



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,

Nau mai haere mai to the school- and kindergarten year 2019. It was wonderful as always to welcome our new Class 1 whānau, new classmates in the older classes, and new colleagues. It was equally wonderful to have so many of our "old" families supporting the pōwhiri and sunflower ceremony – ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Nau mai haere mai to our new tamariki and their whānau, and our new colleagues:

- Maria Thomas (Class 6), Hunter Thompson (Class 4), Bede Thomas (Class 3), Niza Wilson-Chirwa (Class 1)
- Gala Campbell Walker, Marley Eastell and Teo Robinson (Kakariki KG)
- Joseph Creighton, Sunniva Kierulf (Kereru KG)
- River Daniels, Solomon Rainbow-McIntyre (Korimako KG)
- Eija Frost, our new Kereru KG Teacher
- Rebecca Cooper, our new Nursery Teacher
- Nicola Bell, our new Kindergarten Kaiārahi
- Ryan McDonald, our new Teacher Aide
- Svenja Donlon, our new Class 1 Teacher
- Tash Robertson, our new Enrolment Officer

This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first Waldorf School in Stuttgart which opened on 19 September 1919.

There will be a conference at Michael Park Rudolf Steiner School in April along with many smaller local events. We have begun some planning of shared events with Raphael House, and will also create some local events. This anniversary is one that we will want to share with the wider community beyond our school gates, to showcase and celebrate what this education has to offer. If you think you might enjoy being involved in a planning committee please watch this space. And if you haven't already seen it, there is a beautiful little film about Waldorf 100. You can see it [here](#).

Noho ora mai rā, nā

Andrea Sorger

Tumuaki / Principal

From the Office

*****NEWSFLASH*****

This will be the last edition of the school newsletter that will be distributed via hardcopy. We are moving to an electronic version which will be emailed to you each fortnight. It can also be read at any time via the school website www.tera.school.nz

Sunsmart Hat Reminder

We have updated our "SunSmart" policy and now ask that children wear **wide-brimmed** hats. Caps are no longer acceptable (visors never were). Thanks.

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 during 2018. We will put these unclaimed items out for parents and children to check through during week 3 of this term. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Vacancy at Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten Assistant in Raumati South

We are looking for an assistant for one of our groups on the Raumati South site, for 5 days per week, on a permanent basis. The hours are 8:45am - 2:00pm.

Are you a competent and efficient cook who enjoys preparing simple, nutritious meals?

Do you appreciate a well-ordered, clean and tidy space?

Are you a calm, kind and caring person who has infinite patience with young children?

Our kindergarten assistants work closely with the teacher to create a harmonious environment for the tamariki. The ability to relate well to other staff is essential to achieving this.

If this sounds like you, please apply. Simply download the [Application Form](#) and return it to office@tera.school.nz. A job description is available [here](#).

Applications close Friday, 15 February 2019.

Kindergarten and Playgroup Update for 2019

Welcome to 2019. We have a number of changes occurring in the early childhood space, many arising from an ongoing internal review last year. You can expect to see a kindergarten and playgroup section in the newsletter from now on.

Firstly we would like to welcome Nicola Bell as our Kaiārahi (to guide and lead). Nicola has two children in the kindergarten and a strong background in leading process improvement and development of self-review processes in the early childhood context. Our ERO report clearly identified the strong collegial team we have, and Nicola will continue to work with this enormous strength. At this stage with young children Nicola will not be teaching, however she is a fully registered early childhood education teacher and we look forward to some elements of teaching being incorporated into her role in the future.

Our Wednesday playgroup co-ordinator Eija has taken up a full-time teaching position in the Kereru group in kindergarten, on successful completion of her studies (well done, Eija). We wish her well with Kereru, but will certainly miss her in the playgroup with her warmth and clear love of playgroup.

Also someone we will sorely miss in playgroup is Jill. Jill has come to our aid many a time over the years, and we are enormously grateful for her help this time around in holding a playgroup. Her wisdom and her aroha for the playgroup tamariki and their whānau will be missed.

As we have determined to begin a group for 3-year-olds in the playgroup room, Jill's Tuesday class has been moved to Paekakariki. Pavitra will be co-ordinating. Eija's Wednesday group has also been impacted. Places on Thursday and Friday, including hopefully a new babies to 15 months afternoon session will be made available, with Andrea Zahorak coordinating.

The 3-year-old class (the Tui group) has been borne from an expressed need in the community for Te Rawhiti Kindergarten to take children at 3 years of age. However, it took some time to work through all the different permutations and impacts on various parts of our early childhood space. No one solution worked perfectly, and so using the playgroup room as an interim measure until more space can be created became, on balance, the agreed solution.

It is not a decision taken lightly because at Te Rawhiti/Te Rā we consider playgroup a very special place, and hugely important. It is where our children and their families first meet, it provides support for parents in those critical first years, a gentle and safe space to let

our children explore and play and just 'be'. This is an important time in a child and parent's life, and we will be working on a new space solution next so that we can go back to 6 or even 7 playgroups in the future.

The Tui group will run from 8:45am to 1:15pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The other kindergarten classes with Lotti, Shelly and Olivia will operate as per last year. You will notice our lovely assistants have almost all moved around a bit and we will have some new starters. If you have a child turning three in the next 7-8 months and have not heard from Rebecca, the new Tui teacher, can you please contact her directly on rebeccacooper9@gmail.com to discuss your child's future enrolment. Children can move from Playgroup into either the 3-year-old class or kindergarten, so we need to be sure we have your child on a waiting list as per your wishes.

If your child is turning 4 in the first half of this year you should have been contacted by one of our kindergarten teachers; otherwise you should have heard from Rebecca. If you have not received any contact please do contact the office at office@tera.school.nz , or 299 0812. We may not have an Expression of Interest form filed properly for you.

An additional change for both the school and kindergarten is the appointment of a Te Rā/Te Rawhiti-wide Enrolment Officer. This will ensure our enrolment contacts, forms and procedures and very importantly our communications and the raising of our school profile are run as a well-oiled machine. It will improve the experience for families moving from playgroup through to any of the kindergarten classes as well as new families to our whole school and kindergartens.

If you have any specific questions please contact the office who will then pass the query to the appropriate teacher.

Regards

ECE review group

(Shelley Wrigley, Rebecca Cooper, Andrea Zahorak, Andrea Sorger, Shelly Andrews, Olivia Chubb, Doris Zuur, Lotti Henehan, Sylvia Madden)

Wanted for Nursey (Tui Group)

Kia ora parents, whānau and teachers,
The new nursery, now called Tui group, is seeking a few things. We are short on toys, so if anyone wants to make a donation of knitted

animals, table puppets, dolls, dolly clothes, blankets, sheets, toy kitchen furniture, or any other Waldorf type play equipment please contact me. We are also seeking a safety gate and a baby change table or small wooden table. We also need a little cupboard or shelves made of nice wood that could become part of a little kitchen area for the children, a wooden spice rack or small shelves or a nice wooden free standing shelf. Also some saucepans in good condition of various sizes, a big roasting pan and a good quality stock pot (approx 12L size). You can contact me on 0278631112 or email: rebeccacooper9@gmail.com
Any of these items will be gratefully received. Thank you, Rebecca.

Alumni

Well done to Thereza Scott's daughter Zoi (of Class 7 2005), who recently graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the School of Medicine, Western Sydney University.



Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Local Raw Honey

Our raw multiflora honey is available again, 1 kg creamed or liquid for \$25, and 0.5 kg liquid honey for \$14, all in glass jars. Contact Christian & Hana valleyroadproduce@gmail.com
Ph 022 1342628

Books at the Beach

Paraparaumu Beach Village Saturday 16th Feb 10:00am-3:00pm

Friday Night Basketball

Friday night Basketball begins 15th Feb for Yr 5 and 6 students. It will run in a blitz format with teams getting two or three games during this time depending on how many teams enter. A team representing the school or made up of friends is fine, girls and boys. As an offer for term one, those who enter the Friday night Blitz will be able to attend Kiwi Hoops on Saturdays for 9-12 yr olds **FREE** where you can learn more skills and play more games.

Please click on the link below to register

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=80325>

Kapiti Music Centre – Group Music Lessons 5 yr Olds to Adults

Enrolment days – Sat 9th Feb 10:30am-12:30pm, Monday 11

February 5.30pm – 7.00pm. Contact

admin@kapitimusiccentre.org.nz

www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz Phone 021 297 14143

Plum Parenting News

I have recently relocated to Masterton and set up a lovely office here for online counselling via Skype, Facetime or Zoom. So to all of you around New Zealand and overseas I am open for business and have managed to reduce my waiting list times somewhat. Please go to www.plumparenting.com and click on '**Mentoring**' to register for the service. See the links at the bottom: '**More Information**' (about how I do the sessions), and '**Fees**' (for the fee info). Note that all clients start with a comprehensive 4-5 session course. After that they can access a one-off session any time. All the very best for a great year of parenting and please send anyone needing this service to my website or to the **Plum Parenting Facebook** page. Mary Willow. Helping Parents with Parenting.

Lotus Eco Village - Kapiti Coast

If you are interested in sustainable living, and in particular the Lotus Eco Village, and excited about the idea of living in a supportive community with such assets as community gardens, shared kitchen/dining and workshop facilities and even a studio apartment for family visitors and guests whilst also owning your own eco-home, come to one of our next series of Information

Afternoons on **Sunday 10th February, Sunday 17th February or Sunday 3rd March at the Lotus Yoga Centre, 91 Ruapehu Street, Paraparaumu at 3pm**. If you wish to attend please RSVP by replying to lotus.eco.village.nz@gmail.com in case we have to limit numbers to each meeting.

For more information about the Lotus Eco Village please refer to the following website www.lotusecovillage.nz or contact Simon Wallace (WAM) at simon@lotusecovillage.nz

Waikanae Football Club

2019 season registrations for children aged 4-13 open now.
Premier Team trials 10th and 19th of February for 10th grade and above. Contact wfa.jnr@gmail.com or see www.facebook.com/waikanaeafc for more details.

Ngā Uruora - Upcoming Volunteer Events

Regular Working Bees

We will have another working bee Sunday 24 February to get back into our last Sunday of every month rhythm.

Tuesday Working Groups

The Tuesday Working Group continues to get together and do great things every week. They are working every second Tuesday of each month. If you would like to get involved please contact Peter Kentish by phoning 04 298 1255 or 021 027 70520 or [emailing him](#). View our website calendar <https://kapitibush.org.nz/calendar/>

Dirt School Kids Fun Bike Race

The "racing" is set up for kids to have fun on a bike, with lots of adult encouragement and support.

All the details are on our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/dirtschoolkapiti/>

The first race is 17 Feb at Waikanae Park.

Seido Karate Kapiti

Children's class 7-12 yrs Thursday 4.30 -5.30pm

12yrs - Adult Beginners Mondays 6.00 - 7.00pm

Kapiti Primary School Hall

All welcome any level of fitness or ability. A great family activity
Karate is a great way to challenge yourself.

Call/txt Karen 021 1141958 www.facebook.com/SeidoKarateKapiti

First 3 classes free.

The GO Club

The GO Club is back for Term 1! Kicking off on Tuesday, 5th of Feb we offer a fun, exciting after school STEM club for girls Year 2 - 8 in Paraparaumu and Paekakariki! Over 2 hours of science and technology based activities and crafts, we also provide a light afternoon tea. See all the info at: www.enrolmy.com/the-go-club

Ashtanga Yoga Kapiti

Private instructions all levels. Contact Bonnie on 021102778764 - 2991046 or Facebook - Bonnie Cooper Yoga and Wellness Centre

<https://ashtangayoga.wixsite.com/bonnie> ashtangayoga@gmail.com

Denise Walker Dance Academy - Waikanae

2019 class timetable is on facebook. Contact Denise denise.walker82@gmail.com or 0274 544 073

Diary of Dates

Friday 15 February	Class 3 Parent Evening 7:30–9:00pm
Wed. 20 th February	Keruru Kindergarten Group Parent Evening 7:00pm
Wed.20 th - Fri.22 nd Feb	Class 7 Camp
Thursday 21 February	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday 26 February	Interschool Triathlon - Waikanae Park and Pool 9:45am-2:30pm
<i>Thursday 28 February</i>	<i>Interschool Triathlon PPD</i>
Monday 4 th March	Class 5 Trip to Wellington – Te Papa
Monday 4 th March	Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 5 th March	Interschool Triathlon
Thursday 28 th March	Interschool Swimming Festival
Tuesday 2 nd April	Information Evening 7:00pm
Saturday 6 th April	Harvest Fair Setup Day
Sunday 7 th April	Harvest Fair

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 people of all cultures and the needs of the environment?

All prospective school and kindergarten parents
are warmly invited to our next

Information Afternoon at 2:30pm on *Monday, 4 March, 2019*

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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