



# Kia Manawanui

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

Haere mai, welcome to the new term. The time of Haratua (April-May: the crops are now stored in pits. The tasks of man are finished.) is often a glorious interlude of mild, calm and settled weather. We have been enjoying the golden days of Indian summer this week, but the nights and mornings hold a promise of the frost which will surely come. We have harvested the quinces, and many pumpkins are waiting in the gardens for when they are needed in the kitchen. The smells of newly damp earth, fallen leaves and the last of the quinces are splendid sensory messengers of this bountiful season.

This week we welcomed two new children and their whānau to Te Rā: Patrick Congreve joined Class 2, while Bobby Alexander joined Class 7. Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Rā!

A number of children have joined the Kindergarten too, and we will meet them next week.

Preparations for the Harvest Fair are intensifying, and your goodwill and generosity are absolutely necessary. Please support your Parent Liaison (Fair) by responding to e-mails and working with roster requirements. When researching the history of our fair for a newspaper article we realized that it has been running for more than 20 years! It wasn't always a harvest fair, but it was always a splendid occasion to come together as a school community, and to also showcase our marvellous kura to the community beyond our school gates.

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 27 April	Anzac Day Holiday
Monday 27 April	Fun Woodworking day for Craft Fair from 10am
Tuesday 28 April	Orchestra Performance at St Marks 2.15pm Classes 5/6/7
Wednesday 29 April	Ngahuru Festival Paekakariki Kindergarten
Wednesday 29 April	Class 3 & 4 Swimming 1.30pm (and every Wednesday thereafter for 8 weeks)
Friday 1 May	Class 3 String Concert 11.25am-12.05pm
Saturday 2 May	Harvest Fair Set-up Day
<b>Sunday 3 May</b>	<b>Te Ra Harvest Fair</b>
Monday 4 May	Class 2 Parent Evening 6.30pm
Tuesday 5 May	Interschool Mountain Biking - Classes 4/5/6/7
Wednesday 6 May	Class 6 Parent Evening 7pm
Thursday 7 May	Board of Trustees meeting
Monday 11 May	Class 7 Parent Hui 6.30pm
Tuesday 12 May	Class 1 Parent Evening 7pm
Wednesday 20 May	Korimako Parent Evening 7pm
Monday 25 May	Whitsun Festival (for children only)
Wednesday 27 May	Interschool Orienteering Classes 4,5,6,7
Monday 1 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 2 June	Teacher Development Day – no school or kindergarten
Wednesday 10 June	Sharing Assembly
Thursday 11 June	Class 4 Zoo Trip
Wednesday 17 June	Interschool Cross-Country
Wednesday 24 June	St John's Festival
Friday 3 July	Last Day Term 2

## From the Office

### **Receipts from the Kapiti Waldorf Trust and Te Ra Waldorf School (Special Character Donations & Disbursements)**

Please be informed that receipts for all donations for the last year were posted out on Tuesday the 7th April. These are valuable documents as they enable you to claim 33% tax credit rebates on your donations with IRD. If you have not received yours please be in contact with me.

Ralph Wallace

Financial Administrator

## **Reminder - Term 2 - Change of Wednesday Lunch Menu**

Starting from next week, the Wednesday lunch menu options will change to;

1) a baked potato, and 2) nachos. \$3 each.

## **Bike Training**

Bike training for classes 4, 5, 6 & 7: We will be conducting bike training the students this term, so the carpark will be closed in the morning of the training days. Please use the drop off zone in Matai Road if your children aren't biking to school.

## **Harvest Fair 3 May (less than 2 weeks to go!!)**

Planning is going very well for the Harvest Fair which is approaching rapidly! Please take the time to read through the following items that the core group would love your help with!

## **Produce Stall Items**

If you have any preserves, produce (apples, fejoas, lemons) jams, seedlings, plants that you would like to donate to the Fair, these can now be delivered to the school office.

## **Gazebo Wanted**

A gazebo is needed for the Class 6 produce stall. Contact Amelia Trotter from Class 6.

## **Cake Boxes**

Reminder that cake boxes are being sent home next week. All parents are requested to bake either a cake or bread for the produce stall.

## **Woodworking Helpers Needed**

Paul would love to have some volunteers join him in the Woodwork Room tonight (Thurs) from 7pm making toys for the Harvest Fair. He will also be working in the Woodwork Room over this weekend, Sunday and Monday from 10am onwards. He will also be there next week on Tues and Thurs evenings from 7pm. There is lots of fun to be had and plenty of work for both experienced and non-experienced woodworkers.

## **Silent Auctions**

If you have any goods and/or services that can be donated for the silent auction please contact Kristie Shearer. 0221770945

## **Rosters**

Please contact Tash if you haven't yet heard about your roster. 905-5595

## **Craft Packs**

Craft packs are still available in the office. Any other craft donations from home will be much appreciated.

## **Raffle Tickets**

Please return all raffle ticket butts and money to the school office asap. Any remaining tickets will be on sold at the Fair.

## **Clothing Wanted**

Clothing for clothing stall is still needed, also garment racks to hang the clothes. Please contact Marliesje. 0276285101.

## **Books**

Books are still needed for book stall. These can be delivered to the school office.

A huge thank you to those who have already dropped in hand-made items, preserves, clothing, books and their sold raffle tickets - let's keep the momentum going!!!

# **Māori Language Week**

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



Te kupu o tēnei wiki:

**Papatūānuku**

*(earth)*

**Ko Papatūānuku te ingoa Māori mō te ao.**

*(Papatūānuku is the Māori name for the earth.)*

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

## A Taste of World Music

When the school bell calls on Monday morning, Te Ra students and teachers meet in our school hall for the whole school assembly. This is how we begin our week of work and play together - usually with a story or with some news to share, and always with a song. Last term, we were lucky to have a very special visitor, Czech musician Jonash, who not only brought stories and songs, but also a big collection of instruments from all around the world which the children were able to sample. The sounds they created were ... well, impressive and in its sum could have probably raised the roof of the hall!



Later that same day, our senior classes 5, 6 and 7 were lucky enough to each spend another lesson with Jonash to explore the different instruments and their sounds, and to try out new techniques.

The nose flutes were popular, as were the small pentatonic "thumb pianos". An experiment that truly impressed children and adults alike involved a Tibetan singing bowl filled with water, which literally created visible "sound waves"!

Jonash  
and  
Class 5



## Board Bulletin – from the Board of Trustees

Kia ora whānau

As we settle into the winter months the Board of Trustees is again gearing up for a busy year ahead. During 2014 we committed to reviewing and refining our policies. We have been assisted in this by Jenny Robson, NZ School Trustees' Association trainer, who has been working with the Board since October. She has worked with us in defining our policy framework and in defining the difference between governance and management, among other topics. This will become clearer as we review and develop our policy framework.

At the end of 2014 the Board ratified the *Complaints and Problem Resolution Policy*. This is available on the website together with a flow chart which outlines the process.

The Board is currently working on the first draft of the *Bullying Prevention and Response Policy*. Following our next meeting on 7 May we will be putting this draft policy out to the community for consultation and would welcome your input.

The Annual Plan for 2015 was prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Education on 1 March. This is available in the office for any parents who would like to read it.

The Board of Trustees, the Kapiti Waldorf Trust and the College of Teachers met in February to discuss a review of the Strategic Plan for 2016-2019. We will be inviting community participation in this consultation process over the next few months and we are looking forward to hearing from you about what you see are the strategic priorities for our school.

The Board would like to acknowledge and extend its thanks and congratulations to Mark, Aleka and the Class 7 students for representing the school so well at the Home and Garden Show last term. People who visited the display commented on how confident and friendly our students were in providing information on the Ollas project. The fantastic display was a credit to the students, teachers and school.

*From the Te Rā Waldorf School Board of Trustees*

## **Job Vacancies**

### **Michael Park School**

Michael Park School, a Rudolf Steiner school in Auckland, is seeking an experienced RTLB or SENCO (Y1-13) for a new full time senior SENCO position, commencing mid-2015. Proven ability to design, implement and coordinate programmes and work collaboratively with staff, whanau and external agencies. Ideal applicants will be comfortable with a whole-person approach including cognitive, socio-emotional and motivational aspects. A willingness to work and deliver programmes in accordance with our Special Character will be a condition of employment.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of May. An application form can be requested from the school secretary; please email [admin@michaelpark.school.nz](mailto:admin@michaelpark.school.nz)

### **Mana Natural Health**

Interested in Natural Health?

Part time position available for weekend work at Mana Natural Health in Plimmerton. A strong interest and knowledge in natural health is required. Further career opportunities will be available in the future.

Inquiries to Kimba 021 519968, or 233 8820

### **Motueka Rudolf Steiner School**

We are seeking a School Administrator to join our team.

The successful candidate will:

- be methodical and organized
- have excellent inter-personal skills
- be able to relate to families and children from a variety of backgrounds
- have excellent oral and written communication skills
- be self-directed, balanced with the ability to work collaboratively with our teaching team
- have excellent computer skills including: spreadsheets, word processing, social media and word-press website software
- be able to maintain confidentiality

It is desirable that you:

- have experience working in educational administration
- have knowledge of Rudolf Steiner education

Initially this job will comprise three days per week, 8.30 - 4.30pm, which could become full time in 2016. Flexibility of working hours during school holidays is negotiable. **Closing date for applications is Tuesday 28th April 2015**

For a job description email [office@motueka.steiner.school.nz](mailto:office@motueka.steiner.school.nz)

## Adult Education Series – Raphael House

### **Beekeeping and how to - sharing experiences**

Date: **Wednesday 29 April 2015**

**7.30 pm – 9:00 pm**

Venue: **Eurythmy Room**

This will be an informal evening for sharing the practical experience of keeping bees as a hobby with a group of beekeepers that we invited. Hartmut Kuwilsky has offered to facilitate the evening, however, every participant should feel encouraged to contribute actively with experiences and questions.

This is the structure of the evening:

1. A brief overview about some remarks Rudolf Steiner gave concerning the "Bee-Being" and an even shorter resume of a video-lecture, where Matthias Thun draws links between beekeeping and bio-dynamics.
2. Main part: Sharing the practical experiences of keeping bees with everyone who wants to contribute.
3. Give practical hints to encourage those who are inclined to start keeping bees as a hobby, as a honey-yielding process and/or as a 'Service to the Environment and the Earth'

Given time, further topics could be: *The life of the bee, its environment and reasons for its decline in the industrial world. Some threats to the beehive life e.g. the empty beehive syndrome, pesticides, electro-magnetic radiation.*

Koha at the door

## Community Notices and Advertising

*General Community notices are published fortnightly*

### **'Orientation Aotearoa' Account Number Correction**

Tena koe

In the March Scope there is an item about 'Orientation Aotearoa'. This gives the bank account number for donations, but fails to mention the suffix which is 00. So, if anyone is interested in making a donation OA the full account number is: 38-9016-0380985-00.

Hei kona ra

Peter Alspach

### **Carpool Wanted**

Hello,

My son Bobby has joined Class 7 this week, and we are looking for a carpool or ride share arrangement from Otaihanga or Waikanae Beach to school. Please let me know if you're interested. Thanks.

Heide Alexander 029 1275407

### **Holistic Haven**

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](mailto:holistic_haven@paradise.net.nz) (cash only please)

### **Wool for Sale**

Wool from 6 sheep and 4 lambs (approx 1 fadge) - natural, untreated, untouched, incl dags! Offers – ph or txt Tonia 021 223-4993

### **Music Tuition**

Available after school on Mondays in the Te Ra School hall. Piano lessons or exploring music through various instruments. Individual or group.

Please call me to discuss – Kate Sanders O'Connor, Music Therapist.

[aok@paradise.net.nz](mailto:aok@paradise.net.nz) ph (04) 566 2121 or o27 264 2755

### **House for Rent**

House for rent in Raumati South, Renown Road. 3 bdr fully renovated cottage with a sleep out, fireplace, two toilets and a fully fenced garden with fruit trees. Walking distance to school \$390 a week. Contact Dan 021 02293844.

### **Cottage for Rent**

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](mailto:smythe.fiona@yahoo.co.nz)

## **Looking for a Home**

To rent a nice place to live and / or some land to park our bus for a Mum and daughter. Somewhere we can garden using permaculture / earth-friendly practices. Ideally somewhere between Paekakariki and Waikanae (close to Te Ra School in Raumati).

We are wanting longer term arrangements and are open to short term ideas that help us to be settled for the winter...

If this sounds like you, or, this sparks a creative idea that you would like to discuss with us... we are keen to hear from you!

Contact Jenny on 021/2959355

[Silentbeat@jennyrahman.org](mailto:Silentbeat@jennyrahman.org)

## **Ukulele Sunday Strum**

Paekakariki, St Peters Hall

Fortnightly 5.30pm-7pm \$6 a session, starting April 19

All levels of experience welcome-just turn up

*spread the word, help it happen locally, see you there*

(This will be run similar to the Wellington uke group in Cuba Mall)

April 19, May 3, May 17, May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, Aug 23, Sept 13, Sept 27, Oct 11, Oct 25, Nov 8, Nov 22, Dec 6

Shane McAlister

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[theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:theukuleleinstitute@gmail.com)

Kimba Lawrence

021 519 968

[kimbaj@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kimbaj@xtra.co.nz)

## **Hoop Club Kapiti – Junior Basketball Coaching Programme**

Restarts for Term 2, 2015 Sun 3 May and runs through to Sun 28 June  
KCDC Sportshall, Paraparaumu College, Mazengarb Road

9.30 to 10.30am 5 to 8 year olds

10.30 to 11.30am 9 to 13 year olds

11.30 to 12.30pm 13 to 17 year olds

ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME

Contact: Angelo Robinson 9040142

Email: [contactus.kba@gmail.com](mailto:contactus.kba@gmail.com) Website: [WWW.KBA.CO.NZ](http://WWW.KBA.CO.NZ)

On Saturday the 25th April Kapiti Basketball Association will be hosting a Regional Basketball Tournament. Fifteen Teams from Wellington, Porirua, Hutt Valley and Kapiti will be playing in this Under 15 & U17 Boys & Girls Age Group Representative Tournament and there is going to be some great Basketball action to watch here in Kapiti. All games are being played at Paraparaumu College, Mazengarb Road, starting at 8.15am and running all day through to 8.00pm. A minute silence will be held at the opening of the Tournament for ANZAC Day. Spectators and Supporters most welcome

### **Friends of Mahara Event**

Madrigals and Sonnets

In partnership with the Friends of Kapiti Libraries, members of Kapiti Chamber Choir conducted by Stuart Douglas, with Janet Secker and award-winning poet Julie Leibrich.

Friday 15 May, 11am. Gold coin donation.

### **Children's Pal Tiya Animal Sculpture Workshop**

Sun 24 May 2015—1 hour, \$12.50 each

Trinity Farm 202 Waitohu Valley Road Otaki

Book a session (families welcome)

10am-11am or 11.30am-12.30pm or 1.30-2.30pm or 3-4pm

Book on [www.trinityfarm.co.nz](http://www.trinityfarm.co.nz) or ring Karen on 0800 555 555

### **Dance Classes with Denise Walker**

Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary Beginners to Intermediate. Acrobatics also available.

Mon & Fri at Raumati Memorial Hall. Call 293 7784 for more details.

### **Art Classes**

Sketching Tue or Thurs, Sculpture Wed 3.30pm-5pm. 7-12 years.

Paraparaumu Beach [jacquivanddenbergartist@gmail.com](mailto:jacquivanddenbergartist@gmail.com)

Or 0210696555 for inquiries

### **Seido Karate**

A traditional martial art in an encouraging and supportive environment

Beginner Classes - Fitness, Coordination, Self Defence

Thursdays: Kids Class 4.30 – 5.30pm

Adult Beginners 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Kapiti Primary School Hall. Any level of ability or fitness.

Karate is a great way to challenge yourself physically and mentally

A martial art all the family can do together

First three classes free,

call Karen 297 9339, Text 021 1141958, Email [karenjeff@xtra.co.nz](mailto:karenjeff@xtra.co.nz)



# **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, 24<sup>th</sup> April

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.

