



Kia Manawanui

Pānui #02 / 21st February 2019

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

At the end of last year the report by the “Tomorrow’s Schools Independent Taskforce” was released. This recommends significant changes to the schooling system in Aotearoa New Zealand. School communities are invited to provide feedback on this report, so we thought we would have a hui to discuss the report and its potential implications for Te Rā and the Waldorf schools in general. It may be that out of this discussion a Te Rā submission is developed; it is also possible that we are all in agreement with the direction of the recommended changes.

You can find the report here:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/Tomorrows-Schools-Review-Report-Dec2018.PDF>

Of course you can also make individual submissions to tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz or complete the [online survey](#)

If you are interested in this conversation you are warmly invited to the **Te Rā hui on Thursday, 14 March, 7 – 8:30pm**, in the school library.

On Monday our Classes 6 and 7 were privileged to participate in a workshop with Rob Thorne, who is a composer and performer of taonga puoro, traditional Māori instruments. Rob and the children then treated the rest of a school to a concert at the end of the day. Rob was very impressed with the way our children took to this workshop, with their creativity and their ability to listen with interest and concentration to the wondrous sounds of the instruments. It was also great for the children to perform with the porotiti, an instrument which they actually make in Paul Denford’s woodwork lessons.

Rob came to us as part of the Coastella Music Festival, and some of our children will perform there with Rob on Saturday. So, if you have time and are not already booked to go to Te Matatini, the festival starts at 2pm this coming Saturday, with Rob’s performance at 5pm.

Finally, I would like to convey the school teachers' gratitude for the almost 100% success rate with the bucket hats / wide-brimmed hats. Thank you and well done – your fantastic cooperation means that the break times can reach their harmony potential much more easily because teachers don't need to address the "hat issue".

Noho ora mai rā, nā

Andrea Sorger

Tumuaki / Principal

From the School Office

Ministry of Education Travel Assistance

If you live outside of the Kapiti area and don't have a public transport option to get to school, you may be eligible to receive a travel subsidy. Please contact the office if you would like an application form or to find out more detail.

Movin' March

March is the month to walk, cycle and scoot to school! This is a great opportunity to do your bit to reduce climate change and improve your family's fitness and resilience. You can find out more about Movin' March further on in this newsletter!

From Our Executive Officer

Absent Children

On Tuesday 18th February, we had more than 30 children away for various reasons but 26 of these children had not been notified to the office. On Monday 17th February, we had 20 non-notifications. This number of non-notifications of absence causes major problems in the office as it takes a long time to ring families and try and locate where the children are.

Our front office receives the roll confirmation from the teachers at 9.15 am and will start ringing those parents who we have not heard from but this takes time.

If your child is absent, please ring the office on (04) 299 0812 or text the school cellphone on (021) 295 8618. If the school phone is not answered, please leave a message with your child's name, class and reason for the absence.

Pledges and Disbursement Payments

As you are aware our wonderful school relies on parent donations to retain its special character and to be able to provide your children with the education that you all value.

The Special Character Pledges paid during 2018 fell short of our budgeted expectations which has left the school in a tight financial situation. We are fine but we would really appreciate it if you could make payment of any outstanding pledges for 2018 asap and start payment of your 2019 pledges to ensure we are able to hold a strong cashflow position to support your children. If you do not remember the amount outstanding for last year, or the amount you have pledged this year, please email executiveofficer@tera.school.nz and I will be able to provide you that information.

Disbursement payments due in 2018 also fell short of our budgeted expectations which again has created a challenge for our accounting teams. We would appreciate it if you could make payment of any outstanding disbursement amounts for 2018 asap and start payment of your 2019 disbursements. If you need information around your outstanding disbursement amount or the amount you are asked for pay for 2019, please email executiveofficer@tera.school.nz.

As always, if there are problems with meeting your pledges or disbursement costs, please feel free to come and see me in the office between 9.00 and 2.30 pm Monday to Friday or I can be contacted via email or phone to discuss options.

Parent Portal

In term 2 we will be launching a parent portal which will allow you to login and see your payments live on screen, view your outstanding amounts and order your school lunches. This will provide transparency on the Special Character Contribution pledge amounts and Disbursements, with outstanding balances listed and you will be able to pay straight from your computer or phone through the portal. We will still be able to accept cash and Eftpos at the office like we do now, and lunch orders will still be able to be processed through the office. Further information will be provided to all families later in term 1. As you can appreciate a system like this takes time to implement and ensure that the information loaded is correct.

This parent portal will also allow you to notify us of student absences and will have links to the newsletter and all sorts of interesting things.

My door is always open to whānau. Please feel free to pop in and see me between 9.00 am and 2.30 pm Monday to Friday, or I am happy to talk on the phone or be contacted by email.

Rhonda Huntley

Harvest Fair

Hi everyone

It's a busy time now leading up to the fair but lots of fun and such a fantastic day. If you are new to the school and have any questions please be in touch with your class parent liaison or ourselves

Marliesje 022 6447629; Tash 021 2380731. In the next few weeks liaisons will be emailing to let you know what your class will be organising but here is the general list. Remember this is what you will prepare as a class but your roster on fair day of one and a half hours may be on a different stall.

Kindy: Face painting; Crystal hunt; Fairy den; Kindy BBQ; Lemonade and kombucha (one kindy class for each). Pocket Lady craft everyone.

Class One: Class one wonderland games, Juice and book stall

Class Two and Three: BBQ and Main cafe; Samosas; Waffles

Class Four: Games including photo booth

Class Five: Candle dipping and Crazy Hair

Class Six: Produce

Class Seven: Icecream, parking and cakes

We are trying something different this year and we will be putting out a blank roster for you to fill your name into the appropriate slot. More details about this to follow. We think this will allow people to be in the areas they enjoy.

We will have a Fair meeting next Tuesday (26th Feb) at 9:00am and then we will hold weekly fair meetings each Friday (commencing 8th of March) at 9:00am. If you would like to join the fair core group or just want to come along and help where you can you are most welcome!! We are trying to reduce our rubbish footprint at this year's fair, Nicola Bell will be helping with this if you have any ideas or would like to join that team please let us know.

We would appreciate it if people could start putting aside any clothing for the second hand clothing

If you have any lemons to spare could you please drop to the office.

Craft group is on Friday from 9 am in the handwork room we would love it if you would like to join us in making items for the craft stall. If you can stitch or knit or would like to learn come along. We will be

working on something different each week. March 1st we will be making pipe cleaner people. Also if you can't make it but would like to work on things at home please be in touch with Cat Hendra 021 120 6027 to get the materials or pick up a craft pack from the office.

Thank you from the Fair core group
Marliesje (Organiser and second hand clothing)
Tash (Organiser and Food stalls)
Charlotte (Kindy)
Cat (craft)
Tikky (Raffle)
Susan (Silent Auction)
Tonia (Music)
Tessa and Teresa (Decoration)

From the Workshop

Calling all toymakers! The Fair is a few weeks away – time to get cracking again!
The workshop will be open on Thursdays 7-9pm. All welcome. If Thursday doesn't suit or you can make some toys or wooden crafts at home, please give us a call.
Paul Denford 027 246 3065
Katrina Sowry 021 502 903

Winter Sports

Hockey

If your child/ren are Class 3 or older and would like to play 6-aside hockey in a school team this winter (Terms 2 & 3), we will be entering teams into the Kapiti league again. All games are held during the week on the Astro turf field at Mazengarb Park in Paraparaumu. Registrations will be opening soon so please check our next school newsletter. New players welcome!!

The focus of our school teams is to provide a positive learning environment for the children, where they can fun playing in a mixed team sport with their friends. If you are able to help out in any way please notify Maxine at the Office. We already have some keen parents and coaches, but the more the merrier!!!!

Please Note...

Kapiti Junior Hockey Club also has a number of teams that play on Saturday mornings in the Wellington league. Details are on www.kapitihockey.org.nz or email juniors@kapitihockey.org.nz

Netball Coaches / Helpers Needed

Netball registrations will also be opening very soon. If you can help in any way with school Netball this year please contact the school office. Games are held at Te Atiawa Courts each Saturday morning for terms 2 and 3.

From the Board of Trustees

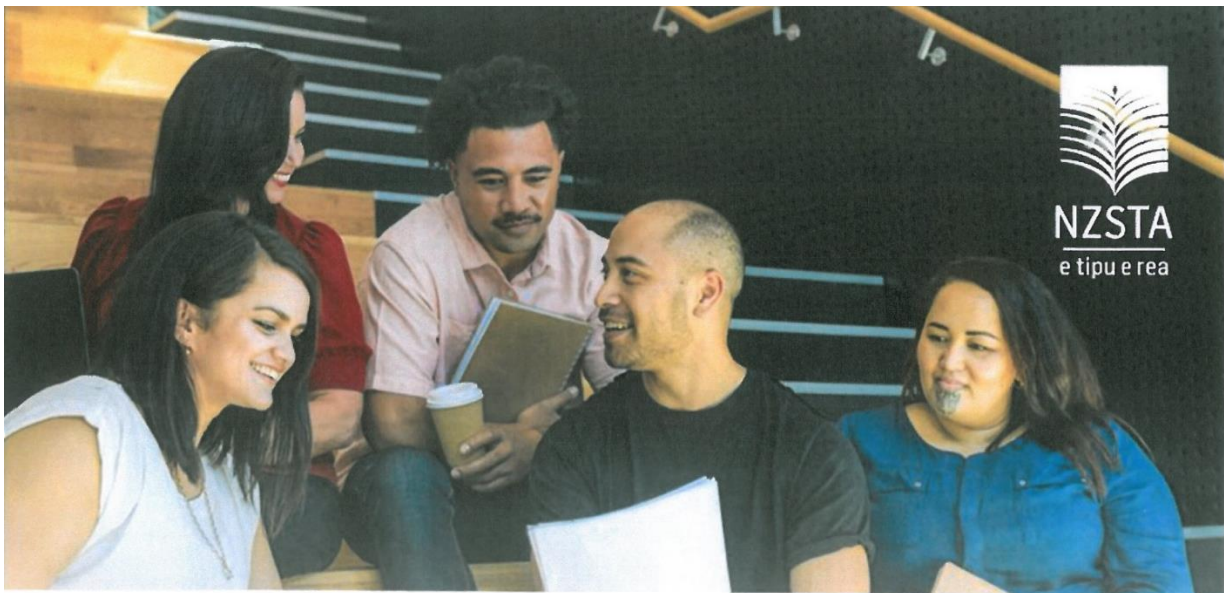


*(Left to Right) Tabitha McKenzie, Kerstin Wagner,
(Back of the Bell) Andy Raynel, Andrea Sorger, Grant Carpenter,
Sylvia Madden, Rick Zwart,
(Sitting Front) Dave Kelly, David Simpson, Shelley Wrigley.*

Ngā manaakitanga o te wā ki a koutou katoa. Nau mai, haere mai ngā kaiako me ngā tamariki hou ki tēnei kura, ā, nau mai hoki mai ngā kaiako me ngā tamariki kē o te kura. Ko te tumanako kua tau koutou katoa, ā, he hari, he koa ngā ngākau.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new staff members and children and welcome back our existing staff members and children. We hope you have all settled in well to the term and are enjoying being back.

In May this year we will be seeking nominations for three parent representatives on the school's Board of Trustees. If you are wanting to find out more about the roles of Board of Trustees, the New Zealand Schools Trustees Association (NZSTA) are holding a hui for all who are interested in what the role involves. This will be at Waikanae School on 18 March at 6.00pm Please see the flyer further on in the newsletter for more information. We look forward to seeing you and helping our school's succession planning! RSVP to f.charters@waikanae.school.nz '



Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school?

Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a school trustee on a school board!

We are holding a community hui at Waikanae School in the school hall / staffroom on 18 March 2019 at 6.00 pm in the lead up to this year's board of trustees' elections.

At the hui you'll hear about:

- What is a school board of trustees
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a board of trustees
- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the board of trustees work

We look forward to seeing you and helping your school's succession planning! RSVP to f.charters@waikanae.school.nz

 nzsta.org.nz
 facebook.com/NZSTA1
 twitter.com/NZSchoolTrustee

Kōrari – a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees

March is Coming – Let's Get Movin'!



Make the most of the beautiful weather and encourage your child to Walk or Wheel to and from school. Explore the [website](http://mavinmarch.com) for tips on

how to build active travel into your daily routine AND there are great prizes up for grabs!

Why Movin'March?

Not only does walking or wheeling to school reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate, it also provides an opportunity to slow down and get in some quality time with our tamariki. Walking or wheeling to school solo or with friends can be a real confidence boost. And, as one parent put it last year, the fresh air and exercise before school helps 'get the wiggles out!'

How to make it work for your whanau

Establishing active travel routines can be a challenge for some families. Our Active Schools' Toolkit is a great way to find some pro tips on how to get around the common barriers:

- **Park & Stride and Walking Pou** schemes create drop-off points so parents can safely allow their children to walk or scoot the last few metres to school.
- **Super Safe Strider** is a checklist for families to make sure children have the skills they need to walk to school safely. Families can also use the Map My Journey activity to plan a safe route to school.
- Walking School Buses build community and teach children important road safety skills ready for walking independently as they get older.

Beach Clean Ups

On Friday class 7 with the support of Sarah went on the first of their planned beach walks and beach clean ups for the year with pleasing results.



Beekeeping at Te Rā

We currently have two active bee hives at the school, both are doing great and it will soon be time to harvest some honey. Several children got a taste of beekeeping during the recent Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahī, and beekeeping will feature in the curriculum of class 7 in

the near future, plus there will be a lunchtime beekeeping club soon. It's great to see the children interested in bees, which have a fascinating biology and play such an important role in the environment and for our food. Our new beekeeping activities have been generously supported by Ecrotek (www.ecrotek.co.nz/learn), who donated children's bee suits to the school (see photo). Watch out for our very own school honey for sale at the fair in April!



Public Talk – What is Spiritual Education

Thursday 21st

March 7pm

Te Rā School Hall

89 Poplar Ave, Raumati South

Koha Entry

What
is
SPIRITUAL
•
EDUCATION?

A Talk By

**Professor Kereti G.
Rautangata**

Professor Kereti Rautangata is a Tohunga Whakairo. He was awarded the NZQA Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award for Excellence in Innovation for his diverse life-time achievements. He has investigated how to use whakairo to develop Higher Consciousness within humanity, and to assist people to attain experiential transcendental knowledge. As a master also of Māori weaponry he is director of his own spiritual warrior school, He Tua-Toatanga.

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Singing Workshop with Vanya

Come and enjoy a morning of songs on Saturday March 16th. At Te Rā in the hall from 10.00-2.00pm. We will be singing songs from around the world, taught in an easy-to-learn style. This workshop is open to anyone however, if you bring children please be prepared to have them play outside if they are too noisy. We will sing from 10-12 with a shared lunch from 12.00-1.00pm and conclude with a final hour of singing. Please bring a plate for the shared lunch. Entry by koha at the door. Feel free to bring friends.

Any questions contact Vanya on: 02040939417

Hoping to see you there!

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

Kapiti Coast United Football Club

Registrations are now open. Please go to our website <http://www.kcu.co.nz> for further details.

Registrations close 15th March.

Any questions please email junior.admin@kcu.co.nz.

Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating **Children's Day** on **Sunday 3rd March** by offering **FREE ENTRY** into The Reserve for **ALL CHILDREN**.

In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy **free off-road tractor-trailer rides**. So if you are looking for a fun

Children's day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature on Sunday 3rd March.

*Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult.

For more information visit www.staglands.co.nz

Just Dance with Sally Stopforth

No Exams, No Uniforms Just lots of fun. Classes for kids and adults.

Ph Sally 299 0607 or 0278115179.

Crawshaw Music School

Crawshaw Music School is looking for band students on Friday afternoons, if you play an instrument or sing and would like to try

being part of a band email aj@crawshawmusicschool.co.nz today.
Band classes are only \$15 per week during term times.
We also teach private lessons in Guitar, Bass, Drums, Piano, Singing and Ukulele.

Cartoon Camp

Cartoon Camp is coming back to NZ (Wellington). To find out more view www.illustrating-man.com.au or email bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au

Celebrate Neighbours Day Aotearoa with an Over The Fence Cuppa!

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Neighbours Day Aotearoa, and in Kāpiti we're celebrating!

Getting to know your neighbours better is a great way to help build stronger, happier and more resilient communities.

Invite your neighbours for an 'Over the Fence Cuppa' and KCDC will support you with ideas, resources and a goodie pack to help you create a fun get-together in your neighbourhood.

Find out more at: www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/neighboursday

Word Dancing, Creative Writing and Storytelling Workshop Retreat 7th to 12 March Riverslea Retreat, Otaki

Last few places are available to study with Shonaleigh and to be introduced to the 'Drut'syla midrash' - the ancient Jewish system of oral memorisation, visualisation and interpretation of tales. This unique course focuses on providing practical opportunities for you to develop a deeper understanding of how story works. In a relaxed, supportive atmosphere, you will be given tools to work with story in your own medium. The course is aimed at anyone who makes use of narrative, including communicators, teachers, writers, storytellers and artists. Cost \$900 inclusive of food, accommodation and tuition. Further information or to book: www.thestorycollective.nz Local enquiries to Judith Frost-Evans 021-1121244

Hoop Club Kapiti – Basketball Coaching Programme – Term 1 2019

Paraparaumu Sessions:

Sunday 10 February to Sunday 7 April

Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall, Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu

Contact – Angelo Robinson 04 9040142 or

contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz

Otaki Sessions:

Sunday 10 February to Sunday 7 April

Otaki College Gym, Mill Road, Otaki

ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME
Contact – Corey Woodroffe 0274439141 or
contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz

Therapeutic Art Training – Sienna Academy

Training to become a Painting Therapist in the Liane Collot d'Herbois method, involves a multi-layered journey. Developing 'new eyes' for seeing is the starting point. The seeing is on many different levels both



outer and inner. The foundation of the work is laid through the practice of twelve light and darkness exercises and their corresponding colour pictures. Daily lectures and discussion bring alive insights given by Rudolf Steiner about the Human Being. All of the above, together with medical lectures and case studies, help each person to go on their own healing journey; a necessary prerequisite for being able to work effectively with others.

The students own practise at home involves daily observation exercises, painting and charcoal work, meditation, study and written assignments.

Graduates receive a diploma which qualifies them to work as a Therapeutic Artist trained in the Liane Collot d'Herbois method.

The Training is accredited by the European Academy for Anthroposophic Art Therapies, which is an evaluation and quality assurance body of the Medical Section at the Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland

Teaching Venue: 32 Nimbus Drive, Flaxton, Qld. 4560 Australia

Principal Teacher: Sally Martin

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Warm greetings from Taruna College!

We are very excited to be sharing with you these upcoming workshops and seminars:

- Labyrinth of Life - a sacred path of self-discovery, 3 day workshop with George Perry and Liz Baker, on Friday 15th - 17th February 2019
- The Spirit and Art of Human Development, 3 day workshop with Van James, on Thursday 4th - 6th April 2019
- The Art of Well-being - Meet yourself, Know yourself, Be yourself. This is one of our signature programmes of three week-long seminars scheduled for 8th - 13th May, 14th - 19th August and 16th - 21st October 2019.

Please go online to check out details and register <http://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/> or contact Charmaine on info@taruna.ac.nz or 06 8777174 with any queries.

Accommodation is available at Taruna for out of town participants but needs booking soon to ensure a place.

Parent Helpline

Parent Help is a non-profit organisation **supporting parents** to build resilient and positive families/whānau.

We run a free confidential **parenting Helpline** for parents and caregivers. The Helpline is available from 9am – 9pm, 7 days a week, providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting concern.





CALLING ALL KAPITI COASTERS! JOIN US FOR A

FUN RUN ON OUR BEAUTIFUL BEACH!

Or just a WALK, if you like...

Raise money for Kapiti Youth

Event organised by

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Websites & Web Marketing

More info at www.kapitirunforyouth.co.nz

Register or sponsor someone at www.kapitirunforyouth.co.nz
or phone 04 299 2285 for a registration pack.

Registration

9 - 10.15am

Event Start

10.30am

Start & Finish

MacLean Park
Paraparaumu Beach

Sponsors



Sunday 31st March 2019

Choose from a
6k or 12k
Fun Run/Walk

Diary of Dates

Thursday 21 February	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday 21 February	Class 4 Overnight Camp
Thursday 21 February	Weekly Toymaking for the Fair in the Woodwork Room 7:00-9:00pm
Monday 25 th February	Class 6 Whanau Hui 7:00pm
Tuesday 26 th February	Harvest Fair Meeting at 9:00am
Tuesday 26 February	Class 6 Day Trip
Tuesday 26 February	Interschool Triathlon - Waikanae Park and Pool 9:45am-2:30pm (Class 7 Only)
Tuesday 26 February	Class 2 Parent Evening 7:00pm
<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
Friday 8 th March	Weekly Fair Meeting from 9:00am
Thursday 14 March	Te Rā Tomorrows Schools Hui 7:00pm 8:30pm, in the School Library
Saturday March 16 th	Singing Workshop with Vanya at Te Rā 10.00-2.00pm. Koha Entry, Shared Lunch.
Thursday 21 st March	Public talk: 'What is Spiritual Education' given by Professor Kereti Rautangata, tohunga whakairo and founder of the spiritual warrior school, He Tua-Toatanga. At Te Rā School Hall, 7:00pm Koha Entry
Saturday 23 rd March	Working Bee at Te Rā. Two Sessions, 9:00am - 1:00pm, 12noon - 4:00pm
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
Monday 8 th April	Teacher Development Day – No School, Kindergarten, Nursery or Playgroup
Friday 12th April	Early 1:00pm Finish for School, TBC regarding Kindergartens (NEW)

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***

**Information Evening
at 7:00pm on
*Tuesday, 2 April, 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.

04 299-0812 or email office@tera.school.nz
www.tera.school.nz <https://www.facebook.com/TeRaWaldorfSchool>