



Kia Manawanui

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Kia ora koutou, dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends

Last Friday I had the privilege to watch our Class 5, 6 and 7 children take part in the annual Kapiti Kapa Haka Festival at Ngā Purapura in Otaki. Our children performed with so much skill and dignity that it left me smiling for the rest of the day. What a challenge, performing a new set in this vast hall, in front of a big audience! Ko taku iwi tuaroa tēnā. Tino pai, and a big "Thank you" to all the children, and their teachers and supporters who got them there: Kura, Aleka, Kerstin, Nicki, David S., Koro Don, Whaea June and Olivia, and all the whānau who helped. (Photos and video will be available soon)

Last Friday also saw the opening of an exhibition at the Mahara Gallery of artwork and poetry by Paraparaumu and Raumati children. The artwork and poetry are responses to a visit by the children to the Ngā Manu Nature Reserve, and include works by children in our classes 4 and 5. The artwork and poetry is of astonishing quality, and a credit to the children and their teachers. Thank you in particular to Tina who held this work.

Thank you to those of you who were able to come to the Open Day. This day is a great opportunity to have unhurried conversations, and many of those did indeed take place.

Congratulations to Emma, Javed and Ellie on the arrival of their baby girl and little sister.

Welcome to Jorja Freeland who has joined the Nursery Group; welcome back to Tora, Matteo and their family who have returned from Sweden. Tora has joined Class 1, Matteo has joined Class 2.

Nau mai, Haere Mai.

Nō reira, noho ora mai rā,
Andrea Sorger

Diary of Dates

Thursday 12 November	Class 6 Parent Evening 7:00pm
Friday 13 November	Class 4 visit to Whakarongotai Marae
Friday 13 November	Weekly Parent Café 1:00pm-2:30pm
Sunday 15 November	Raphael House Toy, Craft & Food Fair 10:00am-3:00pm
Tue 17 & Wed 18 Nov	Class 7 Sailing Days
Wed. 18 November	Craft Group 7:00 – 9:00pm Handwork Room
Friday 20 November	Class 4 visit to Paekakariki Museum
Wed. 25 November	Sharing Assembly (will include orchestra perf)
Wed. 25 November	Craft Group 7:00 – 9:00pm Handwork Room
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 10:00am till 12 noon
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
Friday 4 December	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Mon 7 Dec.–Fri 11 Dec	Class 7 Camp – Otaki Forks
Tues 8 Dec.–Thu 10 Dec	Class 6 Camp - Kaitoke
Wed 9 Dec. – Fri 11 Dec	Class 4 Camp
Wednesday 9 December	Class 5 Parent Evening
Monday 14 December	Circus Day for School
Tuesday 15 December	Paekakariki Kindy Groups Summer Festival
Wed. 16 December	LAST DAY TERM 4 – KINDERGARTENS
Wed. 16 December	NO SCHOOL LUNCHES
Wed. 16 December	Class 7 Farewell
Wed. 16 December	Shepherds Play Evening Community Performance
Thurs. 17 December	LAST DAY TERM 4 – SCHOOL

From the Office

🏠 To Let - Paekakariki Kindergarten upstairs flat – available from 15th November 2015

Salubrious apartment lifestyle, one bedroom, all for \$200 a week including water rates and electricity!! Warm and friendly neighbours downstairs, internal access, special conditions apply.

All enquiries 📞 Nick or Ralph 299 0812

Parent Café

Come along to the Parent Café which is on each Friday in the Playgroup Building 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Enjoy good coffee, great company, exchange clothing and borrow or browse through our parent library.

Wanted

Corrugated iron for covering timber stacks. Please contact me at school or home. Thanks, Paul Denford

Lost

Blue and silver scooter. Ruby from the kindy has lost her scooter which could have been left in the school bike park. I am wondering if it has been taken home by mistake, it is easily identified by the red plastic inserts at the end of the handle bars.

Please contact Tori on 0274 815314.

Fundraising Sunglasses

Sunglasses orders are now closed for 2015.

Kids Artworks

Orders and money are due into the school office by tomorrow (Friday 13th). Late orders won't be able to be accepted due to end of year deadlines.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Entries are now open for the 2015/16 round of the Weetbix Tryathlon. Please pick up an information brochure from the school office if you would find out more information or view their website try.weetbix.co.nz Children have the option of entering as an individual or as a group. If any parent from our school would be interested in co-ordinating a school group please contact the office. Early bird discounts are available.

Working Bee

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our working bee; the school looked fantastic for the Open Day last Saturday. We got heaps done, everything from fixing a leaky roof, through weeding and mulching, to creating a new entrance path.

Coming to a working bee is a great investment into your children's education. It is a wonderful way of modelling a community working together.

A special thanks to class 3 parents for the yummy lunch (watch out for the soup recipe in the next newsletter). Those of you who were here for the lunch will have noticed the change in menu. This came about as a request from parent liaisons to make the lunch simpler to prepare. We have since reviewed the menu and felt concerned that there was not

enough vegetarian food. To help with this in the future we need to know approximately how many people attending a working bee are vegetarian. We provided vegetarian soup which we felt covered many dietary needs. If you have any menu suggestions for us to consider for the next working bee please pass them onto your parent liaison.

More from the Office - Money Matters

Special Character Pledge 2015

Statements current to 31 October have just been posted out to all families. If you have not received yours please contact Ralph in the office. With just two months left in the year, now is a good time to bring your pledge up to date. Thank you.

The account number for online payments is 03 0732 0293275 01

Data Update Form

You would have received this form by now in your 2016 pledge pack. Please check your details and update where necessary by returning the form to the office. It is important for us to have the latest details for each family, as this enables us to be as prepared as we can be for emergencies and disasters.

Disbursement Statements

If you have received such a statement in the mail it means your pledge is not quite met yet. Disbursement donations do qualify for the 1/3 tax rebate at the same time as acknowledging the costs of food and materials. Thank you. The account number for online payments is 03 0732 0443499 00

Special Character Pledge 2016

Three weeks ago our Special Character Pledge appeal for 2016 was posted to everyone, both by email and snail mail.

A big **Thank You** to the 30% of whānau who have returned their pledge forms in time. We look forward to receiving the outstanding 70% within the next few days.

The special character pledge information is a vital component of our budget setting process: the forecast special character contributions determine to a large extent the size of our cloth. Please have another scan of the information we sent out with the forms, if you are at all unsure as to what your special character donation is used for.

Te Rā and Raphael House Combined Class 5 Olympic Camp

Class 5, despite the weather, had a very successful Olympics camp together with Class 5 from Raphael House. Socially the classes worked together well in their different City States.

On the last day it rained and this limited the actual "Olympics" to being inside. Two events were completed, the Standing Long Jump and the Wrestling. As the photo shows the two laurel wreath winners were from Te Rā. Niamh won the Wrestling and Kahurangi, with an amazing leap of 2.14ms won the Long Jump.

The parents who came on the camp contributed hugely to the success of this camp. Not only as transporters, feeders and organisers but also as leaders of City States and in heading the training on the different disciplines.

Grateful thanks to those parents.

David



Touch Rugby

Congratulations to Ruven Ferguson, Jaksen McIntyre, Xoya Andrews, and Hagar Tabor who have been selected in the Kapiti/Horowhenua Representative U11 boys' and U13 girls' teams. The Rep Tournament will be held in Palmerston North on Saturday 19th December. Well done also to the other children from Te Rā who attended the trials and shone with their strong efforts.

Thank you from Class 7

"On behalf of all of Class 7, Te Ra School, Tonia and Bec would like to thank all the people and businesses involved in the great success of their movie fundraiser. The following businesses contributed with great generosity:

The Waterfront Bar, Raumati
Shoreline Cinema, Waikanae
Eija Frost, Massage therapist
Todd Williams, Harmonious Healing
The Little Black Caravan, Paraparaumu
Antipodes Skincare
Raumati Beach Bakery

Much appreciated, thank you".

Alumni

One day the prince *did* arrive....

Congratulations to Briana Boele van Hensbroek (Class 7 2010) who not only became headgirl at Tawa College but also met Prince Charles on his recent visit.



Invitation to attend Raphael House Fair



Teacher Vacancies

Michael Park Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten is seeking early childhood teachers to join our experienced team.

The ideal applicant is artistic and creative, conscientious, with excellent communication skills, and works professionally and positively with colleagues and whanau.

A background in Rudolf Steiner pedagogy and/or a willingness to teach and organise programmes in accordance with the special character of the school shall be a condition of employment.

Applications close 16 November 2015. Send your expression of interest, including a cover letter and CV, to admin@michaelpark.school.nz.
To read information about the school please visit www.michaelpark.school.nz.

Fossil Bay Kindergarten is seeking a registered Teacher to commence in Term 1 of 2016. The kindergarten cares for children between the ages of 3 up to 6. We are located in a lovely bush setting in Oneroa, Waiheke Island, a 40 minute ferry journey from downtown Auckland.

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School - Class Teacher

We seek a committed and enthusiastic class teacher to join our growing Steiner school. The ideal applicant will be a NZ registered teacher, ideally with a Steiner qualification, but those with experience and commitment to Steiner pedagogy also considered. Flexibility required to suit a smaller school. Commences Term 1 2016. 1 year fixed term 0.55 FTE mornings only.

Applications close 4.00 pm, Monday 30 November 2015.

An application form and job description can be downloaded from the School's website www.dunedin.steiner.school.nz or is available by request from the office at office@dunedin.steiner.school.nz Telephone: 03 471 2163

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Just This Day

Invites you to participate in a Worldwide 24 hour period of meditation and quiet on Wednesday 25th November 201 Strathean Retreat, 212 Old Hautere Road, Otaki will be open from 9.00am to 5.00pm
For anyone who would like to spend the day, or part of it, in quiet meditation, contemplation or prayer. You could walk in the grounds,

read, bring your paints but most of all take the time to join the rest of the world, 'Just this day' in becoming still.

Please bring something to eat if you are staying all day, hot drinks available.

Enquiries: phone Yvonne 06 3643127

QEII Park Spraying Meeting

Hello friends,

There is going to be a public meeting about the herbicide spraying in the QEII Park this Saturday, 10 to 12 in the Tennis Court Rd Hall. If you can pass this on to your network of friends and come with questions, concerns or perspectives to share, please do. KCDC will be there to hear what the community has to say, think and would like for the future. Hope to see you there! (If we don't take time to let them know they will assume spraying is of little concern to the community and carry on with the toxic spraying.) Blessings, Mark and family

'Bright Lights' Kapiti Coast Music Competition - 28 November

'House Of Sound Music Academy' is proud to present 'Bright Lights' Kapiti Coast Music Competition to be held on the 28th Of November at The Lindale Auditorium in Paraparaumu. No matter what genre, Bright Lights wants young performers between the ages of 7-18 to come and showcase their stuff. There will be some great prizes, including half a days recording at The AudioSuite in Paraparaumu. Enter today at www.houseofsound.co.nz

New "Kooky-Ukes" band made up of Te Rā parents

Performing Sunday 15th Nov at RSC

Feeling proud of being a Kiwi right now?

Come celebrate with the Dispukables who are performing Kiwiana style at the RSC Sunday 15th 3pm.

Join us for a sing-a-long.

Love to see you there.

Kāpiti Youth Orchestra auditions are on 29th November - registering by 19th November is recommended

Announcing the Kāpiti Youth Orchestra's 2016 Auditions

Those musicians wishing to audition can now apply via our on-line form on the KYO website. You will be emailed the audition sheet music 10 days prior on 19th of November.

The KYO orchestra offers a fantastic opportunity for young musicians to play in a symphony orchestra setting. Once accepted, members participate in many concerts, collaborations with other orchestras, camps, and workshops throughout the year, including workshop tuition with members of the NZSO and other seasoned musicians.

1. Register to audition for KYO

2016 **NOW!** <https://kapitiyouthorchestra.wordpress.com>

2. Audition music will be sent out by email on **19th November.**

3. Auditions held **Sunday 29th November, Grace Hall, St Patrick's School, 6 Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu** - musician's will be allocated an audition time when they register.

KYO is open to all young musicians in the Kāpiti region 10 – 19 years old who play orchestral instruments.

For the first time in 2016, the KYO invites young composers to work alongside us. If you would be interested in applying for this mentorship program, please

contact kapitiyouthorchestra@gmail.com

Please register here: <https://kapitiyouthorchestra.wordpress.com>

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 0204 939383

Raumati South Scouts – Garage Sale

Please join us at the Scout Hall on Tiromoana Street, Raumati South, Saturday 14th Nov, 7am – 12noon for a Monster Garage Sale and BBQ.

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

House for Rent - Raumati South

We have a place for rent over December - January (dates are negotiable)

\$500 per week, 4 bedrooms, 2 living rooms, 2 bathrooms, wifi included

Please contact Kristie Shearer 022 177 0945 or tikkyshearer@gmail.com

House Wanted – From January 2016

We are a family of 4. We are looking for a 2-3 bedroom home to rent as we are relocating to NZ. My wife is a trained Steiner teacher. We would like to be close to the school - Raumati South or Paekakariki.

Garden/yard desirable.

Andy Traveller andytraveller@gmail.com

Rental Property Wanted

We are the Davies family of 5, 2 adults, 2 kids and one dog, who are coming back to New Zealand from Australia to start at the school next year. We are looking for a rental property to move into. 2-3 bedroom in Raumati South ideally. We are coming back in the middle of January, so if anyone needs a house-sitter for the last 2 weeks of the school holidays, we would be up for that as well (our dog is going to stay in Australia for a little bit, so it would just be me and two kids). If you know of anything, please feel free to get in touch. My email is sarah.joanne.davies@gmail.com. Thanks.

Looking for rental home in Raumati

We are looking for a medium or longer term (at least 6 months) rental home near school. Ideally, with at least three bedrooms, but would consider a two bedroom as well. Furnished would be fabulous but is not mandatory. Timing is open--could be soon, but prefer mid to late January. We are home-owners and have a great local rental reference. Grateful for any ideas or leads. Heide, Bobby and Sarah Alexander 029 127 5407. Thanks!!

Housesitters available during the summer holidays

Do you have a cat, cow or veggie patch that needs looking after while you are away on holiday? We are a Raphael House family, looking for a beachy summer getaway. We are tidy, reliable, good with animals and plants alike, and keen to have a break away from home for a few weeks. If you don't have anything for us to look after while you're away, other than your house, we are happy to pay a koha to stay too. Please call Katja or Paul on 04-5651469, txt 022-1265112, or email katjakoekie@hotmail.com

Want to try sailing?

Kids learn to sail with Paremata Boating Club! Our popular learn to sail courses are designed to introduce children aged 10-14 years and their parents to the sport of sailing. Our next course starts on 23rd January 2016 and runs over the three days of Wellington Anniversary weekend plus the following two Sundays (5 days in all). Optimist boats, buoyancy vests and helmets are provided. Check www.paremataboatingclub.org.nz for more information and to register.



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, 4th December

at Te Rā Waldorf School, 89 Poplar Ave, Raumati South
There will be plenty of opportunity for questions.

