



Kia Manawanui

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

Last week's highlight was the magnificent Class 3 play "Esther, Queen of Persia". It was easy to forget that these children are only 9 years old, such was the quality of their performance. The work they put into learning their parts was evidenced by the enjoyment of their audience as this age-old story unfolded. Some children played more than one role *and* an instrument – that was truly impressive (see above re. age of these children). Beautiful singing and instrumental music, and stunning costumes and scenery completed a truly enjoyable experience. Well done, Tina and Class 3 – we look forward to your plays in years to come.

Only yonder magnificent pine-tree... holds her unchanging beauty throughout the year, like her half-brother, the ocean, whose voice she shares; and only marks the flowing of her annual tide of life by the new verdure that yearly submerges all trace of last year's ebb.

Thomas Wentworth Higginson, "April Days," 1861

The thought that the pine trees will come down this weekend is quite sad, but there will be new growth, and renewal. We are glad these trees have watched over us for as long as they did, and farewell them with fondness.

Nga mihi mahana,

Andrea Sorger, on behalf of the College of Teachers

(Sue Hurst, Jutta Kress, Elien Hoffmans, and Andrea Sorger)

Diary of Dates

Monday 3 November	Kapa Haka Festival at El Rancho (Classes 5,6,7)
Wednesday 5 November	Class 4 Parent Evening 6.30pm
Thursday 6 November	Class 5 Parent Evening
Friday 7 November	Information Afternoon 2.30pm
Saturday 8 November	School Working Bee 9-12 & 1-4pm
Sunday 9 November	Raphael House Toy and Craft Fair
Monday 10 November	Class 1 Meditation 7.30pm
Tuesday 11 November	Keruru (Pavitra's) Kindergarten Parent Evening 7pm
Tuesday 11 November	Korimako (Shelly's) Kindergarten Parent Evening 7pm
12-14 November	Class 5 Olympic Camp
Friday 14 November	School & Kindergartens Finish at 1:00pm
Saturday 15 November	School Open Day
17-21 November	Class 7 Camp
Tuesday 18 November	Class 1 Parent Evening 7pm
Wednesday 19 November	Class 2 Parent Evening 7pm
Wednesday 26 November	Class 4 Play 6.30pm
Friday 28 November	Parent Sharing Assembly Tennis Court Road Hall 11.30am
Saturday 29 November	Advent Wreath Making
Monday 1 December	Advent Assembly 1 (for school children)
Wednesday 3 December	School Circus Day
Friday 5 December	Information Afternoon 2.30pm
Friday 5 December	Te Ra hosting Christmas Market at Tennis Court Road Hall 2-8pm
Monday 8 December	Advent Assembly 2
8-12 December	Class 6 Camp
10-12 December	Class 4 Camp
11-13 December	Class 12 Play – Raphael House
Monday 15 December	Advent Assembly 3
Wednesday 17 December	School children change class rooms
Wednesday 17 December	Class 7 farewell
Wednesday 17 December	Shepherds' Play Evening Community Performance
Thursday 18 December	Shepherds' Play performance for school children
Thursday 18 December	Last Day Term 4 (1:00pm finish)

From the Office

Special Character Pledge Pack 2015

The Special Character Pledge Pack for 2015 will be both emailed and mailed to all families next week. Please take the time to read thoroughly and return the completed forms by the due date.

Thank you

Te Ra Community Events

Craft Group - Thursdays

Please join us on Thursday evenings 7-9pm in Te Ra's handwork room. No crafting experience is necessary; there is a brilliant teacher on the night to help you with all your crafty questions.

For questions please call Jutta at 04 299 1136 or Maya at 027 680 6293.

Christian Community

The Christian Community meets for gospel study at 10:00 am in the Te Ra staffroom every Sunday. For more information call Catherine Hayes on 904-3878, or email hayes.catherine@gmail.com.

Community Gardens

Gardening enthusiasts are now meeting every Monday at 11:00am to work in the community gardens onsite. If you would like to attend or find out more please contact Jill Duncan, Ph 902 2851.

Fundraising Group

Kia ora koutou dear Te Ra & Te Rawhiti parents and whanau

We're your Fundraising group (FRG) and in this letter we're letting you know what the school community's hard-earned funds have been spent on. We're also introducing a new idea - to cover some parents' disbursement costs out of the fundraising pool. So, make sure you read to the end so you don't miss out on the chance for some financial relief!

Who Are We? The FRG manages the funds generated from any of the school fundraising activities. The FRG is made up of parents, Daniela Diederichs Ronberg, Natasha Robertson, Sharon Wilmhurst, and Nicky Walker. We also have Nico Borren Robertson as a representative of the BOT. We are supported in an advisory role by Nick Fisher, our school resources manager and Ralph Wallace, our school financial administrator.

Where the Money Comes From: The annual school fair is our largest income earner, but the Arts Trail, the cafe at the Open Day, and our Trade Directory also generate income. We also get money from interest earned on funds invested on term deposit.

How We Operate and Make Decisions: The group of seven (see above) discuss proposals for both fundraising and spending. However, only the parents on the FRG can vote 'yay or nay'. Spending must be on projects which will support and enhance our school, our school environment and the wellbeing of our children, parents, teachers and staff. Proposals can come from teachers and parents.

This Year's Spending Items: This year the FRG has supported funding a larger project: a large-scale playground xylophone. Building of this began as part of the four day 'Te Ra Festival of Friends' in the last school holidays. Funds were also provided for the festival to get up and going. We are also funding the purchase and instalment of water filters in each classroom ready for the 2015 school year. Each year the fair expenses are covered, as are materials for the craft group to operate. A ladder for the woodwork room and replacing a stainless steel tub for candle making were also funded.

The New Initiative!

We are also using some of the money to directly help parents, setting up a new and ongoing initiative to subsidise some disbursement costs for each class. The current base disbursement of \$225 per child remains but the FRG would like to subsidise the following per child:

Class 1 - to be agreed yearly with the class teacher as there are no camps, trips or larger costs

Class 2 - Recorders (\$69 per child) FRG to cover this

Class 3 - String project cost per child \$200 FRG to pay \$100
Parents \$100

Class 4 - Zoo trip & Kapiti Island trip (\$50 per child per visit) FRG to cover all

Class 5 - Fountain pens (\$22 per child) FRG to cover this

Class 5, 6 & 7 - A guaranteed maximum camp cost per child of \$100 FRG to cover any shortfall between grants received and cost per child

(Class 5 - Olympic camp, Class 6 - Geology camp, Class 7 - sailing or skiing)

These subsidies will be an ongoing annual cost coming from funds generated by the fair directly back to parents. There will still be remaining funds available for other events and proposals such as plays, sports, cultural events, and bus transport for school day trips.

Make Sure You Get This Year's Disbursement Subsidy

These new subsidies will take effect starting now. This means that for parents with children in class 5, 6 & 7 camps, you will enjoy the subsidised rates for the upcoming expenses listed above.

Parents who have already paid for items on the list above (such as the class 3 string project, class 4's zoo trip and class 5's fountain pens), need to contact Ralph at the office (ralph@tera.school.nz) to receive a back-payment (credited to your disbursement account this year). Please be in touch by the 14th of November.

Next year it'll all be easier and straightforward; these things will automatically be funded.

Tell Us What You Think:

The FRG represents you, the parents of the school. We are accountable to you and we want to be responsive to you! We can, for example, lend funds to help parents get a class fundraising plan off the ground. We are interested in what you think could be funded.

The next time you'll hear from us will be before the fair - the biggest and best fundraising event for all of us - to support all of us.

Please feel welcome to contact any of us with your feedback. Nga mihi mahana, with best wishes

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Māori Language Week

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui kia koutou.



Te kupu o tēnei wiki: **homai**
Give (to me)

Homai he inu māku.
Give me a drink [please].

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>

Community Notices and Advertising

Paekakariki Womens' Clothing Swap

This Sunday, 2nd November 2014

1 - 4pm MEMORIAL HALL, PAEKAKARIKI

★ \$2 entry to help cover hall cost. Any extra money made going to Kapiti Women's Centre.

★ Swap item = take home item. Any extra items will be \$1 each.

PLEASE NO KIDS CLOTHING, CASH ONLY.

★ **Please label your bag with your full name, number of items and general size of clothes and drop clothes off between Wednesday 29th and Saturday 1st November.**

★ **Drop off spots** are at Nicky's, 136 Tilley Rd, & Carmen's, 9 Te Miti St (cnr of Horomona & Te Miti). Leave in the conservatory please.

★ Leftover clothes, accessories etc will be divided between 'Dress for Success' - helping women into work and local Kapiti op shops, Mary Potter hospice and Kapiti Birthright.

Any questions please call Nicky 905 8593.

Dances of Universal Peace

At Te Ra School Hall, 7.30pm Sat 8 Nov, an evening of Zikr (the practice of Remembrance of Unity with the One) led by Andrew Hall who is a guide in the Sufi Order and has led dances for 18 years. Simple meditative dance and song, no experience needed just an open heart:

andrew.hall.nz@gmail.com 04 299 1045

Kapiti Run For Youth



The poster for the Kapiti Run For Youth 2014 event features a header with the event title 'The Web Genius KAPITI RUN FOR YOUTH' and details for two distances: '6km FUN RUN/WALK' and '12km FUN RUN/WALK' on 'SUNDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2014'. Logos for sponsors like 'webgenius' and 'youthquest' are present. A row of smaller sponsor logos includes 'Kapiti News', 'beach', 'Kapiti Law', 'Lowtox Ltd', and 'B-LINE'. The main text announces that 'Registrations are open' for 'Sunday 2 November 2014' for the 'Web Genius Kapiti Run for Youth 2014', with the purpose of raising funds and fitness for Kapiti's youth. It notes that profiles and sponsorship are online, with a \$20 qualifying fee that can be raised through sponsorship and regular campaigns. 'Youth Quest' is identified as the main benefactor. Registration information is provided, including the website www.kapitirunforyouth.co.nz and contact details for Helene at helene@kapitibusinessprojects.co.nz or 027 244 9585. The bottom of the poster features a graphic of runners silhouetted against a sunset over water, with a red banner that says 'ENTER NOW'.

Marsden Whitby Information Evening

Anglican school for girls and boys Yr 7-13
Information evening will be held on Tues 4 Nov at 7pm at the Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahine St, Paraparaumu.

Pukerua Bay Kindergarten Craft Fair

Sat 15 Nov 10am-2pm
At Pukerua Bay Kindergarten, Wairaka Road, Pukerua Bay.
Xmas Gifts, Raffle, Jewellery, Café, BBQ

Singing and Violin Individual and Group lessons

Experienced teacher offering after school lessons. Mon and Thurs Otaki, Wed student's homes south of Waikanae. Rachel 021 936 749, Email rachel@rachelmorgan.net

Meditation and Relaxation

For peace of mind, increases energy, reduces stress, easy to learn. The next 4 week block courses starts Thursday 06 November, 7.30 p.m - 9.00 p.m at the Lotus Yoga Centre, 91 Ruapehu Street, Paraparaumu with facilitator Eric Doornekamp. The cost is \$45.00 and bookings are essential. For more information visit www.lotusyogacentre.org.nz or to enrol, please phone Cathryn Doornekamp on 04 298 8258.

Yoga for Sports People

A new six week course, Yoga for Sports People will be starting up at the Lotus Yoga Centre in Paraparaumu on Wednesday 12th November 2014, 6.30 - 7.45 p.m. with facilitator Anthony Britton. Anthony is a seasoned athlete, as well as being a trained teacher and a highly qualified ex-football coach, whose current sport passion is cycling.

The Yoga for Sports People course is a series of 6 weekly classes, suitable for all sports people, whatever the degree of fitness. It covers six broad themes: Core strength and using the breath as a source of inner strength, hip opening and patience, twisting from the core and intention, shoulders and liberation, finding focus, and body appreciation.

The course is timed to lead in to the Christmas holiday break, finishing on Wednesday 17th December. It can be a busy and stressful time of the year, but rather than finding the course is 'yet-another-thing on their plate', participants should find the course helps prepare them for a relaxed and focused holiday period and lead-in to the new year. The number of participants is limited to 8, so please contact Cathryn Doornekamp on 04 298 8258 to register. The cost is \$90 prepaid.

Wellington International Hockey Week

For the first time ever – the Black Sticks will be playing on the Kāpiti Coast and they have Japan in their sights. November 21st and 22nd – watch the speed, the action, the intensity of your favourite players in action as we play two tests against Japan. Held at the Coastlands Kāpiti Sports Turf on Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu – kicking off at 6pm/7pm. Get your tickets today from dashtickets.co.nz or Coastlands Shopping town and save! Pre-sale tickets for children are \$8.00, students \$10.00 and adults \$12.50. Family passes also available. Don't miss some hard core international hockey action right here on the Coast!

The Blacksticks Women are also playing a 3 test series against Australia. Please refer to the poster on our school noticeboard for additional details.

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 to Buy

Anyone wanting to sell a family home?

The Shearer family are looking for a new home in Raumati South. Good foundations, good sun and a yard are important to us. A bonus is 3+ bedrooms, open living area and a garage. Please contact tikkyshearer@gmail.com or on 022 177 0945.



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, 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.

