



Kia Manawanui

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

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Kia ora koutou, dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends

Haere mai, welcome back for a new school year. The children look well-rested and, as is usual after the long break, ever so much taller!

Haere mai, and welcome to all of our new tamariki and their whānau: Emma Congreve in Class 1, Molly Davies and Ngātai Edwin in Class 2, Ffion Buckland-Jones, Kyle Pollard, Luka Traveller and Cavalli Niu in Class 3, Owain Buckland-Jones in Class 4, Robin and Hayden Pollard in Class 5, and Amy Pollard in Class 7.

We welcome Koda Niu (Piwakawaka) and Lucas Davies (Kakariki) to the kindergarten. An update on all of our little 4-year-olds who are beginning kindy will follow.

A warm welcome to our new teachers, too: Following Marianna's retirement, Olivia Chubb is the new (or not so new) teacher of the Ruru group, while Rebecca Cooper is taking over the Nursery group. Kate Salisbury is our new Class 1 Teacher, Todd Chaplin has taken over Class 2, and Vanya Howell-Kress has joined us for one term to assist in Class 2.

Molly McAra, Walter Bishell and Alex Barsanti have moved over to Raumati South School, and we wish them all the best for their new beginnings.

In the school we are trialling a new time structure which will allow for a longer lunch play time.

- 8:55 Bell for the beginning of Main Lesson
- 10:40 – 10:50 Morning Tea
- 10:50 – 11:05 Morning Tea play
- 11:10 – 11:50 Period 1
- 11:55 – 12:35 Period 2
- 12:35 – 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:25 Lunch play
- 1:30 – 2:10 Period 3
- 2:15 – 2:55 Period 4

We all look forward to an exciting, adventurous and successful year, in playgroups, nursery, kindergartens and school. We are excited to be working with restorative practice to build and maintain “positive relationships across the school [including kindergartens, playgroups and nursery] community” (PB4L: Restorative Practice Kete Book 1, MoE) while learning to restore relationships when things go wrong by using approaches which enable problem-solving, and are respectful, collaborative and responsive. You will be able to learn more about this at the parent evenings through the year. Please try your very best to attend these – they are the main opportunity to learn about your child’s education, and to connect with the class parent community which forms, after all, a supportive and engaged circle around the children and their teacher.

In the next few weeks we will ask for your feedback and wishes about parent evenings – watch this space.

Finally, please let us know if you would prefer to receive this newsletter electronically, as a PDF. Besides saving some paper, this ensures a reliable, timely delivery of this important communication – every time.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī. Noho ora mai,
Andrea Sorger,
for the College of Teachers (Aleka Beaumont, Elien Hoffmans, Sue Hurst)

Diary of Dates

Monday 8 th February	Waitangi Day observed
Tuesday 9 th February	Class 7 Parent Evening 7:00pm
Wednes. 10 th February	Go By Bike Day
Wednes. 10 th February	Class 4 Parent Evening 7:00pm
Thursday 11 th February	Class 2 Parent Evening 7:00pm
Monday 15 th February	Class 3 Parent Evening 7:00pm
Tuesday 16 th February	Class 5 Parent Evening 7:00pm
Thursday 18 th February	BoT Meeting in school library at 6:00pm
Thursday 18 th February	Class 1 Parent Evening 7:00pm
Tuesday 23 rd February	Interschool Triathlon
Friday 26 th February	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Wednesday 2 nd March	Class 6 Parent Evening 6:30pm
Friday 4 th March	“Aotearoa Eurythmy” Performance for school and Kindergarten
Mon. 7 th –Fri. 11 th March	Class 7 Sailing Camp
Wednesday 16 th March	Sharing Assembly 11:10am for school families

Friday 25 th March	Good Friday
Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday Holiday
Tuesday 29 th March	Easter Tuesday – no school/kindergarten
Friday 1 st April	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Sunday 10 th April	Harvest Fair 11:00am-3:00pm
Monday 11 th April	Teacher Dev. Day - No School/Kindergarten

Term Dates 2016

- Term 1** **Tuesday, 2nd February → Friday, 15th April**
 Waitangi Day observed 8th February
 Easter Holidays 25th, 28th & 29th March
 Teacher Development Day 11th April -No School/Kindergarten
- 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 Oct. –No School/Kindergarten
 Open Day 29th October

From the Office

Special Character Pledge 2016 and Disbursement Commitment

Thank you again to all of you who have returned your pledge forms for this year. Please ensure you have begun your automatic payment online if this is your preferred method of payment. From the school and kindergarten point of view, this works best and our experience is that families manage their gifting of funds most effectively this way.

The bank account number for the Kapiti Waldorf Trust to receive your Special Character pledge is 03 0732 0293275 01. The bank account number for the school to receive your disbursement payment is 03 0732 0443499 00 – please take particular care to get the right account number for the appropriate payment.

Thank you.

Government funded Transport Assistance

Students might be eligible for this assistance if

- they are under age 10 and live more than 3.2 km from Te Ra, or
- they are aged 10 or older and live more than 4.8 km from Te Ra, and
- they do not have access by the same distance to public passenger transport.

Please see Ralph in the office for an application form.

Bus Payments

Bus payments can be made to account 03 0732 0293275 01; please put your name and the word "bus" in one of the reference fields. For those without the transport subsidy the cost is \$500 per child per term. If you are in doubt as to how much to pay, please contact Ralph in the office, otherwise \$675 with the subsidy. A ten trip bus pass is \$75 and a casual one trip ticket is \$8 – tickets must be purchased from the office before attempting to catch the bus. Dave will only allow students with a ticket to embark on the bus.

School Lunches

Reminder that school lunches resume next Wednesday (Week 2). \$3 for Baked Potato, \$3 for Vege Nachos, \$3.50 for Samosa. Please order and pay at the school office.

For Sale

\$1 reserve, large grey desk with 2 drawers. If viewing online [click here](#) for the Trade Me listing.

Please contact the office if you are interested.

From the Office – Enrolling in Nursery Group

We are pleased to have Rebecca Cooper taking up the Nursery teacher role on Fridays.

We currently have some spaces in Nursery for children who are 3 years old. If your child is turning 3 this year you can put his/her name on the waiting list.

The Nursery group is a small class, and provides a gentle stepping stone between Playgroup and Kindergarten. The focus of the programme is on developing social relationships, and on helping the young child in their first tentative steps away from home. It is run in the middle kindergarten in Raumati on a Friday morning from 8.45am to 12.45pm.

From the Board of Trustees

Welcome back! The board is looking forward to a wonderful year ahead in 2016. Welcome again to all the new children, families and teachers.

At our last board meeting the Board approved the new Strategic Plan (for 2016-2019). Thanks for all the input and feedback we've received on this which was very helpful. The plan will be made available on the school website.

It is also good to report that we saw out 2015 in a stronger financial position than in previous years. This is, in no small part, due to the parents who consistently and reliably honour their special character pledges. This makes a big difference to our long term financial security. Thank you all very much for that. The increasing school roll has also helped us financially as it increases the size of our grant from the Ministry of Education.

There were all sorts of other interesting things discussed at the last meeting also. You are always welcome to read our public minutes but you'll get a much better idea if you come along and sit in on a meeting in person. Our regular board meetings are open to the public.

The election for a new school Board of Trustees is also coming up on **3 June 2016**. Please consider playing a valuable role in supporting your children and their school by standing for election as a Board trustee.

Our next BoT meeting is on **18 February at 6pm** and will be in the library. Come along! There will be cake!

Thanks,

Miles Gray,
on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Corn Leaves Wanted

Calling all Corn Eaters. Could you please collect the outside leaves of any corn you have and deliver them to the box in the school office. They will be used to make new Kapa Haka costumes.

Any queries please phone Kaia 021 131 0500

Calling all Toymakers / Woodworkers

We're back in business – full steam ahead for the Fair.

If you'd like to join us – skilled or unskilled – you're very welcome. We meet in the school workshop Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm. If Thursday doesn't suit please give me a ring – Monday or Tuesday may also be an option. If you prefer to work at home there are projects / tasks to suit. Any ideas and suggestions for wooden toys or crafts for the Fair are welcome.

Please contact Katrina Sowry ph 299 1044 or Paul Denford 027 246 3065.

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Introduction to Meditation

Every even week during term time (weeks 2,4,6,8,10) beginning on Monday 8th February at 7:20 pm in class 3.

The Kapiti Music Centre

The Kapiti Music Centre is an out of hours Ministry of Education and Charitable Trust Music School which offers group music tuition in 15 different instruments. For \$180 you will receive 30 lessons plus 3 Kapiti Music Centre Orchestra rehearsals which performs in our Grand Concert at Southwards Theatre. The Centre employs professional tutors who have many years of teaching experience. Our 2016 enrolment days are **Tuesday 9 February 5.30 - 7.00pm and Saturday 13 February 10.30 – 12.30pm** at Kapiti College, Margaret Road entrance, Raumati Beach. For more information about the Music Centre visit our Website www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz If you are interested in enrolling but are unable to come to our enrolment evenings please contact the Manager on 021 297 1413 or email us at admin@kapitimusiccentre.org.nz

KCU Football Club

Please check our website www.kcu.co.nz for more information on the following:

- Junior trials for premier teams (formerly "travelling teams" teams) 10th to 14th grade

Sunday 14th February and Sunday 21st February

- Junior Season Dates 2 April, ends 27 Aug

- First Kicks Season Dates 8th May, ends 7th August (4 to 6 years)

- Junior Online Registration opens 5 Feb, closes 18 March

- Boot / Gear Swap and Registration Day 6 March between 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- Girl's Pre season training 8 - 11 years of age Sunday 1.00pm at Mazengarb Front Field starting Sunday 7th February
- Girl's Pre season training 12 - 15 years of age Wednesday at Weka at 6.30pm starting Wednesday 10th February

Hoop Club Kapiti – Junior Basketball Coaching Programme

Restarts for Term 1 2016 Sunday 14 February and runs through to Sunday 10 April

KCDC Sportshall, Paraparaumu College, Mazengarb Road

9.30 to 10.30am 5 to 8 year olds

10.30 to 11.30am 9 to 13 year olds

11.30 to 12.30pm 13 to 17 year olds

ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME

Contact: Angelo Robinson 9040142

Email: ar.rimutaka@paradise.net.nz

Website: WWW.KBA.CO.NZ

Just Dance with Sally Stopforth

No exams, no uniforms, just lots of fun. After school and evening multi-style dance classes for children (age 4 and upwards) and adults. Wednesday afternoons at Raumati South Memorial Hall and Wednesday evenings at Mazengarb Pavilion. Fees \$70-\$90 per school term. Call Sally on 04 299 0607 or 027 811 5179 for more info.

Lyres – Wanted

Wanting to purchase: 2 Kinderharps (7 tone pentatonic lyres). These need to be in good condition and able to hold their tuning.

Contact Patsy Cooper

Email: patsy_m@xtra.co.nz Ph: 03 528 8686

Chickens for Sale

Laying hens for sale, young birds as well as a few older ones available. \$30 each or 2 for \$25 each.

Looking to go to a loving new home.

Contact Dewi on 0223643638.

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

26 February

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.

