



Kia Manawanui

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Kia ora koutou, dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends

With Classes 4 and 7 away on their respective camps, the school is quieter than usual and the busy-ness is winding down ahead of the gentle, dreamy weeks when birds and other creatures reclaim the grounds and watch over them until the children arrive once more in February.

2015 has been a bright, rich year. It wasn't without its challenges, on many levels, but the end of the year finds us in good heart. The children in all classes journeyed through the kaleidoscope of experiences in the school and out. They formed connections to the wider community and to their peers at school – Te Wiki o Te Mahi Tahi was particularly successful in strengthening relationships across class levels. We will build on this next year as we embark on the development of restorative practices in all areas of Te Rā and Te Rāwhiti.

The teachers and staff have, once again, worked with unwavering dedication, ever seeking to understand each child in their care, and their whānau, in order to accompany them in the best possible way – thank you! We are grateful, too, to all the parents and whānau who supported the teachers and staff, in so many varied ways.

We bid farewell to Class 7 and their whānau, and to the families who are moving to new places near and far - Haere Rā, go well and God bless.

We wish you all a wonderful break, with peaceful Christmas celebrations and much time to relax and breathe out, and re-connect.

Nō reira, noho ora mai rā,

Andrea Sorger,

for the College of Teachers (Aleka Beaumont, Elien Hoffmans, Sue Hurst)

Diary of Dates

Thursday 10 December	Class 3 Overnight stay in the school hall
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	School - Class changeover and clean
Wed 16 December	NO SCHOOL LUNCHES
Wed 16 December	Class 7 Graduation
Wed 16 December	Shepherds Play Evening Community Performance
Thurs 17 December	LAST DAY TERM 4 – SCHOOL (1pm Finish)
Tues 2nd Feb 2016	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 – SCHOOL
Wed 3rd Feb 2016	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 – KINDERGARTENS

Term Dates 2016

Term 1	Tuesday, 2nd February → Friday, 15th April Waitangi Day 8th February
Term 2	Monday, 2nd May → Friday, 8th July ANZAC Day 27th April Queen's Birthday 6th June
Term 3	Monday, 25th July → Friday, 23rd September
Term 4	Monday, 10th October – Friday, 16th December Labour Day 24th October Teacher Development Day 25th October Open Day 29th October

From the Office

🏠 To Let - Paekakariki Kindergarten upstairs flat – available now
Apartment lifestyle, one bedroom including water rates and electricity, all for \$200 a week!! Warm and friendly neighbours downstairs, internal access, special conditions apply.
All enquiries 📞 Nick or Ralph 299 0812

Special Character Pledge 2016

Six weeks ago our Special Character Pledge appeal for 2016 was posted to everyone, both by email and snail mail, return date 6th November. A big **Thank You** to the 87% of whānau who have returned their pledge forms to date. We look forward to receiving the outstanding 13% by tomorrow!

Missing

1 x ½ size Violin

1 x ½ size Violin Bow

1 x ¾ size Violin Case

Please return these urgently to Mary or the school office.

Lost/Found Property

Please remember to take the time to check the found property box for any clothing or misplaced items. All unclaimed clothing will be donated to charity at the end of the term.

School Lunches

School lunches have been a great success this year. A big thank you to the lunch team who have come in each Wednesday.

There will be no school lunches next week, we will resume in **Week 2** of 2016.

From the Board of Trustees

Last night we had our final Board meeting for 2015. As we reflect back on 2015 we feel Te Rawhiti and Te Rā are in good health and full of vitality. The roll has increased, our student achievement is outstanding and the faculty are constantly bringing delightful surprises to the community for example; the exceptional Class 7 performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', the Kapa Haka performance, the parents sharing assembly, kindergarten advent festival, wreath making, class plays which name a few of the incredible learning experiences staff at Te Rā and Te Rawhiti bring to the children and the wider community.

The Board would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the faculty and staff who give every day to the wellbeing of our school and kindergartens.

We would like to wish our community a fun and festive holiday break and look forward to everyone returning in 2016, well rested and ready to welcome the new year.

Writing Workshop Success Story

Last term a group of students from Te Rā took part in a writing workshop that was facilitated by the actor and writer Oscar Kightley. This was made available through the Kapiti Kids' Motivation Trust. The morning of writing exercises built up to the students selecting a theme from a variety of choices provided and working on a piece to be submitted for Oscar to read and respond to.

Recently the students; Anna Daniell, Annamieke Wraight, Baxter Gray, Bella Dowling, Beri Southerwood, Ciara Duffy, Ellie McDougall, Evie den Otter, Georgia Trotter, Harry Trainer, Kahu Moffat, Cassidy Lemana, Keita Frost, Leah Henderson, Mikki Lemana, Seirian Borren-Robertson, Sorcha Ruth, Thomas Dowling and Vita Foster-Ward received their scripts back. They were all very happy to see the warm, supportive comments that Oscar had written on them.

From the 243 scripts that were submitted by Kapiti children, 65 will be published in a booklet. We are very proud of Harry, Leah, Mikki, Seirian and Sorcha who all had their pieces selected.

From these 65 scripts, 25 were chosen to be featured in the local media and amongst them was the work of Seirian Borren-Robertson. Well done Seirian and all of our other enthusiastic and talented writers!

Class 4 Parent Reflection

E ngā iwi, e ngā mana, e ngā reo
e ngā maunga e ngā hau e whā
Kua tae mai nei kei te mihi.
Kei te mihi. Kei te mihi
E ki ana te whakatauhi.....
Toku reo, toku ohooho, toku reo,
toku mapihi maurea
Tuturu Whakamaua
Kia Tina! Hui e! Tāiki E!

To the people, mana, voice, mountains of the four winds. Who are here to pursue our language! Thanks heaps, thanks heaps, thanks heaps.

As the proverb says....

My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul.

Let this be a commitment to all.

Draw together!

Words cannot express the new found respect that has grown within me, after having the honour of accompanying Class 4 to visit both the Whakarongotai Marae and Mahara Gallery... I was amazed to see how much our children have grown, to see the loving connection they have for each other. And yes for me that means the little arguments and disagreements – this has shown me that they feel comfortable in all they are with each other, to be able to express what they need. Often a rare and precious gift, but like a real family! And such talent!

Watching in amazement the skills these children had to absorb all the historical information, initiate questions due to genuine curiosity about

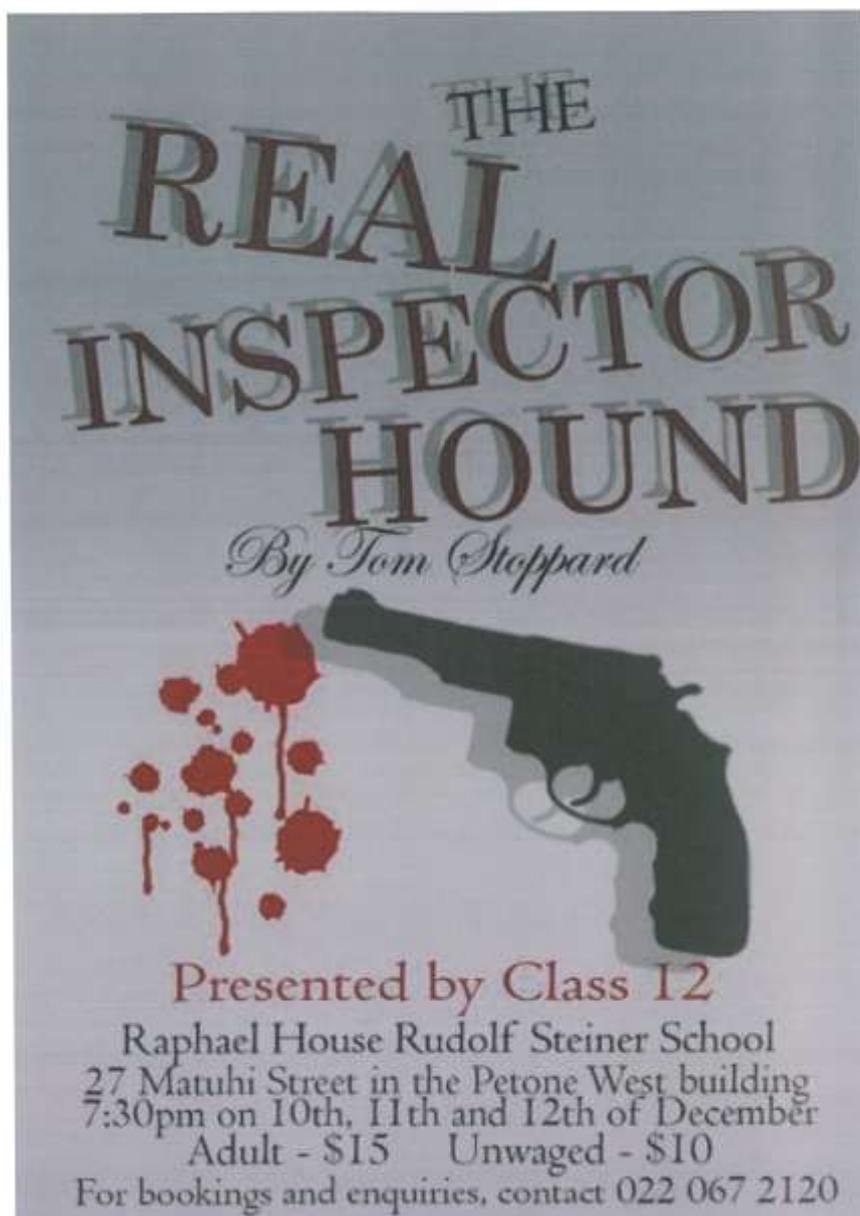
Marae. Then to follow through with such creativity in a short time, a little skit based on what was learnt.

The visit to the gallery was just as rewarding to actually see the children's painting and poetry made a very proud moment for all of us! And so we should all be!

Thanks to Tina, the school, for providing such experiences and putting so much effort in our future generations. The parents and others that are involved with helping towards our children's growth and charity. Much love to you all.

Awatea

Raphael House Class 12 Play – on this week



TICKETS FOR SALE AT TE RA OFFICE - SEE
MAYINE

Vacancies

English Teacher – Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School

A new colleague is invited to join this dynamic independent school in forming its future. Experience with the Waldorf curriculum and NCEA English are vital as is teacher registration or the ability to obtain this readily. Mentoring will be provided where necessary.

The position commences in Term 1 (February) 2016 on a part-time basis (flexible: .6 -.7 FTE depending on other strengths) and will be full-time from 2017 onwards.

Interested teachers should apply now with a covering letter and cv.

Ph: +64-9-817-4386 www.titirangi.steiner.school.nz

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

We need to move home

Hetty, Adie and Freya would like our new home to still be in Paekakariki. We have lived and worked for nine years in the village and love it here. We are looking to rent a 2/3 bedroom house with a workshop/garage or sleepout, though we will consider anything.

If you can help, please contact us on 9050208 or 021 02384578. We need to move by February and can move any time before then.

Wanted: House To Buy in Raumati South

The van de Vorstenbosch family are looking for a 3 bedroom house to buy in the Raumati South area. If you have a house to sell us or know someone who does please contact Geert (021 036 7606; geertvandevorstenbosch@gmail.com) or Susan (021 0222 6026; smiliedawes@gmail.com) or call us at home 04 239 8109. Thanks

Pony Tales Waikanae

Indoor riding school for children, offering riding lessons, Christmas school holiday programme and catered pony parties. Our \$25 introductory private lessons make a great Christmas gift. Contact Jackie Gilmore Ph: 042938161 or email jacksgilmore@gmail.com

Skids Kapiti School Holiday Programme

Information and registrations www.skids.co.nz. Flyers are available in our school office.

Subaru Imprezza for sale 1996, red, 253000km, \$1800 ph 9055732

3pm Afterschool care Summer Holiday Programme

FLAGS OF THE WORLD:

Each day we will be celebrating a country in the world, showing their flag, checking out their culture, and trying out some of their special food. Once again, we have many and varied activities to experience and most of all have lots of fun.

Booking online and quickly to avoid disappointment is essential. Please phone Joy Cains on 021 1249573. Website is 3pm.co.nz.

The Lighthouse OSCAR is open for enrolments for its Dec/Jan 2016 Holiday Programme.

Please contact 2988549 or email admin@kapitilighthouse.org.nz for any questions.

Cost is \$6 per hour capped at \$200. W.I.N.Z. subsidies are available for up to \$4 per hour. Come and see W.I.N.Z. at the Lighthouse Tues 15th December from 4pm to see if you qualify for a subsidy or to inquire about entitlements.

Programmes and Registration forms are available from the centre, or we can email or post them to you. Some cool activities that we are doing are: Horse Riding, Mission Inflatable, Loco Miniature Railway, HUHA (Helping You Help Animals) and more. We look forward to hearing from you all.

Kapiti Equestrian & Vaulting Centre – School Holidays

- **Christmas vaulting show:** Saturday 19 December, 11 am
- **Riding lessons & ½ hour pony rides**
- **Farm Club holiday programme**
- **Pony Camp**
- **Vaulting classes:** start 1 Feb 2016, new members welcome.
- **Pre-school classes:** start Tuesday 2 Feb 2016, new kids welcome.

Limited spaces, book: 04 902 6108 or check www.kapitiequestrian.com

A Long Hot Summer Story Festival

Porirua Library Launch Party is Dec 17th 5.30pm

Performers and events include author Gillian Candler, illustrator Ned Barraud, storyteller/artist/author/all-round inspiration Stu Duval, storytellers Ralph Roister-Doister and Nancy Fancy-Pants, storyteller Judith Jones, a Uke-Along, a Friend-Along for pairs of besties (with Book Island), and a fabulous Glow Disco.

For more early word information, visit Bee's Bookish Blog:

<http://www.porirualibrary.org.nz/Services/Children-s-Library/Bee-s-Bookish-Blog>

Full timetable will go live closer to the launch date at: <http://www.porirualibrary.org.nz/What-s-On> .

Zirka Circus – World Class World Tour

Coming to Paraparaumu 26 Dec-10 Jan with their brand new show
You can book now at 0800 2 Zirka or www.zirkacircus.com



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

1:00pm

Tuesday, 26 January 2016

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.

