



# Kia Manawanui

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**Te Rā Waldorf School, Te Rawhiti Kindergarten, Nursery and Playgroups**

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

Last week we welcomed our colleagues from the NanShan Waldorf School in Beijing with a mihi whakatau. They supported their speaker with a song that has been sung for 1,800 years. And then presented the school with the gift of calligraphy prints that go back 1,400 years. For the tamariki it is hard to fathom these immense periods of time, and even for adults it is difficult. Still, everyone was able to deeply appreciate how the ancient taonga were brought to life for us by the wonderful teachers. We are all enjoying their presence in the classes in school and kindergarten.

This week we welcomed Charlotte McKenzie and her whānau to Class 3. Nau mai, haere mai!

The presentations on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July about the impact of emergent technologies on our children were well attended. We will definitely continue this conversation. There is a thought to form a working group of teachers and parents which could contribute to raising awareness of the current issues and facilitate ongoing whānau support and education. We will keep you updated on the progress with this.

School-wide the focus this term is to let go of old habits. The children heard the analogy of how, with the thaw of spring, the icy ruts that we have had to travel in during snowy winter (it could also be a mud track analogy, in these milder regions) melt away to leave us free to explore new paths. The aim is to rest some of the social and cooperative dynamics, in class and in the playground, and already there have been some positive shifts.

Our thoughts are today with the whānau of Marlies Peake, a graduate of our Class 7 2014, who passed over yesterday after a courageous, long battle with cancer. Kia kaha, Cindy and Darren, Tim and Alethea, and God bless.

The family's Give A Little page is still open, and most certainly our support will be ongoing.  
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/marliess-courageous-cancer-struggle>

Ngā mihi maioha nā,

Andrea Sorger

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – School Closed**

You should have received by now notification by the Te Rā School Board of Trustees that school will be closed on 15th August. The letter of notification is included at the end of this newsletter.

This affects Classes 1 to 7. Kindergarten and Playgroups are operating as normal.

Please ensure you have made arrangements for the care of your child at home or elsewhere.

For those parents who are unable to arrange childcare for the day, the school is able (with a very small skeleton of staff) to offer supervision at school for the day. The school is technically closed, so the following arrangements and guidelines are in place.

- Please contact the school office to advise you will need support on the day, *ahead of time*.
- The arrangement is for a full school day only as we are not in a position to track comings and goings safely.
- There will be a roll call against this list of pre-notified names.
- Standard health and safety and emergency procedures will be in place.
- The staff supervising will be arranging what activities will occur on the day, depending on ages of children registered.
- All activities will occur on the school grounds.
- There will be no hot lunches on the day and so children need to bring normal lunch.

## **Playgroup Building as a Waiting Space**

Earlier this year we carried out a parent survey around a number of playgroup, nursery and kindergarten questions. A number of comments indicated a real need for an available safe space for parents and small children to wait in where there are variable afternoon pick up times.

The ECE review group has determined that the playgroup room is an ideal spot for this, and will therefore be offered as a place for parents to gather, chat and generally have a safe, gentle and (in winter) warm space to wait in. We will trial this for the remainder of term 3 and see how it goes.

We ask that the room and garden are very much cared for during the times they are used, as our playgroup coordinators work very hard to make the space welcoming, clean and tidy every morning.

We ask that the following guidelines are observed:

- Available from around 1:45pm until 3pm.
- Please have the space packed up by 3pm - our standard cleaner comes through after school.
- Only children up to and including Class 1 please - the intent is to provide a safe space for the smaller tamariki, and the older children's play is not always suited to the space.
- If there is a wish to also have teas, coffee, milk etc. available, we are suggesting a small parent-led group hold this and fund it out of gold coin donations. The Playgroup Facilitators can make a space for storage, and the urn and fridge space etc. are available for use.
- This is available from Monday 13th August, and there will be a comms book in the room to leave any notes for the next day's facilitator if need be.
- As noted earlier - please respect the space and tidy and clean up before leaving. The energy of the room is a real key element of the playgroup experience, and we hope to be able to keep that gentle feel in place.

Any questions, please either check in with one of the facilitators... or leave a note in the comms book.

ECE Review Group

## Payments

Thank you very much for your response to the statements the finance team recently sent out regarding all manner of payments made to the School, Kindergarten, and Kapiti Waldorf Trust. Your generous donations ensure our ability to provide a high quality Waldorf education on the Kapiti Coast.

A gentle reminder: Please ensure all payments are paid into the correct account and are referenced appropriately. Only special character contributions and Wednesday hot lunch payments, should be paid into the Kapiti Waldorf Trust bank account. Playgroup contributions are paid into the kindergarten account. All other payments, for things such as school and kindy disbursements, camp/trip payments, sports or music are paid into the schools bank account. Please also reference you child's name and the payments purpose: eg cello hire.

Kapiti Waldorf Trust account: 03-0732-0293275-001

Te Rawhiti Kindergarten account: 03-0732-0443501-000

Te Rā Waldorf School account: 03-0732-0443499-000

Please note, at fair time, some online payments are paid to the fundraising account for the purposes of paying for silent auction purchases.

Fundraising account: 03-0732-0293275-002

Rick Zwart

## Representative Hockey

Congratulations to three of our hockey players from Class 7 who have recently been selected to represent the Wellington and Horowhenua Regions.

Mya Elias-Tito has been named in the Wellington Premier U13 Girls Team, who will play in the National Collier Tournament in North Harbour, 8-13<sup>th</sup> October.

Karsten Hill has been named in the Wellington Premier U13 Boys Team and will play in the Hatch Cup in Nelson, 8-13<sup>th</sup> October.

Andraeus van Schooten has been named in the Horowhenua U13 Boys Team who will play in the Curtis Cup in Stratford, 8-13<sup>th</sup> October.

Well done and all the best for your busy representative season ahead!!



## **Te Rawhiti Kindergarten – Teacher Aide Required**

### ***Part time, fixed term***

A Teacher Aide position is available in our Paekakariki Kindergarten, to work with a child with diverse needs.

The Paekakariki Kindergarten is an outdoor kindergarten where you will be working alongside a very experienced Kindergarten Teacher and assistant. The applicant should have the ability to work with young children with diverse needs and an interest in Waldorf Early Childhood Education. Te Reo Māori (fluency would be ideal) and applied cultural competency are highly desirable.

Qualifications are not required for this position, but a passion for working with and supporting the young child is. Previous working experience in this field is preferred. The job is 7 hours per week until the end of Term 3, at which point the position will be reviewed, with a high likelihood of continuation.

Please send your CV and a cover letter to the office by 16 August 2018.

## **Tiny Shed Building – Next Stage**

Tool time @ Te Rā again.

SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> August 9 am on.

Next stage of the shed build behind woodwork room; all welcome.

Come and learn or share your building skills.

Great coffee

Contact John Wraight 0274412103 for more information

# Parenting Support

A talk by Mary Willow

(Plum Parenting Mentor and Educator)

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH TRANSITIONS

Mary presents the 'big picture' of child development. Whether you're relaxed and having a ball, or frazzled and out of your depth, come along to gain insights into the transitions in childhood. As your child grows and changes, you need to change how you approach parenting too.

This talk is suitable for parents of children of all ages.

**September 6th, 2018**

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. In the hall  
Entrance by koha (donation)

A talk by Edith van der Meer

(Coordinator of the NEW ZEALAND STEINER TEACHER DIPLOMA (EC))

## Nurturing and Protecting Childhood with 'Simplicity Parenting'

Edith provides practical parenting advice for you to simplify life and support your child's growing identity, well-being and resilience.

This talk is based on the work of Kim John Payne "Simplicity Parenting" - Using the extraordinary power of less to raise calmer, happier and more secure children.

It is suitable for parents of children of all ages.

**September 17th, 2018**

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. In the hall  
Entrance by koha (donation)



## World Music Concert – Ethno New Zealand is Back!!



**Support Concert  
For Ethno NZ**

Saturday 18th of Aug. at 7pm

Te Ra Waldorf School Hall, Raumati South  
Koha at the door

All proceeds for scholarship fund to support  
young kiwi musicians

Countries represented will include: New Zealand,  
The USA, Sweden, Chile, Zimbabwe, Ireland, and more!



At 7pm on the 18th August at Te Rā Hall.

Come enjoy an evening of music taking you to many different cultures from around the world. Music from Africa, the Americas, Chile, Ireland and many more.

Hope to see you there!

*Vanya*

### Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

#### **Large Cast Iron Frying Pan Wanted for Kindergarten**

Has anyone got one that they don't use and could lend or give to the children for their outdoor fire?

If so, please contact Lotti at our Paekakariki Kindergarten. This would be so appreciated.

## **For Sale**

3 bdrm, 1 bathroom house in Raumati South - open plan  
kitchen/dining/living - single garage

For details and photos see Trade Me

<https://www.trademe.co.nz/property/residential-property-for-sale/auction-1719671125.htm>

## **Full Sized Violin Wanted**

Good quality full-sized violin wanted for ex-Te Rā student Kahu Moffat. If you have one for sale please email

[Pania.shingleton@gmail.com](mailto:Pania.shingleton@gmail.com)

## **Ashtanga Yoga Kapiti**

Hello Te Ra community, My name is Bonnie, I am mother of Nova in kindy, Aniwaniwa in class 2 and Matariki in class 4.

I am a practitioner and teacher of traditional Mysore style Ashtanga Yoga. My teachers are Prem and Radha Carlisi who I've worked closely with long term, in their Mysore shala, in Ubud, Bali. I was also substitute teacher at AYBRC in January and I have their permission to teach this method.

Ashtanga yoga is different to other modern/fusion styles of yoga. It is dynamic & meditative & designed as a daily practice. The practice is accessible to anyone, ultimately it's a breathing practice & is very effective at cultivating focus, balance between flexibility & strength (body & mind) and general vibrant well-being.

Practicing a set sequence of asana, in self practice style puts you in charge of your own yoga routine. You can then practice at home following the prescribed method. Having autonomy to look inside and do your inner work, rather than being outwardly focused on a teacher is very powerful.

I am based in the Maungakotukutuku Valley & although it's 20 minutes from school it is well worth the drive to practice in the most beautiful setting/hall here in nature. I am open to teaching closer to school too if required. If you are interested in the ashtanga yoga method or would like more information, please do contact me.

Monday morning self- practice - 9.30am - 11.30am.

Friday morning workshop - 9.30am - 11am.

Full Mysore Program available if there is demand - Weekdays  
9.30am - 11.30am.

Beginners welcome. Bookings required for all classes/workshops.

Call or email to book 04 2991046

[ashtangayogawa@gmail.com](mailto:ashtangayogawa@gmail.com)

<https://www.bonniecooper.yoga/>

Bonnie Cooper Yoga & Wellness Centre (facebook)

## **Kapiti Horticultural Society (aka Kapiti Garden Club)**

Any keen gardeners amongst you that would like to tap into a wealth of experience? Our members include people of all ages, some of whom have been gardening for years and only too happy to pass on their knowledge.

The Club meets on the first Friday of every month at 7pm at the Community Hall, Ocean Road, Paraparaumu Beach. We usually have business and gardening tips to start the evening. A speaker with expertise in a specific subject is invited for the second part. Last month this was Paulina Mudgway from Otaki Hydroponics. We also get people who have travelled to interesting gardens or places of natural beauty to share their experiences with us.

We welcome new members and are happy to have you visit to see if this is for you.

For any further information, contact Rhonda Edwards, Secretary – ph 905-6859, or Marilyn Morrin, Committee Member - ph 299-0121.

## **Bio-Dynamic Home-Gardening Course**

Another bio-dynamic home-gardening course in Paekakariki with Rachel Pomeroy, in the home garden of Bob and Doris Zuur, on the weekend of the 22/23 September. The fee of \$140 includes all tuition and wholesome home-cooked seasonal meals. Please contact me if the fee prevents you from coming.

See <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grow-your-own-food-tickets-45454946970>

For all the details. Doris Zuur, [doris.zuur@gmail.com](mailto:doris.zuur@gmail.com), 027-2811570

## **Stronger Families Tour 2018**

Yvonne Godfrey, a well-known speaker on parenting, family and relationships in general will be at Otaki College on 29 August and at Paraparaumu College on 30 August. Entry is free but you need to book online. <http://strongerfamilies.co.nz>

(These talks do not necessarily reflect Te Rā's kaupapa)

## **English lessons in Kapiti and Horowhenua for adult migrants and refugees**

**2 hour classes, Individual** tuition by trained volunteers for **1-2 hours** per week

These services are open to **permanent residents and holders of work visas**. They are FREE.

Contact David at English Language Partners Horowhenua Kapiti Inc. Ph (06) 368 6062 from Horowhenua and Otaki

Ph 0800 639 5494 from Kapiti

Upstairs NZ Post Building, corner Queen and Oxford Sts, Levin

[www.englishlanguage.org.nz](http://www.englishlanguage.org.nz)

## **Car for Sale**

Hyundai Trajet People Mover/Camper Van 2001, \$1500.

This a past volunteers vehicle. Has a new WOF and reg. Please contact the school office.

## **Introducing the Kapiti Kidz Vocal Group**

Do you have a child interested in singing but maybe scared of singing solo, or maybe one-on-one lessons aren't in your budget? Songs are funky, fun & modern and we will teach vocal technique and theory as we learn the songs. Age appropriate lyrics and messaging is a must for us too. For ages 7+ \$10 per session. Contact Kapiti Vocal Studio on 021 2079333 or gingasinger@gmail.com. For more info see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KapitiVocalStudio/>. Places are limited.

## **Zoo Day Out on Wednesday**

Stuck for ideas to keep the kids entertained next Wednesday?

We've set up a special Zoo Day Out to help look after your little monkeys on the day of the teacher strike next week (Wed 15 Aug).

Zoo Day Out, based on our long-established holiday programme format, is a day that allows your child to become a wildlife adventurer; they'll spend the day exploring the Zoo and learning all about the different animals in the world and what they can do to help them.

Places are strictly limited so book in now to avoid disappointment.

Age: The Zoo Day Out Programme is for children aged 5 - 12

Time: Drop off between 8.30 and 9am; pick up between 3.30 and 4.30pm.

Where: Zoo Holiday Programme pick up and drop off is at Wellington Zoo's Archibald Centre, just up from the Zoo entrance

Cost: \$69 per child.

# **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 warmly invited to our

**Information Afternoon  
2:30pm**

***Monday 13 August, 2018***

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)  
[www.tera.school.nz](http://www.tera.school.nz)

## Diary of Dates

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>School Teachers Strike Action</b>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Tiny Shed Building – From 9:00am
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	World Music Concert - Ethno New Zealand. 7pm in the Te Rā Hall
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Class 5 trip to Wellington. To see the Treaty of Waitangi and the Alexander Turnbull Library before going to Te Papa to see the Egyptian artifacts.
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug-24 <sup>th</sup> August	Bring a can of food to school to help fill the Salvation Army Foodbank.
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Mid Term Break–No School or Kindy (Teacher Development Day)</b>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Community Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> September	Te Wiki O Te Mahi Tahi Week
Tuesday 4 September	Otaki Kapiti Schools Mountain Biking Event
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Child Development talk by Mary Willow. Supporting your Child through Transitions. 7:00pm-9:00pm in Hall (koha entry)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Onsie Day - Wellington Free Ambulance Fundraiser (gold coin)
Wednesday 12 September	Senior Winter Tournament-Classes 6&7
<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>PP Date - Senior Winter Tournament</i>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Parenting Support talk by Edith van der Meer. Nurturing and Protecting Childhood with 'Simplicity Parenting' 7:00pm-9:00pm in Hall (koha entry)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Kapiti Music Centre Orchestra visit to Te Rā 11:15am
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Last Day Term 3</b>