



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

Thank you to the children of Class 6 and Aleka, Sharon and Martin for presenting their magnificent play "Robin Hood". Having watched the play once and then helped out behind stage for the second performance, I was very impressed by the focus which the children sustained for such a long time, back-stage. There was outstanding collaboration as the players looked after each other to ensure the success of the whole class endeavour – tino pai, Class 6!

Last week Class 5 went to the Olympic Camp in Rotorua. This camp had for many years been organised by Taikura, the Hastings Rudolf Steiner School, and held at Riverbend in Havelock North. When the event grew too big, the schools split and the Te Rā and Raphael House classes 5 met for a few years in Wainuiomata for this camp that is so unique to Steiner Waldorf Schools.

This year we managed to once again join the other North Island schools for the camp at Tui Ridge. I will leave the reporting to Tina and the children of Class 5, but would like to make a grateful mention here of the support the class received from the kindergarten and school community: the funds raised through everyone's efforts at our annual Harvest Fair are held by the Fundraising Management Group which is able to contribute, amongst other things, to the cost of camps such as the Class 5 Olympic Camp. By the time accommodation, food and transport are added up this camp can become quite expensive, and the FRMG contribution allows the cost to parents to be capped. While the Class 5 parents still had to come up with a major fundraising effort, the cap made the overall cost affordable to all. As the children move through the school they get to benefit from your efforts at the Harvest Fair in this and many other ways. So, on behalf of the children I thank you all, and encourage

you to keep an eye out for next year's Harvest Fair effort which will start to gain momentum again early next year.

Tomorrow is the annual Kapiti Kapa Haka Festival which our classes 5, 6 and 7 will attend. They have been working hard under the guidance of Koro Don and Kura Maukau, and will no doubt represent their kura well. Aleka, Tina and Sharon were instrumental in keeping the practices on track, while a group of parents kindly helped to finish the stunning outfits which Kaia and the children had begun working on earlier in the year – thank you to you all!

Class 7 are rehearsing for their grand finale play, with performances later next week. There will be multiple evening performances, so make sure you come along to witness the culmination of seven years of speech, drama and music education – it's not to be missed.

With school and kindergarten starting on the same day in 2017, we have taken the opportunity to review the first day welcoming ceremony, and especially the Class 1 welcome. Having taken into account many factors, we have decided to shift the welcome of the new Class 1 to the last day of term 4 this year. The children and their whānau will be welcomed into the school with a simple powhiri in the morning; the archway ceremony, however, and the meeting of their new teacher will still happen on the first day. We will communicate more details in the next newsletter.

Please remember to respond to your class liaison's request for help with cleaning and moving on the second-to-last day of term, the 15th of December. He rau ringa e oti ai

Finally, congratulations – Gefeliciteerd – to Susan and Geert van de Voorstenbosch, Skye and Niko on the safe arrival of their baby daughter and sister.

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 24 th Nov.	Class 3 Play 6:30pm in School Hall
Friday 25 November	Ōtaki-Kāpiti Kapa Haka Festival (late finish for those attending)
Saturday 26 Nov.	Advent Wreath Making Workshop – Te Rā School Hall, 9:30am-1:00pm
Monday 28 th Nov.	Raumati Site Kindergartens Advent Festival
28 th Nov – 30 th Nov	Class 4 Camp-Forest Lakes (<i>New Date/Loc</i>)
Mon 28 Nov – Fri 2 Dec	Class 6 Camp Cancelled
Friday 2 December	Raumati South Village Market 2-7pm
Friday 2 December	Class 7 Play Community Performance 7:00pm
Monday 5 December	Class 7 Play Community Performance 7:00pm
Tuesday 6 December	Class 7 Play Community Performance 7:00pm
Wed 7- Fri 9 December	Class 7 Camp (depart after school)
8 th , 9 th & 10 th December	Raphael House Class 12 Play “ <i>The Tempest</i> ”
Monday 12 th December	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Class 4 Play, 7:00pm in School Hall
Thursday 15 th Dec.	Classroom Changeover Day
Thursday 15 th Dec.	Kindergartens’ - Last Day Term 4
Thursday 15 th Dec.	Class 7 Farewell
Thursday 15 th Dec.	Shepherds Play for Community 7:30pm
Friday 16 th December	School - Last Day Term 4 School finishes at 1:00pm (<i>No Soup lunch</i>)

From the Office

Class Changeover Day

Thursday December the 15th is the class changeover day when we ask parents to come and clean their new class, and move furniture for their class teacher. Cleaning materials are provided, but feel free to bring your own materials and equipment. Your class liaison will be in touch.

2017 Special Character Pledge Forms – Some Are Still Outstanding

We are extremely keen to receive any outstanding pledge forms for next year. Please contact Ralph if you have any queries.

Thank you.

Our School is still trialing the lemontree phone application!

Thank you to those families using the lemontree application. The absentee notifications are working well so far. For those who register we'll also notify you of events, notices and newsletters. In addition to submitting absences you can also update your personal details.

Visit the link below for a quick tutorial on how to use the lemontree app: <https://youtu.be/naY4zrtWEEc>

When you first open lemontree, enter the following School Code to access our school: **ZW18OV57**

If you prefer, you can use our [website](#) to access and use the app

Class 5 Olympic Camp

Class 5 had a wonderful time at the Olympic Camp in Rotorua. Photos and details of their experience will be in our next school newsletter.

School Craft Group/s

There are several new crafting activities for those interested in learning new skills or refreshing their crafting abilities - with tea and cake, of course!

School Craft Group

A school craft group has recently begun to meet as a way to get together, learn new skills and ultimately make beautiful creations for the school fair next year. It is open to all, regardless of ability or experience. We meet weekly at 10am, alternating in location between Janine's place (Maddie's mum, Class one) and Viktoria's place (Maitreya's mum, in Hetti's kindy). For more information contact Louise (0277265508) or Janine (0210355288).

Doll Making Evenings

Lotti's doll making evenings continue. This group began as a doll's head making evening and has now evolved into a weekly doll making evening. 7pm at 9 Aperahama Street, Paekakariki. Contact Lotti (2988726) for more information if you interested in coming along, no experience necessary.

Advent Wreath Making and Craft Day

This Saturday, wreath making will be on offer in the hall. Alongside this Louise, Janine, Shelly and Viktoria will be offering a crafting corner, including the knitting and crocheting of small festive items, felt ball making and small peg dolls. Come and join us in the hall from 9.30. (see below for more details).

Advent Wreath and Craft Day – on this Saturday

Saturday, November 26th 9:30 – 1:00pm

Our wreath making day is here again this coming weekend. Please bring along any decorations and foliage you have to decorate your wreath. We will supply flax for tying the wreath together, some Manuka and other foliage and some beach themed decals and other decorations.

Candles will be for sale on the day, so please bring along cash if you would like to purchase them.

In addition to the wreath making there will also be a number of craft making groups for those who would like to make other Christmas decorations or gifts.

We will have;

- **Crocheting - crafting star garlands;**
Please bring a crochet hook, size 3 or 4
- **Knitting - crafting simple Christmas tree decorations;**
Please bring size 3.75, or 4 mm needles.
- **Felting - making colourful felt balls.**
- **Christmas cards**
- **Wooden angel making - painting and decorating wooden angels.**

If you would like to join in any of the craft groups please put your name and telephone number on the booking sheet in the school office.

The craft groups will be funded by koha from participants, to cover material costs. This will be no more than \$5, however you are welcome to bring your own materials.

Please bring a small plate for a shared morning tea.

See you there!

Recent Class Gardening - Ploughing



Raumati South Village Christmas Market

Friday 2nd December 2016, 2 - 7pm.

Any interested Stallholders, please email us at raumatisouthvillage@gmail.com .

Marliesje, Tikky and Charlotte

Te Rā School and Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten Vacancies

German Language Teacher - Part-time; fixed-term

We are seeking an inspiring teacher who can teach German to Classes 1-7, for a total of 10 sessions/week.

Our ideal German Teacher is someone who is excited by the idea of working with or learning about Waldorf pedagogy.

As we are reviewing our language programme this role is initially available for terms 1 and 2 2017.

NZ Teacher certification, or the ability to become NZ certificates, is essential.

Please contact the office for an application pack: 04 2990812, or e-mail office@tera.school.nz

Applications close 9 December 2016.

Kindergarten Assistant(s) - Fixed-term for 1 year; part-time

We require an assistant for 1 session each on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Raumati, and on Thursday in Paekakariki. This can be one or two roles, depending on availability.

Please contact the office for a role description and application form.

Other Vacancies

Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School

Upper School German Teacher and International Student Coordinator, 0.89 FTTE, permanent, from 28 January 2017

We are seeking an experienced and inspirational German teacher who is able to foster a love of the language in young people. Excellent people skills and organisational ability are required for the International Student Coordinator role which is included in this position. A willingness to teach in accordance with the special character of the school is essential. NZ teacher registration is required.

Applications close 5.00 pm, Monday 7 December 2016

The Job Description and Application Form are downloadable from our website www.raphaelhouse.school.nz (*Vacancies can be found under the ABOUT tab*). *Applications can be emailed to: vacancies@raphaelhouse.school.nz or posted to 27 Matuhi Street Tirohanga, Lower Hutt 5010 (Attention: the Principal).*

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten - Teacher

We are an established Steiner kindergarten at the Steiner School campus in Dunedin, with two kindergarten rooms (3- 6 years). We seek an ECE qualified teacher, preferably with Steiner qualification or experience. Enthusiasm, excellent communication and collegial skills and a commitment to working with the special character are essential.

Fixed term one year position for 2017 which could become permanent, working a minimum of 28 hours a week, school term time only.

Applications close midday, 6 December 2016. Previous applicants need not reapply. An application form and job description can be downloaded from the School's website www.dunedin.steiner.school.nz or is available by request from the office at office@dunedin.steiner.school.nz Telephone: 03 471 2163

Raphael House Class 12 Play

Come along and watch Class 12 from Raphael Perform their Play – The Tempest.

Performance dates are Thurs 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th of December at 7:30pm in the relocated Petone West Building onsite at Raphael House.

Tickets are \$10 Students, \$15 Adults, \$40 Family (2 Students & 2 Adults). Tickets can be purchased from Raphael House or orders will be taken via the Te Rā School Office.

*'We are such stuff as dreams are made of And our little life is rounded with
a sleep'*

I encourage you to come to class 12's production of

The Tempest

one of William Shakespeare's last plays

In style and structure, The Tempest is a comedy. However, it is also arguably Shakespeare's profoundest work, containing his prophetic vision for the future.

The lead character, Prospero, is a great human being; portrayed warts and all by Shakespeare (which contributes hugely to his appeal). He has dedicated his life to bettering his mind and in the process has acquired enormous supernatural power (to add to the temporal powers he wielded as ruler of Milan).

Two qualities of the heart, however, set Prospero apart: Firstly, his ability to forgive his treacherous brother, Antonio, even though Antonio shows no sign of remorse. Secondly, his brave decision to stop wielding his power, and in the process leaving everyone connected to him free—including his beloved servant, the spirit Ariel.

An interesting aside for our times is the sub plot. Under the influence of alcohol, the half-monster, Caliban, worships a drunkard called Stephano and plots against the life of the 'tyrant' Prospero. It is very funny to watch this unfold, but we can also ask ourselves: How often do we human beings still allow ourselves to get 'drunk' on a leader who appeals to our prejudices and our selfish instincts?

This little invitation can only scratch the surface of this remarkable play— I promise you there are layers upon layers of beauty, truth and goodness to be discovered.

Near the end of the play, Miranda, Prospero's angelic daughter, utters the famous lines of positivity and hope:

*'Oh brave new world
That hath such people in it!'*

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Kapiti Waterpolo Club presents Flippa Ball Give it a Go Day!

Sunday, Nov 27th, 11am – 1pm, Coastlands Aquatic Centre.

If your kids like throwing a ball and playing in water Flippa Ball is the way to get both those things happening at once! The starter version of Waterpolo, Flippa Ball is a fantastic sport played regularly all over NZ.

Kapiti Waterpolo Club are keen to give kids and parents a chance to check it out and register their interest in a Kapiti Flippa Ball League for 2017.

The Give it a Go Day is for kids from Year 3 – 12. There will be an introductory coaching session followed by a friendly game, all in the shallow end of the big pool.

Coastlands Aquatic Centre, Sunday November 27th

11.00 – Years 3 & 4

11.40 – Years 5 & 6

12.20 – Years 7 & 8

(normal pool entry applies)



KWP contact: 021 526 452



Proudly supported by Kapiti Coast District Council.

Kapiti Youth Orchestra

The date is now set for KYO 2017 Auditions!

Date: 4th December

Venue: St Patrick's School Hall, 6 Tongariro St, Paraparaumu.

Time: afternoon between 1-5pm. When you register, you will be allocated a time.

Registrations: on KYO website

Audition pieces: Sheet music will be emailed to all registered musicians on 24th November (10 days prior to auditions).

Note: If you are travelling with another member (sibling or friend) let me know in comments on the form so I can book you one after the other. Also if you have any time you can't make, the earlier you let me know the easier it will be to accommodate. I do know that a

couple of you may be out of the country or away, again please still register now and add a note. Siblings need to fill out a form each.

A little more about the orchestra...

KYO aims to foster a convivial learning atmosphere that supports and motivates students in their musical development, and we hope inspires in them a lifelong passion. We welcome 9-19yr olds from across the Kāpiti region. Members participate in many concerts, collaborations with other orchestras, camps, and workshops throughout the year, including workshop tuition with members of the NZSO and other seasoned musicians.

We are very committed to ensuring KYO is an inclusive, diverse, and creative organisation that genuinely supports and represents the breadth of talent across our district. To ensure we are accessible to all families, we also offer a limited number of fees scholarships for genuine hardship.

The audition process is intended to be a positive and inspiring experience, and all members, both returning and new, are required to do one. This is a chance for our Musical Director Chris to meet each individual and to help him understand where each one is at in their playing.

Here's the link again to the on-line form on our website: <https://kapitiyouthorchestra.wordpress.com>

Hangi Fundraiser for Te Kohanga Reo o Tararua ki Paraparaumu

\$12 – Whakarongotai Marae, Waikanae

10th December 2016 – 2pm Hangi Pick-up

Proudly supported by Koro Don Te Maipi & Whanau

Tickets can be purchased from the Te Rā School Office

Wanted

Old school flat sheet nappies and large plastic bucket with lid for cloth nappies.

Also if you have other baby stuff you'd like to give away please feel free to contact Susan van de Vorstenbosch 021 0222 6026

Holiday Home

Lovely three bedroom home to let for three weeks from Christmas Eve just on the edge of the CBD Paekakariki – seconds from beach, shops and public transport.

Please contact Ralph Wallace phone 027 2891422

Christmas / Summer Holiday House-Sitter Available

Are you planning your Christmas holiday? Do you need someone to look after your dog? Your chickens? We are an animal loving Raphael House family of 3 who would love to spend some time on the coast this summer. We can tend the vegetable patch, care for the pets and look after the house. Dates flexible but we are roughly available between 17 December and 4 January. Please do get in touch. Katie 022 130 3360.

Book Sale

I am fundraising to take my comedy show to the Hawaii and Edinburgh Fringe Festivals next year. I will be selling my extensive library at a book sale on the 26th and 27th of November from 10am-2pm each day. 24 Clunie Ave, Raumati Sth. consciouslisa@gmail.com

House to Rent Wanted

Family of four. Three children 6, 7 and 9 looking for a house to rent near Te Rā in Term 1, 2017. We are relocating from Hamilton where we own a house. Please email me traicylee@gmail.com if you know of any suitable houses. Thank you

House- Still Wanted to Buy

3-4 Bedroom house wanted to buy in Raumati South. Please phone 021 144 3243 or see David Class 4.

Family Seeking Rental Property: Raumati South/Beach

We are a local family of four (+cat). Long-term renters on the Kapiti Coast. We are looking for a warm & tidy family home to care for in the Raumati South/Beach vicinity. A long term agreement is preferred (ideally 4-5 years), beginning any time from mid-January 2017. Great references available from previous landlord and property managers. Contact Rebecca on 021 222 0900.

Babysitter Seeking Work: Raumati/Paraparaumu

I am a 16 year old student and experienced babysitter looking for work. I am confident and have experience with children of all ages. Great references available.
Contact Ellie on 021 222 0900.

Kapiti Wildheart Children's Christmas Art Workshop

Making Xmas Decorations. **Beach Inspired.**

Sat 17th December. 10-12.30 or 1- 3.30

All materials supplied. Cost \$45

jacquivandenbergartist@gmail.com

www.kapitiwildheart.co.nz or ph 0210696555

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 also warmly invited to our

Information Afternoon 2:30pm

Monday, 12 December

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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