



Kia Manawanui

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

This will be the last newsletter for 2018. Already! It has been another busy, successful and also challenging year. As they say, though, growth only happens at the edge, so challenge is good and necessary.

Throughout the last two months or so the kindergarten teachers and Shelley Wrigley (on behalf of the Kapiti Waldorf Trust which holds the kindergarten licenses) have worked very hard to prepare for last week's ERO review of both kindergartens (Raumati South and Paekakariki). The review went very well – it was great to experience the “new” ERO process which is collaborative and supportive. We will have an unconfirmed report before too long, and will then be able to respond before this is finalized. In the meantime, well-done and congratulations to our hard-working, dedicated kindergarten team!

Last Friday's Takiri o te Ata Kapa Haka Festival was a wonderful event, and our tamariki did exceptionally well. Kapa haka at Te Rā is not really optional or auditioned – it is intended that all the children in Classes 4-7 take part and practices are timetabled during school hours. This makes it a rich tuakana-teina experience where the older students can support and lead the younger ones, and some of the senior students can model what it is like to step up to individual roles within the group.

We are deeply grateful for the dedicated work and patience of their Kaiako which allowed the tamariki to stand and perform with confidence and competence. Koro Don and Rongo Ngāta blessed us with their wisdom and deep knowledge of all elements of kapa haka. Aleka Beaumont, Paul Fletcher, David Nicoll, Elien Hoffmans, Nicki Young and all the other teachers supported the mahi all through the year, and it was very wonderful to have the help of parents on the day, from 7:15 in the morning – thank you! A huge Thank You also to everyone who came to the Kapa Haka Fundraising Event on 30 November. It was so important for the tamariki and Kaiako to see you there and experience your lovely support!

We still have to look forward to the Class 7 play this Friday (Thursday evening for the community), the Christmas Market this Friday, the Class 7 graduation next Tuesday and the Shepherds' Play next Wednesday (Tuesday evening for the community).

We will formally farewell Ardis O'Connor next Wednesday. Ardis returned to Te Rā in 2017 to take on the then-Class 6, and he did very well to guide them almost to the end of term 3 of their Class 7 year. As with his previous classes, Ardis gave his full dedication to this class, providing a very human educational experience that was rich in story and aimed to encourage the children to take on their journey towards becoming independent, critical thinkers.

Ardis is off to other adventures (at least for now), and we wish him all the best.

On behalf of the Te Rā and Te Rawhiti staff I wish you a peaceful Christmas and restful time "between the years". Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te tau hou ki a koutou katoa.

Noho ora mai rā, nā

Andrea Sorger

Tumuaki / Principal

General End-of-Term-and-Year Notices

- The kindergartens have their last day next Tuesday.
- Please come and help with the classroom clean and shift on Tuesday, in the school – we still need many more volunteers. Your child/ren's teacher/s will have sent out the request for help and all the information you need. If not, please ask them about it.
- School will finish **next Wednesday at 1pm.**
- For term 1 2019 we will slightly change our "SunSmart" policy and ask that children wear **wide-brimmed** hats. Caps will no longer be acceptable (visors never were). We will have some bucket hats available for purchase at the office in the first week of term 1.

Te Rā Christmas Market – This Friday 14th Dec 2:30-5:00pm

We have a BEAUTIFUL hand-made, hand-carved, home-grown, home-baked market in stall for you...

Come along for:

- Kimono clothing
- Pottery
- Garden tea - horse manure/seaweed
- Beeswax food covers
- Gingerbread packages
- Macrame and crystal jewellery
- Face masks
- Hand-crafted flutes
- Books
- Craft/stationery items
- Hand-made felt and wooden toys
- Seedlings
- Bath bombs
- Natural creams
- Tie dye t-shirts
- Fresh flowers
- Bake stall, BBQ
- Kombucha
- Fresh bread
- Christmas fairy den and grotto
- Face painting
- Music
- Kapa Haka raffle will be drawn at 4.30pm... and more.



There will be a 2nd hand book stall, help yourself for a koha.

GIFTING TREE - If anyone would like to donate a gift to a family in need, please leave a gift at the Christmas Tree and we will wrap them and donate them to Kapiti Women's Centre Refuge.

PARKING - Please walk if you can. Limited parking available, please park on Matai Road or follow the signs to the field across the road.

All welcome.

Tikky & Tash

From the Office

School Library Books - Reminder

Please return all school library books before the end of term.

Free

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

Lost/ Found Property

We have a large amount of clothing and other items that have been collected or handed in over the term. Please take the time to check our school lost property as all unclaimed items will be donated to charity after the 19th of December.

Enrolment Officer Vacancy at Te Rā

The Enrolment Officer is the first contact parents have with the school and provides efficient and informative administrative management of the enrolment function and holds initial responsibility for conveying Te Rā's Special Character.

This role then follows through on from the enrolment process to offer support and manage parent questions and queries around processes, where to find information and generally forms the conduit between parents and the various policy, process and people in place to solve issues.

This role will manage Expressions of Interest, Wait Lists, Enrolments and facilitate the transitions between Te Rā Play Group, Te Rawhiti and the School, as well as provide a smooth exit from the school at whatever level that occurs.

The Enrolment Officer is to coordinate and provide valuable feedback between the parents, the teaching staff, the administrative staff, and the College of Teachers.

Hours of work will be 8-12 hours per week and a variable work pattern may be required from time to time as agreed.

For a position description and an application form please email executiveofficer@tera.school.nz. Applications close 5pm on 11th of January.

Class 4 Trip to Kāpiti Island



Class 4 recently had a superb trip to Kāpiti Island!! They all made the climb to the top where they appreciated their physical endurance and the amazing vista. In addition to the trip they crafted clay models and did paintings of the Island.

Class 6 Play

Class 6 recently performed their play called 'Jackie's adventures in the Middle Ages' to the school and community. The students jointly wrote the play themselves which was a wonderful achievement!



Shepherds' Play for the Community

Te Rā Waldorf School Staff Present the

Shepherds Play

Community Performance

7.00pm Tuesday 18th December

Te Rā School Hall

All Welcome!!



Reading over the Holidays

It's that time again where I put in a plug for 'Reading over the holidays'

'Summer Learning loss' is a well-documented and researched area in educational circles the result of a time when children are away from formal instructional programmes and not reading at home. The children most affected by this are beginning readers, reluctant readers and those learners for whom the acquisition of reading skills takes more time and effort.

By contrast for those learners who are independent and enthusiastic readers and also those who have encouragement to read at home and have access to sufficient suitable reading materials, the summer break with more time for reading can mean slight gains in reading skills.

Over the course of a long hot busy day what better than to enjoy some down time with a good story!

Thereza Scott

Summer Holiday Project Available



Our lovely letter box has been claimed by a starling family (who needs KiwiBuild and mortgages when you can have this architectural marvel for free!). Unfortunately this leaves our mail in a less than pristine condition. We are wondering if there maybe someone amongst our whānau who fancies a school holiday project: a new letter box for Te Rā! It could be just the thing you need to help you cope with those endless summer days with nothing much to do... Expressions of interest will gratefully be received by Maxine.



Another visitor to our school this week

Alumni Doing Great Things



Congratulations to Rioghnach Dempsey (Class 7 of 2013) who was named Dux of St. Matthew's Collegiate School this year.



Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Join the Amazing Read this Summer

The Kāpiti Coast District Libraries Summer Reading Programme is for primary school-aged children (Years 1-8) and helps to keep kids enjoying books and engaged with reading over the long summer school break. Most of all it's fun!

Children need to register for the programme and can do so at their local library from 17-31 December. Once they pick up their activity card they choose some library books, get reading, and report to us about the books. On completion of the required report-ins they will be invited to a finale party at Waikanae pools and receive a free book to keep.

Also keep an eye out for other holiday events on offer during January including crafts, stories and hands-on science.

For more information go to www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/libraries

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

Artrageous Kids Holiday Programmes

Artrageous Kids Programme: Mon 7 Jan – Fri 1 Feb

2019 *Venue:* Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm–5.15pm \$15. Aimed at children aged 5-12 years.

Big Kids (Olderageous) Programme: Mon 7 Jan – Fri 1 Feb

Venue: Pavillion at Wellington High School, Taranaki St, Mt Cook, Wellington 8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm–5.15pm \$15
Our BIG KIDS programme is aimed at children aged 10-14 years.

Bookings essential.

Zero waste art classes - January

In Ohau Levin. Morning tea and all equipment provided.

For more information or to book

Phone or email Stephanie Ph 02102936798

Email: Stephanie.jacobs29@gmail.com

<https://www.etsy.com/nz/shop/NZd3signByStephanie>

"House exchange opportunity - Hastings

We are looking for home owners, commuting distance from the Raphael House RS School, who are considering a move to Hawkes Bay to swap houses with. We are considering a period of six months to two years - as agreed.

The house is comfortable and friendly, with 4 bedrooms and a wood burner and is 15 minutes walk from Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. It is on a back section with established fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

Please phone or text: Brigit Manning 021 0274 8322"

Summer Soccer School in Paekakariki

Dates: 17th December – 25th January

(excludes 24th December - 1st January)

Days: Monday – Friday, Location: Paekakariki School

8.30am-9.30am Ages 5-7, 9.30am-10.30am Ages 8-10

10.30am-12.00pm Ages 11-13

\$5 per session (Ages 5-10), \$10 per session (Ages 11-13)

All abilities welcome! Join Coach Alex for Summer Soccer School.

With over 10 years of coaching experience in Australia, Canada and England and a BA (Hons) in Coaching, he will help you focus on technical skills that will improve your game or introduce you to the game! To book, please email Coach Alex Mumford at amumford89@googlemail.com or text 0204 181 08575

Boys Only Workshop at Extreme Dance in Porirua

We are holding a Boys Only Dance Workshop in Porirua at Extreme Dance for students who are interested in Dance/ Drama/ Preforming

Arts/ Pacifica/ Kapa Haka. The Dance Workshop will include hip-hop, ballet and contemporary and everyone is welcome no matter what their level of dance experience is. We are also offering a few financial assistance scholarships for those that need it as well as reduced costs for families on a community services card.

Registrations are available here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/mYQkoCu2ZypddtK82>

Swimming Lessons

Can your child swim would they survive in the water this summer? For affordable quality lessons that your child will enjoy at Kenakena School Pool.

Holiday Blocks 7-30 January \$50 per block (5 lessons)

Term 1 2019 4 February - 29 March \$80 (8 lessons)

Please contact Debbie Livingstone

M: 027 254 4542 E: swim.kenakena@xtra.co.nz

FB: www.facebook.com/swim.kenakena

Childcare

Looking for home base childcare for February 2019 for our 14 month old girl. Days are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Hours 7:30-4pm roughly.

Term time only needed. Contact Erica 0221928266 Thank you

"The GO Club is here!"

A STEM group for girls ages 5-12 in Paraparaumu, exploring Science, Tech, Engineering and Maths in a fun, safe and supportive environment. From LEGO to slime, we've got fun covered! We have our December and January Holiday Program info online now and are already taking books for our After School Club, Term 1 2019! Hurry, groups are limited to just 16 girls!

For more info and to book now at www.enrolmy.com/the-go-club

We build girls up!"

Dear Parents

My name is Mcaelyn Badenhorst. I'll be 15 years old on the 3/5/19. I am the oldest of 4 children. I enjoy helping my mum with my two younger brothers 8 & 6 years old. My youngest brother has special needs, so I've learned how to get him to do things like brushing teeth, eating breakfast and going to bed using my creativity. I see myself as responsible and reliable. I have had the privilege to babysit for a family whose children attend Te Rā and I enjoy it very much. I am available during the school holidays and would love to hear from you.

Merry Christmas! Ph 022 412 3602

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Diary of Dates

Thursday 13th December

Class 7 Play Performance for
Community 7:30pm

Thursday 13th December

BoT Meeting 7:00pm

Friday 14th December

Class 1 Picnic to the beach from
9:00am – 2:15pm

Friday 14 th December	Class 7 Play for School 11:10am (change from previous date)
Friday 14 th December	Paekakariki Kindergarten (Kakariki Group) Summer Festival. From 9:30am at Paekakariki
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Market 2:30-4:30pm at Te Rā
Monday 17 th December	Class 1 Piff Paff Poltrie in the Hall 10:15am
Tuesday 18th December	Last Day for Kindergartens
Tuesday 18 th December	Class 1-7 Moving Day (shift rooms)
Tuesday 18 th December	Class 7 Farewell
Tuesday 18 th December	Shepherds' Play for the Community, 7pm in the Hall
Wednesday 19 th December	Shepherds' Play for School Children 11:15am in the Hall
Wednesday 19th December	Last Day for School 1:00pm Finish

2019:

Tuesday 5 th February	First Day Back for School
Tuesday 5 th February	Class 1 Powhiri at 11:30am
Wednesday 6 th February	Waitangi Day Holiday – No School
Thursday 7 th February	First Day Back for Kindergartens

Other important Dates:

<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)
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Term 4 Monday, 14 October – Wednesday, 18 December

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