



Kia Manawanui

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

As we are coming into the time of harvest moons and harvesting, the time of poutū-te-rangi (February – March; poutū is Altair, the brightest star in the Aquila constellation), you can behold some of the fruits of the children's work in next week's sharing assembly.

In the meantime, please take a moment to read about Class 6's experiences on their recent geology camp.

Class 7 are away in Wellington today, having an exciting trip on a big sailing waka. We look forward to their report, too.

We are in 'Moving March' and are gearing up for our "All In Day" on the 25th. Keep on the lookout for further information.

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 12 March	Te Ra Toymakers meet from 7pm
Thursday 12 March	Class 4 Parent Evening 7pm
Friday 13 March	Parent Craft Group 9am
Monday 16 March	Ruru (Marianna's) Kindergarten Parent Evening 7-9pm
Tuesday 17 March	Kakariki (Lotti's) Kindergarten Parent Evening 7pm
Thursday 19 March	Sharing Assembly 11.30am
Thursday 19 March	Fair Core Group Meeting 9-10am
Thursday 19 March	Te Ra Toymakers meet from 7pm
Friday 20 March	Parent Craft Group 9am
21 & 22 March	Class 7 – Sustainable Home and Garden Show
Thursday 26 March	Fair Core Group Meeting 9-10am
Thursday 26 March	Te Ra Toymakers meet from 7pm
Thursday 26 March	BoT Meeting 7pm
Friday 27 March	Parent Craft Group 9am
Friday 27 March	Information Afternoon 2.30pm
Saturday 28 March	Working Bee 9am-4pm
Thursday 2 April	Festival
Thursday 2 April	Last Day Term 1

Harvest Fair News

The Fair core group is meeting weekly, so keep checking on updates in the newsletter. Any questions please contact Jill in the office.

From the Office

Terracotta Plant Pots Still Wanted

Any size, but particularly smaller ones. They do not need to be in good condition. For a Class 7 project on 'Ollas' at The Sustainable Home and Garden Show. Please leave them at the office. Thank you!

Found Watch

A lady's dress watch has been handed into the school office.

Casual Bus Use

Just a reminder trips are \$4 each way.

From the Class 6 Geology Camp

Every year at Te Ra, the Class 6 Geology main lesson and the study of the different rock types and the rock cycle culminate in the much anticipated 5 day camp in the Wairarapa. Two weeks ago, this year's Class 6 visited the stunning lime stone formations of the Ruakokopatuna Chasm and the Putangirua Pinnacles, and we even had a chance to 'explore' a glow worm cave (cave spider, eels and all!). Have a look at a selection of writing samples below!



Of course, there is more to any school camp than just the trips: it's the living and playing together, the sharing of whole days and nights, of meals and the bedtime stories (not to forget the Talent Show). We were blessed with hot days and balmy nights, and the only downside of the lack of rain was that showers were limited to "only when absolutely needed" – which did not matter much as on most days we managed to dip into one river or another during our outings.

As always, a camp is a true community effort, and Class 6 is grateful to the parents who joined us and helped us during the week: Briar, Eric, Joe, Dan F, Mary, Esmee, Andrew, Dan M. Many thanks also to Vita's granddad Martin, who shared his geological expertise with us during the chasm walk, and to Eileen, the German volunteer, who was a fantastic trainee camp mother to have with us.



We would also like to acknowledge **Jenny Fraser** from Kapiti Explorer and Marine Charter, who provided us with a satellite phone for the duration of the camp – and yes, we did need it: on the first evening! Thank you!!!

The school is also extremely grateful to **Trevor Hawkins**, the Wairarapa contractor who managed to get one of our hired vans (which had got stuck on the driveway to Waikuku Lodge) back into action, and who has let us know that he would not charge for this much appreciated service!!!



Kerstin Wagner

THE CHASM

I looked down a 16 feet drop into icy cold water. I heard the ladder creak and falling water. Underneath me I saw the black shape of an eel. I looked up and saw the green vegetation and moss. I felt the back of my shirt sticking to me as I looked down at the chasm. (Ethan)



My heart was beating fast. I looked down at the rails. My foot went down onto one rail, and then another and another until I was at the bottom. I was expecting clear, peacock-green water, and it to smell like roses, but it smelt like dead sheep and the water was churned up by people's feet. (Vita)

THE CAVE

The lights turned off, it was pitch black. I took a step, slipped and plunged into freezing cold water. It was deep. I could not feel my feet. (Tui)

My heart thudded as I stepped into the blackness penetrated only by tiny green lights. Suddenly I saw a golden glow up ahead and my heart leaped at thinking of an end to this darkness, then dropped again when I realized that it was only a torch. Someone's voice echoed off the dark walls. The gold glow vanished and I took a sharp breath. The walls were covered in tiny green lights. It was a breath-taking sight. It was only later as a shaft of sunlight illuminated the cave, dimming the small green lights, that I looked back and thought about my wonderful experience. The damp, musty smell, the terrifying blackness and the wall of tiny green lights. I realized how lucky I was to have gone through a glow worm cave. (Leah)

THE PINNACLES

Excitedly I increased my pace. The high spiralling towers stood in front of my eyes like the gates of a glorious castle. I felt a shiver of anticipation run through my body. It felt like I stood in a parallel universe, hidden away in a small pocket of New Zealand. (Jacob)

Tall shadows surrounded me ominously, the leaning towers of stone. I felt like I was in an ancient haunted castle or at a museum of giant sized statues. I wanted to touch everything but was afraid the rocks would cascade down like a waterfall onto my head. It was scary but enchanting. (Georgia)

Winter Hockey & Netball – Final Reminder

If you would like your child/ren to play netball or hockey please complete the appropriate registration form and return to the school office by tomorrow 13 March.

Holistic Haven

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Holistic Haven (the school shop) is open every Friday at the Parents' Café, 9-10am, in the school hall.

The shop has a wide selection of 'Steiner friendly' gifts, art and craft supplies, Weleda homeopathic products, and books – ideal for birthday and other presents.

Further info contact Tonia on 905-7455, 021 223-4993,
holistic_haven@paradise.net.nz (cash only please)

Māori Language Week

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui kia koutou!



Te kupu o tēnei wiki: **ukurere**
(ukulele)

I whakatangi ia i tana ukurere.
(She played her ukulele.)

“Ko au tō matua” te kī a te rakuraku ki te ukurere.
(“I am your father” said the guitar to the **ukurere**.)

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

Kitchen Club

Golden representative of the harvest season.....Sweetcorn, corn/maize. Come and engage with corn in all its many guises! All welcome. Tuesday 17th March, 10am - 12pm in the Te Ra school kitchen, \$5 plus \$5 for ingredients. To find out more or to RSVP please contact Debbie ter Borg (ph 04 565 1780 or email debyterborg@hotmail.com)

Community Notices and Advertising

2015 Book Publishing Project

Organised by the
Kapiti Children's Writers' Charitable Trust Inc.

- Seeking Submissions -

The Kapiti Children's Writers' Charitable Trust Inc., established to promote children's literature in Kapiti through community projects is planning to publish a book of poems, stories and artwork by Kapiti children and we are presently seeking submissions.

This project is open to children, 8 to 13 years of age, who live on the Kapiti Coast, Paekakariki to Otaki.

For an Entry Form and the full list of Terms and Conditions for Submissions – contact: – Pam Kessler

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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 Afternoon
2.30pm**

Friday, 27th 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.

