



Kia Manawanui

Pānui #19 / 20 Here-turi-kōkā 2015

Te Rā Waldorf School, Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten, Nursery and Playgroups

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Kia ora koutou, dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends

On 6 August a group of FRSWSANZ (Steiner Waldorf Schools Federation) principals had a meeting with the Ministry of Education. This was a follow-up to the meetings last year when we discussed the concerns which had been raised in various ways by Te Rā whānau, and publicised in the Listener article.

At this meeting we presented the work we have done since then:

- We developed a *Special Character Self-Review Tool* which aims to provide assurance that we are not just focussed internally. It is based on what the Catholic schools use and has at its centre a peer-review component.
- We facilitated the development of a *Te Reo Māori Curriculum* (this is actually much more than te reo as it encompasses tikanga and methodology in a comprehensive way).
- We reviewed and updated the *FRSWNZ Curriculum Guidelines*.
- We reviewed and updated the horizontal *Te Rā Curriculum*. This now has kaupapa Māori explicitly woven through, and has also been updated in a more general sense. The Ministry has asked that this becomes the model curriculum for all member schools in Aotearoa.
- We facilitated the creation of the Taruna in-service seminar "He Wananga Kaupapa Steiner"

The meeting was very positive, with the MoE officials being fully appreciative of our efforts, and the development that is occurring. We resolved to meet annually to continue to build the relationship.

Excitement is building at the school in anticipation of next week's wiki o te mahi tahi. We would like to thank the teachers, staff and parents who embraced this initiative with a lot of enthusiasm and goodwill and offered their skills and time.

ERO will review both Kindergarten sites in week 8. They will be in Paekakariki on the 8th of September and in Raumati on the 9th. The Kindergarten Teachers and Sue are working very hard to ensure that this

review has a positive outcome. Please awahi them if you can; chocolate is also good.

There have been many absences in the last few weeks. Many are due to illness, but many more are due to families being away on holiday. Missing a week of school is quite a substantial challenge for both children and teacher. It is a quarter or even a third of a Main Lesson. Main Lessons are the context for the introduction of new concepts, and such absences can create gaps for the children. When a child is sick, or there are other unavoidable circumstances our teachers are very happy to provide an extra programme, but we cannot expect them to do this because families are choosing to go on holiday in term time. Sometimes there is a need for a mental health day, or a wish to tack an extra day onto the weekend, for a breather, and that is generally fine (as long as it's not every week). We have also scheduled a mid-term break on the 27th of August, for that reason. Please try to avoid planning lengthy holidays in term time, as the potential costs may be higher than the higher airfares during school holidays.

Finally, please ensure that you supervise your children in the carpark, before and after school and Kindergarten. There has been some dangerous play and riding of cycles and scooters, and it is awkward for duty teachers to manage this behaviour when the parents are right there.

Enjoy the first whispers of spring.

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 20 August	Keruru (Pavitra's) Kindergarten Parent Evening 7:00pm
Thursday 20 August	Winter Workshop – Wood Working for Beginners (first of 3 sessions) 7:00pm-9:00pm <i>starts next week</i>
Friday 21 August	Weekly Craft Group 9:00am in Handwork Room
Friday 21 August	Parent Café 1:00pm-2:30pm (in Playgroup Bldg)
Tuesday 25 August	Kitchen Club 10:00am-12:00midday
Wednesday 26 August	Winter Workshop – Watercolour Painting 7:00pm
Thursday 27 August	Winter Workshop - Wood Working for Beginners (first of 3 sessions) 7:00pm-9:00pm
Friday 28 August	MID TERM BREAK
Wed 2–Fr 4 September	Class 7 Trip to Sunshine Hut
Thursday 3 September	Sharing Assembly 11:30am
Friday 4 September	Weekly Craft Group 9:00am in Handwork Room
Friday 4 September	Parent Café 1:00pm-2:30pm (in Playgroup Bldg)
Friday 4 September	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 8 September	Kitchen Club 10:00am-12:00midday
Tuesday 8 September	Class 4 Play 6:30pm
Wed.9 September	Interschool Senior Winter Sports Tournament
Friday 11 September	Weekly Craft Group 9:00am in Handwork Room
Friday 11 September	Parent Café 1:00pm-2:30pm (in Playgroup Bldg)
Monday 14 September	Class 6 Cycle Training 9:00am-1:00pm
Thursday 17 September	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
Friday 18 September	Weekly Craft Group 9:00am in Handwork Room
Friday 18 September	Parent Café 1:00pm-2:30pm (in Playgroup Bldg)
Tuesday 22 September	Class 4 Trip to Kāpiti Island
Tuesday 22 September	Kitchen Club 10:00am-12:00midday
Wed. 23 September	Music Sharing Assembly 11:30am
Friday 25 September	LAST DAY TERM 3
Friday 25 September	Weekly Craft Group 9:00am in Handwork Room
Friday 25 September	Parent Café 1:00pm-2:30pm (in Playgroup Bldg)
Friday 25 September	Games Day
Monday 12 October	FIRST DAY TERM 4

From the Office

Wanted

Small clear plastic jars suitable for keeping nails and screws. Please send to the Woodwork Room or drop them into the office.

Thanks
Paul D.

Board Required

Our new German volunteer Sophie Schultz needs a place to stay. We are looking for a family who are able to host her for the medium to long term (she will be here until next July). If you can help please contact Nick Fisher.

Winter Workshops

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THESE WORKSHOPS

Woodworking

Paul Denford

Starts Thursday August 27th, 7:00 pm for 3 weeks. Phone the office on 299 0812 to book your place.



Painting

David Nicoll

Wednesday August 26th, 7:00 pm, in Class 3. No booking necessary.



Special Needs Policy

The Kindergarten is currently reviewing their Special Needs Policy. Copies are available at the school office or from the kindergarten and feedback is welcome by the end of this term.

Te Rā Students Being Excellent

Congratulations to Stella Nepia who has recently been selected in the Wellington Step Five team for gymnastics. She will be competing in the National Championships in Auckland in October.

Friday Mornings - Craft Group with Maya

Whether you are handy or not. We'll start from where you are, gathering new skills on the way. Crochet, felting, knitting, embroidery. Making dolls, felt animals, flower fairies, gnomes, dragons... Making one for yourself and one for the school. From 9:00am onwards. Ph 027 680 6293 for more info.

Junior Winter Tournament

Classes Four and Five had great fun participating in the Junior Sports Tournament last Tuesday. Many parents also enjoyed a day out in the buffeting wind to cheer our teams on. Everyone worked well together and encouraged each other particularly those not so familiar with the game. A big thank you to those parents who have fostered these sports in the past and helped with expertise and equipment along the way.

Parent Awards on the Day

Phantom Player of the Day - Ed Morley Hall

For managing to play a game without the opposition being present.

Hobbit Habitation Award - Ryan MacDonald

For single handed supervision of the Hockey Team and finding the cosiest dug out spot off the Hockey field.

The Most Inventive Excuse given to Employers in the Last Ten Years Award - Rob Bisley

So as to find time to supervise Rooky netballers on the day.

Helpful Hints for Hockey Players & Winter Essentials

- Maxine Olsen and Nico Borren

(including chamomile tea and blankets)

The Organised Abundance Award

(Now you see it, now you don't) - Janine Walker

For supplying enough uniforms to clothe 4 teams that arrived and disappeared within 12 hours.

Best Hair and Hats in Buffeting Winds Awards -

Selina Morley-Hall, Amanda Kemp, Janieke de Graaf & Andy Raynel.

Most Determined Parent Award - Tonia Goodwin

For tracking down a puffer jacket even though she was meant to be back at work.

Unstoppable Energy Award - Jeremy McIntyre

For lasting six rounds of Rippa rugby and still having energy to share.

Bravery Award - Todd Chaplin

Reliever extraordinaire

And thank you to everyone else who helped.

Arohanui

Tina

Situations Vacant @ Te Rā Waldorf School

CLASS 1 2016 TEACHER

We are looking for a sound classroom practitioner who can care for our enthusiastic 6-year-olds from a solid foundation of Waldorf teaching experience.

An understanding of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi is essential, as is NZ teacher registration (or the proven ability to become a NZ registered teacher).

Applications close 25 September 2015.

For an application pack please phone (0064) 04 299 0812, or e-mail office@tera.school.nz



CLASS 2 2016 TEACHER

We seek an experienced teacher for our Class 2 2016.

We are looking for a sound classroom practitioner who is excited by the idea of working with or learning about Waldorf pedagogy and delivering a rich curriculum based in the performing, visual, social and practical arts. An understanding of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi is essential, as is NZ teacher registration (or the proven ability to become a NZ registered teacher).

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Kitchen Club

The topic for our next gathering is SEAWEED. We will meet on Tuesday 25th August, 10am – 12midday in the Te Rā school kitchen, \$5 plus \$5 for ingredients. To find out more or to RSVP contact Lilian (ph 06 364 3388 or email info@riverslearetreat.co.nz)

Class 3 - Planting Trees in Queen Elizabeth Park this Week



Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Courage and Calling

- two days devoted to inner calling with Judith Frost-Evans and Clare Coburn

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September in the Te Rā Hall

New ways of being in the world, renewed ideas, and fresh inspirations call to us in the situations and people that we meet in the world. Finding the patience and receptivity to listen to what the world, our lives and what others are telling us, and the courage to respond is the focus of this two-day workshop. Each day is available as a single day module for those unable to attend both days. \$150 for 2 days/ \$80 for one day

If interested, or for further information, please contact **Judith** Frost-Evans on 04-2398346/021-1121244 judytravelling@hotmail.com

Clare Coburn clareau@gmail.com /website <http://clarecoburn.com/>

Kāpiti Storytelling Circle - first Thursday monthly - St James Hall Paekakariki

For story tellers and listeners - a friendly local group to support and provide practice for your storytelling. \$5 or koha. Next meeting Thursday 3rd September 7pm to 9pm

For enquiries, please contact **Judith** Frost-Evans on 04-2398346/021-1121244 judytravelling@hotmail.com

Meditation and Relaxation

For peace of mind, increases energy, reduces stress, easy to learn. The next 4 week block courses starts Thursday 03 September, 7:30pm – 9:00 pm at the Lotus Yoga Centre, 91 Ruapehu Street, Paraparaumu with facilitator Eric Doornekamp. The cost is \$45.00 and bookings are essential. For more information visit www.lotusyogacentre.org.nz or to enrol, please phone Cathryn Doornekamp on 04 298 8258.

12 day residential accredited Permaculture Design Certificate course (PDC) in October

Have you been to Lisa's introductory talk on permaculture this week? And now you are all keen?

You're lucky. There is a permaculture course in this region with a wonderful line up of tutors, see.

www.orientationaotearoa.wix.com/permaculture2015 for the details.

It is part of Orientation Aotearoa (www.oa.org.nz), the new tertiary education programme for young New Zealanders, but there are ten spaces open for the public. Needing time out from your busy days? 12 days of inspiration, new skills and knowledge, applied action and

residential, community living! Best type of holidays? Come and join us!
First in first served!

Any questions to Doris Zuur (course coordinator and tutor), or Lisa Talbot (tutor), doris.zuur@gmail.com, 905-6500, consciouslisa@gmail.com.

Used potting mix for sale (ex Daltons certified organic)

40litre bags, \$6 each

1 cubic metre bag \$100 (pick up from Te Horo)

This stuff is super potent. Suitable for growing seedlings, rejuvenating garden beds or creating new ones.

Contains nufert, a certified organic mineral which acts as a slow release fertiliser but can be recharged over and over again as it picks up excess nutrients and releases them when needed again.

Ring/txt Mayatiita 021 1463663

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

Please tell them about English Language Partners.

We offer

One-to-one help anywhere in Kapiti (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

Home Wanted

Looking for a rental property to call Home, we are a whanau of five, would love to have a long term rental in Paekakariki or Raumati South. Enough space to park a caravan and grow a family, if you know of anything please get in touch with me, Kaia 021 131 0500 or kaiakindness@gmail.com

Nicki's Car for Sale

BMW 318i 2004, 2 litre, very economical, M-sport, leather, multiple airbags, traction control, cruise control, electric seats, 5 star safety rating etc. Price reduced \$5500

For more details, phone 2990812, or 9055732 (h)

Looking for Work

Looking for Work - become a PORSE In Home Educator, work the hours to suit your family needs, full support and free training available.

Looking for Childcare - PORSE In Home Childcare offers flexible hours to suit your needs, WINZ, ECE and PORSE Subsidies available. Call Jacqui 021 925 088 or 0800 023 456m or email jacqui.miles@porse.co.nz

Car for Sale

Toyota "Windy", 1.3 litre engine, automatic, new front tyres, two door hatch, 212,000km, \$1,500

Phone or txt Ralph 027 2891422

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, 4 September

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.

