play. Nature Play was successfully implemented with Horoeka (Year 3-4) this year and there has been some amazing learning for our tamariki.

Te Wana will create an effective transition for our children from Te Kākano into more independent learning alongside a Nature Play programme. Te Wana will initially begin with Year 3-4 while the building is being built. Once built, it will have capacity for some or all of our Year 2s. Year 2 parents will be informed of any changes well before they occur.

Our 2022 Te Kākano children will be taught by Miss Speden, Mrs Nuthall, Mr Smith, Mrs Lee and Mrs Ficks (team leader).

## *Moving On - We need to know.*

We understand that seasons change and your child may be moving on from RCS in 2021. If this is the case, please let us know now by emailing the office ([office@rcs.school.nz](mailto:office@rcs.school.nz)). As a growing school, it's very important we know ahead of time so we can offer spaces to other families who are wanting to enrol.



We are going to Orana Park next Thursday 25th November. Please DO NOT be late on this day - being at school by 8:45am would be ideal. We need to do the roll and safety briefings with the kids as well as ensure they meet their parent helper all before getting on the bus at 9:10am!

## KAITIAKITANGA – GUARDIANSHIP

### Programme Outline:

Students will observe a variety of native and exotic animal species and discover what makes them so unique in our world. Find out what problems they are facing and how the concept of *Tiakitanga* can help protect them.

### Enduring Understanding:

Through observing and interacting with animals, students will understand that:

- New Zealand natives are unique on Earth and need guarding, looking after, preserving, fostering protecting and sheltering.
- Captive management of wild animals (native & exotic) enables high breeding success and provides an insurance population. Orana Park and her people are the *kiatiaki* of these species.
- Conservation of endangered species within a zoo is done in four main ways; captive breeding programmes; research; funding and resources; and education.

### Your child must wear:

- Full RCS Uniform, including a sweater
- RCS sunhat
- Closed-toe walking shoes (e.g. sneakers)
- Sunscreen (please pack a bottle too)

### Your child must bring:

- Enough snacks/lunch for a busy day
- Filled water bottle
- Raincoat, warm jacket & hat (we will be outside)
- Any medication they might need for a day offsite

### Orana Park Trip Schedule

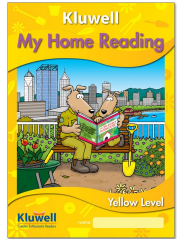
8:15am	Helpers Briefing
8:45am	All Te Kākano children to arrive at school
8:55am	Roll taken, safety briefing given
9:05am	TK children to be introduced to their helper for the day
9:10am	Children get on bus
9:15am	Bus leaves
9:45am	Arrive, Orana Park briefing, toilet stop, morning tea
10:15am	Zoo School Commences
12:00pm	Lunch
12:30pm	Zoo School Continues
2:00pm	Zoo School ends, groups move to bus, roll taken, last RCS safety checks
2:15pm	Children get on bus
2:45pm	TK returns to school & everyone is released to go home. Traffic may determine our return, feel free to arrive for school pick up at 2:50pm (will send a message on Seesaw if we are later)

### Covid-19 Information

- All teachers, parent helpers and staff are required to wear masks when with children, except when eating or drinking as per Level 2 requirements.
- Orana Wildlife Park has health and safety protocols that we will be following.
- Staff and parents have provided evidence of having at least 1 Covid-19 vaccination
- Your child is welcome to wear a mask if you would feel more comfortable while they are out with other members of the public, however this is not a requirement.

## Mile'stone' Reading at Home

For our children who have now attained our highest level of 250 nights, we have a new challenge! We have 6 prizes (3x girls & 3x boys) to give away to our HIGHEST nights of reading children. These will be presented in our final assembly, Monday 13th December, to our 1st, 2nd & 3rd highest nights reading at home achievers. The 'cut-off' for official night reading will be Sunday 12th December. *Please note that reading books will not be sent home in Week 8 so children will need to read stories from the Selwyn Library or Home.*



## End of the School Year

- **Prizegiving Item:** This year, due to Covid-19 Level 2 we will not be having our usual prizegiving celebration down at Rolleston College. However, we are still busily preparing an item to share with you digitally. We will be filming this item in Week 8, so keep an eye out for something special online.
- **Prize winners:** Our tamariki who are receiving a 2021 overall Helper award for Te Kākano will be invited to a celebration at school with two people from their family and the school staff. This will be broadcast live on Facebook as we are limited with numbers for this event.
- **Reading/Library Books:** No reading/library books will sent home from end Week 7. This means that all TK books MUST be returned on Monday 8th December. Parents may be invoiced for lost books.
- **School Books:** Exercise books will be sent home on Monday 13th December. Remember that if these have been less than half used, you can return them for use next year if your child is in Te Kākano.
- **Lost Property:** Lost Property will be put out in the last week of school. Anything not collected by the end of the school year will be donated to TK children in need or to charity.
- **Kōhanga/Stationery:** You will be informed of your child's new kōhanga name, teacher and space at the start of Week 8 via email. Please keep an eye out.

## *Up & Coming Events*

Week 5	Thur 18 Nov	<b>Miss Langridge CRT:</b> Mr Andrew Deadmarsh in Koru
	Fri 19 Nov	<b>Mrs Ficks Leadership Day:</b> Mrs Cauldwell in <b>Miss Speden doing 2022 NE Enrolment Interviews:</b> Mrs Madeleine Cunningham in
Week 6	Mon 22 Nov	<b>Miss Speden CRT Day:</b> Mr Andrew Deadmarsh in
	Tues 23 Nov	<b>Mrs Nuthall CRT Day:</b> Mr Andrew Deadmarsh in
	Wed 24 Nov	<b>RCS Whānau Group Athletics Day:</b> Please look out for an email with more information <b>Mrs Nuthall Reading Recovery:</b> Mr Andrew Deadmarsh in during the afternoon
	Thur 25 Nov	<b>TK Orana Park Trip:</b> Please ensure your child is prepared and on time in the morning
	Fri 26 Nov	<b>Miss Langridge CRT Day:</b> Mr Andrew Deadmarsh in <b>Mrs Nuthall doing 2022 NE Enrolment Interviews:</b> No Reading Recovery today
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>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**