



# Kia Manawanui

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

The only talking point around these parts this week is our stunning success in the recent "Bike to School Day" event. A whopping 61% of Te Rā's children (and many parents and teachers) cycled to school last Wednesday. This was enough to take out the prize, a \$300 voucher from Rebel Sports. To put this turnout into perspective: Paekakariki School had the second highest turnout with 48%, Kena Kena School was third with 41% and Kapanui School was fourth with 30%. Paraparumu Beach School and Kapiti School rounded out the field at fifth and sixth, respectively. Tino pai, Te Rā whanau!

Classes 6 and 7 took part in the inter-school triathlon yesterday. A triathlon event can be daunting, so congratulations to all the children for giving it a go!

Some results:

*Luca Morley-Hall* 6<sup>th</sup> in the individual boys' event;

*Jade, Georgia and Tui* 4<sup>th</sup> in the girls' team event;

*Anna, Beri and Rosie* 10<sup>th</sup> in the girls' team event;

*Leah and Evie* 20<sup>th</sup> in the girls' team event;

*Ethan, Reuben and Mana* 12<sup>th</sup> in the boys' team event;

*Evyatar, Blake and Mietta* 4<sup>th</sup> in the mixed team event;

*Harry, Joshua and Seirian* 6<sup>th</sup> in the mixed team event; and

*Stella, Ciara and Jacob* 12<sup>th</sup> in the mixed team event.

We are trialling a new rhythm for our newsletters. In every even week we will publish a shorter panui, a newsflyer as it were. We would also like to increasingly move toward electronic communications to save paper, so please let Maxine know if you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail rather than as hardcopy. [office@tera.school.nz](mailto:office@tera.school.nz)

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 19 February	Te Ra Toymakers 7pm in the Woodwork Rm
23-27 February	Class 6 Camp
Thursday 26 February	Fair Core Group Meeting 9-10am (weekly)
Friday 27 February	Information Afternoon 2.30pm
Wednesday 4 March	Class 5 Parent Evening 6.30pm
Thursday 5 March	Korimako KG Group Parent Evening
Tuesday 10 March	Class 3 Parent Evening
Wednesday 11 March	Kereru KG Group Parent Evening, 7:00-9:00pm
Thursday 26 March	BoT Meeting
Friday 27 March	Information Afternoon 2.30pm
Saturday 21 March	Working Bee 9am-1pm, 12pm-4pm
Thursday 2 April	Last Day Term 1

## From the Office

### **School Lunches – now \$3.50 for Samosa**

The wholesale price of the Samosas has recently increased so from next week we will be increasing the price to \$3.50. Lasagne will remain at the current price of \$3.00.

### **Special Character Pledge Forms**

Thank you to everyone who has returned their pledge form. Your returned form is an essential part of our budget.

Please remember when you enrolled at Te Rāwhiti and Te Rā you have agreed to put in a donation pledge form every year. Your donation allows us to provide your children with a rich Waldorf Curriculum. At our school and kindergarten we do not want to use devices to teach the children; here the *entire* curriculum is delivered by skilled, talented and experienced teachers, and your donation is the only way to make this possible.

If you have not returned your form we will be in touch next weeks to help us understand how we can make this work.

### **School Library Books**

Please return all overdue library books to the library before next Monday, thank you.

### **Parent Library**

Please return all overdue Parent Library Books to our Parent Café each Friday, or to the school office.

## **Still Wanted for School Gardening Project**

Please contact Mark, our school gardening teacher, or the school office if you have any spare terracotta pots of any size.

## **Class E-Mails**

Parent liaisons and class teachers regularly use group emails as a way of communicating to their class. If you are not receiving emails, or you have recently changed your contact details, please update these with the office **and** your class rep as soon as possible.

## **Winter Sports**

### **Hockey**

We are hoping to have school teams entered into the Kapiti Junior Hockey league which is played in Terms 2 and 3. If you are able to assist in any way, or would like your child/ren to play please contact Maxine in the school office.

### **Netball**

Registration forms will soon be available. These will be distributed to the classes and extra copies will be available in the school office. If you are able to assist but have not already put your name forward, please contact Janine Walker or the office.

## **Fair News**

We had our first Fair meeting on Thursday and this year's Fair is shaping up to being a fun day. Our focus this year is decorations. We want the pentagon to be a vibrant inviting place to walk into. More on how you can be involved in this to come.

Below is a list of what each kindergarten and class is responsible for this year. Details of this will come through your parent or fair liaison:

### **Kindergartens**

- Chrystal hunt for under 7's,
- Lemonade and cookies
- Fairy forest
- Pocket lady
- Face painting

### **Class 1**

- Games i.e. tin cans, fishing, over 7's chrystal hunt, toffee apples

### **Class 2 & 3**

- BBQ & Café

### **Class 4**

- Games for over 10 years i.e archery, gumboot toss, bean bag toss, smoke the stoat

### **Class 5**

- Quiet activities i.e candle dipping, beading or wrist braids, felted balls

### **Class 6**

- Produce i.e cakes, vegetables and preserves

### **Class 7**

- Ice cream
- Car parking

Of course there is room for new ideas to be brought to the fair core group especially in the games and quiet activities.

- **The plums** are falling off the trees and blackberries are ripening. If you are a jam maker or a bottler please consider making an extra jar or two to donate to the produce stall.
- **Calling all wood turners.** If you do wood turning and would like to offer your services with this skill, please chat with Paul Denford
- **Second hand clothes.** Think about clearing out your closet and de-cluttering the draws of clothes needing a new home. Marliesje is holding this stall again this year so please let her know if you have any contributions
- **Used Books.** We are having our book stall again so if you have any books to donate please keep them aside and bring them into school during the week of the fair. We would love to have more children's books this year.

The Fair core group is meeting weekly, so keep checking on updates in the newsletter.

## **Board of Trustees News**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined Te Rā and to all our returning families, faculty and staff.

We had our first meeting of the year last week where we welcomed Joannes Boele van Hensbroek onto the Board. He is replacing Shelly as a Trust (Proprietors') representative. Joannes may be known to many of you in the school community from when he was the Board Chairperson some years ago.

The Board is currently working on the Strategic and Annual Plan which is due into the Ministry on 1 March.

We are also in the process of finalising a flow chart which illustrates how the Complaints Procedure works.

Our next Board meeting will be on 26 March in the school library, starting at 7:00pm.

### **He Wānanga Kaupapa Steiner (Part 3)**

#### ***For Educators in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Aotearoa supporting Te Reo Maori***

I'm sure you will have read parts 1 and 2 of this series (newsletters 1 and 2 this year), and will know by now that Paul Fletcher, Tina, Kerstin and I were entirely enriched and inspired by this conference at Taruna in January!

The experience was one of embracing yet more fully this rich and beautiful land of Aotearoa and her people, and it gave me another opportunity to embrace wholeheartedly the final stage of my journey with my wonderful class, now Class 7.

I came away from the conference with a deeper understanding of my task – *Whakatere Waka* – to make the Waka go fast and well, by celestial navigation, to its destination; to navigate truly by the stars, and teach from my passion.

This whakatauki is for all of us in the wonderful Te Ra Community:

*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,*      My strength is not of one,  
*Engari, ko taku toa he toa takitini*      But my success comes from many.

Kia kaha,  
Aleka

### **Te Rawhiti Kindergarten Paekakariki - Summer Festival 2014**





## **Te Ra Community Events**

### **Te Rā Toymakers**

Te Rā Toymakers are back in business making wooden toys for the Fair (3 May). The workshop is open Thursday nights from 7pm. We need plenty of willing hands and you don't need to be skilled – there's plenty to do and we can teach you. All are welcome!

New ideas and suggestions are welcome too.

Please contact Paul Denford at school or home Ph (04) 589 1652 or Katrina Sowry Ph 299 1044.

## **Wanted for Class 3**

Kia ora. Class 3 is looking for a 'nice' mat and some cushions for our reading corner. If you have something we could have please let Kaia know and she can pick it up. Thanks a plenty 021 131 0500 / 905 2031

## **Ashton Scholastic Book Club**

Reminder that order forms need to be completed and returned to the office with money/credit card details by the 24th February.

## Māori Language Week

**Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui kia koutou!**



Te kupu o tēnei wiki: **rū**  
(*earthquake*)

**Rū** ana te whenua!  
(*The earth quakes!*)

Ko Rūaumoko te atua o ngā **rū**.  
(*Rūaumoko is the god of earthquakes.*)

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 all kupu, can be found on this website: <http://www.korero.maori.nz/news/mlw>

If one new kupu per week is not enough for you and you would like to receive a new word daily by email, have a peek at <http://kupu.maori.nz/> and sign up. Ka mau te wehi!

## Community Notices and Advertising

### **'The Agriculture Course' by Rudolf Steiner – Study Group**

Is anyone interested in reading 'The Agriculture Course' by Rudolf Steiner in a study group? Please let me know, we can try and find a time that suits everyone. I am thinking of starting with an hour every fortnight and then see how we go from there. Please put your name and phone number down on the list in the office if you are interested/curious.

Thanks, Lisa

### **Violin Lessons**

Enjoy individual Violin lessons with Mary, our school orchestra and string programme teacher. Lessons can be held before and after school or during the breaks if preferred. Please Ph Mary on 0274 334 880.

### **House to rent or buy wanted**

Te Ra family of four looking for a house to rent or buy. Our lease is up mid March so we need a 2-3 bedroom place to call home. Please call Felicity on 021 151 0790 to discuss.

## **Beautiful house to rent in Paekakariki**

3 bedrooms, for 9 months (8 April 2015 to 1 January 2016)

\$415 per week. Interested? Call Anja on 905 8865 or 021 023 50601

## **Room to Rent**

I am looking for a Flatmate. I have a large furnished room that would suit an older person. Ph Carole 905-7906 or 021 036 7906.

## **Uncertified Organic Horse Hay & Piglets for Sale**

Horse Hay is \$8.00 per bale delivered.

Kune Kune Piglets \$20 each

Please Ph Kate 020 401 1108

## **Lego fans of all ages are invited to be a part of our giant Lego project!**

Together we will be building a giant Lego model of the Paraparaumu town centre, imagining what a sustainable, eco-friendly future could look like. Our Lego town centre will be displayed at the Sustainable Home and Garden Show, March 21/22, Kapiti Primary School.

Participants are invited to free weekly Lego building workshops leading up to the Sustainable Home and Garden Show, held on Saturdays 2-4pm at the Kapiti Coast Community Centre. Each workshop will present relevant ideas and examples of inspiring sustainable approaches to urban design, community initiatives and awesome Lego projects, as well as some serious Lego building.

Places are limited, come to our registration day on Saturday 14 Feb at the Paraparaumu Library Meeting Room to sign up and find out more, or REGISTER NOW at [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/ecotownbuildingcomp](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/ecotownbuildingcomp).

For more information go to <https://legotownkapiti.wordpress.com>

Or contact Vanessa Crowe: [vmcrowe@gmail.com](mailto:vmcrowe@gmail.com) or 021 1159399.

## **Basketball**

Skills & Development Trainings with Coach Angelo

11 to 13 year old & 14 to 17 year old Boys & Girls

Thursdays 6.00 to 7.30pm – starting Thursday 19 February

At PC Community Gym, Paraparaumu College, Mazengarb Road.

Age Group Basketball Open Days

Sunday 22 Feb, Sunday 1 & 8 March. Allocated times for each age group.

All enquiries contact Angelo Robinson 04 9040142

[contactus.kba@gmail.com](mailto:contactus.kba@gmail.com)

### **Spare Storage??**

Does anyone have some storage space that we can borrow/use. We have some beds, a couch, washing machine, wardrobe, dresser and boxes to store. If you have any storage please contact Kristie on [tikkyshearer@gmail.com](mailto:tikkyshearer@gmail.com) or mobile: 022 177 0945

### **Looking for a home**

We are looking for a 3 - 4 bedroom sunny property with a yard in the Raumati South area. Our ideal home would include:

- Open plan living
- Indoor-Outdoor flow
- Garage/Shed/Sleep-out

If you, or someone that you know, has a property like this, please call Kristie Shearer 022 177 0945 or [tikkyshearer@gmail.com](mailto:tikkyshearer@gmail.com)

### **A Fridge??**

Does anyone want to borrow/store Graham Ibell's fridge, we cannot store this anymore and I need to find a new temporary home for this by 21st Feb. Please contact Kristie on [tikkyshearer@gmail.com](mailto:tikkyshearer@gmail.com) or 022 177 0945 if you can help with this. Thanks

### **Therapy/Treatment Room Share Available in Paekakariki**

For holistic health/alternative medicine practitioner. Please contact Heather for more details. 021.108.1655 or [heatherautry@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherautry@yahoo.com)



RAPHAEL HOUSE  
RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

### **School Administration Officer**

Are you someone that everyone remembers because you are friendly and build strong relationships? Are you efficient and effective in your work? Then we are looking for you.

Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School is a hidden gem in Lower Hutt; a busy special character area school with 350 students and an active community. This is a fantastic opportunity to join the admin team as our School Administration Officer.

If you are a self-starter with the capacity to juggle lots of balls, have strong communication, human resources and IT skills, and a flexible approach, we'd love to hear from you.

The position will commence in early March 2015 and is full time during school terms and at other times by agreement.

The Job Description and Application Form are downloadable from our website  
<http://www.raphaelhouse.school.nz/about/vacancies/>

Applications including letter and CV can be emailed **by Thursday, 19 February 2015** to: [vacancies@raphaelhouse.school.nz](mailto:vacancies@raphaelhouse.school.nz) or posted to 27 Matuhi Street Tirohanga, Lower Hutt 5010 (Attention: the Principal).





# **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, 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March

at Te Rā 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.

