



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,

Class 5 returned last Friday from a very successful Olympic campaign – three of their champions won their respective competitions! Tino pai, tamariki, congratulations, and we look forward to hearing more about your adventures in the next newsletter.

The Olympic camp was held in Rotorua again this year, and our Class 5 shared a bus with the Raphael House Class 5. This makes sense on many levels, and we are grateful for a grant for \$2,522 we received from the Pelorus Trust for the bus and the camp expenses.

We have also recently received the following grants:

- \$1000 from the NZCT (New Zealand Community Trust) for netball
- \$3934 from First Sovereign for Kapa haka uniforms
- \$718 from Infinity Foundation for hockey gear

We welcomed Finn Mars into the Ruru group this week. Tessa Bauer-Savage joined Class 1, while Julia Bauer-Savage joined Class 3 just in time to have a part in their upcoming class play.

We farewelled Rio and Charlea Salisbury-Metcalf (Class 5 and 3) who relocated to the Hutt Valley.

As the light returns and the sun greets us earlier each morning spirits often lift a bit as well, especially after a few slightly disagreeable winter weeks. It is getting easier to get up in the mornings, too. I would like to encourage everyone to make sure the tamariki arrive in good time to begin the day with their respective classes. In that way disruptions are avoided, and punctuality becomes a habit which, in a sense, is one aspect of a respectful and ultimately successful disposition to school and its community.

Noho ora mai,

Andrea Sorger

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

Diary of Dates

Thursday 10 th August	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
Friday 11 th August	Junior Interschool Winter Tournament Classes 4 and 5
Thursday 17 th August	Senior Interschool Winter Tournament Classes 6 and 7
Thursday 17 th August	Winter Talk in Te Rā School Hall 7:30pm Dr Rangimarie Rose Pere (folded note koha entry)
Monday 21 st August	<i>(PP Date Senior Interschool Winter Tournament)</i>
Friday 25 th August	Class 7 Fundraising Dinner and Open Item Night – St Peters Hall Paekakariki 7:00 -9:30pm
Monday 28 th August	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 29 th August	Information Evening 7:00pm
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th August	Te Wiki O Te Mahi Tahi (School)
Friday 8 th September	Onesie Day – Wgtn Free Ambulance Fundraiser (Gold Coin)
Thursday 14 th September	Sharing Assembly, 9:15am
Thursday 14 th September	Class 6 Overnight Tramp tbc
Thursday 21 st September	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
Friday 29 th September	Games Day (School)
Friday 29 th September	Last Day Term 3

Administration Review

A number of people have been asking of late what has been happening with the financial administrator role. The Board determined in April, along with the Kapiti Waldorf Trust, to undertake a full administrative review. This included a review of what types of administrative tasks and processes each of the incumbents were carrying out for the playgroup, kindergarten, school and Kapiti Waldorf Trust, and what gaps existed in processes and procedures. This was a direct effort to determine if in fact the resourcing in the office was sufficient for the future of Te Rā School as a whole.

The review has been carried out by Shelley Wrigley (Board parent representative) and Sylvia Madden (Kapiti Waldorf Trust representative).

The report is in its final stages of being drafted with a substantial number of recommendations sourced from those interviewed. One of the key recommendations to adequately and effectively resource the office administration space, ready for the demands of current and

future change, has been brought forward for implementation. The Board has approved recruitment of two financially focused part-time roles. One is an Executive Officer role and another is a Financial Administrator role. Generic summaries of the roles and the job descriptions are available on our website.

We are very aware of the impact this has had on the school community as a whole, and would like to whole-heartedly thank Maxine, Nick and Andrea for all their hard work. We would also like to thank other staff who made time to be interviewed.

The review team hope to make the full public version of the report available by the end of August.

Wednesday Hot Lunches

The Wednesday Hot Lunch Team would dearly love an extra helper or two. Please contact the office if you have any chance to join them. A fun time is guaranteed!

Sports Coordination

Last term we asked if there were any parents wanting to be involved in a centralised sport co-ordination/management group. There was little to no interest in this concept so we will need to go back to each sport being carried by a set of parent volunteers and coaches.

Please note Touch now needs a representative to be the contact for Kapiti Junior Touch. If that is you please feel free to contact them directly and work through what is required to register teams etc. Their AGM is on 13th August and it would be great to have some Te Rā representation there. Shelly will be happy to pass on information gathered over the years they ran the teams.

Craft Group

Dolls Head Making

9am Craft Room, Fridays
All Welcome.

Te Rā at the Eco Art Exhibition

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Kapiti Marine Reserve, Classes 4 and 7 created remarkable collaborative art pieces for an art exhibition, which took place during the recent holidays at Mahara Gallery and Paraparaumu Library,

The Class 4 piece was inspired by our regular walks along the beach

to QE II Park. The children created sand mandalas using shells, driftwood and seaweed collected from the beach. Lauren kindly helped by taking a picture of each child's mandala. They then wrote a haiku to accompany their picture, and these were tied onto pieces of driftwood to make a large hanging mobile.

Class 7 students began their creation with a walk on Waikanae beach to collect driftwood, and then drew inspiration for the wood itself to create sea creatures and birds. These were displayed in an authentic setting of sand, shells and kowhaiwhai patterns, the effect being the wonders of the Kapiti Marine Reserve visible to all!



Class 4 Teacher Paul Fletcher with the mobile his class created for the Kapiti Marine Reserve



Class 7's Exhibition

Matariki Dawn Celebration

We had a simple, beautiful and co-created Matariki Celebration on Saturday, 29 July. The weather had been quite cold and unpredictable. Class 6 with Mark, Ardis and Ropata helped prepare the vegetables for some soup made from the pumpkins grown in our own Te Ra's gardens and make the fire. Ropata and Class 5 set up benches around the fire on the Friday. Janieke and Shelly made the soup and provided lights for the hall. Sue brought in some beautiful origami lotus candle lanterns she had made to provide a centrepiece

in the hall, and with Ropata, Shelley, Ardis, Kate, Shelly and Mike's help, set up the hall to create a warm, reflective, and peaceful space.

About 30 families met at 6:30am, before the dawn, and gathered in the hall by candlelight. Koro Don, our dear Kaumatua, opened with a karakia and spoke, and Ropata, our Te Reo me ona Tikanga Maori Kaiako spoke, too. Waiata were shared. We acknowledged those who had passed away and opened the floor. In the dim light of the hall special moments were shared. The people gathered there told their stories, shared memories of loved ones and sung songs. We then went to the top field and lit the fire. We blessed our food and shared kai together to make us noa once more. Some class seven children sung their Matariki chant around the fire, children played, some people cooked potatoes on the fire, others chatted, and some played music and sung. The sun shone and the fire warmed our bodies. The fine company warmed our souls. We closed the kaupapa for the morning with a chant written by Koka Rose Pere, and led by Ron Ngata, 'AIO'. Thank you to everyone who made this such a special, rich and deep shared experience of Matariki, our Māori New Year turning point. A time to reflect on the past and also to look forward to the future. We hope next year you will be able to join us again for this celebration of whanaungatanga and togetherness.

Ma te wheturangi o Matariki

e tiaki mai, e manaaki mai i a koe

i a koutou ranei, mo te tau e taka mai ana.

May the gentle light of Matariki guide and inspire you all this year.

Arohanui me whakamaanawa kia koe - Ropata, Olivia and Shelly.

Situations Vacant

Executive Officer

- **Varied and interesting role**
- **Executive Officer role with a strategic finance focus**

We are looking for a 0.65 FTE Executive Officer to lead our office staff and oversee the financial direction of the school and kindergarten. The person we are looking for must be able and willing to be fully involved with our school's administration and lead numerous improvement projects over the next few years.

Experience in leading a small, collaborative office team while juggling numerous priorities and tasks is essential for this role, as is having sound accounting

experience and a future-focused attitude.

Applications close 5pm Monday, 21 August 2017. Interviews will take place week beginning 28 August 2017.

For the job description and application details please phone (+64)4 299 0813, or e-mail andrea@tera.school.nz.

Financial Administrator

We are looking for a part-time Financial Administrator to carry out standard financial administration and payroll tasks.

Experience with variable accounting systems and small teams is essential to this role. While any previous experience in the education sector would be viewed favourably a can-do attitude is a must.

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COMMUNITY DINNER & OPEN STAGE ALL AGES FRIENDLY FUNDRAISER FOR CLASS7 TE RA SCHOOL CAMP

COME ALONG SHARE SOME KAI
BRING A SONG, POEM, PERFORMANCE ETC
OR JUST LISTEN

FRI 25 AUGUST ST PETERS HALL, PAKAKARIKI 7-930 PM
TICKETS \$12 ADULT \$5 CHILD
AVAILABLE AT TE RA OFFICE AND RG ORGANICS PAKAKARIKI
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JENNY 021 2959355



We warmly welcome

Dr Rangimarie Rose Pere

Te Ra Winter Lecture Series

Nurturing our Total Wellbeing: A Māori Educational Perspective

Te Ra School warmly invites whanau and friends to an evening with **Dr Rangimarie Rose Pere** who will talk about **Te Wheke** and **Ako**, the traditional modes Māori learning.

Thursday 17 August

7:30pm

**Te Ra School Hall
Folded Koha Entry**



In 1972 Koka Rose Pere was awarded 'Young Māori Woman of the Year', Awarded New Zealand Commemoration Medal in 1990 and became a commander of the British Empire, (CBE) receiving her CBE in 1996.

In her roles as an educationalist which spans over 40 years of experience, as well as a spiritual healer, a philanthropist, Rose is highly recognized nationally and internationally. Rose is the author of both **Te Wheke** and **Ako**.

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Kāpiti Youth Orchestra is excited to present for you our annual feature concert

STIRRED not SHAKEN...

Sunday 13th August 3pm, Southwards Theatre

Concert tickets:

Adult \$15, Child \$5 (under 14yrs), Family \$35 (2 adults, 2 kids), Infants under 5yrs free.

By email: kapitiyouthorchestra@gmail.com Door sales also available.

Pre-sales: RG's Organics & More, 12 Beach Rd, Paekakariki. Lush Gallery, 18 Raumati Rd, Raumati Beach. Family Music Store, Shop 1, 3 Amohia St, Paraparaumu. Waikanae New World, 5 Parata St, Waikanae.

Fundraiser

Hello friends, I am organizing a movie fundraiser for a wonderful organization very dear to my heart.

If you are interested in coming along you can buy tickets online or please contact me for further information. Warmly, Lauren Fletcher
02102268075 laurenmcmahon@hotmail.com

ALAMANDRIA MOVIE FUNDRAISER - 'An Inconvenient Sequel'

3.30PM – SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2017

PENTHOUSE CINEMA, WELLINGTON

Tickets are \$25.00 each and include entry to the movie, a goodie bag and a raffle ticket.

The raffle ticket puts you in a draw to win one of these great prizes:

- a box of Ceres Organics products
- a carton of Almighty organic juices
- a jar of Pouatu manuka honey
- a \$200 voucher toward an Alamandria mindfulness or meditation retreat!

Your money will be going directly into supporting our Alamandria Community Vision program – The Art of Self-Discovery for Prison Inmates: Walking the Path of Mindful Change – about to be underway at the special treatment unit Te Whare Manaakitanga at Rimutaka Prison. Purchase your ticket here:

<http://alamandria.co.nz/fundraiser/>

For Sale

1/2 size violin in case \$200

Contact Kate on 021 134 3221

Home-Based Carer Wanted

Looking for a home-based carer for my 17 month old son. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 7.30am-4.30pm. Preferably in the Raumati area. Starting as soon as possible. Please get in touch if you are interested or know of anyone. Many thanks, Larah van der Meer
0273247874

Need help? I am Available

- I would be very willing to **babysit**
- I can do **dog walking** as well
- I am really good at **organising, sorting** and **tidying**
- I can help around the house with **cleaning** and **helping prepare food**
- I can do **gardening**, such as **weeding** and **planting**
- I can **wash cars**, as well as **vacuuming** and **cleaning**

Hi, my name is Sorchia Ruth and I am fundraising for a German exchange. I go to Raphael House Rudolph Steiner School and am almost 16. I am available after school and at the weekends.
Contact Sorchia Ruth – 020 41 000 756 or (04) 905 7224

Pre-Loved Kids Clothing

Paraparaumu Beach School, 15th August 2:30 - 8pm.
Preschool sizes to early teens. Prices from \$1 - \$5

Cosy, Intimate, Modern, Warm Bedsit in Glen Road

\$185/W Plus Expenses. *Ph: 0275 687 262.*

The place is insulated, comes with a heat pump and is modern, cosy (small), light and warm. It will be available from 11 August.

I am looking for a special person (woman) as we will be living in close proximity of each other and sharing spaces like garden etc. Needs to be dog friendly as I have a Labrador Retriever X.

I also believe in living 'in community' so it is not a typical landlord/tenant relationship. Only long term tenant considered.

It has a cook top but no oven. It comes with a microwave and a shared washing machine.

The additional costs are \$35/week to cover electricity, internet, water and rubbish removal.

References are essential. A bond of two weeks and one week rent in advance is required.

About me: I work from home, and am a psychotherapist and artist.

For Rent

47 Tennis Court Road, Raumati South

A beautiful cottage!

1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, open plan kitchen and living room with an

enclosed deck plus a separate studio. Two off street carparks. Terraced gardens out the back with established fruit trees. 3 minute walk to the beach and Tennis Court Road playground plus only 5 minute walk to Raumati Cafes and Dairy.

\$350 per week. Ready to be moved in from the 18th August. No smokers and minimum of 1 year stay.

Contact Luciana on: 020 40939383 txt or call

Email: cien.coconut@gmail.com

Flyer containing photographs of the property is on the school noticeboard.

Feel Brave Series of Books - Little stories about big feelings

Beautifully illustrated picture books designed to help children explore emotional intelligence, positive psychology and some of the real-life issues which they might face in an engaging, creative and non-threatening way.

The five **Feel Brave** books (for 4-7 year olds) help children deal with: confidence issues; change, loss and grief; managing anxiety and fears; and bullying. Colourful, lovable characters help children learn to cope with these issues and feel brave. www.feelbrave.com Contact Åsa 029 1288112 or asa@feelbrave.com

Information Afternoon 2:30pm

August 28th 2017

Information Evening 7:00pm

August 29th 2017

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

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