



# Kia Manawanui

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

Last week our Class 5 braved the elements and took part in the annual "Tough Guy and Gal" challenge in Wainuiomata. This event is organized as a challenge rather than a race, i.e. it was not possible to determine eventual winners because groups started in "waves". In this way it truly is a *challenge* for each individual; the competition is with themselves, and their eventual triumph when they get to the finish line is not at the expense of someone else who got there later. This is a good opportunity to remind ourselves of our sport team ambitions. In March we called for a hui of all sport team coaches and managers, and one of the outcomes was this agreement:

### **Playing Sports for Te Rā Teams**

There was agreement that, at Te Rā, we would like to allow the children to participate in their respective sports for enjoyment, basic skill development and positive team experience.

With this in mind we hope that the winter sports season has got off to a positive start – there are certainly a lot of enthusiastic netballers and hockey players around – and that everyone enjoys themselves tremendously throughout.

Please remember that there is a Teacher Development Day next Tuesday, so there will be no school or kindergarten.

In the hope that the beautiful winter weather continues I wish you an enjoyable Queen's Birthday weekend.

Noho ora mai,

Andrea Sorger

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

## Diary of Dates

<p>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p><b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b></p> <p>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June</p> <p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b></p> <p>Wednesday 27 June Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</p>	<p>Class 1 Parent Evening 7:00pm Woodworking Workshop Commences 7:00 -9:00pm (each Thursday evening)</p> <p><b>Queen's Birthday Holiday</b> <b>Teacher Development Day</b> <b>(No School or Kindergarten)</b></p> <p>Class 4 overnight trip to Wellington Zoo</p> <p>Korimako Kindergarten Group Parent Evening 7:30pm</p> <p>Whitsun Festival 10:00am (school children only)</p> <p>Girls' Rippa Rugby Tournament. Classes 4/5/6/7</p> <p>Ethno Support Concert in Te Rā School Hall 7:00-9:00pm</p> <p>Information Afternoon 2:30pm</p> <p>Class 7 Visit to Raphael House</p> <p>Information Evening 7:00pm</p> <p>Boys' Rippa Rugby Tournament Classes 4/5/6/7</p> <p>Class 6 Parent Evening 7:00-8:30pm</p> <p>Paekakariki Kindergarten Groups Hōtoke (Winter) Festival. 5:30pm Start (at Paekakariki)</p> <p>Raumati Kindergarten Groups Matariki Festival. 5.30 Start (at Raumati South)</p> <p>Class 7 visit to Kapiti College 12:30-2:30pm</p> <p>Interschool Cross Country <b>Te Rā School Kapa Haka</b> <b>Fundraising Performance in Tennis Court Rd Hall from 6pm</b> <i>(PP Date Interschool Cross Country)</i></p> <p>School St John's Lantern Festival 6pm</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm</p> <p>Class 7 Raphael House Upper School Interviews (during day at Te Rā)</p> <p>Class 7 Raphael House Upper School Interviews (during day at Te Ra)</p> <p>Last Day Term 2 First Day Term 3</p>
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## From the Office

### **Soup Ordering**

*Soup will be available for the remainder of this term. You'll find the order form and payment details*

at: <https://goo.gl/forms/34lusrbr8K3fmDNi1>

Any queries or extra volunteers please call Anna on 022.431.2374

## Whitsun

### **WHITSUN FESTIVAL – In the beginning was the Word ...**

This coming Thursday, 8 June, the school will celebrate the festival of Whitsun, or Pentecost. For the morning assembly, our students will enter a school hall beautifully bedecked by white paper doves made by Class 1 and to the sounds of hand bells rung by Class 6.

As a Christian festival, Whitsun is the festival of the Holy Spirit, the divine force that became an inner flame, giving inspiration to the Apostles, so that they could carry the Christian message out into the world, each with their own understanding and beyond distinctions of race or culture. Twelve candles representing the twelve disciples are lit from one central candle by Class 6; this has traditionally be followed by beautiful eurhythmy by Elien, but as she is in China at the moment a group of children will perform a Whitsun dance (which they have been practicing, voluntarily and in their own time!).

Beyond acknowledging this Gospel event that tells of a spiritual awakening, our Whitsun also celebrates the Spirit of Community: that which enables human beings to meet, true to their own individuality while acknowledging and respecting the individuality of the other, and recognising what it is that binds us as humanity.

According to the Gospel, after the descent of the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire, the Disciples could speak in many languages. At our school, we celebrate our human differences and our universality by hearing the first lines of the Gospel of Saint John, "In the beginning was the word ..." spoken in many different languages – from Spanish to Samoan, from Russian to Japanese.

At a time when religious and ideological differences are so heightened and divisive, this presents us with a powerful image of communality that celebrates diversity.

To complete the awakening of the senses in the nicest way, the students will, on return to their classrooms, receive a small white meringue to eat.

It is tradition for our school that to wear white for this festival to echo the white dove which speaks of the purity of the spirit, and as a visual picture of each of us being part of the "one" humanity, but also

to create a very special mood in our hall. In this weather we realise that white is not such a practical colour – especially for those children who love to be very physical during the breaks, but perhaps they could bring a change of clothes. Class 6 and 7 have special roles during the assembly so it is particularly important for them to remember their 'whites'.

### **Kapa Haka Fundraising Event**

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Class 4, 5, 6 and 7 students will be doing their first **Kapa Haka performance** for the year! We are raising funds for new Kapa Haka costumes, poi, and anything else that will support the Te Ra Kapa Haka team. The performance will be followed by a sausage sizzle (vegetarians included), creating a celebratory community event.

☺ **Entry by koha.**

**Date and time:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 6:00pm

**Venue:** Tennis Court Road Hall

Hope to see you there!

Te Rā Kapa Haka Team

### **Weekly Class 7 Bake Sale**

Fund Raising Bake Sale from next Thursday at lunchtime, weekly until the end of the term. Class 7 thank you for your support.

### **From the Board of Trustees**

#### **Policy Review**

A reminder that policies are on the website for review. Currently the Special Character Contribution Policy is in draft on the website. The policy is updated to bring it into line with legislation. Please feel free to provide feedback to [office@tera.school.nz](mailto:office@tera.school.nz). A paper copy is also in a folder in the office.

## **Parent Survey 2017**

You are invited to give feedback here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q6G7XCS>, by hardcopy available from the office, on our website or Facebook page. For more information please read the newsletter insert / attachment.

## **Matariki Celebrations**

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Matariki time is nearing. The rise of Matariki (Pleiades) signals the Māori New Year (with the new moon 25 June 2017), a time to come together, remember those who have died, and celebrate new life. This is a community event. Last year we celebrated it by coming together around a fire at dawn in the weekend, sharing kai and stories, singing songs, and playing games. Who would like to help be on the creation team, give input into date, help set up/serve on the morning? It takes many minds, hands and hearts to create a community event. Text 027 7789432.

## **Parent Inspiration – Calling for Contributions**

Kia ora Hapori,

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> term we traditionally offer you a winter lecture series with pedagogical themes and hands-on experiences to feed your soul and warm your spirits in the cooler months.

At times these have been well received and attended and, like the ebb and flow of life, at other times not so much.

This got me reflecting, and as result we now invite you, as our engaged and warm community, to step forward and offer up your gifts to share with us all.

Who would be willing to share their knowledge, skills or passion with us?

We invite you join us in preparing *the best ever* Winter Lecture Parent Inspiration Education Workshop Series.

Please contact me about the finer details.

Kindly, Pavitra            021 2433365

## **Friday Morning Adult Craft Group**

Craft Group are meeting again every Friday morning after drop-off, in the handwork room. Everyone is welcome to join our friendly group - bring your crafting project or learn new skills. Some of us have been learning to knit, and this Friday we will have a workshop on making small fleece dolls (all materials supplied).

## Situation Vacant

Olivia's Ruru kindergarten group needs an assistant for four days per week, Monday to Thursday. If you are interested please pick up an application form from the office.

Applications close Friday, 2 June 2017, at 5pm

## Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

### **Class 5 Camp Fundraiser**

Class 5 are fundraising for their camp in July. We are selling supermarket bags of super dry fast lighting kindling and pine cones for \$5 a bag. They are for sale via the school office or txt Josie on 027 6177906. Look out for us on Saturday the 10th of June outside PaknSave selling sausage sizzles. There will also be a movie night on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> July, more details to come. Thanks for all your support.

### **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 reading from Rudolf Steiner. All over 18 years of age are welcome, in the Eurythmy Room at Raphael House on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### **Violin Required**

Do you have a 1/4 size violin you no longer need. We are looking to buy one for Lucy in good condition. Please txt Josie on 0276177906

### **Home for Rent**

Character Cottage with 2 bdrms, 2 sheds, carport, bath, open plan living in Renown Rd, just a few steps to Raumati South Village. Modernised with gas heat pump and hot water. Large garden, mature trees. 12 month lease available \$370 per week. Please phone or txt Beae on 027 363 6920.

### **Meditation Group**

Introduction to Meditation every Tuesday from 9<sup>th</sup> May (except the first Tuesday of the month) between 7:30 – 9:00 in Class 4. All are welcome. No previous experience is necessary.

## **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!

## **This War is Not Inevitable**

A play for two actors to be performed at Raphael House in Lower Hutt on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

No reservations necessary (Further information: phone 029 123 0717).

## **Free Firewood**

Come and help chop/saw/move some firewood & take a car or trailer load home. Lunch provided. Sat 23rd June. Call Teresa on 021 173 9671 to reserve a spot as numbers limited.



11 June - July 30, 2017  
National Treasure, Whakapapa Panikoti

You are warmly invited to the opening of National Treasure, Whakapapa Panikoti by Ron Te Kawa. Saturday 10 June from 4pm. All welcome, free entry.

Images: Ron Te Kawa, photograph by Stefan Simons.

**SATURDAY 10 JUNE**  
**10.30-11.30pm** *Timotimo*. Celebrate Matariki through traditional and modern storytelling at Mahara Gallery. All welcome, entry free.  
**1.30-3.30pm** *Lantern-making* with artist Yvonne de Mille at Mahara Gallery. Bookings recommended, contact the gallery for details.  
**4pm** *Matariki Dawn* opening with Michel Tuffery and Yvonne de Mille, & *National Treasure, Whakapapa Panikoti* by Ron Te Kawa. *Tū Meke kapa haka* performance. All welcome, entry free.

**FRIDAY 16 JUNE**  
**3.30-8pm** **MATARIKI IN MAHARA**  
**3.30pm** *Kapanui Kapahaka* in Mahara Place.  
**4-5.30pm** *Lantern-making* with Yvonne de Mille in Mahara Gallery.  
**5.30-6pm** *Matariki Lantern Parade* in Mahara Place.  
**6-7 pm** *Matariki* a story told through quilts and puppets by Ron Te Kawa in Mahara Gallery.  
**6-7 pm** *Queenie Rikihana-Hyland* storytelling in Waikanae Library.  
**7-8pm** *Wayne Mason* in Mahara Gallery.

**WEDNESDAY 14 & THURSDAY 15 JUNE**  
**3.30-5pm** *Lantern-making* with artist Yvonne de Mille at Mahara Gallery. Bookings recommended, contact the gallery for details.

**SATURDAY 17 JUNE**  
**11am** *Anna Bailey* puppet show *Nan and Tuna* in Mahara Gallery.  
**11am-3pm** *Star Weave Jam* with Tracey Morgan in Mahara Gallery.  
**12.30-3.30pm** *Live music* with Zeal in Mahara Gallery.

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**Mahara Gallery**  
Kāpiti Coast District Gallery

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Support Concert

for **ETHNO**  
NEW ZEALAND

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm

Come experience the flavour of Ethno with a support concert of traditional music from Japan, Chile, America, India, Aotearoa, Africa and Georgia among others! Join an open jam session after the concert - all ages, abilities and instruments welcome!

At Te Ra Waldorf School, 89 Poplar Ave, Raumati South, Kapiti Coast

## **Waldorf Education on the Kapiti Coast**

All prospective school and kindergarten parents  
are warmly invited to our

**Information Afternoon**

**2:30pm**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Information Evening**

**7:00pm**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

at Te Rā Waldorf School, 89 Poplar Ave, Raumati South

There will be plenty of opportunity for questions.

You can also contact the office for an information pack.

Office ph. 04 299-0812 or email [office@tera.school.nz](mailto:office@tera.school.nz)

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