



# Kia Manawanui

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Kia ora koutou, dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends

## **DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2018 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

The Board of Trustees has finalized the draft of the new Strategic Plan for Te Rā / Te Rāwhiti, to which many members of our community had given input during our consultation round earlier this year. We are now putting this new draft out for your information and to invite your feedback. We are keen to hear what you think!

### **How to give feedback:**

A hardcopy of the draft plan, with a section for your reply, is available from the office. You can hand in any written feedback at the reception desk. Alternatively, you can also access the draft electronically on the school's website at [www.tera.school.nz](http://www.tera.school.nz). If you prefer to email your feedback, please use this address: [policyfeedback@tera.school.nz](mailto:policyfeedback@tera.school.nz)

*Please get your responses to us by Sunday 15 November.*

### **Come and talk to us at the Open Day!**

Finally, the Board would like to invite you to visit our information table at the upcoming Open Day! We will have hardcopies of the draft Strategic Plan available here as well, so drop in for a friendly kōrero with us, to ask questions, share your thoughts and to find out more about what the Board is doing!

*From the Board of Trustees*

## Diary of Dates

Saturday 31 October	School and Kindergartens Working Bee (Raumati South Site) 9:00am-4:00pm
Monday 2 November	Class 7 Parent Evening
Mon 2 Nov-Wed 4 Nov	Class 5 Olympic Camp
Wednesday 4 November	Class 2 Parent Evening 6:30pm
Friday 6 November	Mauri o Tuakiri o te Ata Kapahaka Festival, at Ngā Purapura, Otaki
Friday 6 November	School and Kindergartens finish at <b>1pm</b> to prepare for Open Day (contingency for kapahaka participants will be advised)
<b>Saturday 7 November</b>	<b>Open Day 10:00am-2:00pm</b>
Tuesday 10 November	Korimako Kindergarten Parent Evening 7:00pm
Thursday 12 November	Class 6 Parent Evening 7:00pm
Friday 13 November	Class 4 visit to Whakarongotai Marae
Sunday 15 November	Raphael House Toy, Craft & Food Fair 10:00am-3:00pm
Tue 17 & Wed 18 Nov	Class 7 Sailing Days
Wed. 25 November	Sharing Assembly (will include orchestra perf)
Friday 27 November	Christmas Market Tennis Court Rd Hall 3:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday 28 November	Advent Wreath Making Day 10:00am-2:00pm in School Hall
Monday 30 November	Kindy Advent Festival – Raumati South groups
Tuesday 1 December	Class 7 Play 6:30pm – Community Performance
Wednesday 2 December	Class 7 Play 6:30pm – Community Performance
Thursday 3 December	Class 7 Play 6:30pm – Community Performance
Thursday 3 December	Class 1 Parent Evening
Mon 7 Dec. – Fri 11 Dec	Class 7 Camp
Wed 9 Dec. – Fri 11 Dec	Class 4 Camp
Wednesday 9 December	Class 5 Parent Evening
Monday 14 December	Circus Day for School
<b>Wed. 16 December</b>	<b>LAST DAY TERM 4 – KINDERGARTENS</b>
Wed. 16 December	Farewell Class 7
Wed. 16 December	Shepherds Play Evening Community Performance
<b>Thurs. 17 December</b>	<b>LAST DAY TERM 4 - SCHOOL</b>

## Reminders

### **Sunhats**

A reminder: in term 4 sunhats must be worn during playtime and when out playing games or going on walks. Please ensure that your child brings a sunhat every day or keeps one at school.

### **Dresscode**

Please remember that we ask that children wear plain tops (as much as possible), without large writing or pictures on them. While not easy, it is possible to buy such garments, so please keep this in mind when you sort out your child's summer wardrobe.

Less complicated is our request that long hair is tied back, and up, completely, to ensure freedom of movement and clear sightlines.

Preventing long hair from flowing out also is an effective nit-transfer prevention.

## From the Office

### **Special Character Pledge 2016**

THANK YOU to the 6 families who have already returned their completed pledge forms – tino pai, well done, that is champion speed!!!

Everyone should have received their hardcopy in the mail by now. Please let us know if we haven't, or if we can do anything to help you to return this form.

### **Found – Men's Watch**

Found in the playground after games day last term. Please claim from the office.

## Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

### **House to Let**

Two bedroom cottage in Raumati South on large section, close to shops, beach and school. Pets okay. \$310 /week

Contact Nick 2990812, or 9055732

### **Music lessons**

for Saxophone, Clarinet, Guitar, Piano and Percussion - all levels taught from the very start to intermediate and advanced - in Jazz, Latin Style, Improvisation, Pop and Modern.

(Teacher trained in Europe, Cuba and South America)

Daytime and evening classes available

Cost per hour: \$40. (half hour \$20)

Please contact Fernando and Luciana Howell-Kress at 027 379 8631

### **Treatment room available at Paekakariki Health practice**

\$50 day or \$30 half day. Casual use possible.

Call Nicky 905 85 93

### **Raumati South Village - Christmas Market**

Friday 27th November 2015

3-8pm

Handmade goodness and deliciousness will be available

Stall applications: contact [raumatisouthvillage@gmail.com](mailto:raumatisouthvillage@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/raumatisouthvillage](https://www.facebook.com/raumatisouthvillage)

We also have some spots allocated for fundraising stalls (food/craft/entertainment), please apply!

See you there

Kristie, Lisa and Marliesje

### **Wanted to Rent**

Room in shared flat or sleepout in Raumati South to Paraparaumu area, call Adam, 027 200 7663.

### **African Sundays**

Bringing community together through drum and dance

St Peters Village Hall, Paekakariki will be grooving to African moves & beats

Jennifer Moss & Jenny Bloomfield are delighted to be bringing African drumming & dance classes to Paekakariki from October 18th.

October 18th - December 6th: Drum class

with Jennifer: 2-3 pm, Dance class with Jenny: 3:15-4:15pm.

For drum reservations and all information please visit:

[www.jennifermoss.co.nz](http://www.jennifermoss.co.nz)

### **Planning your next step in life? Making positive changes?**

Kapiti Women's Expo

Sunday, 15th November 2015

12pm to 4pm (doors open at 11.30am)

Kapiti Hockey Turf Venue (off Mazengarb Road)

FREE ENTRY

### **Clay Dirt Needed!**

We are building a pizza oven in our garden and looking for some clay dirt.

If you happen to have some in your property and happy to spare - we'll dig it :)

Ilan & Shavit 0223084151

## **Bright Lights Music Competition @ Lindale Auditorium**

**\*\*\*\*We want your talent\*\*\*\***

Ages 7-18, all genres welcome

Heats during the day. Live finals at night

Great prizes – Great judges

For more information and to enter visit [www.houseofsound.co.nz](http://www.houseofsound.co.nz)

## **Kapiti Arts Trail**

Oct 31/Nov1 & Nov 7/8 10am-4pm

Come visit flute maker and teacher, Todd Chaplin over these weekends to sample fine flutes and explore the flute making process.

73 Glen Rd, Raumati South

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## **Taruna College: Deepening of Teacher Training**

Are you interested in learning new skills to enrich your classroom practice? Are you looking for a retreat experience that would stimulate self-development and enrich your journey as a teacher? Would you like to deepen your understanding of the human being? Then Taruna College is the place for you!

Taruna College is a holistic adult education centre offering both professional and personal development opportunities in education, organic and biodynamic farming, nursing and art.

Since 1982 a one year, full-time course, the **Diploma in Rudolf Steiner Education** (approved by the NZQA and the Tertiary Education Commission), has been running in this splendid homestead and various lecture halls on the beautiful slopes of Te Mata Peak, Hawke's Bay. Alongside the Diploma in Rudolf Steiner Education, Taruna College also offers a number of seminar-based education courses, i.e. the **Certificate and Diploma in Kindergarten and Early Childhood Education** (in conjunction with the Federation of Rudolf Steiner/Waldorf Schools in NZ), and the NZQA-approved **Certificate in Rudolf Steiner Education**. Not just for teachers, our education courses are also attended by parents and home-schoolers who wish to deepen their understanding of their child's education and experience.

**This is a journey of self-development into the heart of teaching, while deepening your understanding of child development and of yourself as a creative individual. We have innovative delivery processes in tune with contemporary trends, and a typical learning day will include a balance of lectures, practical activities, artistic sessions, discussion groups, study and self-reflection.** The education courses at Taruna will teach you how to balance artistic, academic, and practical work as a Steiner teacher while learning how to educate the whole child.

If this sounds like the experience you are wishing for, contact us on 06-877 7174 or email us on [info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz) and have a browse through our website: [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz)

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### **Hohepa School**

Hohepa School has 2 teacher positions available for the beginning of the new school year 2016. An earlier start can be negotiated to give a new teacher the opportunity to work parallel with the present teacher to support the handover.

#### **Special Education Teacher**

One vacancy is available for a SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER with proven skills and experience in teaching students with special education and learning needs.

#### **Education Transition Teacher**

We are also looking for an energetic, enthusiastic TRANSITION TEACHER to support driving the vision for our Upper School. We are in the process of extending our transition programme and there is opportunity for new developments within the transition programme.

Our school's special character is based on the principles of Rudolf Steiner pedagogy. Enthusiasm to contribute towards the efficient running of the school and a willingness to work with the Rudolf Steiner pedagogy is expected.

For expressions of interest and an application pack please contact: The Principal, Hohepa School, RD 2 Napier, ph.06-8442740, e-mail: [child@hawk.hohepa.org.nz](mailto:child@hawk.hohepa.org.nz)

or go to our website: [www.hohepahawkesbay.com](http://www.hohepahawkesbay.com) (go to Work & Volunteers / Employment Opportunities)

Closing date: Wednesday 4 November 2015

## **Spraying in Queen Elizabeth Park**

From: concerned citizens

To: The school community, and Whanau,

Are you aware that areas in Queen Elizabeth Park have been sprayed with Monsanto's herbicide 'Roundup' (Glyphosate) and 2, 4-D? Are you aware of the detrimental effects of Roundup and 2, 4-D?

According to a research report from 2001 by the pesticide action network in the UK, Monsanto claims Roundup does not cause any adverse reproductive effects, is not mutagenic in mammals, is environmentally safe and has a low irritation potential for eyes and skin and otherwise is not a risk to human health. They also claim that Roundup is rapidly inactivated in the soil and water, is immobile and does not leach from the soils or contaminate drinking water when used by local authorities on hard surfaces.

But, according to independent research findings, laboratory tests and field work show the opposite: Roundup causes a range of acute symptoms including recurrent eczema, respiratory problems, elevated blood pressure and allergic reactions. Roundup is amongst the top most reported pesticides causing poisoning incidents in several countries.

In the agricultural environment Glyphosate is toxic to beneficial soil organisms and has harmful effects on birds, insects, amphibians, fish, and small mammals damaging their food supplies and habitat. In the UK levels of Glyphosate above the EU limit have been detected by the Welsh Water Co. for 8 consecutive years since 1993. In the USA 100% of all rivers have Glyphosate levels after a storm and in France, 99% of all samples taken.

Glyphosate is the world's best-selling chemical herbicide. Glyphosate-containing herbicides, such as Monsanto's Roundup, are the most widely used herbicides in Europe, applied in farming, forestry, parks, public spaces and gardens. Glyphosate-containing herbicides are also crucial to the production of genetically modified herbicide resistant crops. In recent years a number of scientific studies have raised concerns about glyphosate's safety and there have been calls for glyphosate-containing herbicides to be banned. New research by "Friends of the Earth" has detected glyphosate residues in the urine of 44 percent of people tested, from 18 different European countries.

For more information please see the reports: [https://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/press\\_releases/foee\\_5\\_environmental\\_impacts\\_glyphosate.pdf](https://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/press_releases/foee_5_environmental_impacts_glyphosate.pdf) and [www.foe.co.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/impacts\\_glyphosate.pdf](http://www.foe.co.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/impacts_glyphosate.pdf)

In an article by Phyllis Tichinin, (Earth Matters, April 2015) she mentions that "the most widely used herbicide in the world is coming under intense scrutiny by the international medicine and toxicology communities. What they are finding is truly frightening and goes some way in explaining our epidemic of degenerative diseases and poor child health". If you would like further information about Roundup please follow this link:

Sources: [HTTP://WWW.GMWATCH.ORG](http://WWW.GMWATCH.ORG)

2, 4-D was part of the Agent Orange used as a defoliant in the Vietnam war. In the USDA's report (2,4-D Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment, Final Report Sept.2006) in chapter 3, Human Health Risk assessment, is stated " Based on recent studies published in the open literature, 2,4-D is toxic to the immune system and developing immune system, especially when used in combination with other herbicides...(in relation to maternal contact)." And "2, 4-D acid and salts are severe eye irritants."

These findings are just the tip of the iceberg. If you want more detailed information feel free to contact Mark Howell.

See also the USDA report via this link:

[http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/pesticide/pdfs/093006\\_24d.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/pesticide/pdfs/093006_24d.pdf)

Both these highly poisonous herbicides have been sprayed in Queen Elizabeth Park. The plan was to continue with further ground and aerial spraying till June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Te Ra School and the adjoining neighbours to the park, and the greater community are potentially affected. Not only by the spraying of herbicides, but also by the future eating of meat from animals who grazed on the land which was sprayed.

To access a petition to stop the aerial spraying of harmful herbicides in QEP, please go to this link.

<https://www.toko.org.nz/petitions/stop-aerial-herbicide-spraying-in-qe-park>

If you would like more information about the aerial spraying policy and would like to join an email-sharing group contact Kate for an open forum: [sprayfreeqep@gmail.com](mailto:sprayfreeqep@gmail.com) .

If you are interested in joining a public KCDC meeting on Nov.5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am contact the school for further information.

Thank you for taking the time to be informed.  
Jutta Kress, Mark Howell and David Simpson



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## Motueka & Lower Hutt

If you ever wanted to know more,  
come to listen and experience what  
we have to offer for our Courses  
coming up in 2016

■ **SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER:**

At Motueka Waldorf School and Kindergarten  
480 High Street, Motueka  
From 7.00-9.00pm

■ **MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER**

At Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School  
27 Matuhi St, Tirohanga, Lower Hutt  
From 7.00-9.00pm

We are delighted to come to Motueka and check out the school's new land. Gui da Silva Vilhena, our Programme director for the Biodynamic course is happy to share ideas. Jean McGavock, our Programme Director of the The Art of Health course is planning to spend the afternoon prior to the evening presentation engaging with various groups of people. In Wellington they hope to see and speak with many people from the various initiatives in and around the city before speaking at Raphael House in the evening.

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## Information for parents

Kia ora katoa, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula vinaka, Kia orana and greetings to you all.

### **The new and upcoming changes to our service.**

Over the coming months, the service will be opening six new dental hubs across the Wellington Region and closing old style dental clinics situated in some local schools.

During this time, the service will remain open and fully operational. The service aims to see children for examinations and treatments within reasonable timeframes during this transition time.

If you as a parent /caregiver need to contact Bee Healthy Regional Service, have concerns about your child's teeth or your child has dental pain, you can arrange an appointment by calling **0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)**. You can also call this number to update your contact details. This is a national free phone number, which when calling from the Wellington Region will automatically transfer your call to our service.

### **What this will mean for you and your family in the future.**

From Term One 2016, the service will have fully implemented its new model of care across the Wellington Region. This new model of care has been gradually rolled out over a number of years and it is exciting that this final stage is almost complete.

The new model of dental care will bring some great changes, enabling you as a parent/caregiver to have greater involvement with the dental therapist who is providing the care and advice for your child.

If you have a preschool aged child, then he/she will be seen with you at a local dental clinic or 'hub' for an examination each year. If your child needs any further treatment, they will require further visits with you to their local hub to complete their dental treatment.

If your child is school aged, he/she will be examined on a new dental mobile van (the 'spokes') which will visit schools annually. Some schools in the Wellington region are difficult to access with the campervan-sized clinics; children at most of these schools will require appointments at a local dental hub.

The important change for you as a parent/guardian is that if your child is identified at their examination appointment as needing further treatment, such as a preventive coating or filling, he/she will require this treatment at a dental hub. As a parent/caregiver you will need to ring 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583) to arrange a suitable time and attend this appointment with your child.

Further information about Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service is available at <http://www.beehealthy.org.nz/content/default.html>

Yours faithfully

Kathryn Fuge  
Clinical Director  
Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service

Andrea Rutene  
Director of Operations  
Regional Screening & Community School Dental Services  
Wairarapa and Hutt Valley District Health Board



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**OPEN DAY**

**7 November**

**10am – 2pm**