



Kia Manawanui

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**Nau mai haere mai, nau mai hoki mai,
dear parents, whānau, and friends.**

We are now in Poutū te Rangi (March). In te Ao Māori, this is the time of year when the crops have been harvested and the people begin to settle for the winter ahead. For us at Te Rā and Te Rawhiti, the beginning of the year feels like the time to get things in order before we dive into the work of the year. The fruits of 2019 have been harvested; we have reflected and made new plans and now we will move into the 'awakeness' of Autumn and Winter with some good foundations in place for another year of growth and learning.

Class 3 have been very busy lately! They have had an amazing building project and also have an overnight camp in Otaki Gorge. You can also see the results of their building project in the manuka bush just behind the playground and the woodwork room. Tonight, they are camping overnight in a Teepee! In both cases, Aleka's vision has manifested with the help of some amazing energy and commitment from parents. Thank you to all who have been involved in this, and thank you Aleka for your planning and guidance – a great example of whanaungatanga and kotahitanga in action!

With all the introductions and farewells in the first two newsletters this year, we have not yet mentioned that some of the students from Class 6 2019 have now moved on. Noah Burton, Mihi-Terina Grootveld, Mila Russek, Annabelle Bisley, Frida Morley-Hall and Jett Cannon-Davis are all continuing their education at other schools.

For the Morley-Hall, Grootveld/Brown and Bisley whānau, this ends their long association with the school and kindergarten community. We would like to acknowledge their significant contributions over the years and wish them well for the future. Kia pai te haerenga.

Te Rā Waldorf School Board of Trustees 2020



Shelley Wrigley, Dave Kelly
Sylvia Madden, Kerstin Wagner, David Nicoll, Matt Freeland, Michael Freeman, David Simpson
(Absent - Tabitha McKenzie)

Te Rā School News / Pānui

EOTC News Flash: Blanket Consent Forms

As a teaching group, we are really working to understand and implement the vision of distributed leadership. Teachers are stepping up to take on new positions, and we anticipate that the results of this will soon be visible to our parent community. One example is that Todd (Sports and EOTC co-ordinator) is currently working on a way to obtain parent/caregiver blanket consent for all one-day EOTC events. A consent form for these types of events will be sent to you soon.

As a parent I will not miss searching for crumpled bits of paper in my child's bag. As a teacher, I won't miss chasing those crumpled bits of paper the day before an outing! Ka pai! Tēnā koe Todd, mā tō mahi pai te kura e whakapakari.

David Nicoll

Calling for expressions of interest in Teacher Aiding

Are you interested in assisting class teachers by working with small groups or individual children to support them during their school day? Please contact Maxine in the office office@tera.school.nz to put your name down if you are interested in joining our pool of teacher aides for the kindergarten and school.

Later this term, our SENCO Mary Fryer, will organize a meeting for those interested, so that you can find out more about what would be involved.

Kerstin Wagner

Te Rāwhiti ECE News / Pānui

Playgroup Position

We are looking for a new playgroup facilitator for our established playgroup in Paekakariki. Our playgroups are for children and their parents/caregivers up to about three years old. The playgroup is often the first point of contact for new parents. A key role of the facilitator is to create a welcoming space and facilitate a nurturing morning that reflects our special character and supports the parents/caregivers in their demanding roles of raising young children. The successful candidate has a love for children, a deep understanding of our special character and excellent communication/relationship skills. Please pick up an application pack from the office, and e-mail doris.zuur@gmail.com with any questions you have about this position. Application close on Friday 13 March.

Acting Kindergarten Kaiārahi Doris Zuur, 027-2811570

From the Board of Trustees

Te Rā School Board of Trustees

Casual vacancy for an elected trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten per cent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Te Rā School
89 Poplar Avenue
Raumati South

By: 2nd April 2020

From the Finance Team

The end of the tax year is approaching fast. During March we will be creating receipts for all payments paid directly to Kapiti Waldorf Trust for pledge payments made before we moved the 2019 pledge balances into Kindo. We will aim to have these receipts to you by the end of Term 1. Payments made directly through Kindo for disbursements or pledge payments will have been emailed directly to you from Kindo at the time of payment. Receipts can be re-printed from your Kindo account by clicking on MY ORDERS. We are working with the Kindo team to try and create a summary receipt at year-end but this has not been confirmed at this stage.

It is now a great time to take advantage of the 33% rebate from IRD available to you for disbursements and pledge donations. Please make ALL payments for pledge and disbursements through Kindo. Any payments made prior to or on 31 March 2020 can be claimed in your 33% rebates this year. Any payments made 1 April 2020 onwards cannot be claimed as a rebate until after 31 March 2021.

From the Office

Missing Scooter

A blue and gold scooter appears to have been taken from the school grounds overnight on Tuesday evening. Please contact the office if you know its whereabouts. Please be reminded to **NOT** leave valuables onsite in the grounds out of school hours.

Carpark Safety

We are having ongoing safety issues in our school carpark and remind families to park only in the designated spaces and comply with the signage. We don't have spare staff available to manage the 2pm and 2:15pm finish times so we require your co-operation at all times. If you have a unique need or situation, we request you contact the office in advance.

Harvest Fair – One Month To Go

One month to go.....

The roster template will be out by the end of the week. Once it is, please get your shift requests in quick. Shifts are 1 and a half hours per parent in every family - you choose the slot!!

Calling all **preserves and jams**. If you have been making the most of blackberry season and have some to spare, please bring these in and leave in a box in the office.

Collecting **secondhand books** or clothing now too.

Calling all 🍋 **lemons** 🍋. The Kereru Kindergarten is collecting lemons to make delicious lemonade if you have any please let us know or bring in to school.

We have a new stall this year that the Nursery group are holding so if you have any natural treasures (this includes special shells, Paua, sea glass, gumnuts, buttons) please can you start collecting and we will gladly take donations in the office. 🍪

There is a new fair poster for 2020, so watch this space as it is launching next week and it is beautiful!! It has been designed by the talented Carrie Eames. Thank you Carrie for your work on this!

Calling all people with sewing talent for the working bee this term. We need to sew some more bunting and Tessa and Teresa are hoping to make this happen on the day. If you have fabric you think would be appropriate please be in touch.

There are craft packs in the office, so if you love to stitch please grab one! If you knit or have another crafty talent and would like to make something, please let the craft group know and we can get you the materials. Craft group every Friday from 9 am in the hand work room.

Please remember - any questions, don't hesitate to ask! I am always happy to talk fair; email Tash at tashrobertsonmidwife@gmail.com or 0212380731. Parent Liaisons for the fair will be putting in lots of extra work behind the scenes, so please support them in their requests and look out for their emails to keep up to date.

Thank you from the Fair Core Group.

Bunting Prep For Fair Needed:

If anyone has fabric pieces (bunting flag size will be approx 20cm W x 23cm L) they can donate for this year's harvest fair, please hand into Maxine at the office over the next week or so. We are looking for volunteers to help pre-cut the flags at home in preparation for the working bee task of sewing the bunting together. If you have a sewing machine or pinking shears, these are needed too. If you just want to help sew the bunting on the day of the working bee, then also let me know, thanks.

Teresa 021 173 9671 or teresa.dalton@gmail.com

From the Workshop

Toymaking

It's that time again!

If you can help with making any toys for the Fair, or have any ideas please let me know.

The workshop will be open on,

Thursday evenings 7-9pm on 12th, 19th & 26th March

Saturdays 10am onwards on 14th, 21st & 28th March

Please give me a call or text first 027 246 3065

Paul Denford

Carving Project

If you are interested in learning the basics of Maori carving we have a couple of spaces available with our tutor – Master Carver Chris Gerretzen. No experience needed, we're all learning.

We meet 7-9pm Wednesdays, \$10 koha. Please ring first.

Stanjoy Garden Project – Update

Many thanks to Anna Ford, a visiting landscape architect (niece of Mike Freeman) from the USA who has kindly volunteered time to guide the project. She has carefully observed the school and traffic, and considered the mixed needs of a functioning school. We have had a number of very productive meetings with Anna as ideas have been tabled and explored.

The project was initiated late last year after a generous \$100,000 donation by the Stanjoy Trust for beautification of the school grounds.

Three areas were originally identified as 'ripe' for improvement – the bike stand corner, and the two grassed areas beside the hall. In the meantime, three other projects interconnect and need to be taken into account:

1. The proposed playgroup/community building on the bike stand site.
2. The carved gateway project.
3. Reconfiguration of the carpark.

With these in mind the group is proposing to thin out the vegetation around the hall and driveway (including felling some trees), create new seating and gardens, introduce a mix of hard and soft surfaces, and 'fencing' to define different spaces.

At this stage we are aiming to do some tree felling and groundwork in the next holidays.

If you have ideas, suggestions or questions please let us know. There is an online plan on the office foyer window. Jot your thoughts on paper or give us a call.

Paul Denford 027 246 3065
for the Property Group

Movin March

Movin' March

Movin'March Parent Photo Comp

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin'March & win! It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) with #movinmarch. All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region.

WOW Passport Challenge

Each day we will stamp the walk or wheel trips your tamariki do to OR from school. All entries go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 My Ride vouchers (that's more than double the prizes from last year!). Let's get stamping!

Park and Stride and Walking Pou

Walking or scooting from a [Park & Stride](#) or [Walking Pou](#) location gives our tamariki a little independence and fresh air before school as well as reducing congestion around the school gate. To get a feel for it, you could trial dropping your kids a little further from school, like [Lagi Auva'a did for her kids](#) (Isla and Luca) at Clifton Terrace Model School in 2018.

School Sports

Winter Hockey 2020– Registrations are Open

Hard copy registrations forms will be handed out tomorrow to those children from classes 3-7 who are keen to play hockey for the school. Please complete and return the forms to Maxine in the office asap. The registration fee/s will need to be paid via your Kindo account prior to the season commencing. The total practice turf hire fee will be added to Kindo later in the season.

Winter Netball 2020

Netball season is upon us and Kapiti Netball will be calling for team registrations very soon. Ryan McDonald has stepped down from netball administration, now that all his children have moved on, and so we are looking for someone to take over.

Netball has grown at Te Rā over the last few years and last year we had 4 teams playing, supported by a number of committed coaches, managers and parents. Administration is mostly around managing the initial registrations, coordinating with managers and coaches regarding setting up the teams, uniforms etc. and being the contact person for Kapiti Netball. Netball this year cannot proceed without an administrator.

Ryan will be available for a handover, and can pass on all of the administration procedures and system passwords. Please contact Todd at school if you are willing to take on this role.

Winter Skiing Champs at Whakapapa – 2020

Below is some information regarding the school ski champs. If you would like to receive the full email information that was sent to our school please contact Maxine in the office. If we were to have children enter this event we would need an adult to be the liaison etc and to be present during the event.

Week 1 (Years 7 & 8):

Monday 24th August – Thursday 27th August

(Purchased discounted passes will run from Sunday 23rd August – Thursday 27th August)

Week 2 (Years 1-4 and Years 5 & 6):

Monday 31st August – Thursday 3rd September

(Purchased discounted passes will run from Sunday 30th August – Thursday 3rd September)

How to enter:

Entry forms open online on **6th April** keep an eye on the website for entry forms and process.

Website: <https://www.mtruapehu.com/nips> **Facebook:** [LINK](#)

News from the Beehive

There are hardly any flowers left and the honey season is over. There are still heaps of summer bees around with not much to do, so they try to steal honey from other hives, that's why this time of year is also called the robbing season. The bees are very protective of their own hive and can be rather aggressive at the moment. We harvested and extracted about 15 kg of honey from the Langstroth hive, and took about 20 kg from the top bar hive. Both hives were left with plenty of honey to see them through the winter. Now that the honey for human consumption has been taken off the hives, it is also the time to treat the hives against infestations of Varroa mites. Both of our hives are in good condition, and will be prepared for winter over the next few weeks.

The Big Swap

Come along with your unwanted goods (clothes, toys, tools, books, etc...) and find some treasures! This will be held in the Nursery/Playgroup room on Friday the 20th of March from 1:30pm until 3pm. The leftovers (clothes and books) will be donated to the harvest festival.



Community Notices and Advertising

These notices do not reflect the opinions of the editors.

Firewood for Sale

Now is the time to get your firewood for Winter. BYO trailer to 10b Leinster Ave (cnr of Poplar Ave and Leinster Ave) to load your own firewood, or let me know and i get someone to help you load it. Cost is \$80 per cubic meter, fundraiser for class 6. Call Dave 0274786003 to arrange.

Honey available again

Early season Valley Road Produce honey available, liquid or creamed. \$25 for 1 kg glass jar, \$14 for 500g glass jar. Contact Christian or Hana or 0221342628.

Do You Want Less Weeds / More Veges / More Flowers?

- If you want regular garden maintenance or a one off tidy-up from an experienced gardener, who is also a local friendly Te Ra Mama?
- Own equipment, \$30 per hour, 3 hours minimum per visit.
- Call Susan van de Vorstenbosch at Ladybird Landscaping on 021 0222 6026

ENSWaP Conference 2020

The Art of Recognition, April 17-19th, 2020, Kyiv, Ukraine

Dear Waldorf Parents from all over Europe and beyond, let's meet again this year and discuss topics that interest us all in this fast-changing world! Together we can help our children to get the education that they need in order to become themselves.

The 2020 conference of the European Network for Steiner Waldorf Parents will be held in Kyiv in Ukraine. We will listen together to inspiring speakers, exchange experiences, build bridges between people and countries, and have time to get to know each other and have lively discussions.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW

For further information and the full programme visit [our website](#). For further information on the conference contact Roman Chernyavsky al croman@ukr.net. If you have general questions about the work of ENSWaP, please contact Márti Domokos al marti@enswap.org. Looking forward to meeting you in Kyiv! The ENSWaP team

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10.15am

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MacLean Park
Paraparaumu Beach

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A silhouette illustration of a group of runners of various ages and genders running across a green field towards a blue beach and a brown hill in the background.

Sunday 29th March 2020

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

Diary of Dates

Tuesday 17 th March	Keruru, Korimako and Ruru Kindergartens Parent Evening 7:30 – 9:00pm
Friday 20 th March	The Big Swap from 1:30pm
Saturday 21st March	Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm
Thursday 26 th March	Class 6 Parent Evening 6:30-7:30pm
Thursday 2 nd April	Kapiti Interschool Swimming Festival (Years 4-8)
Thursday 2 nd April	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00–9:00pm
Saturday 4 th April	Harvest Fair Set-up Day
Sunday 5 th April	Harvest Fair
Monday 6th April	Teacher Development Day (No school/kindy/nursery/playgroup)
Thursday 9 th April	Last Day Term 1
	HOLS
Tuesday 28 th April	First Day Term 2
Monday 4 th May	Class 2 Whānau Hui, 5:00-7:00pm
Mon 4 – Fri 8 May	Te Wiki o Te Mahi Tahī – School Only
Monday 18 th May	Raphael House Upper School Information Evening at Te Rā School, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday 26 th May	Traditional Maori Games - Otaki (Year 5/6)
Thursday 28 th May	<i>PP Date Traditional Maori Games</i>
Monday 1st June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 2nd June	Teacher Development Day (No school/kindy/nursery/playgroup)
Wednesday 10 th June	Interschool Cross Country – Waikanae Park (Years 4-8)
Thursday 11 th June	<i>PP Date - Interschool Cross Country</i>
Saturday 20th June	Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm
Thursday 25 th June	St John Lantern Festival for School 5:30-7:00pm
Tuesday 30 th June	Regional Cross Country (for those who qualify) – Upper Hutt
Thursday 2 nd July	<i>PP Date - Regional Cross Country</i>
Friday 3 July	Last Day Term 2
	HOLS
Monday 20 July	First Day Term 3
Sun 5 th July	Matariki Celebration at School, 6am
Monday 27 th July	Class 2 Whānau Hui, 7:00-9:00pm
Wednesday 12 th August	Junior Winter Tournament (Yr 5/6)
Friday 14 th August	<i>PP Date Junior Winter Tournament</i>
Monday 24th August	Teacher Development Day (No school/kindy/nursery/playgroup)
Saturday 29th August	Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm

Wed. 16 th September	Senior Winter Tournament
Fri. 18 th September	<i>PP Date Senior Winter Tournament</i>
Friday 25 th Sept.	Games Day for School
Friday 25 th Sept.	Last Day Term 3
	HOLS
Monday 12 th October	First Day Term 4
Wednesday 14 th October	School & Kindergarten Photo Day
Saturday 17 th October	<i>Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm</i>
Tuesday 20 th October	Class 2 Whānau Hui 5:00-7:00pm
Tuesday 20 th October	Interschool Mountain Biking (Yr 5-8)
Thursday 22 nd October	<i>PP Date Interschool Mountain Biking</i>
Monday 26th October	Labour Day Holiday
Friday 30th October	Early 1pm Finish (School & Kindergartens)
Saturday 31 st October	Open Day 11:00am-2:00pm
Mon. 16 th – Fri. 20 th Nov.	Class 5 Olympic Camp - Ngaruawahia
Friday 20 th Nov.	Kapa Haka Fundraiser Evening
Monday 23rd Nov.	Teacher Development Day (No school/kindy/nursery/playgroup)
Saturday 28 th November	Advent Wreath Making – School Hall
Friday 4 th December	Kāpiti Kapa Haka Festival
Tuesday 15 th Dec.	Last Day for Kindergarten for 2020
Wednesday 16 th Dec.	Last Day for School for 2020 (early Finish)

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 find out more about us

by visiting the Information Room at our Harvest Fair
Sunday 5th April
11:00am-3:00pm

at Te Rā Waldorf School, 89 Poplar Ave, Raumati South

04 299-0812 or email office@tera.school.nz

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