



Kia Manawanui

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Kia ora koutou, dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends,

Last week the first “working meeting” of the Steiner Waldorf Community of Learning was held in Wellington. You may remember that Te Rā is part of this CoL which also includes Raphael House, Michael Park School in Auckland, Taikura School in Hastings, and the Christchurch School.

It was a fruitful day as expert numeracy and literacy teachers from each of the schools (most having been appointed to the role of “Within School Teacher”, one of the roles that are part of the Community of Learning framework) discussed strategies which will help us to succeed in meeting the CoL’s achievement challenges. These are part of our Annual Plan 2017 which is now available on our website.

Watch this space for further updates on how this work is progressing.

On Thursday and Friday the Federation Fellowship met to set the direction for the year in regard to teacher and curriculum development. Within this work is always discussion about how we can best go about ensuring that our pedagogy, while firmly rooted in the essentials of Waldorf education, is culturally and socially responsive and contemporary. I will keep you updated as initiatives unfold through the year.

Today I was privileged to enjoy the sunshine as I was covering a lunchtime duty in the forest. I was delighted to observe children from four classes working together around a very productive building and manufacturing side. Some had manufactured “hammers” (a stick through a hole in a brick) with which to pound red bricks; the dust was used to create ink for the Class 5 “History of Writing” Main Lessons. Others were collaborating on building a hut, while a third group organised the “security” around the hut.

This is tuakana-teina learning in action! The older children don’t so much transmit knowledge to the younger ones – sometimes it’s the other way around – but they model how to lead, and also how to follow. There is a sense of belonging through common purpose, and

the enjoyment of each other's company. As an aside there is a lot of learning going on which fits the aims of the technology and health curricula as well as developing some of the key capacities (Managing Self, Contributing, Participating, Thinking).

Later in the year I will take up the topic of "Whare Tapa Whā" and what that might mean at Te Rā – and what I observed today was a splendid introduction.

We would like to express our gratitude, albeit belatedly, to all parents and whānau who assisted Paul Denford and Paul Fletcher to make new school desks just before the start of school.

Finally, *Nau mai Haere Mai* to Felix Delahunt and his whānau who joined the Kakariki group in Paekakariki, and Elsa Le Boutillier who started in the Nursery Group.

Noho ora mai,
Andrea Sorger

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

Diary of Dates

Saturday 11 th March	Working Bee (2 Sessions) 9:00am-1:00pm, 12noon-4:00pm
13 th - 17 th March	Class 7 Camp
Monday 13 th March	Class 5 Pedal Ready
Tuesday 14 th March	Rippa Rugby – Classes 4/5/6
Wednesday 15 th March	Shelly's Kindergarten Group Parent Evening 7:30pm
Thursday 16 th March	Rippa Rugby – Classes 4/5/6
Thursday 16 th March	Class 1 Parent Evening 7:00pm
Friday 17 th March	Class 4 Trip to Kapiti Island
Tuesday 21 st March	Winter Sports Parent/Caregivers Meeting 7:00pm
Monday 27 th March	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Thursday 30 th March	Information Evening 7:00pm
Saturday 1 st April	Harvest Fair Set-up Day
Sunday 2 nd April	Harvest Fair
Monday 3rd April	Teacher Development Day * No School or Kindergarten*
Wednesday 5 th April	Lotti's Parent Evening 7:30pm
Thursday 13 th April	Raumati Kindergarten Groups Harvest Festival
Thursday 13th April	Last Day Term 1
Monday 1 st May	First Day Term 2

From the Office

Special Character Pledge

Thank you to those parents who have initiated their regular automatic payments, and also to those families who have paid in full. Please ensure you have begun your automatic payment online if this is your preferred method of payment. From the school and kindergarten point of view, this works best and our experience is that families manage their gifting of funds most effectively this way.

Just a reminder, with the end of the financial year fast approaching (31st March), all donations paid before that date will qualify for the 33.33% tax credit rebate available after the 1st of April. Those who can take advantage of this should consider paying their special character pledge sooner to benefit from the quick turn-around of their funds. The bank account for your Special Character donation is **03 0732 0293275 01.**

Disbursements

These are \$225 annually per child for Classes 1 – 4 and \$265 (including woodwork and cooking) annually per child for Classes 5 – 7, and may be paid at any time to Te Rā School account

03 0732 0443499 00. Thank you to those of you who have already paid. Statements will be issued later in term two. Don't forget, flutes, recorders, fountain pens, and some trips and camps are either paid for or subsidised by the FRMG (Fund-Raising Management Group). These are funds very largely raised through your efforts at the Harvest Fair. The Class 3 string programme is also subsidised, to a level of 50%. Parents of Class 3 will shortly receive a separate letter regarding this.

Government funded Transport Assistance

Students might be eligible for this assistance if;

- they are under age 10 and live more than 3.2 km from Te Rā, or
- they are aged 10 or older and live more than 4.8 km from Te Rā, and
- they do not have access by the same distance to public passenger transport.

Please see Ralph in the office for an application form.

Working Bee this Saturday 9am-4pm

We are holding a Working Bee this Saturday to tidy the grounds and make craft and toys for the fair. Cake boxes will also be painted

(from 11am). We are looking forward to a big turnout. Please bring your coat and gumboots if the weather isn't favourable!!

Te Rā School Winter Sports Teams

Winter Sports Teams – School Coaches/Helpers Meeting

We will be holding a meeting for any parents and whānau who would like to assist with organising or coaching our school winter sports teams (netball and hockey) at 7:00pm on Tuesday the 21st of March. Please come along if you are unable to help but would like to ask any questions or find out more information.

Winter Hockey Registrations - Open

If your child/ren are Class 3 or older and would like to play hockey in a school team this winter (terms 2 & 3) please complete a Registration Form (class teachers have them) and return it to the school office asap. We will be entering teams into a Kapiti league, all games are held on the Astroturf field at Mazengarb Park in Paraparaumu. Classes 3-5 will play Wednesdays after school and Classes 6-7 play on Tuesdays after school. Our school teams will practice together at the same location each Monday (from 1 May) 3:30-4:30pm.

Hockey Volunteers Needed

We already have some parents available to coach but we welcome any extras and will need help to manage and assist with our school teams. Please let Nico Borren or Maxine know in the school office if you can help in any way.

Please Note...

Kapiti Junior Hockey Club also has a number of teams that play on Saturday mornings in the Wellington league. Please check their website if you would like to register for this. It is highly recommended for committed players who would like to trial to represent Wellington in the future or if you can't play midweek.

Netball Coaches / Helpers Needed

A big thank you to Karl Andrews who has offered to co-ordinate our school netball teams again this year. Netball registration forms will be offered to the children this week and can also be uplifted from the school office. Please return the completed forms by the 24th March. We still need coaches and manages so please either contact Karl or the school office if you can help in any way. Games are held at Te Atiawa Courts each Saturday morning for terms 2 and 3.

Land Around The School

The land around the school will soon come up for sale. We would welcome ideas on how we could purchase some of this land to secure our future growth. If you would like to be part of a working group to discuss this, please contact Nick in the office.

From the Woodwork Room

Toymaking is in full swing for the Fair. We need all the help we can get with only two weekends to go. If you can help in any way please phone me first. We'll be working Thursday evenings 7:00-9:30pm and the next two weekends.

Wanted: Paint (acrylic) for shields. Any leftover tins or test pots please.

Thank you

Paul Denford 04 589 1652, 027 246 3065

Harvest Fair

Rosters

We would like to know by Sunday at the latest if people have a special roster request for fair day. Marliesje and I will be completing the roster on Sunday so after this we don't want to be making changes.

Thanks, Tash

Preserves/Jams

If anyone has some preserves or jams, honey that they would like to donate for the produce stall we will start collecting these now. Fresh produce is always appreciated closer to the time. Drop them to the office please!

Raffles

We still need someone to help with raffles. Please contact Tash or Marliesje if you can assist in any way... you will get support from the core group.

Face Painting

If you enjoy face painting and would like to help out with it on Fair Day let the Fair Group or the Office know by this weekend as rosters are in the process of being finalised.

Lemons

Got lemons? Let's make lemonade!

We're collecting lemons for the lemonade stall at the fair. If you have a tree that is bearing fruit at the moment, we'd love it if you'd share them with us. Please drop off lemons with Maxine in the office. Thanks everyone!!

Class 5 Indian Feast



Interschool Triathlon Results



Last Wednesday Classes 6 and 7 attended the interschool triathlon. The event was a 5km cycle, 2.5km run and 200m swim.

It was a fantastic day and we would like to especially congratulate our top four place getters (listed below) and everyone else who took part.

Individual Boys Year 8

1st Mo Andrews

4th Ezra Gray

Individual Girls Year 8

4th Hagar Tabor



Mixed Team Year 8

3rd Kaya Rahman Taiepa, Jude Benbow Wood, Sophie Langlands

Team Boys Year 7

1st Karsten Hill, Rowan Ibell, Maanu Frost,

Mixed Team Year 7

1st Robin Pollard, Coe Rochford, Fern Krivan-Wall

Well done everyone and a big thank you to the event organisers, parents and teachers who helped make the day such a success!



From the Kapiti Waldorf Trust

Reflections on Te Rā's 21st Birthday

At the beginning of this year, on Sunday 29th January 2017, a diverse group of our school community responded to the invitation from the birthday core group (representing the Trust) and gathered to celebrate the coming of age of dear Te Rā. It was precious to see many ex-pupils and some of our pioneering parents and teachers mixed with the current committed parents, whānau and faculty members who will take Te Rā into the future.



It truly felt like an archetypal 21st where parents pass on the responsibility to this grown up adult. On a personal note, I wish to repeat what I said at this occasion: It was the most wonderful and at same time most challenging journey. We did it together!! Faculty members, parents, whānau and children, who showed up, just at the right moment! So many miracles!! I am so grateful to those pioneering parents who trusted us to be part of their children's learning journey when we had little to show at the time.

I am deeply confident in the current management and governance teams and all the teachers and staff who make the magic and wonder of Te Rā come alive with their daily commitment for the Te Rā children. My love and care for Te Rā will never subside but my sense of responsibility has confidently shifted. I appreciate the respect and

interest in the roots and history of Te Rā as an important aspect of identity. I hope that this creates a scaffolding of loving support for this grown up 21 year old but does not restrict the further free development as a unique Aotearoa New Zealand Waldorf School.

Good bye Jill!

We recently farewelled Jill Duncan as longstanding Kapiti Waldorf Trustee. In fact, she is deeply connected to the years that led to the foundation of Te Rā in 1996 - the years before the Trust's existence. Jill was instrumental in starting the first registered play group called Te Kowhai which started back in 1985. Her husband Bill designed and built the first Kindergarten building laying the foundation of Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten in 1993, in the back of our house in Pukerua Bay. Jill was the pioneering kindergarten teacher who opened those doors for the first children on the 19th April 1993. She served on the Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten Trust in those days. She was involved in the foundation of Te Rā as a pioneering parent, as Eurythmy pianist, and in many other areas, drawing on her wide spectrum of skills! She project managed the early years of development after the purchase of Poplar Ave in 1999, with Bill and his team constructing all the buildings of the early years, including designing the kindergarten in Raumati.

Ahh, dear Jill, those were the days!! I fondly remember working with you on these complex development questions, which had to happen with such speed. We purchased 3 acres at 89 Poplar Ave with one residential building (now the staff room, kitchen and handwork room) and lots of trees but nothing else! And within a year and a half of fast development, we had all seven classes on one site and shortly afterwards three kindergartens and an office!!

On behalf of the Kapiti Waldorf Trust, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for all that you and Bill have poured into the healthy development and growth of Te Rā and wish you the best for all the next endeavours and projects, and more time to enjoy your extended family around you.

Arohanui

Doris Zuur, Trustee of the Kapiti Waldorf Trust

Craft Group

Craft Group started again last week and will be on each Friday from 9:00am in the Handwork Room, specifically to make items for the fair. All welcome.

Help create our animal menagerie for the Fair!

Craft packs are now in the Te Rā office for the little stuffed felt animals to be made for the Fair craft tables. If you have the time for a simple project, please pop into the office and grab a pack - all materials supplied, you just need a needle and a little bit of time! All parents in the school and kindy groups can help with this, so thanks very much to everyone who takes a pack (or two!) - There is a form for you to leave your details. Please return completed projects (plus left-over materials) to Maxine in the office.

Thanks everyone! With love from the Craft Group

Doll Making / Craft Group

Doll making/Craft Group resuming at Lotti's. All welcome. 7:00pm Tuesdays. Ph Lotti 292 8726

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Friday Singing!

Come join our fun Friday choir after school. All abilities and ages welcome.

We sing a range of music from many different cultures, largely unaccompanied but sometimes with instrumental embellishment.

4.30pm until 6pm every Friday during term in the Te Rā Hall.

For more information contact Vanya on 02040939417

Hope to see you there!

Home Gardening Course with Rachel and Doris

Grow your own food! Join Rachel Pomeroy and Doris Zuur for another home gardening course in the Zuur's property in Paekakariki, learning about bio-dynamic and organic techniques how to grow your own food no matter how small your property. Friday evening 28th April 6.00 to Sunday 30th April 4.00. \$160 for tuition and all meals. This course is provided by Toru Education and there is a small scholarship available if finances are a barrier to attending. Contact Rachel or Doris for more information or to register: Rachel Pomeroy

(rachelpomeroy1@yahoo.co.nz, 021-1298806 or Doris Zuur doris.zuur@gmail.com, 027-2811570. Max number 16 participants.

In Home Childcare Available

In home childcare available starting next term. Tuesday and Wednesdays 9-3. Funding available. Call Mel 0273248352.

Astrology for Youths

Professional astrologer Graham Ibell is running on-going classes introducing 14-21 year olds to the fascinating world of astrology. Working with your own birth chart, we will be exploring the basic building blocks of a horoscope: the signs of the zodiac and elements, the planets, the houses and the aspects. You will come away with a deeper sense of yourself and your uniqueness, and possibly a new path towards meaning in what is often a confusing and alienating world. Wednesdays 4:15-5:30pm, Te Rā School. Attendance by koha, and new students welcome in the coming 2 or 3 weeks. Graham: 0204 1056664 or graham@grahamibell.co.nz"

Piano, Ukulele group, Recorder, Music Therapy

Music sessions available Monday and Weds before school, Weds after school. I am an experienced piano teacher, beginners to intermediate. I work at both Te Rā and Raphael House. Kate Sanders O'Connor MMusTher., BTheol., Registered Music Therapist, aok@paradise.net.nz, 0272642755

Private Violin Lessons

Mary Taylor, our school orchestra teacher, is also available for private lessons. Please phone her on 0274 334 880 if you would like to discuss options or make a booking.

1/2 Size Violin For Sale

Lovely instrument. \$200. Please call Mel 0273248352

Free to a Good Home

Two Bunnies, father and son. Hand reared, tame. Cage included Lynda 021 510 378

Unit to Rent

2 Bedroom, recently renovated. Kapiti Road Ph Lynda 021 510 378

Land Wanted

Do you have, or know anyone with bush or forest land that my gentle family of three could find refuge in? We are needing a quiet calm

sanctuary to settle in for this part of our life's journey. Please ring me to talk more. Thank you! Ph 020 4999 749.

Kapiti Coast United Football

Waikanae Football Club

Registrations close at the end of the week 3 March

facebook.com/waikanaeafc for registration link

wfa.jnr@gmail.com

Work Wanted

Hello I'm Jude, I'm looking at doing gardening, pet feeding, dog walking, firewood jobs, washing your guys cars for \$5. I can also deliver pamphlets, vacuum the inside of your car and sweep up leaves.

Email: timb@fcc.co.nz

Phone Number 027 458 7846

Location Raumati Beach

Yoga and Ayurveda Retreat

Fri 21—Sun 23 April 2017 Take time to deepen your yoga practice and indulge in ancient Ayurvedic self-care rituals. Strengthen and tone your body with dynamic Vinyasa Flow Yoga. Experience deep release with restorative Yin Yoga. Rest peacefully in guided relaxation. Enhance your prana with deep yogic breaths. Be still in serene meditation. The retreat is facilitated by certified Yoga teacher and Ayurveda consultant Anja Foley. Cost: early bird \$350 (until 24 March) and \$390 (after 24 March) incl six delicious vegetarian meals (organic where possible), four yoga classes, two nights shared accommodation, two talks, one evening of music, plenty of time to rest and relax. Location: Riverslea Retreat, 733 Otaki Gorge Rd Contact: Anja Foley on 021 023 50601 or anja@avida.co.nz

Car Seat Wanted

Does anyone have an old 5 point harness car seat they no longer need that we could take off your hands (and that hasn't expired)? If so please call Rebecca 0221 514198. Thanks so much!

Kapiti Learn to Swim

We are passionate and keen to teach your child the important lifesaving skill of 'learning to swim'. All levels catered for, from babies to adults. We have 22 years of experience, a warm non-chlorinated pool, exclusively swimming lessons, we offer weekly payment of fees. Many thousands of Kapiti Coast children are now strong efficient swimmers because of the tuition we have provided them with and we are now teaching the next generation. Give your child the gift of life.

For bookings and information visit our website
www.swimminglessons.co.nz, call 2972465 or email klts@xtra.co.nz

Kapiti Circus

Kapiti Circus has been on hold but now has a new tutor has moved into the area and they are going to restart classes at Nga Purapura in Otaki on Monday nights from 6 - 7:30pm. Starting Monday 6 March 2017. www.kapiticircus.co.nz is not functioning at the moment so please email / text / call if you have any questions.

Also check out our facebook & be our "friend" facebook kapiticircus.

Kind Regards & look forward to seeing you!

The Kapiti Circus Team

Transforming Cellular Memory™ with Don Hanson

Healing and Training Workshop

Kapiti Coast, March 31st to April 2nd 2017



About Don Hanson.

Don holds a masters degree in Transpersonal Psychology and is a licensed Interfaith Minister. He created Transforming Cellular Memory™ over 47 years of studying both psychological and spiritual disciplines. During this time he unlocked the fountain of light in his consciousness, opening up spiritual gifts and abilities which he uses to help others realize their full potential as beautiful precious human beings.

In Transforming Cellular Memory™ the body/mind goes through a process of deep purification and metamorphosis, by sitting in a transmission of divine light, awakening the sacred nature of who we truly are. In this process we learn to move beyond the limitations of fear and separation to live in alignment with the universal principles of love, gratitude and sweetness.

31st March 7pm - 10pm,
1st & 2nd April 10am - 6pm

Paekakariki Memorial Hall
98 The Parade, Paekakariki

\$500 NZD

Seperate introduction evening:
30th March - \$40
contact Julie for details

transformingcellularmemory.com
julieforsey@hotmail.com
04 565 3304



CELEBRATE NEIGHBOURS DAY! MARCH 25TH - 26TH

Do you have awesome neighbours? Would you like to get to know them better?
Getting to know the people who live around you is a sure way to find the great people
and assets in your community.

Invite your neighbours for an

OVER THE FENCE CUPPA

Plan a get-together with five or more of your neighbours and we will help you out with
ideas, support and a pack filled with lots of goodies to help create a fun event.

Register by 10 March at: www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/neighboursday
for more information email: neighboursday@kapiticoast.govt.nz



Kapiti Coast Council Parks Upgrade

KCDC are just about to start their community engagement regarding the planned playground upgrades for 2017-18. They want to hear from the community about what equipment they would like to be at the upgraded playgrounds.

There are a number of ways they will be engaging with the community:

- survey fliers which will be distributed widely to the community
- A playground tour where people can drop in and talk with us (free sausage included!):
 - **Tennis Court Road:** Monday 20 March, 10am and Thursday 23 March, 3.30pm
 - **Weka Park:** Wednesday 22 March, 10am and Friday 24 March, 3.30pm.

- **Marere Avenue:** Monday 20 March, 3.30pm and Thursday 23 March 10am
- **Hookway Grove:** Tuesday 21 March, 10am and Wednesday 22 March, 3.30pm
- An online survey on the Council website – links to each playground survey below
 - Tennis Court Road, Raumati South
 - Weka Park, Raumati Beach
 - Marere Avenue, Paraparaumu
 - Hookway Grove, Paraparaumu
- e-mailing officers at playgrounds@kapiticoast.govt.nz

The community engagement ends on 31 March 2017.

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, 27 March 2017

Information Evening

7:00pm Thursday, 30 March 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
www.tera.school.nz