



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 **

Welcome to Bianca, a new baby girl for Elizabeth & Michael, and little sister for Miranda who attends the Piwakawaka Kindergarten.

We welcome Ling Xu to the Korimako group, Maya Morgan to the Kakariki group, Grace Mawson to the Nursery group, and Tui Simmonds to the Ruru group.

We would like to remind you to complete Expression of Interest Forms for your very young children if you think you might like to enrol them in Te Rāwhiti at some point later on.

Our lovely Kaiako Māori Kura Maukau has been offered a full-time position at the Kohanga Reo in Tennis Court Road and, with Early Childhood being her original passion, she has accepted the offer. Kura will continue to support the Kapa Haka work for a bit longer, and we hope that she can stay connected with our kindergarten as well.

We are grateful for everything Kura has brought to the school and kindergarten in her time with us, and wish her all the best for this exciting new role.

The school children are looking forward to the upcoming Te Wiki o Te Mahi Tahi. Please make sure your child has returned their "registration form" indicating their preferred workshop. This helps us to plan and prepare with time to spare.

For the adults we are putting on the "Spring Inspiration – Head, Heart and Hands" series – see below for dates and times.

Finally, we welcome Lotti Henehan to the College of Teachers.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī. Noho ora mai,

Andrea Sorger

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

Diary of Dates

Thursday 25 th August	Adult Woodworking Course Commences (for 3 weeks) 7:00-9:00pm
Friday 26 th August	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 30 th August	Kitchen Club 10:00am-12noon
Wednesday 31 st August	Class 4 Pedal Ready
Friday 2 nd September	Class 3 Pedal Ready
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th Sept.	Te Wiki O Te Mahi Tahi
Wednesday 7 th Sept.	“Spring Inspiration – Hands” Workshops 7:00pm-9:00pm (see flyer)
Saturday 10 th Sept.	Community Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday 13 th Sept	Kitchen Club 10:00am-12noon
Wednesday 14 th Sept.	“Spring Inspiration – Head” Mary Willow Talk 6:30-8:30pm
Friday 16 th Sept.	“Spring Inspiration – Heart” Cushion Concert 6:30pm-9:00pm (see flyer) Children Welcome
Tuesday 20 th Sept.	Interschool Orienteering
Friday 23 rd Sept.	Michaelmas Games Day
Friday 23 rd Sept.	Last Day Term 3

From the Office

Congratulations Stella

Stella from Class 7 has been selected to represent Wellington in Step 6 at the National Gym Sports Championships in Invercargill in September. We wish her all the best!

Misplaced

Missing Thermos. Has anybody seen Niko's named silver and black thermos?

Lions Club

A big thank you to our school bus driver Dave and the Titahi Bay Lions who gave out bags of delicious grapefruit to many of our families and the wider community last week.

Harvest Lunch Group Seeking Volunteers

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A cooperative group of parent volunteers is coming together to extend the hot school lunch days during the week starting this term.

If you're interested in lending your talents and enthusiasm in the kitchen (and the bonus of at least one day less to pack a lunch!) then contact Heather on 021 1081655.

Class 6 Bake Sale fundraiser

We just wanted to say thank you to all the parents and kids who baked for the SPCA bake sale that happened on Friday 12th August, and also a big thank you to all who donated money and purchased goods. We raised the incredible amount of \$175. All money went to the SPCA on Monday the 15th August. The SPCA accepted the money gratefully!

*Sarah and Ruby
From Class 6*



Senior Interschool Sports Day



A great day was had by all!!!



Our students had a successful day playing Rippa Rugby, football, hockey or netball, respectively. All the teams won some games and lost some games – a true reflection of life. Winning or losing, they once again represented Te Rā with outstanding behaviour and sportspersonship. Results will be out later this week.

From Class Seven

Class 7 are studying the Italian Renaissance and have just heard the amazing story of the dome of the Florence Cathedral, and the architect Brunelleschi. They were then given the task of writing an imaginative text about the dome but from an original perspective. Here is an example of Class 7 writing, crafted by Ethan Kriven-Wall.

“I had been travelling for days on end and all I had to eat was some stale bread. Then up ahead of me I saw the nearly-finished Florence Cathedral. Being a builder I couldn’t help but stop my horse and carriage, filled with my tools. I decided to stay the night at a near-by inn.

That night I went down stairs to have a drink. I sat down next to some men and we got to talking. Apparently they were working for Brunelleschi. “I am a very large admirer of his work” I said. “I would love to stay but I have work in Milan.”

“What a shame, we are in real need of workers,” said a man called Luigi.

Before I knew it I was up on the cathedral, one hundred and thirty-nine years old but still not completed. I had been given work on the

outer layer, laying brick after brick. It wasn't pleasant work but I could feel the determination in the air.

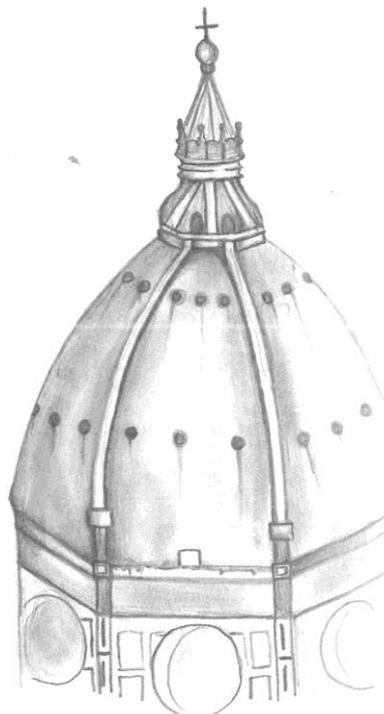
"Mario!"

I turned just in time to see my lunch appearing on a large tray with many plates of bread and wine. Many metres below I saw tiny figures and two oxen walking around the gear system, another one of Brunelleschi's inventions.

We were nearly done. I moved, grabbed my lunch and sat down with my friends on the outer rim of the dome that I had completely believed in. I am one of the only men who works on the very top because the other workers don't trust the design, or even God.

It is now the end of the day and as I look up at the dome glistening like stars in the sky I thank God for giving me this opportunity of a life time.

It has now been many months since my first day on this amazing building. I have somehow become one of the head builders and spend many a long night around a table with Brunelleschi and Cosimo Medici and other important people. It is more than I ever could have imagined. The dome is only weeks away from completion and already people are flooding into the city, not only from Italy but from as far afield as India, Ethiopia and France. The Pope will open the Cathedral and the party that will surely continue for weeks."



From The Board of Trustees Chair

Kia ora koutou,

As the new Chair of the Board of Trustees I just wanted to give you a quick update on where we are at and what we are working on.

Firstly, it is important to recognise the huge job that was done by the Board before us. As a new Board we can see that there were a number of challenging situations they have worked through and the way they have dealt with each of these has laid a strong foundation for all of us.

We also want to acknowledge the teachers and all of the staff for the incredible work that they put into creating a very special place for our children to learn. We believe they deserve a huge 'thank you', especially for their perseverance, commitment and dedication through the changing times of the past few years.

As a Board we are also very grateful for the support that Andrea, Kerstin and Sylvia have given us in moving into the role. Their experience, along with the wisdom that David Simpson brings, has been invaluable, and as a group of new parent representatives we have really appreciated it.

Our focus at the moment is on growing our own understanding of how Te Rā School works and how best we can support our children, the school and the amazing community we are part of. Significant in this has been building our knowledge of the important role the Kapiti Waldorf Trust plays in creating the opportunity for our children to participate in a Steiner Waldorf education.

So as a Board we are very much at the beginning of our journey of learning, but that does not mean we have not had a chance to do a few things already. The Health and Safety Committee has been very busy coming to grips with the policy and procedures needed to keep our children and school safe. The finance committee have been looking at how we can streamline some of our administrative processes, and as a whole board we are keen to understand how best to stay connected and engaged with our community.

This engagement has included looking at how to ensure the College and Faculty of Teachers can provide insights into their world for us, how we can ensure the Kindergarten and Playgroup are well supported and what our parents and the wider community around us need. As we do this we will be reaching out for information and guidance from you all. We all look forward to having the opportunity to do this, and appreciate all of your support so far.

Ngā mihi nui,

Grant Carpenter, on behalf of the Board of Trustees (Dave Kelly, Andy Raynel, Shelley Wrigley, Kaia Hawkins, Sylvia Madden, David Simpson, Andrea Sorger, Kerstin Wagner)

Situation Vacant – Kaiako Māori

Part-time, Fixed-Term

We seek an experienced Kaiako Māori for our kura (Y1-8) and kindergarten classes.

This is a part-time, fixed-term position until the end of term 4 2016.

Our tamariki are keen to learn te reo me ona tikanga; strength in kapa haka would be fantastic as they have been working towards the Kapiti Schools' Kapa Haka Festival in November.

NZ Teacher certification is desirable, but a Kairahia i te reo appointment is a possibility.

This is a tagged special character position (willingness and ability to participate in activities appropriate to the special character of the school is a condition of appointment).

If you are interested in discovering, and teaching, He Reo Puawai, the Steiner Waldorf Te Reo Curriculum, we would love to hear from you.

Applications close 9 September 2016.

For more information and/or an application pack please phone 04 299 0812, or e-mail office@tera.school.nz

Woodwork - From the Workshop

“Introductory Course in Maori Carving and Design”

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

The Course This second course is also designed for beginners and will include instruction in the use of tools and carving technique. The main focus will be learning four basic carving designs. Each participant will also learn to carve a Hei tiki.

Open to - Parents and teachers at Te Ra. Limit of 12 participants.

Dates - 8 weeks.

22, 29 September

6, 13, 20, 27 October

3, 10 November

Time Thursdays 7-9pm

Cost \$110

To Enrol Please call Paul Denford at school or 027 246 3065

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

If you are able to assist with the running of the weekly Parent Café, please contact the school office.

Kitchen Club

Would you like to share and explore new ideas for lunch boxes? Bring a sample lunch box or simply just join us on Tuesday 16 Aug and let's talk about lunch boxes! Time: 10 am - 12ish. 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:

30 Aug - Study with shared lunch
13 Sept - Quick, cheap, nutritious dinner

Waiheke Island Steiner School Appeal

Kia ora everyone,
We are thrilled to announce the launch of the first ever Waiheke Island Steiner School Givealittle Campaign!

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/gowaihekeislandsteinerschool>

We are raising \$35,000 to establish the school in Surfdale Hall, to open at the beginning of Term 1 of next year.

We need your help to make this happen. Please
... send this email to your friends and family
... share Facebook posts - we will be posting regularly

<https://www.facebook.com/waiheke.island.steiner.school/>

We can feel the buzz of excitement and we can hear the sounds of happy children as we visualise the doors of our beautiful school opening. With so much wonderful support from our community...together we will make this happen.

On behalf of the Waiheke Island Steiner School Development Team
Bronwyn, Tania, & Claudia

Vacancy

Waikato Waldorf School Principal (U4)

Applications close at 3pm on Friday 9th September. If you wish to receive an application pack please contact Andrew McFadden (BoT Chairperson) at; chairbot.wws@gmail.com.

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Come and join our Friday afternoon singing!

Every Friday afternoon during term time between 4.30-6pm in the Te Rā Hall. All ages welcome - we are a family friendly group who enjoy coming together every week to sing and learn new songs. Please contact Vanya with any questions 020 40939417 (*cancelled this Friday, 12 August*)

Wanted 3-4 Bedroom House in Raumati South

We are seeking a home this side of Raumati Road for long term tenants. Family of five with 3 children at Te Rā. Please call Josie 905 9561 or 027 617 7906.

Re-Wild Your Grown Up - Queen Elizabeth Park Kapiti

- Sunday 11 September 1-3.30 pm
- Wednesday 28 September 1-3.30 pm
- Saturday 8 October 1-3.30 pm

For kids to show their grownups how to play in the outdoors. This is a fun outdoor experience for kids and their carers to "Go wild!" and learn more things to do outside. We will explore a local wild place, get messy and experience more fully the wonders of nature. A great chance to get off those screens for a bit and reconnect with yourself, your family and your place. Meet at the US war memorial Mackays Crossing, Queen Elizabeth Park. We will be walking for about 20 minutes – a challenge but not impossible with push chairs.

This event can go ahead in most weathers. Suitable for mobile kids up to 14yrs and their guardians.

Wear appropriate warm clothing and footwear, bring water and snacks.

Previous participants said:

"Liana was an enchanting leader of both kids and grown-ups. It was an invigorating afternoon, with everyone leaving with smiles and wild sparkles in their eyes".

Cost \$15 per family. Numbers are limited for each session so please book via liana.stupples@gmail.com

Mindfulness Courses for Children

Pause, Breathe, Smile mindfulness courses for children.

Located in Paekakariki. For more details please

visit: <http://www.theartofmindfulness.co.nz/coursesforchildren/>

Baby Sitter Available

My name is Pippin Ibell, I'm 17 and an ex-student at Te Rā and now in class 11 at Raphael House. I'm available for baby sitting in the Raumati area. If you are interested please phone or text 020 411 23774 or 2997727.

Three Concerts Across Kāpiti

Come and celebrate the fantastic musical youth of our region as the Kāpiti Youth Orchestra presents their annual 'Spring Prelude' concert series to Kāpiti-wide audiences.

With pieces by Mozart and Gershwin on the program, if you simply love great music, seeing our youth shine, supporting the arts, or you want to inspire a young musician, this promises to be a great concert to delight everyone.

2016 has been a year of growth for the KYO - with membership increased, a wider range of instruments, an extended rehearsal season, and collaborations there is so much to celebrate. Now they are excited to show off their hard work and incredible talent to you all!

Two DATES - three VENUES

Saturday 27th August

2:30pm Kāpiti Uniting Parish, 27 Raumati Road.

Sunday 28th August

2:30pm Otaki Memorial Hall, Main Street, Otaki.

AND 7pm St Peter's Hall, cnr Beach Rd & Ames St, Paekākāriki.

Tickets - presales & door sales available - includes light refreshments.

Adult \$10

Child \$5 (under 12)

Family \$25 (2 adults, 2 kids)

Preschoolers - FREE

For all ticket enquiries (pre-sales encouraged):

Email: kapitiyouthorchestra@gmail.com

Phone: Amanda 027 526 1875

'Spring Prelude' Concert Program

Musik zu eine Faschings Pantomime - W. A. Mozart (Arr. M.J. Vinten)

Walking the Dog - George Gershwin

Rialto Ripples Rag - George Gershwin

Prelude No. 2 - George Gershwin (Arr. M.J. Vinten)

To stay 'in the loop' with KYO news and updates - head over to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/KapitiYouthOrchestra/>

Full info about the KYO program and membership can be found on our website:

<https://kapitiyouthorchestra.wordpress.com/>

Please feel free to forward this invitation to your friends and family. We hope to see you all there!

Kapiti Coast Junior Softball

A great positive team game to introduce you children to.

Registrations are now open for under 7 to under 17 teams.

Visit Kapiti Coast Softball Club website

www.kapitisoftball.co.nz and register today.

HKCA Kapiti Junior Cricket

Are you interested in playing cricket in the 2016/17 season? Come along to our registration day/fun day on Saturday 17th September, at 11am, at Paraparaumu Cricket Club, Whyte St, Paraparaumu Beach.

You can register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/ota2TiaxLaz1eMKk1>
Registration day/fun day will include fun games and a free sausage sizzle.

We have a range of forms of cricket;

++ **Superstar Cricket** is designed for children in School Year's 1 & 2 - Learning cricket skills and playing short game afterwards. This will be held Thursday's 3.30pm to 5.30pm at Whyte Street.

++ **Soft Ball Grade** - Children in School Year's 3 & 4 playing anywhere from Khandallah to Paraparaumu, on Saturday mornings, starting at 8.30am.

++ **Hard Ball Grade** - Children in School Year's 5, 6, 7 & 8 playing all over the Wellington region, on Saturday mornings, starting at 8.30am.

Peer Research Survey- Participants Wanted

I am conducting an online study as part of my PhD research at Victoria University of Wellington.

In this study, I am asking parents and caregivers about social peer situations involving their children, their experiences of these, and will then ask parents if they experienced anything similar when they were growing up. I have made a website at

www.kidsandpeers.com where potential participants can learn more about the overall research project and from there they are linked to the questionnaire.

Tegan Lynch

PhD Candidate

Faculty of Education, Victoria University of Wellington

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, 26th August

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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