



Kia Manawanui

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

This month, *Here-turi-kōkā* (*The scorching effect of fire is seen on the knees of man*), is often quite challenging as nature begins to give us outward signs of spring yet the cold and wet continue still, day after day. There is a slightly unsettled mood brought on by a sense of transformations, shifts and changes. The Perseid meteor showers add their own ingredients, and the lines from Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" describe this mood very well:

The upper air burst into life!
And a hundred fire-flags sheen,
To and fro they were hurried about!
And to and fro, and in and out,
The wan stars danced between
And the coming wind did roar more loud,
And the sails did sigh like sedge;
And the rain poured down from one black cloud;
The Moon was at its edge

The upcoming "Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahī" in the school fits very well into this time of transformation as it facilitates the temporary dissolving of class groups and -routines, and a sustained tuakana-teina experience which seems to be having such positive effects for our tamariki through the rest of the year as well. We are always especially grateful to our non-teaching colleagues and to the parents or community experts who come in to offer workshops. The workshop booking sheets went out this week – please ensure your child or children complete these and return them by tomorrow (Friday, 24 August). Please note that some of the workshops will require equipment and/or specific clothing, and/or consent forms. The information will come home once the workshops have been allocated.

Lotti's Paekakariki kindergarten group welcomed River Adams and his whānau; young Cohen van der Merve has joined the Ruru group in Raumati South. Nau mai, haere mai ki a koutou.

At the end of last week we farewelled Caelie McDonald who has rejoined her old class at Raphael House. Haere ra, Caelie, noho ora mai.

We also said "goodbye" to the group of Waldorf teachers from China who had been with us for two and a half weeks. They were wonderful guests to have at our kura, and brought many gifts and treasures to young and old alike. We hope that they can return next year.

Finally, there has been a spectacular spate of absences due to winter illness – on Monday a good quarter of the students were away. Please keep your children at home if they are unwell. If you suspect your child/ren have had the flu, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the symptoms have gone. In the case of vomiting we expect children to stay away from school for at least 48hrs after they last vomited.

Ngā mihi maioha nā,

Andrea Sorger
Tumuaki / Principal

Working Bee – Saturday 1st September

On, Rain or Shine

Please come along to our working bee on Saturday, 1st September. There will be two sessions, at 9:00am-1:00pm and 12noon-4:00pm. The grounds need a good spring cleaning and there is work to be done in the carpark. If you have an idea for a project along these lines please let Nick know before the day so that he can discuss logistics. Come for the whole day or do a half day. Lunch will be provided. Children are welcome to come along but parents/caregivers need to supervise them onsite. If you bring any tools please ensure these are clearly named.

Kids Artwork Fundraiser

All children in the school have been now been given an order form for our annual Kids Artworks fundraiser. We have decided to do it in Term 3 this year to allow families enough time to send the items overseas in time for Christmas.

Each child will be completing one piece of artwork at school. Parents have the option of making the Artwork into a calendar, cards, diaries, mouse mats as per the options on the order form. They make great gifts for Christmas and also raise money for the school. Please return all completed order forms and ensure full payment is made by **Friday the 14th September**. Our preferred method of payment for orders is via online banking, as detailed on the order form. Payments also be made by cash or eftpos at the office, however this is our least preferred option. Repeat orders can be arranged, please discuss with the office as needed.



kids art works

Turning your Child's Picture into unique products!

Calendars
High quality laminated A4 print of your Child's Artwork. Wire bound to a 12 month tear-off calendar. Includes public holidays & school terms.

Cards
Display your Child's Artwork on a pack of 8 cards. Artist's name and age are printed on the reverse. Includes envelopes.

Diaries
Hard cover print of your Child's Artwork. A5 size (148 x 210mm). Wire bound. Artist's name and age printed on the inside cover. Includes week view and year planner.

Mouse Mats
Your Child's Artwork, heated on to a high quality neoprene mouse mat.

Sketch Pads
Front cover features your Child's Artwork. Wire bound with 50 x A5 sized pages of blank art paper. Protected with plastic covers front and back.

Bring a Can to School this Week

Please support the Salvation Army Foodbank Appeal by dropping a can of food into the school office today or tomorrow. All donations gratefully received!



Influenza information from Regional Public



Information for parents and local school community

Influenza outbreaks in schools in the greater Wellington region

Several schools and early child education centres in the Wellington region currently have an influenza outbreak.

The main symptoms of influenza are fever, cough and sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea in younger children. These symptoms usually last 3-4 days but can be up to 7 days.

The following information will help reduce the spread of influenza and assist your school:

1. Advise a member of staff if your child has an illness as described above.
2. Check that your school has your correct and up-to-date contact details in case they need to contact you.
3. Keep sick children at home until feeling well and free from symptoms (usually 3-4 days but up to 7 days). Sick staff and students should not be at social or sporting events, school productions or camps. This is so they can rest and recover and don't spread illness to others.
4. It is important to use tissues to cover coughs and sneezes and to be very good about washing and drying hands thoroughly. An [influenza brochure](http://www.rph.org.nz/influenza) accessible at www.rph.org.nz/influenza has some good tips for looking after people with influenza and stopping it spreading to other people at home.
5. If anyone in your family has influenza we ask that they don't visit hospitals or community care homes or see people who may be at high risk of serious illness, such as pregnant women, young babies, or anyone who has cancer, lung, and heart or kidney conditions.



If you are worried about your child's symptoms or they have long-term health problems (e.g. asthma, diabetes, kidney, heart or immunity problems), then you should phone their usual doctor or Healthline 0800 611 116 for further advice. Otherwise they should recover at home and see their GP only if the illness gets worse or is not improving.

Nga mihi nui

Dr Annette Nesdale, Medical Officer of Health
Regional Public Health

Dunedin - Vacancy

Primary Teacher – part time - Handwork

We seek a registered teacher to teach handwork to years 2- 8 for eight hours a week with the possibility of additional teaching hours in the school. The ideal applicant will have skills in handwork/textiles and have an interest in and a willingness to follow the Steiner curriculum.

Start date – ideally by start of Term 4 2018.

Applications close 9 am, Monday 10 September 2018.

An application form and job description is available by request on our website www.dunedinsteiner.nz or from office@dunedinsteiner.nz Telephone: 03 471 2163

Father's Day – Free Bowling



Alumni

From the Kapiti College Newsletter



Te Rā ex-pupils: 2nd from left - Willow Whitfield, 3rd from right - Niamh Cliffe-Maguire & 2nd from right Eddie Kemp.

The Kāpiti College Concert Orchestra recently performed at St Andrew's on the Terrace as part of their first tour for this year. It was great to see three of our ex-pupils on the stage! All the best for your future tours!

Hockey News



Callum being presented with the MVP Award



Tawera with the team trophy

Well done to Callum Olsen and Tawera Elias-Tito (Class 7 2013), both ex Te Rā students who are in Class 12 at Raphael House. They recently represented Capital at the National U18 Boys Hockey Tournament in Dunedin. Their team won the National title, with Callum being awarded two trophies, one for being named as the overall tournament MVP and the other for top goal scorer. Congratulations to you both and all the best to Callum for his upcoming NZU18 programme.

Touch Rugby News



Julia with the ball in hand!

Julia Law, ex Te Rā student (Class 7 2012) in action against South Africa for the NZ U20s Women's Touch Rugby team at the 2018 Youth World Cup Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. Won 9-4. Julia was top try scorer for the NZ team and they placed 2nd in the final against Australia. Well done, Julia!!!

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Tennis

Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Club is having a Have a Go Day on Saturday 8th September. 1-4pm.

Garage Sale

Help us rehome some treasures!

Toys, books, clothes, fabric and other bits and bobs.

This Saturday, 25th of August. 24 Menin Rd, opposite Matthew's Park. 7am start.

Housesitter Available

Experienced housesitter available in your area for Term 4 (2018) and Term 1 (2019), or any part of that time period.

I'm teaching part-time so will be available to care for pets and I love gardening. If you know of anyone who needs their house and property cared for please phone Mary 0277721020

Dancing Tara in New Zealand with Adrienne LaBry Smith

Embodying the qualities of enlightened mind through sacred dance with Tara Dhatu teacher Adrienne LaBry Smith.

September 14 -16th at Tennis Court Road Hall. Fri 7-10pm, Sat/Sun 9:30pm-5:30pm. Cost \$200 for whole weekend (\$185 earlybird by 25 Aug). Fri night only \$25. Please contact the organisers if you are unable to attend through financial hardship. For registrations and info: clarewoodham@gmail.com or +64275492222

2018 National Sport Stacking Championships

The 2018 National Sport Stacking Championships (cup stacking) are being held at Cullinane College Gymnasium, 15 Peat Street, Whanganui, on Saturday 22 September 2018. The tournament is for all ages from 3-60+, for Novice and Experienced stackers.

Registrations and all details of the Championships are on the Speed Stacks (NZ) website Tournaments page:

www.speedstacks.co.nz/pages/whanganui Early registrations end Friday 07 September. Entries close Friday 14 September."

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, 027-2811570

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.

Diary of Dates

Monday 27th August

Saturday 1st September

3rd-7th September

Tuesday 4 September

Thursday 6th September

Friday 7th September

Wednesday 12 September

Friday 14th September

Friday 14th September

Monday 17th September

Monday 17th September

Tuesday 18th September

Thursday 20th September

Saturday 22nd September

Monday 24th September

Friday 28th September

Friday 28th September

Monday 15th October

Monday 22nd October

Friday 2nd November

Saturday 3rd November

Mid Term Break–No School or Kindy (Teacher Development Day)

Community Working Bee

9:00am-4:00pm (2 sessions)

Te Wiki O Te Mahi Tahī Week

Otaki Kapiti Schools Mountain Biking Event

Child Development talk by Mary Willow. Supporting your Child through Transitions.

7:00pm-9:00pm in Hall (koha entry)

Onsie Day - Wellington Free

Ambulance Fundraiser (gold coin)

Senior Winter Tournament-Classes 6&7

Last day to place an order for Kids Artwork fundraiser

PP Date - Senior Winter Tournament

Information Afternoon 2:30pm

Parenting Support talk by Edith van der Meer. Nurturing and Protecting Childhood with 'Simplicity Parenting' 7:00pm-9:00pm in Hall (koha entry)

Sharing Assembly 11:15am

All Welcome

BoT Meeting 7:00pm

Te Rawhiti - Paekakariki Kindy

Working Bee, 9:00am-1:00pm

Kapiti Music Centre Orchestra visit to Te Rā 11:15am

School Games Day

Last Day Term 3

First Day Term 4

Labour Day Holiday

1pm Finish (to prepare for Open Day)

Open Day

**Next Information Afternoon, 2:30pm, Monday 17 September
at Te Rā Waldorf School, 89 Poplar Avenue, Raumati South**