



Kia Manawanui

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

Our recent Whitsun Festival was a wonderful event. Class 6 played the bells with great skill and accuracy, while Class 7 accompanied the little Class 1 children into the hall and helped them hang up their doves. A group of children then offered a Whitsun dance which they had practiced, *during their break times*. There was a long moment of profound silence (!) when the Class 7 lit 12 candles. These moments are so rare in this day and age that we all took notice. We are very proud of the older children who carried this festival with suitable composure, and of the younger children who participated with enthusiasm, and a wonderful sense of the occasion.

The Kindergarten Groups are looking forward to welcoming their whānau to the Winter Festival (Paekakariki) and Matariki Festival (Raumati). Hopefully the weather will make for a magical evening.

The school classes are busy preparing for the Kapa Haka fundraising event on the **23rd of June**, and the St John's Lantern Festival the following week. These two events will take the place of the termly "Sharing Assembly". The tamariki's progress with kapa haka this year has been phenomenal, and I hope many of you will be able to come to this event to support their efforts and enjoy the entertainment.

Congratulations to all the students of Classes 4, 5, 6 and 7 who took part in the respective girls' and boys' Rippa Rugby tournaments. Some children weren't so sure about taking part but gave it a go anyway, and ended up greatly enjoying themselves. The older boys' team played against much stronger opposition and acquitted themselves very well. Thank you to Aleka and Ardis, respectively, for organizing this and accompanying the children, and to all the parent helpers.

Noho ora mai,

Andrea Sorger

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

Diary of Dates

Thursday 15 th June	Class 6 Parent Evening 7:00-8:30pm
Friday 16 th June	Paekakariki Kindergarten Groups Hōtoke (Winter) Festival. 5:30pm Start (at Paekakariki)
Friday 16 th June	Raumati Kindergarten Groups Matariki Festival. 5.30 Start (at Raumati South)
Wed 21 st June	Class 7 visit to Kapiti College 12:30-2:30pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Interschool Cross Country Classes 4/5/6/7
Friday 23rd June	Te Rā School Kapa Haka Fundraising Performance in Tennis Court Rd Hall from 6pm <i>(PP Date Interschool Cross Country)</i>
Wednesday 27 June	School St John's Lantern Festival 6pm <i>(PP Date St John's Festival)</i>
Wednesday 28th June	
Thursday 29 th June	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday 29 th June	Class 5 Market Stall Fundraiser
Saturday 1 st July	Class 7 Raphael House Upper School Interviews (during day at Te Rā)
Tuesday 4 th July	Class 5 Movie Night Fundraiser
Thursday 6 th July	Class 7 Raphael House Upper School Interviews (during day at Te Ra)
Thursday 6 th July	No Soup Hot Lunch Today
Friday 7 th July	Last Day Term 2
Friday 7 th July	First Day Term 3
Monday 24 th July	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Monday 24 th July	Information Evening 7:00pm
Tuesday 25 th July	

From the Office

Hosts for Volunteers Needed

Our new volunteers will be arriving at the beginning of August. They are with us for 11 months, and ideally will be hosted by school / kindergarten families. We can offer \$170/week to cover expenses. Please let Nick know if you are interested.

Carpark Safety

We are still observing and assessing the safety of the school carpark. We are now encouraging the children to wait for pick-up at 3:00pm at the end of the carpark by the cabbage tree (by the bus carpark). Please remember to move forward to the end of the pick-up lane rather than stopping in front of the large wooden gates. If your

child/ren aren't ready, please do another circuit to allow the cars behind you to keep moving.

We are also actively discouraging conversations in the midst of the carpark area. You are welcome to do this inside the school grounds which is a much safer option. Young children also need to be fully supervised.

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.

From The Soup Group

Important Change to Friday Hot Lunch Service

The last hot lunch for the term will be on June 30

We are happy to refund or carry over to your order next term.

For the past few weeks we've been trialing a hearty minestrone soup alongside the ever popular pumpkin soup offering. The kids have absolutely loved it so it's probably going to be a keeper for the rest of term. If you have any soup requests, share them with us before next term!

Te Rā Sports

Te Rā Sports Management Group

We are looking for parents interested in developing Te Ra sports teams within in the Kapiti community. This group would be 3-4 parents in size, working in an ongoing committee type manner, to provide direction and governance for Te Ra external sports teams. Terms of reference are already drafted and would be reviewed at the first meeting - planned for last week in June once we know who wants to be involved. If you are interested please talk to Ryan McDonald (Caelie and Fergus' dad) or email rizzamac@hotmail.com.

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 (vegetarian included), creating a celebratory community event.

☺ **Entry by koha.**

Date and time: Friday 23rd June, 6:00pm

Venue: Tennis Court Road Hall

Hope to see you there!

Te Rā Kapa Haka Team

Reminder - Weekly Class 7 Bake Sale

Fund Raising Bake Sale each 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. 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.

From the Kapiti Waldorf Trust

Private Loan Replacement

We are seeking to replace a private loan of \$17,000 (or any other sum). This is a very attractive proposition: you are helping us out and at the same time receive regular interest payment slightly better than the market rate.

If you are interested please contact Andrea Sorger in the first instance. andrea@tera.school.nz

Special Character Donation Pledge

Thank you to those who are keeping up with their 2017 special character donation pledge.

Please remember, if your circumstances change and you need to amend your pledge as a consequence, you need to let us know. Conversely, we are grateful for any donations over and above your pledge, and especially if this was below the suggested benchmark.

From Class 5

Class 5 Movie Fundraiser

Class 5 are holding a movie fundraiser to raise funds for the quickly approaching Olympic camp.

"The Pecking Order" at Shoreline Cinema Waikanae on Thursday the 6th of July from 7.30, movie and nibbles \$20. To secure your booking and payment please contact Josie by text 0276177906 or email: josie_waiheke@hotmail.com - Thank You for supporting Class 5.

Class 5 Pinecone Fundraiser

Super dry pinecones and kindling available for purchase at the office. \$5 a bag. Thank You for supporting Class 5, raising funds for the Olympic Camp.

Class 5 - Clothing Request

Class 5 are holding a Market Stall on 1st July at Paekakariki Market. We are looking for donations of good quality clothing and books. Please leave at office for collection. Thank You for supporting Class 5, raising funds for the Olympic Camp.

From the Woodwork Room

Missing

One pair of heavy duty pruning loppers with long blue handles.
Please return to the school office or myself or let us know if you've seen them anywhere.

Thanks, Paul Denford

Parent Inspiration – Calling for Contributions

Kia ora Hapori,

In the 3rd 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

Community Friday Night Singers

Kia ora singers,

Thank you to those of you who joined us on Saturday night - you sounded great :-)

This Friday is Te Rawhiti's Matariki festival so our singing session will be a little different. We will meet in Class One instead of the hall. If you don't know where this is walk past the hall until you reach the grassy courtyard (also known as the pentagon). Follow the path around to your left and I'll try to make it obvious where it is. There will also be plenty of people to ask.

We will only sing until 5.30pm and will then need to turn our lights off pretty quickly and quietly leave. Those of you who would like to join the Matariki festival are welcome to and we might even sing a song or two around the fire...

Looking forward to singing together again!

All the best,

Vanya

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).

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 6th July, more details to come. Thanks for all your support.

The Jazz Shed

Music classes for Saxophone, Clarinet, Guitar, Piano, Percussion. All levels of experience. Daytime and evening classes available, home lessons optional.

Contact Fernando and Luciana on;

020 4093 9383, email nosbemoles@gmail.com

Also offering music for Concerts, Parties, Special Functions

www.fernanmusico.blogspot.com youtube: FernanMusic Jazz Shed

Meditation Group

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

1-day mid-winter mindfulness and movement retreat

Saturday 24 June, 10am - 4.30pm, Paekakariki.

Replenish your energy and vitality, and give your mind a rest from overthinking. In this silent retreat, mindfulness and Feldenkrais-based movement work complement each other to promote balance, vitality and wellbeing.

Cost: \$100 (includes teas, coffee and snacks.) Please bring food to share for lunch.

For more information:

<http://www.theartofmindfulness.co.nz/retreats/> or contact

Rachel on 021473012.

Concert ^{Show} Music ^{Demonstration}

Saturday 8th of July *Tennis Court Road Hall* at 4:00 to 7:00 pm

"Entrance by Donation"



The ^{New} Generations ^{of} music

Music students from Fernando Figueroa will be performing a small demonstration.

"The Friday Singers" (directed by Vanya Howell-kress)

"New Modern Ensemble" (directed by Fernando Figueroa)

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Class 1 Whitsun Doves



Class 1 Flame Paintings

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

July 24th 2017

Information Evening 7:00pm

July 25th 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.

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