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Kia ora koutou, dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends

Nau mai, haere mai to Miranda Chen, who has joined Class 7, and her whānau who have come to us from the Dunedin Steiner School. Lotti's Kakariki Kindergarten welcomed Pepper Hazell-Cross.

A warm welcome also to our new Board of Trustees' members!

I recently attended a Leadership Forum in Wellington on behalf of the Rudolf Steiner Community of Learning (CoL) which Te Rā is a part of. It was very interesting to hear the thoughts of world-leading educationalists and experienced educators about the currently unfolding paradigm shift in education, and the potential of initiatives such as communities of learning. These are early days, and while there are many doubts there is also considerable enthusiasm about the possibility of a changing education landscape where collaboration and flexibility are optimised to support children's learning.

This week I attended the annual APIS Conference in Wellington. APIS is the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools and provides services and advocacy to the catholic and non-catholic integrated schools in Aotearoa New Zealand. This year the new Health & Safety at Work Act was on top of everyone's list – as it is at Te Rā right now.

A highlight this week was the sharing assembly on Tuesday. Once again the classes offered a glimpse of the work they do through the days and weeks. The orchestras' performances were incredibly accomplished – thank you to Mary Taylor who teaches the children, and Ann White and Janet Holborow who support this work. The impact of our general classroom music programmes (e.g. daily singing, recorders from Class 1) and the Class 3 String Programme becomes evident through such wonderful contributions.

The Class circus performance was a highlight within a highlight! A culmination of one and a half terms of circus training with Julie Daniell and Nic Duffy, the children showed off their new-found skills with unicycles, juggling (balls and other), and their wonderful sense of humour.

While I enjoyed every moment of this performance, my thoughts did stray to the work on Health & Safety which has now been taken on by a BoT working group. We want to ensure that the children don't miss out on these fundamental experiences which should be part of childhood: climbing trees, playing large-area tag games, spending time in a "wilderness area", as well as curriculum experiences such as camps, woodwork, handwork, gardening and cooking.

One important aspect of making this all work is collaboration at all levels to develop a Health & Safety *culture* at school and kindergarten, and we will call on your support with both messages and practical measures in the not-too-distant future.

We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday at 6:30am for our Matariki celebration, and next week at the school's St. John Lantern Festival.

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

Thursday 16th June

Friday 17th June

Sunday 19th June

Tuesday 21st June

Thursday 23rd June

Friday 24th June

Sunday 26th June

Tuesday 28th June

Tuesday 28th June

Tuesday 28th June

Thursday 30th June

5th & 7th July

Friday 8 July

Class 6 Parent Hui 6:30pm

Raumati South Kindergarten Groups

Matariki Festival

Te Rā Matariki Festival, 6:30am

Interschool Cross-Country

St John's Lantern Festival - Evening

Information Afternoon 2:30pm

Building Bridges 7:30 pm in Te Rā School Hall

Kitchen Club

Class 7 Visit to Raphael House

Kitchen Club 10:00am-12:00noon

Class 4 Zoo Trip – new date

Class 8 Interviews for Raphael House 2017
(at Te Rā School)

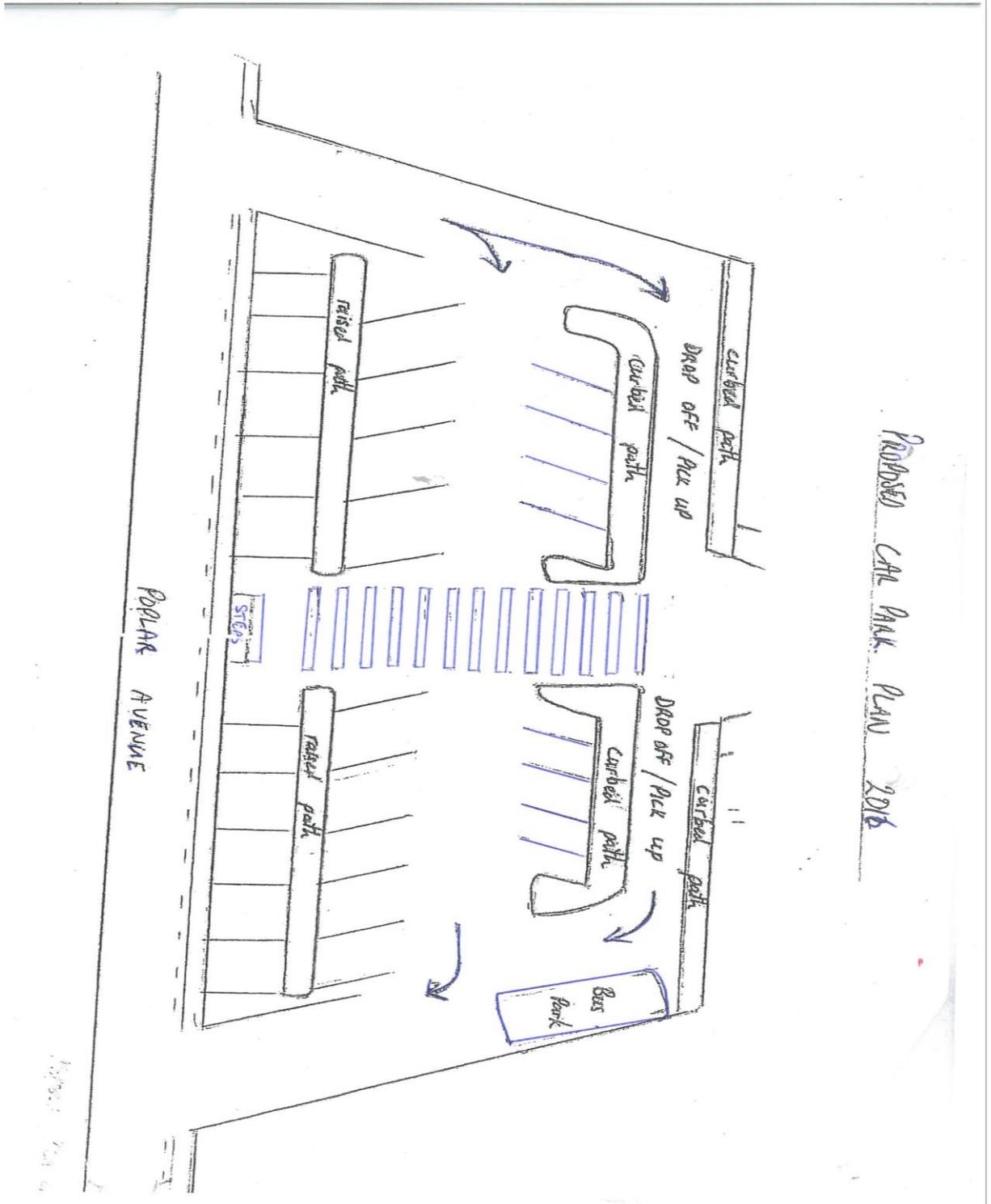
Last Day Term 2

From the Office

Carparking Safety and Plan

There are safety concerns about the way the carpark is currently used. In response to this we have re-designed the carpark layout. Please keep an eye out in the coming weeks for new markings and directions.

In the meantime please don't stop on the pedestrian crossing or in front of the school gates.



Board of Trustees Elections- Final Result

Te Rā School

Board of Trustees' Election

Declaration of Parent representative votes:

Carpenter, Grant	66	Hawkins, Kaia	57
Hill, Andrew	30	Kelly, David	50
Raynel, Andy	45	Wrigley, Shelley	54
Invalid votes	3		

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Grant Carpenter
David Kelly
Shelley Wrigley

Kaia Hawkins
Andy Raynel

Signed
Kristie Shearer
Returning Officer

Matariki Celebration – This Sunday 6:30am

Te Rā Waldorf School Matariki Dawn Celebration

Come and join us on the 19th of June
to welcome in the Maori New Year
All welcome

Meet at the school gate at 6.30am and
please bring some bread to share with soup

We will be sharing stories, food, warmth of the fire, playing games and also
remembering those who have passed over

St John's Lantern Festival (School) – Next Thursday 6:00pm

Please find below a summary of the information families will need to know for next week's St. John's Lantern Festival. A full brochure, containing this information and the song sheets will be handed to each child this week to take home.



Date: Thursday 23rd June 2016, with a postponement date of Monday 27th June 2016

Starting Time: 6:00 pm Please be punctual (not late OR too early) and gather at your child's classroom. All schoolchildren and parents are invited into the classrooms for the lighting of lanterns and to share in an age-appropriate story. The staffroom (dry and cosy) will be available at this time for our alumni and for adults with preschool children, for a cup of tea and a chat. A bell will sound at 6:20 as a signal for all to gather outside their respective classrooms and prepare for the lantern walk.

6:25 pm Class 6 guides will come to each classroom and lead the classes in a procession through the school grounds to the top field. We ask that parents accompany their children at this time and support the singing and mood of reverence. This festival is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community, creating something reverent and unique for our children.

Once we reach the top field, the children will gather in their assigned class areas in one large circle around the unlit bonfire. All parents and other family members gather at this time behind the children or on the bank, to accompany the children in song.

6:40 Class 7 will perform with fire-clubs, followed by entering the circle to speak a verse and light the fire. Individual classes will then lead the school and community in singing the festival songs, beginning with Class 1 and following through to Class 7. To round-off the evening around the fire, Kura will lead us in some waiata.

To conclude, the classes will be led away from the bonfire area by their Class Teachers, beginning with Class 1 and followed in order by Classes 2-7. Adults and children will then make their way toward their classroom where the children will be offered a star biscuit. Once children have received a biscuit, they and their families proceed toward the front gate and home for the evening.

What is St. John's Lantern Festival?

St. John's Lantern Festival speaks to us on many levels. For the children it is a night filled with stories, songs, symbols, and the polarity of darkness and light. Of course, this is also the night when their precious lanterns shine brightly. All these experiences work to speak volumes to the children's open hearts and their feeling life.

We would like you to carry in yourselves a few ideas as you accompany your children to this school community festival. This festival celebrates the birth of St. John, born six months earlier than Jesus Christ; hence, the celebration is six months before Christmas. St. John's task on Earth was to shine brightly in the darkness, leading humanity forward and preparing the way for the Christ's message of love and forgiveness. At this midpoint we observe that the darkest time of the year is upon us, but we hold the knowledge that the days will soon grow longer and the light will once more return. We acknowledge this change in Earth's breathing process and say, "Winter is here, and summer will again follow soon." With our lanterns we celebrate St. John's message and look deep within ourselves for the light that unites us all. The

power of our soul life pierces the darkness and leads us forward on this journey we all share together.

At the festival we will experience the vulnerability of light, but also the enormous and transformative powers of warmth and fire as we gather around the bonfire to join together in song and reverence. The magic of this festival is strengthened and made so much more meaningful if all the adults work together to hold and support the mood. Please sing all the songs that you know and try to observe the silence at the appropriate times as signalled by the teachers.

We look forward to sharing the evening with you. Thank you in advance from the Festival Group, 2016.

Well done Ellie McDougal from Class 7

Student Success in the Top Outdoor Spot competition

This week in our school assembly Class Seven student Ellie McDougal was presented with a prize by Chris Ward, the Wellington Regional Field Advisor for the New Zealand Walking Commission, Ara Hikoī Aotearoa. The competition encouraged students to send in photos, drawings and descriptions of their favourite outdoor places, and we are very proud of Ellie for winning first place in the "Best drawing" category. Her beautifully written description of the Cape Reinga lighthouse was also praised by Chris Ward. Ellie's success won her a Macpac Kahuna backpack and some other useful outdoor gear, as well as winning for Te Ra School a \$100 book voucher and a 1litre bottle of sunscreen. Congratulations, Ellie!

Reliever Training – Te Rā Waldorf School

We are looking to expand our pool of relief teachers for our school classes. If you are a registered teacher and keen to find out more about this opportunity you are warmly invited to come along to an introductory session on Thursday, 16 June, 6:30pm in the staffroom (White House).

Please RSVP with Maxine or at office@tera.school.nz

Woodwork - From the Workshop

"Introductory Course in Māori Carving and Design"

Tutor

Chris Gerretzen. Chris is an expert in traditional Maori carving and craft and is a tutor at Te Wānanga O Raukawa.

The Course

Is designed for beginners and will include instruction in the use of tools and carving technique, the stories and spiritual love underlying different designs and creative processes. The main focus will be making and decorating a putorino (flute).

Open to

Teachers, parents and grandparents at Te Rā. Limit 12 participants.

Dates

6 Weeks – June 16, 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 28

Time

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm

Venue

Te Rā Woodwork Room

Cost

\$90 includes materials

To enrol

Please call Paul Denford, Ph 04 589 1652 or 027 246 3065



Woodwork – More from the Workshop

Wanted

Native timber, especially totara and kauri, also rimu, matai etc. Small pieces are fine. Old windows and door frames or old furniture are all good.

Wanted

If you have an old kettle lying around we'd love it for our wood stove.

Workshop Open - Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

Parents and teachers welcome. Our main focus is making toys or small projects for the fair or for school and kindergarten. If you would like to make a toy or small item for your own children or to learn basic woodworking skills you are also welcome – please give me a call.

Paul Denford, 04 589 1652, 027 246 3065.

Calling Te Rā Families with Skiing Interests, Mountain Interests or Nordic Sports Connections

The school has a bunch of families with links to skiing and Nordic sports. I am proposing that we start a group so we can:

1. Support each other to get up the mountain and have fun as cheaply and safely as we can. Sharing rides, swapping gear and getting each other deals, making contacts etc.
2. Supporting each other up the mountain, eating together, and dividing off at times so that kids at different levels can get at different parts of the fields and progress and parents don't get trapped doing the same runs hour after hour.
3. Support kids at our school to get up into the mountains and explore the alpine environment.
4. Support a team to explore skiing through participating in the North Island Primary Schools champs (NIPS).
5. I have a few contacts in patrol and they may be able to teach some basic mountain craft as well.
6. The mountain is a great way for kids to make good decisions about risk, ability and to learn to support and extend each other.

The group is not intended to exclude. My first ski suit was a knitted onsie from my grandma and I had a yellow PVC parka so I fully get that some people can feel intimidated by those who use skiing as a way of displaying wealth. At the last primary schools champs the podium was held by kids from the Marae based ski group in Ohakune, National Park kids and some blond kid from Te Rā. Humble people who are dedicated and keen as mustard.

While drawing families from the school, the group would function outside the school from a health and safety perspective. Hence the name.

I have set up a Facebook page tentatively named Te Rā - Skadi; Sun God, Ski God (Māori and Norse respectively) to get the ball rolling. Happy to talk by phone as well. 0275098083 Andrew and 027 5116668 Kate. I will be starting a blog on kids' skiing and will publish a suggested gear list and other hints as time goes on.

Yours, Andrew Hill

Parent Café – Each Friday in the Playgroup Room 1-3pm

Come For A Yarn...At Your Parent Cafe
Parent cafe for the month of May (and maybe some of June) will be knitting and crocheting SLIPPERS - have you ever wanted to learn how to?? Now is your chance.

KEEP YOUR KIDS' FEET WARM THIS WINTER (and maybe yours)
Parent cafe hours have now been extended to 3pm, so from 1-3pm
come for a yarn, bring some wool...or just come and enjoy some
home baking and nice coffee.

EACH FRIDAY IN THE PLAY GROUP ROOM

If you hope to make slippers please BYO your own supplies
(needles and wool), but we may have some if you don't!! So don't
let that stop you...see you there.

Kaia

Please note: Wool and knitting needles can be purchased in the
school office

Kitchen Club

Kitchen Club

This term we have an Asian flavour! 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 28 June - Continue topic study with shared lunch

Alumni

Congratulations to William Duncan, an ex Te Rā pupil (son of Jill &
Bill Duncan) who has recently been awarded a fantastic opportunity
to speak at the Annual International Architecture Conference held
in Athens.



William Duncan

Heterotopia: After the Fall

An Architectural Master thesis by William Albert Duncan

Heterotopia: After the Fall is a design-lead research masters paper
which looks at the troubling issue of the Syrian Civil war causing
damage and devastation to communities, ancient cities and
contemporary cities.

Along with a nine-month thesis to be submitted, the opportunity to present the thesis at a conference was awarded to William. The conference in which he will be heading to in early July is the 6th Annual International Architecture Conference held in Athens. Along with being accepted to speak at the conference William was also awarded a grant to help send him over, which was supplied by Victoria University of Wellington. The paper is being collaborated with William's Masters supervisor Daniel K Brown, who has an exceptional knowledge to all things architecture.

Thesis Abstract:

Heterotopia: After the Fall

Within the past 4-5 years, the Syrian Civil war has been causing devastation to ancient historic sites and forcing Syrians out of their ancestral homes. These people have the ability to flee their country to temporary safe havens while the war continues, but the ancient ruins that remain are not so lucky. This design-led research looks at innovative and culturally sensitive ways to repatriate post war refugees back into their home villages while also protecting and preserving the remains of both contemporary and historical ruins from further destruction – using contemporary architectural design which provides safe multi-family housing, protection to both contemporary and historic ruins and also acting as a memorial to a tragic disaster will then establish itself as a new symbol of hope. The ancient city of Bosra, which has suffered significant damage by both ISIS and the Syrian government, is the design research site in Syria. It represents a significant loss not only to hundreds of homes, but also wanton destruction of its ancient ruins, which represents Bosra's cultural heritage. This research project looks at speculative ideas for how both contemporary and ancient ruins can be directly and strategically implicated into the design of a cross-programmatic building that houses returning refugees, protecting ruins and serves as a memorial.

Building Bridges

Building Bridges, a Celebration for the Dead

You are warmly invited to a celebration for all those friends who have crossed the Threshold. There will be music, poetry, eurythmy, and a sharing of Rudolf Steiner's knowledge on life after death. All over 18 years of age are welcome, in the Hall at Te Rā School on Sunday 26th of June at 7:30 pm.

Vacancies

Principal, Raphael House Rudolf Steiner Area School

We are seeking an outstanding, enthusiastic and collaborative Principal to lead us in inspiring our students to become responsible, creative and adaptable individuals, who will contribute positively to society.

Our beautiful 380-student kura is nestled in the Western Hills of Lower Hutt, 15 minutes from New Zealand's capital city, Wellington. We are a state integrated school with students ranging in age from Kindergarten to year 13 (18-year-olds). We also have one class for Special Needs students.

The successful applicant will have strategic, organisational and crystal clear communication skills, along with an ability to inspire students, staff and our engaged and supportive community. They will hold the children at the heart of decisions, fostering development of teachers and inspiring excellence in curriculum delivery.

Conditions of appointment include a requirement for New Zealand teacher registration (or qualifications / experience that will enable registration) and a willingness and ability to nurture and contribute to the school's special character as a Rudolf Steiner/Waldorf school.

If you are an energetic, strategic thinking leader who can't wait to support and promote our commitment to a future-focused, holistic education in Aotearoa New Zealand, please send your CV with covering letter to principalrecruitment@raphaelhouse.school.nz by 4pm on Monday 1 August 2016. Start date is flexible, from now till the start of 2017.

Further details are available at www.raphaelhouse.school.nz, or from principalrecruitment@raphaelhouse.school.nz. We also welcome visits to our school.

Manager – Federation of Rudolf Steiner Waldorf Schools in New Zealand

Position is .7FTE and the location as to where the manager is located is flexible.

To apply for this role, please send a cover letter and CV to Steiner.federation@gmail.com by 24 June 2016.

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Kāpiti Basketball

Boys Basketball

U13 Representative Trials

Represent Kāpiti Region on the National Stage

Starting - Sunday 19 June 2016 At

Kcdc Sportshall & Paraparaumu College Gym

Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu 12.30 to 2.00pm

To Be Eligible Players Must Be Under 13 as Of 31 December 2016

All Players Welcome. All Enquiries Contact Graham Cowle

027 7052304 Graham.Kba@Gmail.Com

Or Tim Upton 027 2477764 [Www.Kba.Co.Nz](http://www.Kba.Co.Nz)

Bread baking with Doris

My bread baking courses keep filling up and I end up with a waiting list for another one: Next one is on the Friday 24th June, 10.0am - 1.00pm. for \$30 with lunch. Max. 10 people, children welcome. At 59 Wellington Road, Paekakariki. Learn how to make sourdough rye, fermented gluten-free buckwheat and wholemeal yeast bread, as well as specialty Swiss Sunday bread (Zopf). More information and registration, e-mail doris.zuur@gmail.com, 04-905-6500, 027-2811570.

Elephant Feast Fundraiser

To Fundraise for Kaya and Jenny to volunteer at an Elephant Sanctuary in Thailand.

Friday June 24, 6-9pm, St Peters Hall Paekakariki.

Dinner and music by Matiu Te Huki & Open Mic.

Adults \$12, Teens \$10, Child \$5 (6 & under free)

Tickets at the Perching Parrot, at the door or contact 021 2959355.

Family discount possible for large families

Creative Folk

The Wellington Underground Market will be hosting a "Have a Go" market on Saturday 3rd July. This is the perfect platform to test your wares and get in amongst the hustle and bustle of a successful market place. Stalls are only \$50.

Email Esther bookings@wellingtoncreative.co.nz

To check us out, visit our

website <http://www.undergroundmarket.co.nz/>

Dear Steiner Waldorf Parents, Teachers and Friends,

We would like to invite you to the 9th annual conference of the European Network of Steiner Waldorf Parents (ENSWaP).

You can get all the information here:

<http://www.waldorfparents.net/nextmeeting.html>

Babysitter available

Hi, my name is Rewa and I'm in Class 9 at Raphael House and an ex-student of Te Rā. I am saving for a six month exchange to Salzburg in Austria in February.

I am available for babysitting. I have experience and references from other Te Rā families. I live in Paekakariki but can travel to you anywhere between Waikanae and Pukerua Bay. I charge \$10 per hour and am happy to stay the night if needed.

I'm also keen to do any odd jobs such as house work, washing windows/cars or dog walking/pet sitting.

Please call me on 905 8593 or 022 371 0929

Thanks Rewa

Sound Splash!

Coastlands Aquatic Centre is once again hosting Sound Splash! This great kids only event will be held on Saturday 18 June from 5-8pm for 8-13year olds. The evening will include DJ's from PaePae Soundsystem, the Dunk Tank and entry to the spa and hydroslide! Tickets are \$6 - includes entry, hydroslide and spa or \$12 - includes entry, hydroslide, spa and dinner. These are available from Coastlands Aquatic Centre reception with limited door sales on the night.

Electric and Acoustic Guitar Lessons

If anyone is interested in guitar or ukulele lessons with an experienced local teacher contact me to make a booking for one on one lessons or group lessons on:

Cell-0278613224, Email- ari.guitarteacher@gmail.com

Facebook- Ari Gurunathan Guitar

Stars and Spades II

Another **biodynamic home-gardening workshop in Paekakariki, with expert tutor Rachel Pomeroy, 23rd - 25th September 2016**, at 59 Wellington Road. Go to

<https://chalkle.com/grow-biodynamics> for the full info and registration process. For questions or if the fee is a barrier, please contact me on doris.zuur@gmail.com or ring on 04-905-6500.

Looking forward to gardening and cooking together.

Permaculture Design Course, Otaki, 21 October - 4 Nov 2016

Join our second annual Permaculture Design Course, held at Waihoanga Centre for Wellbeing, Otaki. Accredited by PiNZ (see www.permaculture.org.nz), and taught by a number of highly qualified and experienced teachers, this 14 day residential certificate course is dynamic and interactive. It involves lectures, discussion, design exercises, practical activities, field trips, group and a personal project and presentation. See www.creativecompost.wix.com/permaculture for all the details and registration. The course cost is a sliding scale of \$1600-\$2000 depending on circumstances and includes accommodation, food and tuition. Spaces are limited to 20 people. Any questions, please contact Doris Zuur on doris.zuur@gmail.com or 04-905-6500.

House of Sound Glee Club

We are starting a House of Sound Glee Club! This is a really fun way to get your child singing, learning music, playing with harmonies and even venturing into solos. We use appropriate modern songs chosen by the Glee Club kids themselves, with the aim of it being super fun!

At this point we have a slot from 5:15-6:15pm Thursday nights! (8 Years and over)

Email us info@houseofsound.co.nz for more information

New! Musical Theatre Class

With Charis O'Connor straight from London's West End
4 week course starts Wednesday 22nd June 5.30-6.15pm
Kapiti College dance studio \$50 per student aged 7 - 13yrs.
Other age students or areas please enquire for future dates.
Booking by call or txt to 021 255 6156

Hohepa Kāpiti is expanding!

We are looking for Residential Support Workers to work various shifts to support people with intellectual disabilities. Part-time, casual, and possible full-time positions are available. Night work is also needed. We use a Social Therapy approach, based on the indications of Rudolf Steiner. Please see:

<http://www.hohepawellington.com/> for more information about our service and complete an application at:

[http://www.hohepahawkesbay.com/work-and-](http://www.hohepahawkesbay.com/work-and-volunteers/employment-opportunities/)

[volunteers/employment-opportunities/](http://www.hohepahawkesbay.com/work-and-volunteers/employment-opportunities/) to apply, indicating you are interested in Kāpiti. You can also ring us at 027 801 2270 for more information. Positions to begin in early July.

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, 24th June

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

www.tera.school.nz