



Kia Manawanui

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

We are nearing the time of the autumnal equinox, and hasn't the recent weather confirmed this! Still, our children seem too busy to fret too much about the cold. Class 7 are putting the finishing touches on their Ollas project for this weekend's Sustainable Home and Garden Show; many children from Class 3 upwards are enjoying the unicycles and stilts at playtimes, and yesterday's "Scooter Wednesday" was, by all accounts, a success.

Please make sure that your child comes to school with socks now, and ideally also slippers – warm feet are very essential for our well-being and ability to concentrate on our work.

Of course all classes have also been busy preparing for today's sharing assembly. Our apologies for not advertising the time of this assembly more clearly – we hope that all you who were keen to see the children's work were able to make it.

Finally, I would like to point you in the direction of an excellent report, "Screentime in New Zealand", which was produced for and published by Family First (!).

<https://www.familyfirst.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/WE-NEED-TO-TALK-Screentime-Full-Report.pdf>

(Yes, I do appreciate the irony of the hyperlink)

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 March	Te Ra Toymakers meet from 7pm
Friday 20 March	Parent Craft Group 9am
Friday 20 March	Class 6 BAKESALE for Vanuatu during morning tea & lunch
21 & 22 March	Class 7 – Sustainable Home and Garden Show
23 rd to 27 th March	Active transport week – bike/walk/scoot to school
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	Class 6 BAKESALE for Vanuatu during morning tea & lunch
Friday 27 March	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Saturday 28 March	Working Bee 9am-4pm
Thursday 2 April	Last Day Term 1 (Easter Festival for school children)
Monday 20 April	First Day Term 2
Sunday 3 May	Te Ra Harvest Fair

Harvest Fair 3 May – Latest News

Produce Stall

The Produce Stall would like to have plants and seeds for sale. Now is the time to start any cuttings or seedlings and to gather seeds which can be sold at the fair. We are also asking for people to make jams, chutney or preserves, and closer to the time any offerings from your gardens such as Fijoas, lemons, herbs and vegetables, thank you.

Silent Auction at the Harvest Fair

We will be holding the Silent Auction table/s again this year at the Fair. Bidding is open to anyone in our community, including Auto bids. More details to come.

We are calling out for any parents/whanau who would kindly donate some items/vouchers for us to auction.

Last year we had a great range of items (clothing, art work, sports gear), tickets and vouchers (electrical, hair cuts, astrology, reiki, homeopathy, photography, karate, massage).

Please drop off items/vouchers to Maxine in the office or text Kristie to collect 022 177 0945. Thank you

Craft Morning on Fridays

Please join us on Friday mornings from 9am in the Handwork Room to make craft items for our school Fair. There are lots of items to be made so any help is appreciated. No crafting experience is necessary. Maya is there to help you with all your crafty questions.

Toy Making

If you are interested in helping make toys for the Fair please contact either Paul Denford on 04 589 1652 or Katrina Sowry on 299 1044.

Rosters

The rosters for the fair are being compiled this week. Please be aware that rosters will be 1 hour 30 minutes per parent. Your class Fair Liaison will be in touch.

The Coffee Stall

Calling all experienced coffee-makers to service at the Allpress Caravan for the Te Ra School Fair. This will require 2 hours of your precious time on Sunday 3rd May; preparing delicious coffee for the masses. Call/email/txt Bec on 021 222 0900 or becsbear@gmail.com

Craft Group is busy making for the Fair - Friday mornings

Please join us on Friday mornings from 9am in the Handwork room to make craft items for our School fair. There are lots of items to be made so any help is appreciated. No crafting experience is necessary. Maya is there to help you with all your crafty questions.

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

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)

From Tina & Class 4

Aroha mai, aroha atu. (*Love towards us, love going out from us.*)

Kia ora from Tina and Class Four,

Back at school after the summer holidays, Class 4 began the year studying kōwhaiwhai patterns throughout the Form Drawing main lesson. We learnt of rauru, pūhoro, koru and koiri and created our own designs once we had heard about the significance and meaning of different elements. Having developed an understanding of the very real people represented in the history and the whakapapa of a particular marae, hapu and iwi, this culminated in the design of individual pou.



The children worked so very well, enjoying the many games, songs and rakau actions that accompanied this main lesson. While this main lesson has now come to an end, the theme will continue in our practice lessons where we learn of the many different manaia figures. The children very much enjoyed putting together their own designs in fresh, original and meaningful ways.

In handwork, with Jutta and Kaia, the class was introduced to harakeke weaving and the protocols around cutting, preparing and working with this precious resource.

Later this term we will begin the task of bringing our class whakatauki to life in a sculptural way using found and collected materials like driftwood, harakeke, pumice, shells and uku (clay). Many thanks to Kaia for her generous and enthusiastic support of this project!

For me some of the most encouraging words of advice from the teachers at the Wānanga Kaupapa Steiner conference this summer was to keep searching for the locally held knowledge passed down through the generations, and to find and share the taonga of local stories, songs, craft and tikanga.

So please let your children's teachers know about these stories, tell them to us, or email them to me as a recorded sound file via the school office.

Over the years many founding parents and teachers have built up resources but with the arrival of each new generation it feels important to refresh, remember and rejoice in this unique coast and its people.

Arohanui, Tina Regtien

Tomorrow!!! Bakesale!!! Fundraiser for Vanuatu



This Friday (tomorrow) and on Friday next week, Class 6 will be selling yummy home baking at morning tea and lunch, with all proceeds going to the support of cyclone-hit Vanuatu. Please send a few coins to school!

There will be a donation box by the reception in the office if you would like to donate a little bit extra.

Many thanks from Class 6

From the Office

Special Character Pledge

Just a reminder to make sure you have your automatic payments started for the year, thanks. The account number again is 03 0732 0293275 01 for the Kapiti Waldorf Trust. An don't forget, to maximise your tax credit rebate for the last financial year, contributions made right up to the 31st December all count for that. Thank you so much.

Casual Bus Use

Just a reminder trips are \$4 each way. Please pay at the school office.

Firewood for sale

Aged pine firewood, \$150 per half cord delivered. We are splitting and delivering this Saturday, please order and pay at the office.

"Movin' March" Active Transport Week

Next week will be an active transport week – please encourage and help your children to bike, walk, or scooter to school (or the school bus).

There will be prizes and treats...

If you must drive to school, remember to use our exclusive 'drop off zone' on Matai Road near the corner with Poplar, or turn into Leinster Avenue and let your child walk from there.

Organise a 'walking school bus' or chaperoned bike groups – we already have a group of adventurous class 7 students biking from Paekakariki! Well done, Class 7.

Change of Wednesday Lunch Menu

Starting in term 2, the Wednesday lunch menu options will change to 1) a baked potato and 2) nachos. We are aiming to set the price at \$3.

Directory Update

Jenny Rahman's correct phone number (Kaya in Class 5) is 021 2959355

Christmas Market 2014

Last year we held our first Christmas Market in Tennis Court Road Hall. We are pleased to let you know that the money we raised will be spent on class sets of books.

Māori Language Week

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui kia koutou!



Te kupu o tēnei wiki: **ngutu**

(lips, or the beak/bill of a bird)

He kaha ngā ngutu ō te kākāpō.

(The beak of the kākāpō is strong.)

He Whakataukī:

He hanga nā te waha o te **ngutu** nō mua iho anō.

(Although seemingly from the lips, it's of ancient origin: ancient sayings are important for their wisdom in modern times.)

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

Vacancy – Taikura, Hastings

Information Technology, 0.52 FTTE + 1MU. A permanent position. We are seeking a NZ registered, experienced and enthusiastic colleague for our High School to be able to teach ICT across Years 9-13. The successful applicant will also be responsible for the continuing development and growth of the department and resources. An interest in and willingness to support our special character is important. Applications close 27th March 2015. Contact the school office for an application form; Box 888, Hastings 4156 or email office@taikura.school.nz

Community Notices and Advertising

Car for Sale:

Good value little car for sale: Honda Logo 1997 manual, 96,000km, \$2500 ono. Ring Doris on 9056500, 027 2811570 or doris.zuur@gmail.com

Mountain Bike Wanted

Wanted, a women's mountain bike, please phone Kura if you have one to give away or sell.

Ph 027 9575085.

Free to a good home

Corner desk with matching tall narrow cupboard, 2 cane table chairs, wooden table with fold down sides, exercycle. Ph 04 9049202 evenings 5-7pm or leave your name and number with Maxine at school and I will contact you. Cheers Thereza.

Homes to Rent – Raumati South

2/3 Bedroom Cottage – elevated with views. Private and quiet, cosy woodstove, off street parking. Available June/July/August 2015

Ph 902 2522, 021 2356472 dianne@paradise.net.nz

Reasonable rates to careful tenants.

2-brm cottage for rent: 24 Clunie Ave, Raumati South

1/4 acre section with fruit trees, vege gardens, chooks, woodburner.

Sunny and private, child-friendly. Furnished/semi-furnished neg.

\$300 p/week, available May 19th. Suit Steiner teacher or small family.

Please contact Fiona at smythe.fiona@yahoo.co.nz

To Let

Taupo Luxury Resort. One week for \$450 - sleeps three people.

For further details phone Molly 06 378 9411

Music Play

Piano Tuition, group music making or music therapy. Available Mondays before or after school. We can explore music through various

instruments including voice, improvisation and composed music,

movement or individual piano lessons. \$30 half an hour individual, \$40

for a small group or family group. Please call me to discuss what suits

you. Kate Sanders O'Connor Reg. Music Therapist Ph (04) 566 2121 or

027 264 2755or aok@paradise.net.nz

Coastlands Netball Kapiti

April school holidays programme – see www.netballkapiti.org.nz for details.

Accommodation Wanted over Easter

We are looking for accommodation for family members (3 conscientious adults), over Easter. They are here from Friday to Tuesday morning. If anyone is going away for that time, or even just part of that time, and

would like their home well cared for and looked after, plants watered, cats fed, and some help toward the rent, then please contact us asap. See David in Class 3, or phone David or Sharee on 021 175 6189

Orientation Aotearoa



Orientation Aotearoa is an 8-month, innovative, hands-on education for aspiring change makers. The Wellington-based residential programme offers a diverse curriculum delivered by leading minds from around NZ, supporting young people to understand local and global challenges, and empowering them to take meaningful action in the world.

Are you interested in joining the pioneering crew? There are still a few places left to join Orientation Aotearoa this April! Go to our website- www.aa.org.nz- to apply!

Can you support Orientation Aotearoa in any of the following ways?

- Surplus seasonal produce from your land/garden during the year?
- Equipment for our Shelly Bay venue; furniture, kitchen appliances, freezer, piano, bikes, van...etc that you are willing to donate or sell.

We are deeply grateful (and dependent in our first year of operation) on the generosity of our wider community. If you think you can support, please contact Skye Chadwick on 022 375 8903, or send an email to skyechadwick3@gmail.com

Experienced Babysitter available

16 year old Raphael House student, mature, responsible, reliable and available even short notice. References available. If you would like to meet me, or need a sitter, phone or txt Alla 022 651 0564

The 3rd Paekakariki Women's Clothing Swap

Save the date!! SUNDAY APRIL 19TH, (last Sunday of school holidays) at Paekakariki Memorial Hall 1pm - 4pm. All proceeds go to the Kapiti Womens Centre. \$5 entry and \$1 per item or if you have clothes to swap these can be dropped off before the day - drop off spots to be confirmed in Raumati South and Paekakariki. For each item you drop off you can pick one up on the day for free, 10 dropped off = 10 free on the day. To

get updates about drop offs etc please visit and like the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Paekakariki-Womens-Clothes-Swap> or call Nicky 905 85 93.

Craft Garden School Holidays

Have your Easter fun guaranteed at Craft Garden School Holidays. From the 7th until the 17th of April, 9am to 3 pm at St Pauls Anglican Church in Paraparaumu. OSCAR approved, WINZ subsidies available and only \$27 per child per day. Family discount applies. To enrol visit www.craftgarden.co.nz or call 0800272385. See you there!

3PM Afterschool Care Holiday Programme

3PM Afterschool Care is running a fantastic , fun-filled programme for the April school holidays. Yes , they always come around so fast, so we have organised lots of varied activities to stomp on that Boredom. We will be feeding slippery eels, see weta in their natural habitat on Soame's Island, and wash dogs at HUHA in Otaki. Who wants to go fishing again? We are going to make the most of what summer we have left so prepare your child to swim, walk , run ,climb , jump and click their way to a triathlon, Whareroa farm, photographic experiences and a tribal survival day to finish it all off. To make things really simple and easy for you to enrol, just go to 3pm.co.nz and book online now . Paperwork for WINZ customers can be done on Tuesday March 24th from 4.30 pm, with our expert Tina Christie. Looking forward to catching up with you all again.
Joy Cains

Wanted

I'm looking for a live in Nanny, or someone who can help with childcare full time, for my two beautiful boys, Sage 9yo and Teddy 4yo. Both at Te Ra. The position gives a free room in my house in Raumati South, free power, phone and internet and food plus \$150-\$200 cash per week. If interested, please feel free to email or phone.
Slideguitar@gmail.com or 027 2666800. Thanks Dan Green

Guitar, Ukulele & Bass Tuition

Kapiti tutor Kieran Gallagher, \$25 for ½ hour PH 04-280-8254 or PH 029-902-9959, Email: kieran@stringlore.co.nz

Half Day Yoga Treat

Sunday 22 March 9.30am – 2pm

Treat yourself to a half day yoga retreat. Powerful as well as restorative asanas (postures), cleansing pranayama (breathing), deep meditation, a long yoga nidra session (relaxation) and an insightful yoga talk makes this a very relaxing Sunday.

Venue: Paekakariki Memorial Hall, The Parade. \$60 incl. an organic vegetarian lunch. Booking essential. Contact Anja Foley on 021 02350601 or 9058865.

Sustainable Home & Garden Show 2015

Don't miss this year's Sustainable Home & Garden Show on 21 and 22 March. There will be a huge range of eco-friendly products on display from over 95 vendors, talks in the No8 wire workshop and cooking demonstrations, vibrant school gardens, electric cars, a treasure hunt for kids and plenty of activities for them to try. Something for everyone. Back by popular demand, a giant Lego® model of what Paraparaumu town centre might look like in 2035 will also be on show to enthral young and old alike! Plus, great food will be available and entertainment will run throughout the weekend.

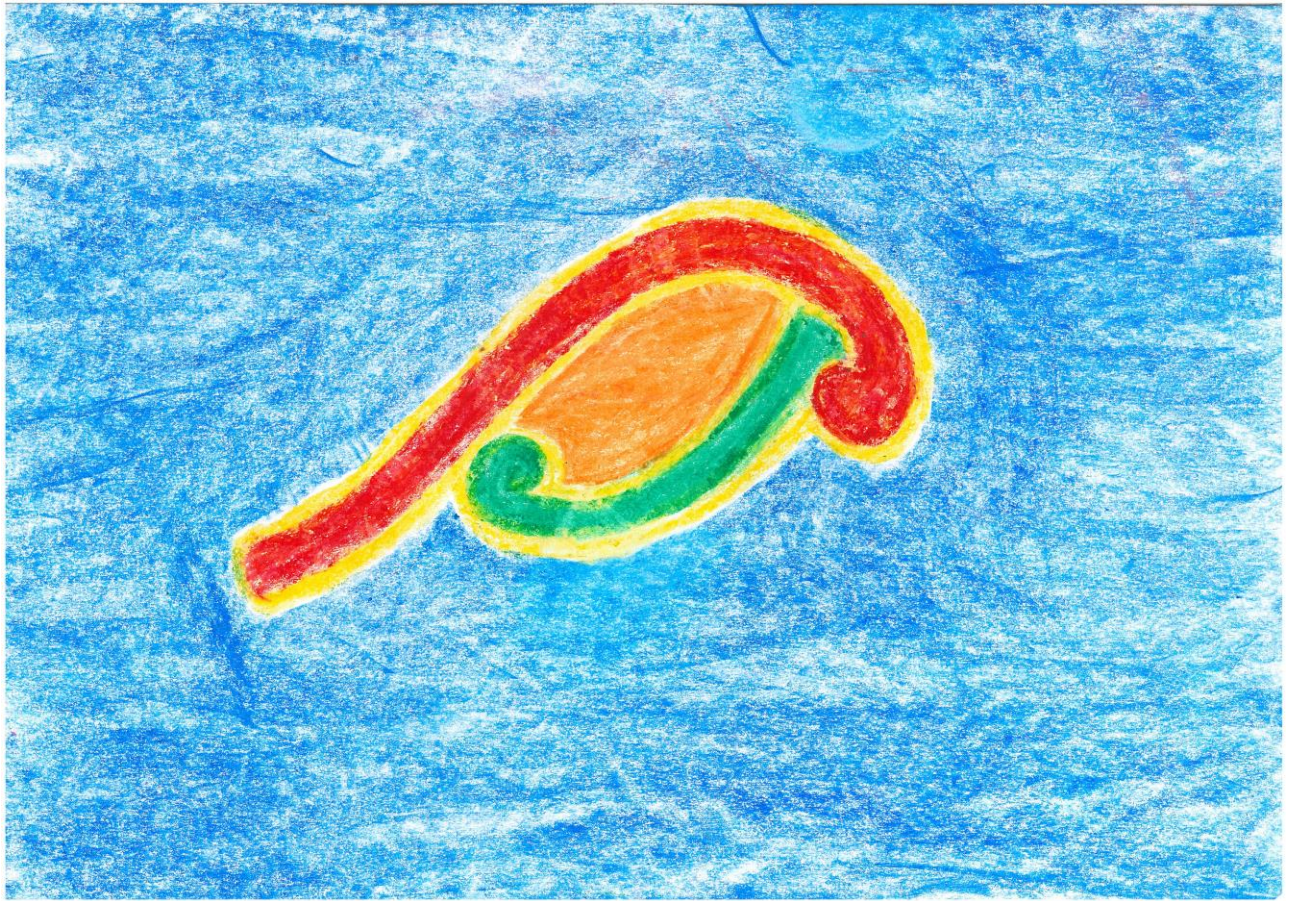
The event runs from 9am to 4pm on both days at Kapiti Primary School, Rimu Rd, Paraparaumu. Gold coin entry.

More info go to: www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/homeandgarden

Karate lessons (Adults).

Kapiti Kombat Centre (Old Statue Bargain Building – Tongariro Street, Pram.) Traditional karate Monday and Wednesday nights. 7.30 – 9.00pm. Do something your future self will thank you for - Come and try it – First 2 classes free. Also, we will be taking in new members for the kids class next term. More info <http://kapitikarate.wix.com/kapitkarate>
Contact Allan kapitikarate@gmail.com 021364011





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.

