



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

Welcome to Term 2, the term that leads us from autumn / ngahuru into winter. Te Ara, the Encyclopaedia of New Zealand tells us that Ngahuru is an archaic word for ten (autumn started during the tenth month in the traditional calendar), and also a name for harvest.

'Ngahuru, kura kai, kura tangata.'

Harvest time, wealth of food, the wealth of people.

What is autumn for each of us? The smell of the wood fires after the fruit trees have been pruned, the aroma of fruit fermenting, the mountains of feijoas, the dying of the light, the soft air of an Indian Summer...you will have your own connection to this lovely season. There is a gentle melancholy to autumn at the same time as there is an experience of plenty. In the school and kindergarten the autumn term tends to be more quiet and settled, in a way. We are turning inward, and are able to come together in the class bond now that the attractions and distractions of the summery outdoors are slowly receding.

This particular autumn is an occasion for welcomes to those who are joining the whānau, and a farewell to those who have moved on:

Elizabeth and Blair Apperley now have baby Claire, a new sister for Charlotte in Class 1; Moss Wells, and parents Jo and Jeremy have joined Class 1; Russell McKenzie and parents Tabitha and Richard have joined Class 2; Chloe van Iperen has joined the Piwakawaka kindergarten group, and Connor Forde-Claridge has joined the Korimako kindergarten group. *Nau Mai, Hare Mai.*

At the end of last term we farewelled Lucas Thompson from Class 1 and his sister Maia from Rūrū kindergarten group, and Matteo Fredstig from Class 3. We wish them well on their journey.

The Harvest Fair has been very profitable again this year, to the tune of \$17,610.43. The Fair Group must be highly commended for their focussed and professional effort, and we hope that you accept our

gratitude to each one of you who gave of your time and skill so generously.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a survey about parent evenings and parent education. Please help us to develop this aspect of our educational endeavour by letting us know what you need in terms of information about your child's schooling experience, and deepening of your understanding of what Waldorf education is about.

This term you will have the opportunity to elect a new Board of Trustees. You share this opportunity with all the whānau around the country. Boards of Trustees are incredibly important for the successful running of any school. Please take an interest, even if you are not all that keen to be involved in the governance of the school. Those parents who eventually end up representing you at governance level will appreciate knowing that their mandate was granted by an informed parent body.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī. Noho ora mai,

Andrea Sorger

for the College of Teachers (Andrea Sorger, Aleka Beaumont, Elien Hoffmans, Pavitra Murphy)

Diary of Dates

Tuesday 10 th May	Kitchen Club
Thursday 12 th May	Class 7 Parent Evening
Friday 13 th May	Interschool Mountain Biking
Monday 16 th May	Whitsun Assembly
Friday 20 th May	Board of Trustee Election Forms due - 12noon
Tuesday 24 th May	Kitchen Club
Tuesday 24 th May	Waldorf Upper Schooling Talk in Te Rā School Hall 7.00pm
Friday 25 th May	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 31 st May	Keruru Kindergarten Parent Evening 7:00pm
Thursday 2 nd June	Korimako Kindergarten Parent Evening 7:30pm
Monday 6th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday (No Sch/Kindy)
Thursday 9 th June	Class 4 Zoo Trip
Tuesday 14 th June	Kitchen Club
Tuesday 21 st June	Interschool Cross-country
Thursday 23 rd June	St Johns Festival
Tuesday 28 th June	Kitchen Club
Tuesday 28 th June	Class 7 Visit to Raphael House

Board of Trustees Elections

We are calling for Nominations for the Board of Trustees...

The School Trustee Elections are being held this year, and we need you to get involved, both with Nominations and the Election.

Our school is governed by a democratically selected group of people called the Board of Trustees. These Board members make important decisions about our school's strategic direction, student progress, management, school culture and more.

Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role. Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can all be trustees. We're looking for a range of people with a variety of skills and experiences that can contribute to the Board's role of governance, and who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. If you are considering completing a Nomination Form and you require further information, please contact Kristie Shearer on 022 177 0945.

You will soon receive a Nomination Form in the mail with a return envelope. If you are interested in standing for election or nominating someone you know, please return the completed nomination forms by **12 noon on Friday 20 May 2016**.

Nomination forms are also available in te reo Māori. Please contact the Returning Officer, Kristie Shearer, if these are required, on 04 299 0812 or tikkyshearer@gmail.com.

If our School receives more than five parent nominations, voting occurs. **National Election Day is Friday 3 June 2016.**

From the Office

Receipts from the Kāpiti Waldorf Trust and Te Rā Waldorf School

(Special Character Donations, Bus, Extra Lesson & Disbursements)

Please be informed that receipts for all donations for the last year were posted out on Tuesday the 19th April. These are valuable documents as they enable you to claim 33% tax credit rebates on your donations with IRD. If you have not received yours please be in contact with me. Thanks again for your support!

Ralph Wallace, Financial Administrator

Eftpos

Eftpos is now available in the school office for all payments and purchases.

Organic apples

Organic apples are now selling from the school office. \$6 per bag

Inter-school Sports

Interschool Mountain Biking

Next Friday, class 4,5,6 & 7 children have the option to participate in the Kāpiti Interschool Mountain Biking Ride. More information will be coming home shortly but please bring your bike and helmet to school next Thursday for a compulsory mechanical and safety check if you are planning to enter.

Kāpiti Primary Schools Badminton

Te Rā School could have a badminton team this year ... here is an opportunity for those who are keen to make a team:

Where? Paraparaumu College Sports Hall, Mazengarb Road.
When? Tuesday 17th May – Tuesday 21st June

- Every Tuesday for 6 weeks starting on Tuesday 17 May.
- **Each school is required to send an adult who supervises their players.**
- Registrations are required from schools that choose to take part in the competition – please let Maxine in the office know so she can put your child's name down to see if we have enough players and also to make sure there is a parent happy to supervise. Phone Maxine on (04) 299 0812 or email her on office@tera.school.nz
- This year the event has been split in two:
 - 3.30 – 4.30pm a competitive competition for proficient players
 - 4.40 – 5.30pm for **any new or beginner players** who want to have a go, have some fun games and learn new skills
- Teams and individuals can be entered with children for years 5 to 8 inclusive (i.e. Classes 4 to 7).
- Children must supply their own Racket. Shuttles will be supplied.

Kitchen Club

Kitchen Club

Welcome to Term 2! This term we are going to have some Asian flavour! The first session will be Chinese dumpling making on **Tuesday 10 May**. The cost will be \$5 for facilitator + \$5 for ingredients. RSVP to Jessica on 0210499449 or super_jo@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Rest of the Kitchen club dates for this term:

Tuesday 24 May - Topic study with shared lunch - Please bring a plate to share (topic yet to be confirmed)

Tuesday 14 June - Japanese food

Tuesday 28 June - Continue topic study with shared lunch

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Bamboo to give away

We need to cut back our bamboo 'forest' and we are wondering if anyone would like to have some for garden stakes, poles etc. If yes, please give us a call on 04 904 0404 or 021 029 35515.

Dear Te Rā community,

My partner and I are looking for a lovely place to park our house truck. We are ideally looking for a place where we could stay for at least 6 months with the possibility of having access to a water supply. The house truck is kitted out to potentially live off the grid (though this would depend to some degree on the amount of sun exposure available to power the solar panels). We would be open to some form of exchange including garden work, music lessons, or child care if this was of interest. The dimensions of our house truck are: 12+ meters long and 2.4m wide. If you know of anyone on the coast who might have space for us we would be delighted to hear from you/them!

Email: flyfreedragonfly@gmail.com

Mobile: 02040939417

Thank you! Vanya and Yasmine

Alice in Wonderland

Southlands Car Museum, 20/21st May

Bookings at www.springhilldance.co.nz

Still Wanted - House wanted to buy or rent in Raumati South or nearby

We are a NZ family of 5 from Wellington and Nelson returning after 5 years overseas and are looking forward to joining the Te Rā School and Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten community. We are arriving in early July 2016 and would like to find a house to rent or buy in the area. We are non-smokers, have no pets and are keen gardeners. Any recommendations would be very much appreciated!

Feel free to email me: isabel.challies@gmail.com

In Autumn time questions may arise

This can be a time of rich inner harvest. A time to spend time with your yearnings, your questions, your deep inner self. Biographical Counselling provides an opportunity to be met and witnessed in your life story in a supportive and empowering environment. The approach is based on a deep understanding that our lives are filled with significance. The events and processes in our lives will reveal their meaning if we take the time to observe them. I offer a safe, professional and confidential service. Judith Frost-Evans Diploma Biographical Counselling (UK) 04-2398346 / 021-1121244 or judytravelling@hotmail.com

Orienteering Hutt Valley

Orienteering Hutt Valley is again organising a huge family navigation challenge...

Race to Explore Wellington Zoo, then Greater Wellington, with the Metlink City Safari, May 15

This awesome family adventure sees teams start by racing to explore Wellington Zoo, before heading out to explore greater Wellington. This year's event has a wild animal theme. 'Wild Animals' will be located all over Greater Wellington. A map book will show you exactly where they are - your challenge is to find the quickest and smartest way to visit the most of these - both by foot and by all forms of public transport.

You may be racing to catch the ferry to Seatoun, the Cable Car to Kelburn, a train to Tawa, or a bus to Queensgate.

3 and 6 hour events are available

Details and registration is at www.citysafari.org.nz. Numbers are limited.

Hoop Club Kāpiti – Junior Basketball Coaching Programme

Restarts for Term 2, 2016 Sunday 8 May and runs through to Sunday 3 July.

This is also Mother's Day and we will be holding our annual "Kids vs Mums" games in each of the age group sessions. So Mums dust off those shoes and come down and join in the FUN.

KCDC Sports hall, 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

Mary Willow

Hello Dear Parents!

I have been working hard this year to catch up my waiting list and I'm happy to report progress has been made! The waiting time from registration to help is closer to 8 weeks now :)). So please spread the word that I am happily resettled in Wellington and 'fully open for business'...**helping parents with parenting**. I see families in their homes throughout the Wellington area from Cook Strait to Kāpiti and Upper Hutt. I also do Skype counselling throughout New Zealand and internationally.

Just direct new parents to my website www.plumparenting.com for registration, information and testimonials. Parents who are already 'on my books' can get a session any time within 1-2 weeks of emailing me.

Wishing you all a wonderful year of parenting!

Warmest greetings, **Mary Willow**.

Waldorf Education on the Kāpiti 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, 27th May

at Te Rā Waldorf School, 89 Poplar Ave, Raumati South

There will be plenty of opportunity for questions.

Or contact the office for an information pack.

Office ph. 04 299-0812 or email office@tera.school.nz

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Waldorf Upper Schooling



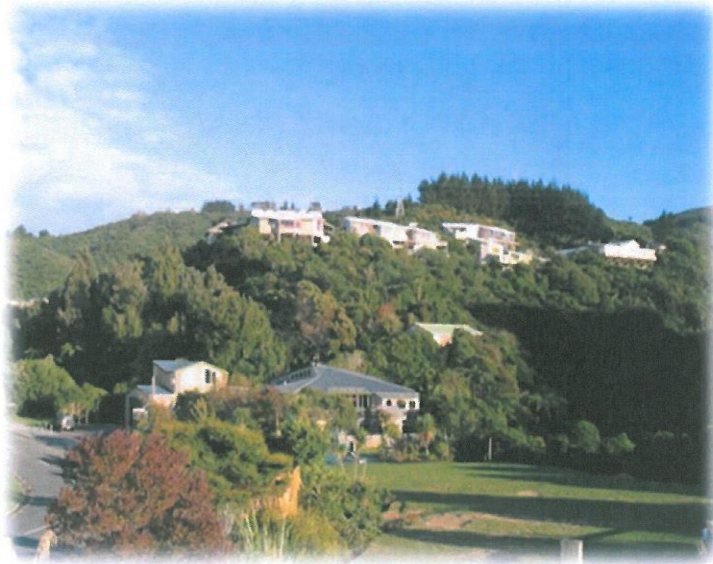
Are you planning for your child to attend the Upper School at
Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School?

Would you like to know more?

We are holding a Parent Information Session in the Te Ra School Hall on
Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 7.00pm.

This session will be hosted by our Upper School Coordinator and Deputy Principal,
David Stephenson and some of our Class 12 students.

If you have any questions regarding the enrolment process at Raphael House
please do get in touch with our Outreach Coordinator, Katie Musk.



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