



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

As the school and kindergarten year comes to a close, far from winding down it has become intensely busy. While challenging at times, this also illustrates the richness of kindergarten and school life: there are meetings to plan for next year, class plays, class camps, music assemblies and kapa haka performances, the sharing of end-of-year work such as cleaning classrooms and shifting, Shepherds' Play rehearsals, and the finalising of staffing for next year...

Into this space I would like to place two "golden moments":

1. The Class 7 play, "Arabian Nights". This was a gargantuan undertaking, and the outcome was spectacular: a 2½ hour experience of story nestled into story, with each told wonderfully well by the actors dressed in marvellous costumes, with a highly elaborate and magnificent stage set behind them. Tino pai Class 7 students, Nicki and Kerstin!
2. Class 5, 6 and 7 students playing a large (from front gates to top field gate) game of Capture the Flag, led by Hagar from Class 6 who had also taught the game to Class 5 earlier in the day. This self-motivated lunch time play is an example of initiatives such as Te Wiki o Te Mahi Tahī, and combined work such as kapa haka bearing fruit: feeling connected; positive tuakana-teina relationships; comfortable leadership; knowing when to follow... *Mā te tuakana ka tōtika te teina, mā te teina ka tōtika te tuakana.*

Arrivals and Farewells:

Congratulations to Rebecca and Matt on the arrival of their baby, a little brother for Archer in Lotti's Kindergarten and Grace in Nursery.

Class 5 will farewell their Class Teacher Tina Regtien at the end of next week. Tina took on this class halfway through their Class 1 year and has worked tirelessly to accompany the tamariki on their journey in the best possible way.

We are very grateful to Tina for her profound contributions to Te Rā, Te Rawhiti and even the Playgroups, early on. Tina has been a wonderful champion of Waldorf education in its width and depth, bringing deep thought and beauty into everything she did. We are most certainly going to miss Tina in our Faculty rounds, but hope that she will be able to bless us with her manifold gifts in one way or another.

Next week we will also farewell our gorgeous Class 7 students who go off into the big, wide world next year. We have been blessed and privileged to see them grow and blossom, and wish them all the best for the exciting college years ahead. Together with their children we farewell a number of parents and whānau who are stepping back as their youngest child graduates – thank you all for your support, generosity and commitment. We look forward to catching up at the Harvest Fair and other community gatherings – you are always welcome!

We wish you a peaceful Christmas with much joy in good company, and a restful summer break.

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

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| Wed 7 th - Fri 9 th Dec. | Class 7 Camp |
| Thurs 8 th – Fri 9 th Dec. | Class 3 Camp. Depart after School on 8 th |
| 8 th , 9 th & 10 th December | Raphael House Class 12 Play “ <i>The Tempest</i> ” |
| Monday 12 th December | Class 1 ‘Pif Paf Poltrie’ 12:00pm |
| Monday 12 th December | Information Afternoon 2:30pm |
| Tuesday 13 th December | Class 4 Play, 6:45pm in School Hall |
| Tuesday 13 th December | Class 1 2017 Meeting, 7:00pm |
| Wednesday 14 th Dec. | Paekakariki Kindergartens Summer Festival |
| Wednesday 14 th Dec. | School Sharing Assembly 9:20am in Hall |
| | Orchestra and Kapa Haka Performances |
| Thursday 15 th Dec. | Classroom Cleaning and Moving Day |

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| Thursday 15th Dec. Thursday 15 th Dec. | Kindergartens - Last Day Term 4 School farewell for Class 7 – 2:30pm on school driveway |
| Thursday 15 th Dec. | Shepherds' Play for Community 7:00pm |
| Friday 16th Dec. Friday 16 th Dec. | School - Last Day Term 4 School Powhiri to Welcome Class 1, 2017 at 9:15am |
| Thursday 15 th Dec. | Shepherds' Play Performance for School Children 11:30am |
| Friday 16th Dec. Friday 23 December | School Finishes at 1:00pm (<i>No Soup lunch</i>) School Office Closes |
| Monday 16 th January | School Office Reopens |
| Friday 20 th January | Information Afternoon 2:30pm |
| Tues. 7th February | First Day 2017 School |
| Tues. 7th February | First Day 2017 Kindergartens |

From the Office

Class Cleaning and Moving Day

Thursday, December the 15th, is the 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. Please be as generous as possible with your support – He rau ringa e oti ai.

2017 Special Character Pledge Forms Still Outstanding

Please return the 2017 Special Character Pledge forms if you haven't already. They are an important component of our budget setting process.

You can scan them back to us if you wish, or deliver the hardcopy in person or by child post. Please contact Ralph if you have any queries.

Thank you.

Weet-Bix Tryathlon Series – For ages 7 - 15 years

This is a fun event where children are encouraged to have a try!

Registrations are now open for the 2017 series;

Lower Hutt – Thursday 16th March, Wellington – Sunday 19th March

For more information please go to www.try.weetbix.co.nz, send an email to tryathlon@sanitarium.co.nz or contact 0800WEETBIX (0800 933 8249)

Lost Property

We have a large amount of unclaimed items and clothing at school. Items include a watch, thermos, pounamu necklace etc. Please take the time to look through our lost property box or check in with the office to reclaim your item/s. All unnamed items not claimed before the end of term will be donated to charity.

Class 5 Olympic Camp

We set off sharing a bus with Raphael House on a fairly normal day, when just out of Hunterville our bus broke down and stopped, right in the middle of the road and halfway up a hill. Tina, Lenka and Selina jumped off the bus to slow down the highway traffic and then Tina asked a logging truck driver to contact the police in the next town.

Back on the bus we were all a bit confused until the police and Tina escorted us across the road and into a paddock owned by a man Lenka had met called Kevin. The paddock smelled quite a lot like Rotorua except not quite so sulphury. We think it may have been a treatment plant of sorts; anyway, there was a grassy paddock and for a time we stopped and celebrated Isabelle's birthday. There was plenty of cake for both classes! Then it was time to walk the 15 minutes along State Highway One to Hunterville. With a police escort and Tina wearing a high visibility vest, we set off in single file.

In Hunterville we played in the park and got to know some of the Raphael House students. We shared an enormous amount of chips that Tana, the Raphael House teacher, had bought for us, and after a few hours a replacement bus arrived.

It was dark and had taken about 12 hours by the time we arrived at Tui Ridge. Many of us had bloodshot eyes and I thought I was sleepwalking. We sat down and had veggy pies and beans and cold apple crumble and then we went to our dorms. There were 24 beds in each dorm with boys and girls sleeping in separate dorms; two schools to each dormitory.

The next day we had breakfast and then gathered for the powhiri led by Tauranga Steiner School and responded to by Michael Park School. Once the adults had hongied we went and shared kai together before beginning our training as one whole group.

In the huge gymnasium we gathered into our city states. There were 16 in all, led by two adult volunteers. I looked for my city state and found a bamboo pole with a sign that said Corcyra (pronounced Kor - sy-ra) with number 15 on it. I only knew two people in my group, Cyrus and a boy called Ash from Titirangi School whom I had met in

classes 1 and 3. From there two City States trained with and competed against each other. We did high jump, long jump, Greek wrestling (static and non-static), style running, relay races, marathon, javelin and discus. My group was competing against Fern and Xoya's team which was number 16. During the practices I went for javelin and marathon.

The next day we repeated the training except that after lunch we did Tui Ridge activities. The first activity was orb soccer and the main adult leader was Jared Cullen (Christian Cullen's cousin), whose son Jordy went on to win the discus event. After lunch we went on a slightly out of control confidence course. Then it was time for bed; however, the new school woke us up at 5am talking about watches!

It was raining which was not a good sign. I started the day sleepwalking and after the Opening Ceremony outside, we gathered in the gym and did relays - 16 groups of 230 people, all doing relays! Group 16 won. From there we moved onto Style running - Max came third in the 1st group of semi-finals and Fern came 3rd in the 2nd group of semi-finals.

Maanu won the High Jump!

A girl from our group, Hazel lasted until the 10th round.

Dynamic or non-static wrestling was next - Caelie, Rowan and Maja did really well in this event. (A girl from Titirangi whom I've known since class 1 came 2nd.)

Then we moved outside for the discus and javelin, Ash completed two rounds of discus and I think I would have lasted a bit longer in the javelin event if my hand hadn't slipped on the frayed handle in the rain. Cyrus and Andraeus also competed in this event and Ruven in the discus.

Finally we came to the last event, the marathon. I started out first and then dropped back to the middle, then my fitness kicked in and I went 5th up the hill, someone stopped and I overtook them. Then suddenly back in the carpark I sprinted and overtook another person and finished 3rd. Finn from Taikura and City State 16 was given a wreath as the overall winner of the marathon.

Shanti, Ruven and Victor all did really well, also in the Marathon.

...After lunch there was another storm with lightning (I think I almost got fried) and we headed back to the gym once it started to hail. There we played soccer, basketball and volleyball until it was time for dinner and the concert.

All the schools performed from either their morning circle, plays or their Kapa Haka groups. The fire was on and it was cosy and fun, seeing everyone's work. Karsten's grandparents and Fern's grandmother were there to see our excerpt from the play He Tangata o Aotearoa. Then it was time for bed. In the morning Andraeus and I followed some tracks for a-while and then it was time to go. The trip back didn't take nearly as long; 8 and ½ hours in total!

We stopped for lunch in Taupō and saw all three mountains, Tongariro, Ngaruhoe and Ruapehu, covered with snow just below the cloud line, as we travelled along the Desert Road. On the bus we sang, played cards, ate baking, read, laughed and gave the adults a bit of cheek.

Thank you Lenka, Dan, Selina and Janieke for coming on the Olympics Camp with Tina and us. You were awesome!

When I got home, Dan dog freaked out with joy!

P.S. Xoya can sprint the 100m in 14 seconds!

Karsten came off his BMX bike and had to have stitches in his chin, luckily his grandparents live in Rotorua so they could meet up at A&E, where a nurse knew his mum when she was a doctor there. He still made it to the Olympics and competed in the javelin.

Isabelle did really well in all the training for the events but slipped the day before in the gym and bruised her leg, although she didn't compete she travelled with her team throughout the day.

Mya did well in the long jump and had loads of fun in the Kapa Haka Competition with Michael Park School and in the play.

Thank you for all the fundraising efforts that made this amazing experience possible for us.

Coë Rochford on behalf of Class Five.



Passing time in HUNTERVILLE waiting for the bus



Fish and Chips at Hunterville





Thank You From Class 5

And finally a very big thank you to the entire Te Rā community from the Class 5 fundraising group. The support we received to scale what felt like an enormous mountain was noted by us all and we felt very grateful for all of the efforts, funds passed on and general support. Thank you to all who are part of the Te Rā community. Class 4, we recommend starting early!

Takiri o te Ata Kapa Haka Festival

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Kia ora koutou katoa Te Rā Whānau,

Last Friday Classes 5, 6 and 7 travelled by double decker bus to take part in the above festival for the third year in a row. According to many people who had been before the festival has grown in size and numbers attending were so great, that the powhiri paused, as the seating block was moved back so as to accommodate more of the audience.

Children from all over the region performed with dedication, waiata, haka and poi from their Kapa Haka classes. Te Rā students waited patiently through many performances before racing off to a classroom to dress and prepare for their turn. Kaia and her whānau arrived to draw beautiful moko on some of the children performing and after a brief warm up it was time to go and line up behind the next act.

The children enjoyed the audience's warm welcome and together Kura and Koro Don led the children in a vibrant, energetic and powerful performance!

Nga mihi nui to Koro Don, Kura and Kaia for their arohanui and mana and the hours they dedicated to the students.

Thanks also to Sharon, Elien, Shavit, Martin, Paulina, and the support crew of parents who came to see Te Ra shine.

Ka mau te wehi!

Aleka, Tina, and Kerstin.

Thank You

A belated Thank You to everyone who generously gave their talents and enthusiasm to our Community Ceili on Nov 4th.

Thank you to the band for your wonderful music that kept us dancing all night. Thank you to the senior orchestra players for entertaining us. Thank you to Class 5 parents for providing supper. And thanks to students, parents and families for the fun! I thoroughly enjoyed calling the dances.

Kate Sanders O'Connor

From the Board Of Trustees

Kia ora koutou,

It seems that the last six months since we started as a new Board has raced past. As I look at the school community I see that everyone is busy.

The teachers and staff have all been working to bring the year to a close. Lots of plays, get togethers and meetings. The dedication and activity of all involved is amazing, and reflects the hard work and energy that our staff put into the school all through the year. Andrea, and our teachers have done an incredible job of guiding our children on their learning journey and I know we all truly appreciate their huge effort and commitment.

Te Rā is a very special community and the energy and work put in by all of the families and whānau of our school this year is a big part of its continuing success. As a Board we know that this is such an important part of making our school function and we wish to thank all of you for all that you have given.

As our older children prepare for the next step on their journey we wish them every success and want to thank them for all they have

contributed to the school while they have been here. As all the children prepare for next year and start to get ready for their new class we know that this time of change can bring its own challenges. It is so good that the maturity and experience of the older children and the community as a whole is there to provide a strong anchor.

At a practical level thank you to all of you who will help to clean and set up the classrooms in preparations for next year. This makes such a big difference to getting a good start on the new year.

As you head out into the summer holidays and Christmas we want to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. Take care of yourselves and we all look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Mere Kirihimete

Noho ora mai,

Grant, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

From The BoT and Health & Safety Committee

When the earthquake occurred on November 14th, and then the flooding the following day, we had an opportunity to test our emergency communication.

On the Monday morning we worked hard to ensure the buildings were unaffected by the earthquake. A Facebook message was posted and a notice placed on our website. Should a situation occur where the school and kindergarten need to stay closed, you will also receive an e-mail and a text message.

We have been advised by Civil Defence that we are outside of the tsunami evacuation zone.

However, there may be other civil defence emergencies where we need to evacuate or close the school and kindergarten. Please ensure that your emergency contact details are up-to-date. It is also a good idea to try for an emergency contact person who lives locally, if at all possible.

Dave Kelly, Board of Trustees

Te Rā School and Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten Vacancies

Class 6 (Y7) 2017 Teacher

We are looking for an experienced Waldorf classroom practitioner to take over this class from Term 1 2017, and deliver a rich curriculum based in the performing, visual, social and practical arts, and facilitate robust academic outcomes for our tamariki.

An understanding of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi is essential, as is NZ teacher registration (or the proven ability to become a NZ registered teacher).

For an application pack please phone (0064) 04 299 0812, or e-mail office@tera.school.nz

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 16 December 2016.

Shopper

Approximately 3 hours/week. Must be able to lift and deliver heavy sacks, to Raumati and Paekakariki kindergartens.

If you are interested please leave your name and number with Maxine, by Tuesday, 15th December.

Other Vacancies

Kia ora koutou,

Do you have skills and experience in branding and/or marketing? If so, we need you!

The Federation of Rudolf Steiner Waldorf Schools Aotearoa New Zealand is looking to develop a contemporary brand and the associated branding messaging that will really showcase Steiner-Waldorf education in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Please get in touch if you have marketing, promotional, design, or related backgrounds that could help us develop a strong and modern brand.

We would love to hear from you as soon as possible. Expressions of Interest to be sent to the [Federation Manager](#) by December 16th.

Veronica Pitt

Manager, FRSWSANZ

Ph: 04 390 2257 Mobile: 022 657 9106

Office hours Mon-Fri 1pm-5pm

Raphael House Class 12 Play - Reminder

Dear Te Rā Whānau

This week sees the Raphael House Class 12 students take on their final task of Steiner education – their Class 12 play – and you're invited! Norbert Mulholland has again worked his magic with our senior class and the play they're taking on is Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

Tickets are available from the Office, at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Please do come along and join us on this Thursday, Friday or Saturday night at the Petone West gym. The doors open at 7.15pm, with the show commencing at 7.30pm.

Contact the Office at Raphael House with any questions.

See you there!

Ngā mihi

Nicola

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

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

Private Violin Lessons

Mary our school orchestra teacher is available for private lessons.

Please phone her on 0274 334 880 if you would like to discuss options or make a booking.

For Sale

Selling lovely 1/2 size violin \$200 and lovely 3/4 cello \$500. Phone Mel if interested 0273248352

For Sale

A healthy gift for Christmas: We offer an affordable micro-thin disc for all cell phones that 'diffuse' EMF (Electro-Magnetic Frequency) away from the body! Scientifically tested and independently certified to be effective- adhered in a few seconds. Cost price - \$35 each. Contact Karen Baucke on 04 - 565 3331 or 027 216 2675.

Cottage to Let

2 bedroom cottage to let; Raumati South, close to shops, beach and school. Large child friendly section, with off street parking. \$330 per week. Please contact Nick @ school, 2990812

Accommodation Wanted

My daughter and I are looking for an affordable 1-2 bedroom place to rent in Paekakariki so we are close to the kindy. If you or someone you know might know of a little home that will be available soon, please call Danielle on 02102022842

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

Housesitter Wanted

2 bedrooms in Paekakariki from the 26th of December till 7th of February. Big vegetable garden and workshop

Please contact Jenny on 021 2959355

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

Paekakariki House Wanted

Tēnā koutou!

We hope you may be able to help us: our whanau would love the opportunity to live in Paekakariki from January 2017.

We are a family of 7 - Chris and I, our beautiful children Amy (13), Robin (11), Haydn (11) and Kyle (9) and Maggie the small but perfectly formed black Labrador (2).

We own a home in Waikanae and are interested in the difference living in Paekak might make to our family ecology - getting to all the places we need to without using our car.

Therefore we are seeking a home for a period to try this out... We (think) we would consider all ideas - we'd certainly welcome them please! House sitting/swapping, renting, squatting (in a law-abiding manner) etc...

I'm Mary, my mobile number is 0278053001. I'd love to hear from you if you can help.

Thank you

Kapiti Vaulting Club

Open Day and Garage Sale: Sat 17 December 10:30am
Summer Pony and Vaulting Camps, Farm Club
Open every day apart from 23-26 Dec
Information and Bookings: 04 902 6108
www.kapitieuquestrian.com

Learn to Sail at Paremata

Looking for a Christmas gift that could lead to a lifetime of fun for your family? Kids learn to sail with Paremata Boating Club! Our popular learn to sail courses are designed to introduce children aged 9-14 years and their parents to the sport of sailing. Our next course is on and around Wellington Anniversary weekend in January 2017. It starts with a pool session and runs over the three days of Anniversary Weekend plus the following two weekends (5 days plus the initial pool session). Optimist boats and buoyancy vests are provided.

Check www.paremataboatingclub.org.nz for more information and to enrol. Be in quick! These popular courses fill up rapidly.

Summer Drama Classes for Youth

Kids4Drama are holding master classes for kids and teen over the summer holidays. This is a great opportunity for students to learn off industry professionals and further their dramatic skills while still having lots of fun! Book before 20th December and go in the draw to win a free term of drama classes for 2017. Contact becca@kids4drama.co.nz to book your space or for more information.

School Holiday Swimming Lessons – Swim KenaKena

9 – 27 January at KenaKena School.
Contact Debbie Livingstone 027 254 4542
swim.kenakena@xtra.co.nz

December and January School Holiday Programme

Tennis Inc are offering Tennis Hot Shots holiday programmes at Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Club for all keen beginner tennis players and those who want to progress into Novice interclub!

For more information or to register contact:

Ph: Leonie 021 1690603 Email: leonietennisinc@gmail.com

Sydney Rudolf Steiner College

If you would like to further your knowledge of Rudolf Steiner education please follow the link to www.sydneyrudolfsteinercollege.com

What the I can see – portraiture and biographical storytelling with Roi Gal or / and Rachel Miller

6 day course Sunday 15 January to Friday 20 January 2017.

Tuition fee including all materials £369

No previous experience of storytelling painting or portraiture is required.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the course please email admin@schoolofstorytelling.com or click the link below to go to the ISOS website to book your place!

<http://www.schoolofstorytelling.com/is-this-for-me/weekend-and-short-courses/what-the-i-can-see---portraiture-and-autobiographical-storytelling.html>

Saving the Orangutans

My name is Asha Hastie, and four years ago I was in class 7 being taught by Andrea at Te Rā. I am now at Raphael House coming to the end of class 11, and my goal next year is to volunteer at an Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre for my class 12 project. I am hoping to go to Borneo for 2 weeks and involve myself in any tasks that the centre's staff put me to. In the process I will learn how to help the Orangutans that are in the protection of the centre. These Orangutans have mostly been brought in because of the unsurvivable destruction of their rainforest home. The centre needs as much support as they can get, with volunteering and with money, to build the animal shelters. I am willing to help as much as I can, but to do this I need your support. The centre survives mostly from the money they get from the volunteers, therefore whatever money is contributed to me for this project will be going towards the expenses of the centre. I am hoping to raise \$2000 by the end of December for my trip to Borneo, so if you are willing to contribute to this cause then I have set up a givealittle page for just that. The link to my page is below. Thank you all so much, I gratefully appreciate any contribution!

<https://givealittle.co.nz/project/ashasorangutanadventure>

(P.S. Don't be put off by the fact that the pledge becomes \$1 during the process, it will be correct at the very end when you finalise it.)

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 Afternoons 2:30pm

Monday, 12 December
Friday, 20 January 2017

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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