



Kia Manawanui

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

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic support of Sunday's Fair. There was a lovely buzz of community in the air, and the children's enjoyment in particular was testimony to the success of the day.

On the evening of the Fair we welcomed a new addition to our whānau: Sasha's baby girl. Welcome also to Rebecca's new baby boy.

And still more welcomes: this week we were joined by the Badenhorst family: Josiah in Hetty's kindergarten group, Chene in Class 3 and Mcaylin in Class 5. Nau mai, haere mai!

You will all have received the letter advising of the Board's consultation for the Strategic Plan 2016 at this term's parent evenings. We strongly encourage that you attend each parent evening, not just in order to be part of the consultation process but also to take full advantage of these opportunities to understand what we do and why. The teachers plan these parent evenings carefully, with the aim of providing insights into our education, both in terms of curriculum and child development aspects. These parent evenings potentially create a positive platform for whānau and teachers to work towards the children's success *in partnership*.

Please let your teacher know of any topics close to your heart that you might like to bring to the class group for discussion. Let them know also if the day or time of the meeting doesn't work for you.

On a similar note, this newsletter is our main communication vehicle. Please take a moment to read it, and feel free to ask any questions. While I have a bit less time in the office this year, I am absolutely still available for any conversation you would have with the principal of your child's school. Jill is also back in the office, and she is available for a korero, too.

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 7 May	Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm
Friday 8 May	Information Afternoon 2.30pm
Monday 11 May	Class 7 Parent Hui 6.30pm
Tuesday 12 May	Class 1 Parent Evening 7.00pm
Tuesday 12 May	Bike Training Class 7, 9.00am-1.00pm
Wednesday 13 May	Bike Training Class 7, 9.00am-1.00pm
Wednesday 13 May	Class 5 Parent Evening 6.30pm
Monday 18 May	Bike Training Class 5, 9.00am-1.00pm
Tuesday 19 May	Bike Training Class 5, 9.00am-1.00pm
Wednesday 20 May	Korimako Parent Evening 7pm
Friday 22 May	Bike Training Class 4, 9.00am-1.00pm
Monday 25 May	Whitsun Festival (for children only)
Tuesday 26 May	Lotti's Kindy Parent Evening 7.30pm
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
Friday 19 June	Matariki
Wednesday 24 June	St John's Festival
Friday 26 June	Paekakariki Kindergarten Groups Winter Festival 5.45pm
Friday 3 July	Last Day Term 2

From the Office

Lost Property

Kathmandu light tan/brown thin microfleece size 12 has been lost. Ezra would love it back as it was new. Last seen in the hall by the lost property. Please hand in to the office.

A glass jar with a gold duck emblem on the lid, filled with chalk went missing from the face painting area on Sunday, if anyone has found it please return to the office.

Found Property

Two pairs of sunglasses and other miscellaneous items were handed into the office after the Fair. Also a watch that was found several months ago in our school carpark still hasn't been claimed. We have a large amount of unnamed clothing in the property box. This will be donated to a local charity at the end of term if not claimed.

Carpark Closures

Please note that on the following dates the school carpark will be closed in the mornings for Class cycle training.

Tuesday 12 May

Monday 18 May

Friday 22nd May

You will however, be able to drive through the drop-off lanes in the carpark and stop briefly to offset passengers.

Harvest Fair 2015

What a wonderful day we had on Sunday! We were blessed with fine weather which is always a bonus. The kindergarten events were overflowing with happy, awestruck children. The Fairy Den was hugely popular with many children having repeat visits. Nic Bishell's signs were outstanding. The entertainment was stupendous. We went all organic in the Café which had its' positives and negatives. We think one of the best things to come out of going organic was the Oob ice cream.

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions of time, energy, creativity, food and wonderful community spirit to make our fair day such a success. Whilst we cannot thank everyone in person we would like to extend a special thank you to all of you who went the extra mile covering shifts, working overtime setting up and packing down. Many hands make light work.

******* Raffle Winners *******

1. Disney on Ice Tickets – Mary Maguire
2. Firewood – Kate Sanders
3. Rail Vouchers – Selina Reid
4. Doll – a family from Belmont
5. Food Hamper – Jessica & Andrew Schofield
6. Pamper Hamper – Petters Family

******* Congratulations *******

Thank you to all of you who went out to sell the raffled tickets. A special mention must go to Skye van de Vorstenbosch Class 2 who sold 8 books around Pukerua Bay!!

Most of the stalls were well above last year's takings. Each year we purchase equipment for future fairs, so taking our new fair assets in account our profit is the same as last year, around \$15,000. Until all the accounts have been done we cannot give you exact figures. The funds raised will go towards climate control for classrooms 1, 2 and 3, subsidising camps, recorders, fountain pens and some cultural events including the strings programme.

After careful consideration the Fair Core Group would like to hold the fair in 2016 at the end of the first term. We have plans in place to be well prepared for next year's fair, so preparations at the beginning of 2016 are well under way. We have set a tentative date for 2016 as Sunday, April 10. This is a week before the end of Term 1. Keep reading your newsletters and class emails for more information about how you can be involved. If you are interested in coming onto the Core group please come and see Jill in the office.

The Class Fair Coordinators are gathering feedback and updating their stall information. You are most welcome to come and see Jill in the office with any information or ideas for next year's fair.

From the Fair Core Group

Māori Language Week

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui kia koutou!



Te kupu o tēnei wiki: **ika**
(fish)

Te Ika-a-Māui

The fish of Māui (the North Island).

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

Alumni News

Congratulations to these fine young ex-Te Ra students:

- ❖ Nathanael Walker-Hale (Class 7 2008) who has been selected for the New Zealand team for the Junior Fencing Commonwealth Championship in Capetown later this year.
- ❖ Annelise Olsen (Class 7 2011) who has been selected for the New Zealand U17 Mounted Games (horses) to go to the World Junior Teams Championship in Florida later this year.
- ❖ Joel Hansby (Class 7 2007) who won the Wellington Raw Comedy Quest competition and is off to the national final in Auckland.

Mary Willow Talk – Raphael House

THE CRITICAL FIRST SEVEN YEARS AS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL LEARNING AND WELLBEING

A talk for parents by **MARY WILLOW** outlining the developmental needs of this age group, the essential role of the parents in building a resilient foundation for lifelong learning and how the kindergarten curriculum supports the journey of the young child.



7.30 WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH
EURYTHMY ROOM
Raphael House

Raphael House Upper School Talent Show



The poster features a central illustration of a blue sphere with a hand holding a microphone. Above the sphere is a silhouette of a person climbing a rope. To the right is a large brass instrument, possibly a tuba, with a small figure sitting on top. In the background, there are musical staves with notes. The text 'RAPHAEL HOUSE RUDDOLF STEINER SCHOOL' is written in small letters above the staves.

2015 **TALENT**
AT THE LITTLE THEATRE

FRIDAY, 22 MAY
7:00 PM

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM

SHOW

STRICTLY CLASS 7 AND ABOVE

TICKET PRICES

\$10	\$5
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GENERAL ADMISSION	PERFORMER
BUY FROM LOWER OFFICE	BUY FROM CLASS 11

Vacancy - Christchurch Steiner School

Maths and Physics Position

We invite applicants for a **permanent full time Maths and Physics teacher** in our lovely high school in Christchurch New Zealand.

We are looking for an inspiring maths teacher who has the capacity and vision to work with a maths team, can excite and challenge students, has a physics background, has Main lesson teaching experience and works well with colleagues. Teaching will be with students from class 8 (NZ year 9) to class 12 (NZ year 13)

Student-teacher ratios are excellent and our focus on hands-on learning alongside academic acumen achieves high results for our senior students.

Senior teacher responsibilities are possible depending on the applicant's capacities. Part time applicants may be considered.

Applicants will need to be familiar with Steiner/Waldorf philosophy and teaching and be willing to develop their professional understanding.

Please visit our web site www.ch.steiner.school.nz for more information and an application form or phone the school +64 3 3370514

Applications close on May 29 at 5pm for a term 3 start (July 20)

Community Notices and Advertising

General Community notices are published fortnightly

Community Planting Day

Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park and Greater Wellington Regional Council are hosting a community planting event on July 12 at Queen Elizabeth Park. The local communities of Kapiti Coast will be planting 5000 trees on this day!! All Welcome!!

School Fair Recipe Wanted

Whoever made the amazing chocolate raspberry slice at the fair (gluten free, coconut sugar, chocolate etc) please can I have the recipe! A friend shared a slice with me and I'm still thinking how amazing it was :)

wendy@jaspers.co.nz

Caregiver Wanted

Seeking an honest, reliable and energetic caregiver (student or another Te Ra mum) to do kindy/school pick-ups and afternoon care for two kids ages 3 and 6 years. Tues, Thurs and Fri total 11hrs. Own car essential. Call Lizzy 0215312116 to discuss further.

Work Wanted

Can't find the time for those small jobs around the house?

Ex pupil Macleay Jones is fundraising for an economics trip to the USA and with the help of his builder dad Stu, would like to help you to help him get there.

- General Home Maintenance and repairs
- Fences
- Decks
- Pergolas
- Pre purchase reports
- Maintenance reports
- Compliance reports

Macleay is currently in Year 11 at Kapiti Collage.

Stu has over 20 year's experience within the building industry, as both a carpenter and a Building Compliance facilitator. stunepia@hotmail.com

Cars for sale

Mazda Astina Hatch, new wof and reg, \$1500

BMW 328i 1995, NZ new, leather, sunroof, airbag, antilock brakes, electric seats etc. \$3900

BMW 318i 2004, M-sport, leather, multiple airbags, traction control, cruise control, electric seats etc. \$6500

For more details, phone Nick @ 2990812, or 9055732

House Wanted for Rent

Te Ra family of 4 looking to rent a 3 bdrm house in Raumati South on a long-term basis. Seeking a sunny, warm place preferably with a garden. Willing to pay good \$\$\$. Contact Lizzy 0275312116.

2-brm Cottage for Rent

24 Clunie Ave, Raumati South

1/4 acre section with fruit trees, vegie 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 on 022-439-5745 or smythe.fiona@yahoo.co.nz

Orientation Aotearoa, Public Events

Dear Te Ra community,

The educational programme in Shelly Bay "Orientation Aotearoa" is up and running and has regular public events, complementing the day to day curriculum for the OA participants. See chalkle.com/oa, for bookings and details. I could imagine the event on the Monday 18th May, 7.00p.m. to be of particular interest.

Doris Zuur, Trustee of Orientation Aotearoa (www.oa.org.nz)

"The Mystery of the Human Being" by Shakespeare, with Michael Burton
From the idiocies of Sir Toby Belch to the desperate search for meaning of King Lear, with some sublime poetry thrown in, this homage to Shakespeare, one actor to another, is a record of a life's devotion to the greatest playwright who ever lived. It is also proof that Shakespeare still has a ton of relevance for people of today.

Put Shakespeare's characters together onstage and, with all their faults and follies, there is the whole of humanity!

Actor and writer Michael Burton steps into the shoes of 27 different characters – some only for a few seconds; some (such as Hamlet) for much longer. All that is important in life is here – sex, love, evil, death, humour and transcendence. Through Shakespeare's characters we see humanity – we see ourselves!

English Language Partners

Do you know any new Kiwis who need some English help?

Tell them about English Language Partners.

We offer

- One-to-one help anywhere in Kapiti or Otaki (1-2 hours a week)

- Classes in Paraparaumu for one and a half to two hours a week

- English Language Partners

- Helps adults with using and understanding English

- Helps at all levels (beginners to advanced)

- Helps new arrivals and also those who have lived in New Zealand for years

- FREE for most people.

To contact English Language Partners phone 0800 NEW KIWI or 0800 639 5494

Autumn Biography Workshop series

~~ Taking time out each week to consciously review your life begins a process of digestion which can nourish your inner and outer growth. A lovely activity for this time of year as we begin to turn inwards mirroring the natural world around us.

~~ We offer a series of 6 Sunday afternoons to a small group of people who are interested in reviewing their life in light of Steiner's indications about human biography. Simple accessible artistic activities will accompany our biographical explorations.

~~ We propose to begin on Sunday 7th June, then meet weekly on the Sundays during June ending on 12th July. For more information please contact Judith Frost-Evans on 04-2398346/021-1121244

judytravelling@hotmail.com or Karen Hansen on karen_hansen@xtra.co.nz
027-3882886

Upcoming Storytelling Events in Paekakariki

'Kapiti Storytelling Circle - Images and Imaginings in May' Thursday 7th May 2015 7pm to 9pm \$5 on door All welcome - St James Hall, Ocean Rd, Paekakariki





German Fair

Playgroup Fundraiser



9th of May 2015
9:30 am - 1 pm



Khandallah
Presbyt. Church
33 Ganges Rd



Garage sale bargains
Children's clothes
Crafts and raffle
with German products
German lunch, cakes and coffee



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, 8 May

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.

