



Kia Manawanui

Pānui #18 / 15th November 2018

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

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

It seems as if we can finally be confident that spring has arrived in all its glory – and with appropriate temperatures! The school and kindergarten grounds are a riot of colour and scent – stop by to have a walk around if you haven't been in for a while. The lifting of spirits is tangible, even as the school teachers are heading into their busiest weeks of the year with camps, class plays and reports.

This week we were treated to two fantastic, accomplished class plays by Class 4 and 5, respectively. The amount of thought, care and effort that goes into these plays is really evident in the quality of the costumes and props, and of course in the children's performances. They tell these stories so very well; they have clearly worked hard to learn their own lines (sometimes a lot of these!), to respond to others' cues and to also master the movements on- and off-stage. They have had to overcome their shyness and the "nerves" that seemingly everyone, young and old, suffers from ahead of a public performance – ka mau te wehi!

I always particularly enjoy seeing the cohesion and camaraderie that a play creates in a class group. Through the whole process the tamariki experience what it means to be able to rely on others, and to be reliable. While differences of opinion and even conflict may and will continue to be present in the class (as they are in every community), these shared experiences of collective hard work and overcoming a challenge do, over time, build strong foundations of mutual respect and appreciation; from there it is not such a big step up to restoring relationships when things go wobbly.

On Monday we were privileged to welcome our new colleague, Rhonda Huntley. Rhonda has taken up the role of Executive Officer and will, over time, connect with all of you in some way. Nau mai, haere mai, Rhonda.

We also welcomed Gabriel Richardson and Isla McKenzie, who have both joined our Kakariki kindergarten group in Paekakariki.

Many of you won't know that Lotti Henehan has been developing her Kakariki group as an outdoor kindergarten this year. The location is quite perfect for this, and it has been exciting to see this become established over time.

Valera Bonyushkin has joined Class 6 – welcome, welcome to our new whānau.

We have contracted out an "Enrolment Management Improvement Project" to Ahly Titchener. Ahly will inquire into the current process across the early childhood and school. She may be seeking input from parents at all levels, and we would be grateful if you could contribute when the opportunity arises.

The children and Kaiako are working very hard on the kapa haka this term. The intensity always increases as the kapa haka festival nears, and the tamariki are stepping up in an admirable fashion. You will be able to support them by coming to the dress-rehearsal / fundraiser on 30 November. For more details see below.

Finally, a reminder that tomorrow, Friday 16 November, it is the Wellington region's turn to go on strike as part of the "Kua tae te wā" campaign. This means that the **school** will be closed for the day. The kindergarten and office will be open as usual.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Andrea Sorger
Tumuaki / Principal

From the Board of Trustees

To our School Staff, we would like to thank you all for your dedication and passion.

As Board of Trustees we support striking school staff as you stand against the slow erosion of the standards and resources needed to provide good education for our children.

We support you as you stand for the supply and training of future teachers, maintaining appropriate children to teacher ratios and recognition of the importance of Learning Support Co-ordinators within schools.

These are things that are significant to all of us and as such supporting you all as you take this stand is critical. We are supportive of what is happening and want to commend you for taking this action.

Grant Carpenter (Chairperson) on behalf of the Board of Trustees

From the Office

Free

Large Class 7 Piano. Excess to requirements. Please contact the office.

Hair Dryers Wanted

If you have a spare hairdryer in good working order we would love to have a few more for use in our Art Classes. Any donations can be dropped into the office.

Pledges due back by 16th November

Tēnā koutou,

A gentle reminder to please return your 2019 Special Character Pledge and Disbursements forms to the school office by the end of this week – 16th November.

For any assistance, please contact Tonia Goodwin-Fox on 299-0812 or email: terafinance@tera.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui,

The Finance Team

The Board of Trustees Needs Your Help

Do you have financial capability, expertise or just like working with finance? Ever thought about using that knowledge to support the school? If you answered yes, then the Board of Trustees needs you. With several Trusts, the School and the Kindy to administer we need your support overseeing the finances.

Please contact our Chairperson Grant Carpenter via e-mail at gigcarpenter@gmail.com if you would like to discuss this further. We look forward to hearing from you.

From the Kapiti Waldorf Trust

Special Character Pledge 2018

Like last year, David and I, on behalf of the Kapiti Waldorf Trust are engaging with parents who appear to be behind in their payments in comparison to their pledge (promise). Last year, it was a simple task and many parents' responses were as simple as 'Oh, thank you for the reminder and what is the Trust's bank account again?' If that is you, here it goes: Kapiti Waldorf Trust: 03-0732-0293275-001. If you are unsure about how much you have pledged and how much

you have already paid, you could e-mail Tonia in the office on terafinance@gmail.com. You will get statements e-mailed soon.

If you have received an e-mail from us, please respond and engage with us.

Warm regards from David Simpson and Doris Zuur (makapiti@hotmail.com, doris.zuur@gmail.com)



Te Rā Toymakers

We're in business again. The workshop will be open Thursday evenings 7-9pm for anyone interested in making toys or small craft work for the Christmas Market. Skilled or keen to learn –all welcome. Contact Paul Denford 027 246 3065.

New Name for School Shop Competition

New Name for the School Shop

The school shop has been called Holistic Haven for many years. We feel it's time for a new name so we are having a competition and welcome your suggestion/s. The winner can choose two pencils as their prize. If you would like to join in please fill out the name suggestion slips in the office and place your entry in the box! Competition closes Friday 23rd November.

Craft Group

Craft Group is on each Monday from 9:00am in the Playgroup Building. All welcome.

Kapa Haka Dress Rehearsal and Fundraiser – Fri 30th Nov

Kia ora Te Rā Whānau,

On Friday 30th November at 6pm, we would like to invite you and your whānau to join us at the Raumati South Hall in Tennis Court Road for a kapa haka dress rehearsal and fundraiser. It will be the final opportunity for the children to refine their skills before the cultural festival, held the following week on Friday 7th December, and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their skill and dedication. We will send more details closer to the event.

Please enjoy the photos below of our wonderful students that were taken at last year's festival.



Carving Project Storytelling Afternoon– 18th November

“Stories of Te Rā become a Carving Project”

You are warmly invited to a gathering of Te Rā friends. The date for this very special event now Sunday the 18th November, 2:00-5:00pm.



Aren't we lucky to receive Chris' offer!

Inspired by the Maori carving workshops led by master carver Chris Gerretzen (left) over the last two years, the time has come to express something of the essential being of Te Rā in some carved wooden features around the school.



Some of the Te Rā carvers

To that end, the Te Rā carvers wish to hear stories of Te Rā as expressed in the land and people, the beginnings of the school and community, and its educational task as a Waldorf school.

We envisage a gathering of friends – storytellers from amongst the pioneers (including ex-students!), and listeners who can contribute ideas, designs and carving skills.

This will be a creative moment, which will focus energy into a project taking place in various workshops at school over the next year or two.

All welcome!!

Paul Denford – pvdanford@gmail.com, 027-246-3065

Doris Zuur - doris.zuur@gmail.com, 027-281-1570



Half the class 1 room coming down the driveway!

Snapshots from the Te Rā Photo Album



Our late pioneer Maori teacher Frances McLeod ("Auntie Frances") blessing Poplar Ave, with our pioneering first class .

Advent Wreath and Craft Day – on Saturday 1st Dec

Saturday, December 1st, 10:00 – 1:00pm

Our wreath making day is happening again this year in the school hall. Please bring along any decorations and any special foliage you have to decorate your wreath. We will supply flax for tying the wreath together, some Manuka and other foliage. Please bring along other decorations, we will have ribbon available. Candles will be for sale on the day, so please bring along cash if you would like to purchase them. If you are able to help with the organising, please contact the school office.

See you there!

Teaching Jobs at Te Rā and Te Rawhiti

CLASS 1 (Y2) 2019 TEACHER

Permanent, full-time

We are looking for a sound classroom practitioner who can care for our enthusiastic 6-year-olds from a solid foundation of Waldorf teaching experience. You will be delivering a developmentally aligned, rich curriculum based in the visual, social and practical arts and facilitate a successful grounding in good habits and routines for our tamariki as they embark on their exciting school journey. An understanding of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi is essential, as is NZ teacher registration (or the proven ability to become a NZ registered teacher).

Applications close Friday, 16 November 2018.

For an application pack please phone (0064) 04 299 0812, or e-mail office@tera.school.nz

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Permanent, full-time

We are looking for an experienced kindergarten teacher with Waldorf training and/or experience and a NZ early learning qualification for our Kereru group in 2019 and beyond.

The children are aged from 3 to 6 years. Our spacious gardens and custom-built buildings are a joy to work in. There are three groups onsite, and teachers are supported by assistants.

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Alumni Doing Great Things



Congratulations to Kahuroa Brown, Class 7 2013, who was the recipient of the 2018 Hato Paora Dux award last weekend.

Kahuroa was also the co-captain (with his cousin) of the Hato Paora 1XV. 2018 was the school's most successful season in a long time.

Well done Kahu, and all the best for your studies at Otago University next year!!!

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Certified Organic Jersey raw milk on your doorstep

We have some herd shares available to be taken up in your area so that you can receive your own milk. We have a small herd in the Manawatu which is mostly A2 Jerseys and have been running for 18 years around the Wellington area. We have farm days where you can meet us and your cows. If you may be interested please text us on 021481665 or email dekmatt@outlook.com thanks Alt Energy Farm.

Granny Flat for Rent in Paraparaumu Beach

1 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom, 1 Living Room

1 Kitchen, shared garden & garage & off street parking.

We are a family with a self contained granny flat to rent. It is a sunny and warm space, looking out into a large garden. We are a lively young family with 2 boys under 4 and are professional musicians and often work from home so you would need to enjoy

hearing live music. The large garden is ideal for bbq's and social gatherings and offers children a wonderful play area. We have a cat and chickens and we would be open to pets if they are compatible with ours.

Rent per week \$280 excluding power and internet. Available from 1st January 2019.

Close proximity to several schools and play centers, dairy & cafe, beach and Waikanae estuary, bus stop within 1 minute walk.

This might suit a single person, a couple or parent(s) with child. For further information and to come have a look contact Luciana on: 020 40939383 or email: cien.coconut@gmail.com

Spacious, Modern 3 Bedroom Home For Rent Feb 2019-Jan 2020

Amazing flow from large indoor living areas onto decks and balcony. Big section with vege garden. Warm with wood burner and double glazing. Bedrooms recently carpeted. 2 lounges, 3 toilets, 2 showers and separate bath. Garage, carport and off-street parking. Rental includes 2 lovely cats.

76 Renown Rd, Raumati South. Call Asa 029 1288112

For Sale

Honda Odyssey 3000 V6 Prestige. Automatic. 7 seats. 155000 k. Current W.O.F. and rego. \$3000 Great family car. Call Asa 029 1288112

Christmas Ornament/Decoration Swap

Susan van de Vorstenbosch invites all crafters, or non-crafters wanting to have a go, to her Christmas Ornament Swap.

Here's the details:

Participants will be put into groups of five people who you will **"swap"** ornaments with. You make five handmade ornaments that you've put some time and love into. You swap four and keep one for your tree. Please let me know if you would like to join in by **30th November**. You need to post or give your swap ornament around **7th December**. I will send the postage details of the others in your group to you. Please email susandevorstenbosch@gmail.com your name, address and email address if you are keen or have any questions.

Available Feb 2019 Call Asa 029 1288112

House for Sale

Ply interior near new compact 4 bed house for sale 54a Renown Road. See Trade Me

ad <https://touch.trademe.co.nz/property/listing/view/1822912663>

For Sale

Car - 2006 Suzuki Aerio, 1800cc, 4-door sedan, automatic, white, 75000km, \$7,300ono. Ph 021 2234993

Car - 2011 Mazda CX-7 2.3L turbo 4WD, \$16,800 ono, 116,000km, NZ new, tiptronic, leather seats, heated front seats, bluetooth, BOSE stereo, roof racks, tow bar. Ph 021 2234993

Help a Child in Foster Care have a Happy Christmas

Foster Hope is collecting new, unwrapped gifts for children aged 1-18 years. They would like all donations by 10 December. If you would like to donate please check their website for further information regarding their Christmas Gift Drive, and drop off locations. www.fosterhope.org.nz

Aupair Wanted

We are a family of 5 from Hamburg, Germany and are looking for you, an English-speaking Aupair, who supports us in our everyday family life.

We wish a nice and open living together with you. Usually our day starts with a common breakfast and ends with a dinner together.

There is a lot to do for the children and the household.

Our three children, Rosa 4years, Carla 6years and Pascal 12years, all go to various Waldorf establishments in their own district.

If you come to us, you can expect:

- a private room
- a German language course
- a health insurance
- organic nutrition
- a monthly ticket for public transport from Hamburg
- 200 € pocket money per month

If you are curious or have questions, feel free to contact us, then we can send you further information. Contact: mmumot@web.de

(Miriam)

Greetings from Hamburg, send you
Miriam and Rene Mumot

Diary of Dates

Thursday 15 th November	Combined Kindergarten Groups Parent Evening - School Hall 7:00pm
Friday 16 th November	School Closed – Teachers’ Strike
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd Nov.	Class 5 Olympic Camp – Rotorua
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd Nov.	Class 7 Camp
Tuesday 20 th November	Class One Parent Evening 7:15 pm
Friday 30 th November	Kapa Haka Fundraising Evening at Tennis Court Road Hall 6:00-9:00pm
Saturday 1 st December	Advent Wreath Making in the Hall 10:00am – 1:00pm
Monday 3 rd December	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Friday 7 th December	Takiri te Ata Kapa Haka Festival at Kapiti College
Monday 10 th December	Raumati Kindergarten Groups Advent Festival from 10am
Thursday 13 th December	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Market 2:30-4:30pm at Te Rā
Tuesday 18 th December	Last Day of Term 4 for Kindergartens
Tuesday 18 th December	Classroom Moving Day & Class 7 Farewell
Tuesday 18 th December	Shepherds’ Play for the Community, 7pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Last Day for School 1:00pm Finish
<i>Saturday 6th April 2019</i>	<i>Harvest Fair Setup Day</i>
<i>Sunday 7th April 2019</i>	<i>Harvest Fair</i>

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 Tuesday, 5 February – Friday, 12 April

Wednesday, 6 February Waitangi Day
Monday, 8 April Teacher Development Day

Term 2 Monday, 29 April – Friday 5 July

Monday, 3 June Queen’s Birthday
Tuesday, 4 June Teacher Development Day
Date tba St John’s Lantern Festival / Winter
Festival (kindergarten)

Term 3 Monday, 22 July – Friday, 27 September

Monday, 26 August Mid-term break (TDD)

Term 4 Monday, 14 October – Wednesday, 18 December

Monday, 28 October Labour Day
Saturday, 2 November Open Day

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 Afternoon
2:30pm**

Monday 3rd December

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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