

Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter Term 4, #3 2019

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Growing Together!*

Time is moving quickly...

We are entering a busy time of the year when there are many different things to get completed before the year is over. In LIGHTS this has been finishing off of the 'G' - "go for it" phases from last term; Finishing building the green house, getting the new vegetable seedlings planted, settling the chooks into the food forest, and presenting donations raised to the respective organisations.



Greenhouse Project

The vision of both the Food Economics group and the Food Nutrition group was to grow healthy food here at school. While it feels like we are only really getting started into growing food as this is a long term process it has been very satisfying to get the greenhouse built and plant our first batches of seedlings out. The Food Economics group was wanting to build a greenhouse to grow food here at school for a longer season so that it doesn't need to be transported. The Food Nutrition group's aim is to grow food free from chemicals - these overlap neatly and the ongoing project of looking after the gardening is now open for all students to participate in if they wish.



It also builds on the vision of the food forest, creating a place where children can connect with nature and have a genuine experience of where food comes from.

The children wanted the greenhouse to be built from re-used materials, so we advertised on Facebook for old trampolines and used these to build the frame of the greenhouse. The door is an old camp-bed frame and windows the legs of this bed. This has been a large construction project with support from Mrs Manson's Dad and friend, Mr Red and many kids from across TP pitching in to help. We wish to particularly express our gratitude also to MITRE 10 HORNBY for very generously contributing to the purchase of the clear plastic and plant seeds. A big thank you also to Hope Church who own the field next to the school buildings and have allowed us to have the greenhouse located there. Here, away from the hedges it will be able to get full sun and be in full view for all to watch but out of reach of curious little fingers and sticks. On Tuesday we carried it out of the school to the current location with a group of the TP kids, it must have been a sight - a tunnel house with lots of feet walking down the verge and across the paddock!

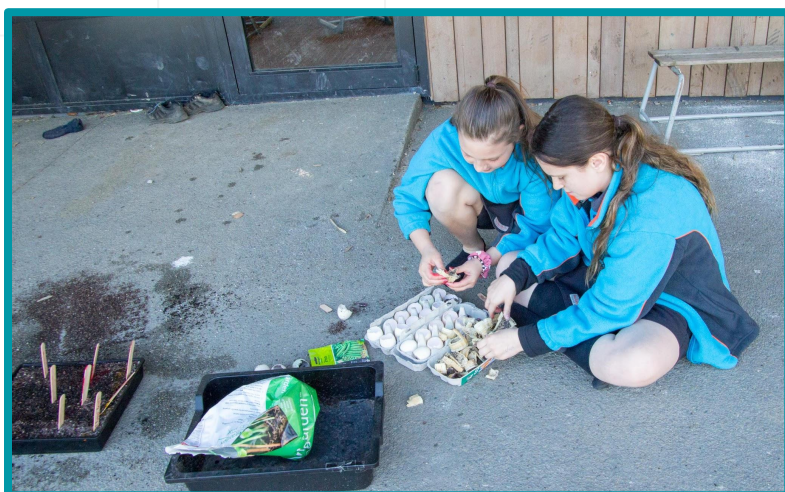
HOPE & PEACE

On Friday morning TP held a special hui about regaining our peace. We teachers felt that it was important for the learning and wellbeing of all to regain a sense of calm and peace that had been disrupted by a large variety of factors but was affecting the mood for everyone. We prayed that God would use this special meeting to establish again the sense of calm and comfort that his presence brings. The teachers were amazed by the children from the moment the meeting started, and the sense of peace and calm that began to return then, and also at the assembly in the afternoon. It was touching to have the children honour each other for ways that they had promoted peace throughout the day.

We encourage you as a family (in coming up to what can be a hectic, pressured time of the year) to take time as a family to share the things you are grateful for and take time to be calm and enjoy the tranquility of consciously being aware of God's presence with you. God Bless you and may you know His Peace.

Up-and-Coming Events

Wk 5	Thursday 14 November	School Trip to A & P Show
	Friday 15 November	Show Day - Public Holiday. No School.
Wk 6	Monday 18 November	Teacher Only Day - No School.
	Wednesday 20 November	Transition meeting - for all parents of children in Years 4-6
Wk 7	Whole week	Book Fair Week - help needed. Please see Cristene.



Reminders

A black 'Rolleston Christian School' hat is compulsory everyday. Please sunscreen your children before they come to school - even on those cloudy days. Children also need a water bottle.

Also, children may NOT wear bare feet outside during breaks, or to and from school. Please assist them to arrive in full school uniform, and to wear it throughout the day. This is for the health & safety of all, as well as honouring and respecting our basic school expectations. Thank you!