



Kia Manawanui

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Kia ora koutou, dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends,

Even a brief moment of reflection at the end of this eventful term will suffice to illuminate the profound gratitude we experience for the opportunities for renewal that all of our recent challenges have provided.

The tremendous support and good will that has strengthened us through this year is manifesting itself in the upcoming

Te Rā Festival of Friends

We look forward to seeing many of you there – come and be a part of the renewal that mirrors the unfolding wonders of the renewal happening around us at this time of the year!

Nga mihi mahana,

Andrea Sorger, on behalf of the College of Teachers
(Sue Hurst, Jutta Kress, Elien Hoffmans, and Andrea Sorger)

Diary of Dates

Thursday 25 September

Te Ra Festival of Friends weekly meeting
5:30-7:00pm Playgroup Building

Thursday 25 September

Craft Group 7:00pm

Friday 26 September

St Michaels Festival (Games Day)

Friday 26 September

Last day of Term 3

Monday 29 September

Public Talk "Shaping Citizenship" guest speaker Nicanor Perlas, from the Philippines, 7.30pm Te Ra School Hall

8-11 October

Te Ra Festival of Friends

Monday 13 October

First Day Term 4

Wednesday 15 October

School & Kindergarten Photos

Friday 17 October

Information Afternoon 2.30pm

Wednesday 22 October

Paekakariki Kindergartens Spring Festival 9.30am

Friday 24 October

Teacher Only Day (School and Kindergartens)

Monday 27 October

Labour Day

Wednesday 29 October

Mana Maori Hui 6.00pm in Hall

Monday 3 November

Kapa Haka Festival at El Rancho (Classes 5,6,7)

Friday 7 November

Information Afternoon 2.30pm

11-13 November

Class 5 Olympic Camp

Saturday 15 November

School Open Day

17-21 November

Class 7 Camp

Friday 5 December

Information Afternoon 2.30pm

Term Dates 2015

Term 1 **Monday, 2 February → Thursday, 2 April**

Waitangi Day 6 February

Term 2 **Monday, 20 April → Friday, 3 July**

ANZAC Day Monday-ised 27 April

Queen's Birthday 1 June

Teacher Development Day 2 June

Matariki St. John Lantern Festival

Term 3 **Monday, 20 July → Friday, 25 September**

Mid-term break 28 August

Term 4 **Monday, 12 October – Thursday, 17 December**

Labour Day 26 October

Teacher Development Day 27 October

Open Day

From the Office

Reminder – Sunhats now required at School

Tomorrow, the 26th Sept, Te Ra will celebrate Michaelmas with outdoor games of mixed age groups of classes 2 through to 7. Please remember to pack a sunhat for the children.

Wanted - Hula Hoops

If anyone can lend some Hula Hoops for the Te Ra Festival of Friends please either drop them to the office by Friday this week or please contact Kristie Shearer 299 2498 or 022 177 0945 to pick up - Thank You.

School Lunches:

Thank you to the team who provide the tasty lasagne and samosa school lunches each Wednesday! These will be offered again for Term 4 and will commence from week 2.

Found in the school grounds:

1 x Pounamu Necklace

Bricks and/or 43 Pavers Wanted:

Mark would love to finish a project that he is working on in the garden. If anyone has any either spare bricks or pavers that they would like to donate to the project, he would love to receive them. The bricks can be any size but the pavers need to be specifically 23cm x 18.5cm x 5 cm. Thank you!

School and Kindergarten Photos

These will be taken in the first week of next term, on Wednesday 15 October. The children have now been given an envelope to take home. If you would like to place an order, please ensure you return the completed form with full payment to the school office before the 15th. There is also an option to pay and order online. The instructions are outlined on the envelope provided.

Board of Trustees Bulletin

At our Board meeting last Wednesday we heard from Andrea and Kerstin (Teacher rep) how busy this year has been for the Faculty. They have had an extraordinary amount of work to manage such as implementing and developing the new learning steps programme, preparing for the ERO visit, reviewing our Special Character Guiding Principles document and working with the SAF programme. Others have been part of developing the national Waldorf School and Kindergarten Curriculum, and all had to meet the latest challenge to the essence of our education.

The Board and Trust are well aware and appreciate that while the teachers have been involved in these additional responsibilities they have continued to uphold and deliver to the highest standard their daily class, kindergarten and playgroup work and most importantly provided a constant rhythm and stability for our children.

We would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all of the Faculty and their continued commitment to our children.

We are excited about the Festival of Friends being held in the holidays and hope many of you manage to take part in some of the activities planned for this event. Thank you to everyone who has given their time and enthusiasm to make this happen.

Consultation on Complaints Policy & Procedure

The Board has reviewed and updated the School and Kindergarten Complaints Policy and Procedure. We are keen to have your feedback. A hardcopy of the draft is available from the office and you can access it electronically through the school's website. Please email your comments to policyfeedback@tera.school.nz or hand in a letter addressed to the "Te Ra Board of Trustees" (Policy Feedback) to the school office.

Consultation closes 17 October 2014

Community Event – Te Ra Festival of Friends 8th-11th Oct 2014

Te Ra Festival of Friends

Starts 3.00p.m. on Wednesday the 8th, so if you're not going away, come play!!

You are welcome to come and go, or come full-time and even camp (come self-supplied). We will give a few clear focus points to join, but the kettle will be boiling anytime! Just drop in for a cuppa and a chat, contribute, join, whatever feels right for you and your family.

This is a 'no pressure', 'no obligation', easy event where we serve each other. It is all about doing it together.

The timetable is indicated below but the updated version is the co-created big board on site. Some of us will be there already on Tuesday, setting up, bringing couches to the hall, setting up the Fair marquee and the Tepee etc. and as always more hands make light work.

Wednesday: "Coming together", 3.00p.m. Powhiri

Assemble at the gate. Please bring a food koha and an item which represents your cultural heritage (e.g. your flag, a kilt, a wooden clog, or some drift wood and shell from Paekakariki beach, whatever you identify with, for a special corner in the hall (just for the days, take it home again on Saturday).

Thursday night: "Our Stories": Chilling out in the 'lounge' (transformed hall), bathing in each other's stories and spoken words' gifts..., about our piece of land, ourselves, our grandparents, Kapiti, Aotearoa, afar..., maybe later on some movies, or a good old sing along. All contributions welcome.

Friday night: "Time to celebrate!" Bring your dancing shoes and feel free to dress up...Disco styles. Bring your favourite pizza topping (from 5.00pm onwards) and any tunes you think you wanna dance to.

Saturday "Whanau Day"

Cruisy family day, playing together and preparing towards the hangi, continuing the two main activities of weaving and working on the marimba monster and the final circle at 4.00p.m.

	Wednesday 8 October "Coming together"	Thursday 9 October "Our Stories"	Friday 10 October "Time to celebrate!"	Saturday 11 October "Family Day"
		9.00am Check-in (or whenever we are ready.....)	9.00am Check-in	9.00am Check-in Playing together with our children
Throughout the day	3.00pm Powhiri	10.00am Yoga, with Anja 10.00am Mandela making with children, with Ingrid Crochet workshop, tbc, with Louise and Janene 11.00am Homoeopathy, with Pauline	Composting 101 with Mark Weaving continues as does the construction fun and games Belly dancing workshop at 5.00pm	Preparation of hangi, about 2.00pm big communal shared lunch Face painting for children, with Sandra Poraporaki/ closing circle, 4.00p.m.
After dinner	Full moon drumming around the fire	Whakapapa and story telling, with all of us	Pizza dinner with live music, Disco Kani kani	Clean up

The two major activities, for all to get involved, will be:

- Weaving our cloak, with daily workshops on The Tikanga of Harakeke:
- How to care for and harvest from your pa harakeke,
- How to make muka,
- How to make tipare/headbands for senior school kapa haka
- Creating the outdoor marimba playground monster,

- Creative construction

Also on offer, sometimes, or throughout the two days:

- The wood workshop is open, with Paul, for green woodworking or your own projects
- There will be bread baking and cheese making in the kitchen, after the meals, for all to join and learn, and of course cooking all the meals together; Doris will be in the kitchen, coordinating the coming together of all the ingredients, towards communal meals.
- Hella Coen will offer a seasonal workshop for children about seed saving.
- Class 1 parents and teacher Paul are doing something fantastic in the class 1 playground.
- There might be kite making for the children, with Ardis.
- Singing with all, by all, anywhere.
- Story telling for the children in the tepee, as contributed by everyone
- Healing heart circle, with Mayatiita, time tbc.
- Catching 'golden moments' – we will prepare special big books, to catch pictorially and in words some golden moments, on the day or of the past, including photos.
- And I also heard there may even be a bit of daytime folk dancing

And much more....., as offered spontaneously, looking forward to more offers pouring in. It would be great to have more children's activities.

Offers/ideas/questions to Kaia on 04-9052031/021-11310500, or infoterafestival@gmail.com

See you there! The 'Festival of Friends' Thursday Soup Team

Property Update

The remaining pine trees may be cut down during the holidays. This is not a decision we made lightly, but it is a necessary one. We began planting replacement trees a while back. If we don't manage to take the trees down in the holidays, the work will be done during the weekends in the first few weeks of next term. This will provide a great opportunity for class fundraising by creating firewood for sale.

If you are interested in getting involved and/or organizing this, please contact Nick on nick@tera.school.nz or talk to him after the holidays.

Shaping Citizenship (In A Time Of Trials)

Public Talk at Te Ra Waldorf School on Monday, 29 September: "The Lemniscate Process: Shaping Citizenship", with guest speaker Nicanor Perlas, from the Philippines

Nicanor Perlas has spent more than 45 years of his life in pursuing a better world. He successfully spearheaded national and global efforts to keep the Philippines nuclear free, mobilised colleagues to convince the government to ban 32 pesticide formulations that were poisoning millions of farmers and consumers, and co-drafted national and global policies to protect Filipinos from the one-sided impact of elite globalisation. He introduced bio-dynamic agriculture, Waldorf education and anthroposophical medicine to the Philippines.

In recognition of his work, he has received many awards, including the "Alternative Nobel Peace Prize", the "UN Environmental Award" and "The Outstanding Filipino Award".

He will also give a public talk in Wellington on Thursday 25 September, at the National Library, from 6.00p.m.

Staff Vacancy – Te Ra Class 1 Teacher 2015

We seek an experienced teacher for our Class 1 2015. Ideally this teacher will be musical, artistic and organised, have experience with diverse learning styles and needs, and can demonstrate an understanding of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Waldorf teaching experience is essential, as is NZ teacher registration (or the proven ability to become a NZ registered teacher).

Please contact office@tera.school.nz for an application pack.

Applications close 30 September 2014

Vacancies – Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, Hastings

Teacher of Life Sciences/Physics/Information Technology

As an area school with a small High School of 120 students, we are looking for an enthusiastic and inspiring teacher, able to teach a range of subject specialties, particularly Life Sciences and Physics to both junior and senior classes.

The FTTE is dependent on subject range and could be full time. An interest in and openness to learning about Rudolf Steiner education is essential.

For a job description and application form please contact the school office via email: office@taikura.school.nz or write to: Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, PO Box 888, Hastings 4156. Phone: 06 878 7363 Applications close 10th October 2014.

Teacher of Music – Permanent Full Time Position for 2015

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School (I, A) Hastings: Music Teacher, Permanent Position, Full-time. We are looking for the right teacher: an accomplished musician, enthusiastic, innovative, inspiring, and open to learning about Rudolf Steiner education and working with a multi-faceted music curriculum that stretches from Year 4 – Year 13. For a job description and application form, please contact the school office via email: office@taikura.school.nz or write to: Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, PO Box 888, Hastings 4156. Phone: 06 878 7363 Applications close 10th October 2014.

Māori Language Week

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui kia koutou.



Te kupu o tēnei wiki: **awa**

Ka whakawhiti tātou i te awa.

We will/shall cross the river.

If you are keen to support te reo at our kura, please share your enthusiasm with your family and friends, and of course with us! Your suggestions, ideas and contributions are welcome!

More information, and a link to the list of the remaining kupu, can be found on this website: <http://www.korero.maori.nz/news/mlw>

Kitchen Club

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Continuing with the theme of gleaning nutritional and culinary direction from our Spring gardens, our next gathering will be on Tuesday 14th October at Riverslea Retreat, in Lilian and Chris's garden in Otaki. 10am - 12 noon. Bring something to share for morning tea.

Past & Current Students

Well done to Stella Nepia from Class 5 for placing first overall in the recent Rimutaka Gymnastics Competition.

We have a number of ex pupils heading away to compete in National sporting championships over the holidays, good luck to you all!!

Community Notices and Advertising

Raumati Swimming Club

has spaces for term 4 for children aged 4 and over. Come along and swim with **Raumati Swimming Club** in a fun atmosphere at the Coastlands Aquatic Centre. From our Tuesday club night programme to our squad programme. Something for everyone. All abilities welcome. Contact Jacqui for a free assessment and trial - secretary@raumatiswimming.co.nz , call 022 010 3377 or check our website www.raumatiswimming.co.nz

Singing and Violin Lessons

Experienced teacher offering after school lessons. Mondays and Thursdays Otaki; Wednesdays Paraparaumu, Paekakariki and Raumati. Rachel: Email rachel@rachelmorgan.net

Naturally Funny; connect your natural humour to your unique storytelling style

A one day workshop in Paekakariki on Sunday 19th October
In this workshop simple techniques will be used to set participants on the road to a daily workout for your funny muscles. Using personal stories, hidden humour techniques we use unconsciously every day will be revealed. Broaden your stories' appeal by connection through laughter —the primary and universal language of connection across ages and cultures. Caroline, a professional storyteller, comedian, MC and trainer since 1997 is NZ based. Born in the UK, she shares traditional, kitsch and scary stories for adult audiences.
Enquiries: Judy 021-1121244/04-2398346 judytravelling@hotmail.com
Caroline's website: standanddeliver.guru

Kirtan Singing/Chanting Group

Kirtan - a call and response chanting practice to open the heart. This is open to any faith or tradition. Rooibus chai and bliss balls will be served at 6.30pm. Then the singing begins. Please bring a cushion to sit on. Every first Saturday of the month. 6.30- 8.30pm in the Te Ra School Hall. All welcome. \$10 recommended donation.
Dates till end of year are: Oct 4th, Nov 1st and Dec 6th.

Firewood for Sale

For Class 7 Sailing Camp - Fundraising Firewood
Next Winters Mac \$150 Half Cord Delivered
Contact John Ph 027 441 2103

Circus

Otaki at Nga Purapura:

Tuesdays, 30 Sept & 7 October.

Circus Intro 1. 9:00am - 12 noon: 7 - 17 yr olds. For those with no or little experience.

Circus Intro 2. 1:00pm - 4:00pm: 7 - 17 yr olds. For those who have been coming regularly to term classes (i.e. "Circus Intro1") *there will also be an opportunity for those in this class to work towards being part of the show coming up on 17 October*

Paraparaumu at Lindale Centre:

Wednesdays, 1 & 8 October.

Circus Intro 1. 9:00am - 12 noon: 7 - 17 yr olds. For those with no or little experience.

Circus Intro 2. 1:00pm - 4:00pm: 7 - 17 yr olds. For those who have been coming regularly to term classes (i.e. "Circus Intro1") *There will also be an opportunity for those in this class to work towards being part of the show coming up on 17 October*

The class will be split into 2 age / size groups as necessary, depending on participants.

All 3 hr classes are \$30.00 per class, enrolment and payment details are available through the web site:

<http://kapitircircus.co.nz/Classes/>

A CIRCUS SHOW!!

We are going to hold the first ever "**Kapiti Circus Showcase**"

Friday 17 October, 7pm at Nga Purapura, 144 Tasman Rd, Otaki.

It will be a chance for the students, parents, friends and whanau from both Kapiti Circus locations to come together, celebrate circus and each other. There will be short presentations from Kapiti Circus students of what they have been learning as well as special guest performances from The Wellington Circus Youth Circus as well as adult professional circus performers.

It will be a fantastic event for all ages and the first time the Kapiti Circus community is coming together.

Early Childhood Home Based Care

Early childhood home based care called 'At Home' is starting up in Kapiti and Wellington region. If you are interested in becoming an educator or a family looking for compassionate and natural care for their children visit our website at <http://www.homebasedchildcare.org.nz/> or call Sue Hurst on 9058273.

Term 4 Football Skills

Capital Football and New Zealand Football are pleased to announce the continuation of our Kapiti Skills Centre for Term 4.

The program will build on the skills that the players have picked up over the season and at our other development centres and holiday programs.

Registrations are now open and spaces are limited to 24 players – The program is aimed at the serious 9 or 10 year old male or female football fanatic who really wants to accelerate their skills!

The program will be held on Tuesday afternoons at Howarth Block Reserve in Otaihanga from 3.45pm – 5pm, and run for 8 weeks beginning Tuesday October 21st.

The cost of the program is \$60.00 for the 8 weeks.

Players must register through GoalNet and can do so via the following link.

[Kapiti Skill Centre Registration Form](#)

House Sitter Wanted

Sunny house with beautiful views, 5 mins walk from the beach in Raumati South. Available for 2nd week of the school holidays (5th-12th Oct). Your only task will be to feed the 1 cat and 2 rabbits! Call Aleka Ph 299 3232

House Available

Live your dreams sharing our 65Ha permaculture farm / community. 2 bdrm home available for 2 - 4 people with energy and drive to join us - classical pianist; artist / builder; Radio NZ researcher; family with three young kids (Paul teaches at Te Ra) - with a deep love of nature, green values, commitment to spiritual growth and a wish to contribute towards a better world for all. We are also open to a shorter 3-5 month stay option.

wildwoodnz@gmail.com

Room to rent

Sunny bedroom, with own bathroom available for rent to share with 1 adult and a 12 year old daughter, 1 cat, and 4 chickens. (Yummy fresh eggs available daily.) \$170 per week which includes meals, power, phone and internet. Contact Sarah 027 255 9256 or sarah.ramakers@gmail.com

Wanted to Rent

A 2-3 bedroom house from around November for long term rental, preferably Paekakariki. Warm and sunny, with a garage. Contact Emma and Luke 021 0820 6227, 04 384 4393.

Wanted, House to Rent

We are looking for a 2bd or 2bd plus rental home. Walking distance to Te Ra. Warm and dry with woodburner. Conscientious tenant - will take great care of property.

Call Pamela: 021 0401888 or email pamela.lucas@clear.net.nz

The Lighthouse OSCAR is open for enrolments for its Sept/Oct

Holiday Programme. Please contact 2988549 or email

admin@kapitilighthouse.org.nz for any questions.

Cost is \$5 per hour capped at \$190 per week for non-W.I.N.Z. families.

W.I.N.Z. subsidies are available

www.thekapitilighthouse.co.nz. We are a C.Y.F.S. Approved Award Winning Programme and look forward to hearing from you all.

Sacred Gong Sound Immersion Concert

Experience the relaxing, healing sounds of Tibetan singing bowls, crystal alchemy bowls and a planetary gong with Healing Facilitator, Mariana Vetterli. Saturday 11th October, 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

Venue: Lotus Yoga Centre, 91 Ruapehu Street, Paraparaumu. Tickets: \$25 or \$20 on presentation of community services card.

The powerful overtones of the gong help balance body, mind and spirit.

Mariana will be playing a unique combination of sounds to inspire the senses, and take you on an inner journey of peace and tranquillity. Manifest true happiness, abundance, and health bathing in a sea of clearing, nourishing sound and discover your own song. Mariana has studied massage therapy and complementary natural therapies in Switzerland and has been working with health professionals in this field for over 25 years. She has extensive knowledge in the studies of the Human Energy Field, Energy Therapies and in the area of holistic and complementary health care.

Mariana lives in the South Island and is now travelling the country facilitating group gong sound sessions, private sessions and workshops.

Enquiries & Bookings to Cathryn Doornekamp 04 298 8258 or Mariana Vetterli 021 209 3921.

Prosperity Workshop

Have you ever worried about money, thought there wasn't enough, wondered why you are here, want more good in your Life? Then this workshop is for you.

Sunday 19th October 2014, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm with a shared lunch.

Venue: The Lotus Yoga Centre, 91 Ruapehu Street, Paraparaumu.

The workshop will be based on Edwene Gaines' book "The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity" and will be facilitated by Ros Annala,

Licensed Unity Teacher and Master Prosperity Teacher. Ros is also founder of Alive to Thrive, a centre to nourish mind, body and soul.

You are invited to register for the workshop by phoning Cathryn Doornekamp at the Lotus Yoga Centre on (04) 298 8258 or email

lotus.yoga.centre@paradise.net.nz.

Cost \$35.00 prepaid. (All proceeds go to the Lotus Yoga Centre) For more information please contact Ros Annala on 021 0818 1584 or email

rosgoldsbrough@gmail.com Website: www.alivetothrive.org.nz

Wanted:

A family who are heading to the South Island on the ferry in the next school holidays, and don't mind if my 13 year old daughter, Mira, catches the ferry with them. She is going to visit her grandparents and will be picked up by them in Picton. She is too young to travel without an adult on the ferry. Please contact Danielle if you can help with supervision, Ph 9050790 or 021 2992526.



**Waldorf Education
on the Kapiti Coast**

- ❖ How can we help young people develop a lifelong enthusiasm for learning and work?
- ❖ How can the way in which children are educated foster a healthy self-awareness?
- ❖ How can education help them understand the needs of peoples of all cultures and the needs of the environment?

All prospective School and Kindergarten parents
are warmly invited to our

Information Afternoons 2.30pm

Friday, 17th October

Friday, 7th November

Friday, 5th December

Open Day

Saturday, 15th November

at Te Ra Waldorf School, 89 Poplar Ave, Raumati South

There will be plenty of opportunity for questions.

Or phone the office on 04 299-0812 for an information pack.

