

Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter #4

Term 1 ~ Week 7&8 ~ 2020

A very special welcome to Cydney Van de merwe and her family, Cydney is in kōhanga Matipo and to Athena Preuss and her family who has joined us in kōhanga Horoeka. We feel super blessed to have you at RCS.

Haere mai, Afio mai, Welcome.

Are you too lamenting on how we have got to week 7 so quickly! Our hub are beginning to hum, routines are established and learning groups are buzzing! Keep up the great work at home to foster that regular time for reading and learning those spelling words! Note books need to be a school everyday and the children are responsible for this. Help them to remember to look after that note book, record their reading and bring it back and forth to school.

LIGHTS: This week is Immersion week for LIGHTS, starting on Wednesday and finishing on Tuesday. The children will be presented with a variety of workshops that will help them to think about what they know, what they want to know more about and eventually what they have learned about the people of Aotearoa New Zealand. Hopefully this will spark an area in which they would like to investigate further next term and the be ready to begin a 'Go for it' project by the time we have our next Immersion week. Some of the activities planned are weaving flax, making miniature canoes, learning about the koru and then making it with a variety of art mediums, learning songs and dance from a variety of cultures and times. We are still very keen for parent input! If you can take a small group at some time during the week then we would love to hear from you! BAKING, DANCE/GAMES, TELLING traditional stories from your own culture are a few of the things that would really enrich the lives of our children.

Guided Learning -ASSESSMENT

In week 8 our TP students will have a reading and writing assessment. (Mathematics next term). The assessment tool we will trial using this time is called 'e-asstle' ([learn more here](#)) and the reading is administered digitally on the chrome book. It will be a first time experience for our Year 3's. Essentially, the writing assessment requires them to view a picture and then plan and write about that picture. The teachers then assess their writing according to a criteria and a score is given which indicates where this particular assessment places them according to our NZ curriculum levels. The same is done for reading, where they read a text and answer questions at the end on the chrome book to ascertain their level of comprehension. This is not the only assessment we do to gather information about where you child is at for reading, writing and maths. We take into consideration other assessments and observations we have made as well to get an overall judgement of the level they are at. Be aware that this may be a bit daunting for our younger students and we are making it as stress free as possible.

Living Christianly: Weeks 7-8

Knowing that you are loved. People show love for you in different ways?

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. The person who loves has become God's child and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

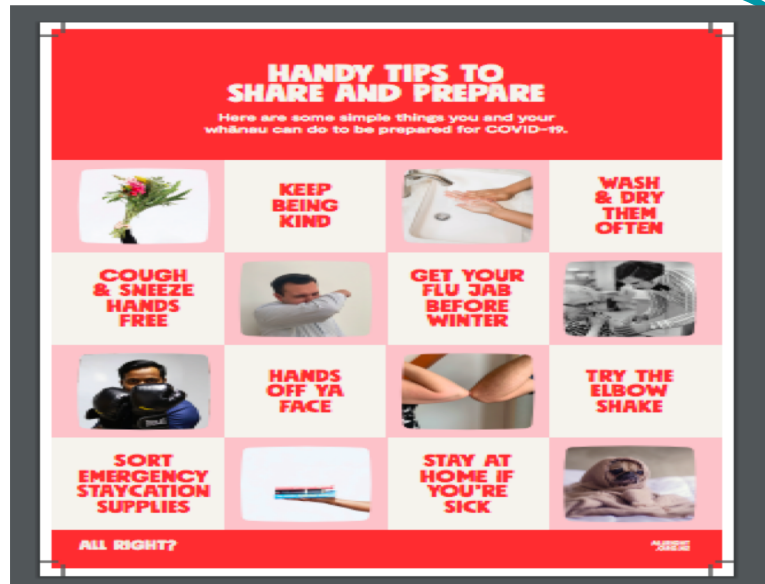
We are going to be learning about the different ways that we can 'fill others' buckets, the different ways we can show love to others in ways that are meaningful for them.

In week 8 we will look at what it means to truly love ourselves and how we talk to ourselves.



Reminders

- Cultural lunch is on Friday at 12:30pm. Please provide a small plate of food and consider coming to school early to help with preparation!
- Keep the hats on until the end of the term.
- Pray for one another in these unsettling times.
- Child friendly video about covid:18 here:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPsY-jLqaXM>



	Cheese Roll Order Forms	Cheese Roll Order Forms: The order forms for the cheese rolls are out. This is our main fundraiser for the school year and we'd encourage you to get your order in early. Don't forget to ask family, friends and neighbours!
Week 7/8	Wednesday 18th - Tuesday 24th March Friday 27th	LIGHTS Immersion Week begins on Wednesday. Cultural Lunch. Please provide a plate and if you have any activity you can do with the children during the day please talk to your teacher.
Weekly	Monday/Tuesday	Meetings: Please be aware all teachers have meetings on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these.
Weeks 1,5,10 All Other Weeks	Wednesday (except for week 1 when it is Monday) Wednesday	Whole School Assembly: at 2:25pm in the Te Pihinga building. There is no Te Pihinga assembly on those weeks. TP Assembly at 2:25pm in the shared space. We invite you to join us! There is no Whole School assembly on those weeks.

Blessings,

Mrs Lynda Siave - Horoeoka

Mr Ira Redepenning - Matipo

Mr Dennis Marshall: Monday between both classes, Wednesday in Matipo, Thursday in Horoeoka

Mrs Beth Marlin: Teacher/ ELL assistant

