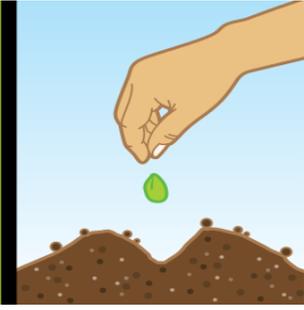


Kākano



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Welcome to our Kākano Learning Team and a special welcome to all our new families who have joined Greenacres School this year. Our aim is to provide the very best learning environment for our students with a focus on the development of literacy, numeracy and social skills. We value your input and support in your child's learning and our school, and look forward to your involvement this year.

Last year we had a change of classroom organisation and some teachers have changed rooms so it's an exciting new start for us in 2018. Our older learners are in Rūma Tahī and Rūma Rua with Rayleen Seebeck and Kim Paver. Kim is on sick leave and will be returning in Week 5 so Sharon Benson will be teaching with us. Sharon has relieved with us before and all the students know her. Stacey Rowe is teaching our newer students in Rūma Toru. We will of course be working together as much as possible and look forward to getting to know all our Kākano students.

Our home learning sheet comes home on Mondays and includes a daily reading log. Reading books coming home will generally be the one they have worked on in class that day. Your child will have read the book a number of times before bringing it home so the text should be relatively easy for them. Alternatively, children may bring a book from their group box. If for any reason the text appears too hard, please just have fun and read the book together. Book bags and homework books are to be returned daily after you have heard the reading and signed the reading log. You may also like to comment on how the reading went. It's a good way for us to know how it's going at home.

In the back of the home learning book are spelling lists. Please select 3-5 words from the lists. They are designed to be worked through systematically. Record the 'target' words on the home learning sheet and work on learning the spelling words every day, ready for a check on Friday.

On the home learning sheet, we will also be including an RKMC focus. The RKMCs are our school values and we encourage our children to live these.

This year we are trialing a homework grid. There are a range of activities for your child to complete over the term. This is an optional extra for you and your whanau.

An important part of our programme is news/oral language. Each child has been assigned a 'special news day' and takes a turn sharing their ideas on our weekly news topic. Please help your child feel prepared for their turn by talking about what they can share. If you have any questions about a particular topic, please ask.

During each week check the class blog on Seesaw to find out what we've been doing in class. We'll also keep you up-to-date via Seesaw if there are any important notices for you to be aware of. You will receive an email with a link for you to sign up to Seesaw so please activate this. If you have any problems with signing up, let us know.

In term 1 and 4 students are required to have a hat (wide brimmed NOT caps) labelled with their name. We encourage you to send a hat that can be left at school each day so it's readily available. It would be helpful if sweatshirts, lunchboxes etc could also be named.

We are always available before and after school to chat about day-to-day matters, if you would like to talk in more depth please arrange a meeting time. We have staff meetings on Monday and Tuesday.

We look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year and sharing your child's learning journey.

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