



Kia Manawanui

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui **4 June 2020**

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Ngā mihi ki a koutou e ngā whānau o tō tātou kura,
dear parents, families, and friends.

We hope that you are well as we enter hōtoke/winter. No doubt, many of you are feeling like we've just started the year and it is already June! At Te Rā and Te Rāwhiti, we are also aware of how the rāhui period has changed the layout of our year, and we are looking at ways to make the most out of the time remaining while still keeping the experience of our akonga at the centre of our thinking and planning.

For these reasons, it was great to have our Teacher Development Day this week. We realise that this came very soon after our return to school. However, this day gave teachers the chance to do some 'big picture' thinking and enabled us to start projects that have a longer-term focus around building strong community and a strong learning culture in our organisation. Thank you all for your support with this mahi.

Thank you too for your continued understanding of the Level 2 guidelines. Maxine has commented that parents have been very supportive and co-operative. It's been great seeing everyone again, even just at the gates. A reminder though that dogs need to be tied up when they come on to the school site and should not come past the hall. The newly refurbished picnic table is a good place to tie them up if you need to go into school!

We hope you enjoy this inward time of year – only a few weeks till the winter solstice! The celebrations of this special season are a little different at kindergarten and school, and this year's dates have changed. Please check the Diary of Dates on the last pages of this newsletter.

Ngā mihi mahana nā

David Nicoll & Kerstin Wagner (for the Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā College)

Te Rā News / Pānui

The Te Rā class teachers will be offering times for parent/whānau kōrero over the next few weeks (Week 9-12 this term). We have a new – electronic - booking system (thank you, André, for setting this up!) and you will hear soon from your child's teacher about how to book a time. As always, these face-to-face meetings are a part of our mid-year reporting. What is different this year is that we have decided to hold them before the written reports, in order to give parents a chance to share observations and experiences from the time when school was closed, making it possible for shared reflections to flow into the reports.

Other changes we are making in this 'different' school year are to the dates of our Whitsun festival (which is for the school children) and the Mid-Winter festivals (which is for our whole community).

Schedules for school sports have also been affected by the closure. Aleka, Todd and other teachers have worked out new dates for these – please see the Diary of Dates for details.

Class 4 Snapshot: mathematical discoveries are made and discussed in the "Mighty Math" Main Lesson, Folding Fractions !!!



Class 5 Snapshot: botanical discoveries in the Botany Main Lesson, where the children created some beautiful Moss Gardens.



Te Rāwhiti News / Pānui

At our kindergarten teachers meeting, we all had the same heartening story to tell, of really happy, settled groups which is so lovely. For some children, all that time at home has tangibly helped them. We were imagining that we might be receiving anxious children but have experienced the opposite. The children are in great shape. It must be because you have done an amazing job parenting through this covid time, keeping adult concerns away from them, and letting them just be children. Thank you!! We are happy to be back.

We would like to welcome Nathan Deleglise and family to Eija's Kereru kindergarten.

Congratulations to Susie and James Dilks on the birth of their baby boy, a new brother for India and Arlo.

Doris Zuur

Small Jars Wanted for Class 2

Class 2 are in need of small jars for painting. If you have any clean, empty baby food jars you no longer need and can drop them off at school, they will be much appreciated. Kia ora koutou.

Spare Clothing Wanted for Our Kindy at Paekakariki

If anyone has any surplus children's leggings, gumboots, long sleeve or short sleeve T-shirts, socks or trousers that they can donate for spare clothing at our kindergarten at Paekakariki we would really appreciate it. They can be either taken directly to Lotti, or dropped into the school office. Thank you.

Kindy Insulation Working Bee this Saturday

This Saturday, 6th June we would like to install the insulation under the kindy classes. We are looking for some helpers to help attach the insulation and also to pass the insulation under the building.

If you are available to help for this working bee please email emilev@tera.school.nz. Start time is 9am.

We will be having a general school working bee on the 20th June but if you can help this weekend this will be also be considered a working bee attendance.

Please watch out for our newsletter as we will have more detail about the working bee on the 20th. Emile has a number of projects planned.

Winter Sports News

Netball

School netball is now underway. It is looking like we have 5 teams this year which is fantastic! If you have any queries or haven't been contacted yet after registering an interest to play, please contact the office.

Hockey

Club based junior hockey starts this weekend but we are still waiting to hear when the primary school mid-week hockey will start. Hopefully we will hear soon from Kapiti Hockey.

Community Notices and Advertising

These notices may not reflect the opinions of kindergarten & school.

House Available To Rent

Raumati South 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom house available mid to late July. To register interest please text/ph 021 2234993

Holiday With Our Dog And Cat By The Sea

We are looking for someone to come and stay in our house in Paekakariki from Friday the 3rd of July to Sunday the 12th, to look after our lovely pets.

Our house is warm and cosy, 2 minutes walk from the beach with stunning views of the sea and the South Island.

Contact Lotti and Brendan: 027 337 1418

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.

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AIMS Games

Organisers of the Anchor AIMS Games have bowed to the inevitable and postponed this year's national intermediate-aged sports tournament until 2021.

Tournament director Vicki Semple explained it was the hardest decision the AIMS Games trustees have ever had to make in the 17-year history of the event but the Covid-19 global pandemic had made hosting the Tauranga-based tournament untenable.

Kakariki Nature Play

Kia ora, I am a Te Rawhiti mum, and I have been running a nature play holiday programme and nature education school sessions for the past year. We have operated out of Nga Manu and Kaitawa Reserve to date, but I would love to be on private land where there is less red tape and more freedom! Ideally the land would be conveniently located for access from Paraparaumu, Waikanae or Raumati, with a varied landscape, including bush, open spaces and a stream, and the ability to have an outdoor fire.

If you or someone you know has a spot like this, is interested in the philosophy of nature education and its benefits for our tamariki, and would be happy to have some nature play on your property, I would love to talk to you.

We are also looking for some holiday programme assistants. If you have experience working with children, a love of nature and outdoor education and would like some part time/casual work please contact me.

Thank you, Anna Burns

Kakariki Nature Play

021 02430430 annaburns.enrich@gmail.com

Kakariki Nature Play July School Holiday Programme

Kakariki Nature Play July School Holiday Programme at Nga Manu Nature Reserve for children aged 4 - 10. Dates: Week 1:

7th,8th,9th Week 2: 14th,15th,16th July

Cook lunch over the fire, build huts and shelters, climb trees and play, explore the forest, stories and songs, harakeke weaving, whittling and more.

\$60/day, discounts for siblings or multiple days.

Contact Anna 021 02430430 annaburns.enrich@gmail.com

Diary of Dates

<p>Saturday 6 June Friday 12 June</p>	<p>Kindy Insulation Working Bee from 9am. Class 3 Strings Programme Concert, 9:40am in the Hall (for class 3 whanau)</p>
<p><i>Thursday 18 June</i></p>	<p><i>Paekakariki Kindergarten Hōtoke Festival Festival Postponed until 25 June</i></p>
<p>Monday 15 June</p>	<p>Whitsun Festival for School (children to wear white or sunny coloured clothing to school)</p>
<p>Saturday 20 June Monday 22 June</p>	<p>Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm Raphael House Upper School Information Evening at Te Rā School, 7:00pm-8:00pm</p>
<p>Tuesday 23 June</p>	<p>Korimako, Keruru & Ruru Kindergarten Groups Parent Evenings 7:30pm</p>
<p>Tuesday 23 June</p>	<p>Class 7 Visit to Raphael House</p>
<p><i>Thursday 25 June</i></p>	<p><i>St John Lantern Festival for School (5:30-7:00pm)</i> Postponed until early Term 3</p>
<p>Thursday 25 June</p>	<p>Paekakariki Kindergarten Hōtoke Festival (Evening, Time TBC)</p>
<p>Tuesday 30 June</p>	<p>Class 8 Interviews for Raphael House at Te Rā</p>
<p>Wednesday 1 July</p>	<p>Class 8 Interviews for Raphael House at Te Rā</p>
<p>Wednesday 1 July</p>	<p>Kapiti College Open Day. Pre-Bookings needed via Te Rā office if you want to attend (due to Covid number restrictions)</p>
<p>Friday 3 July</p>	<p>School Sharing Assembly, morning time tbc</p>
<p>Fri 3 July</p>	<p>Last Day Term 2</p>
<p>Sunday 5 July</p>	<p>Matariki Celebration at School, 6am</p>

*** **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS** ***

<p>Mon 20 July Friday 24 July</p>	<p>First Day Term 3 Raumati Kindergarten Groups Matariki Festival, 5:30pm</p>
<p>Mon 27 July</p>	<p>Class 2 Whānau Hui, 7:00-9:00pm</p>
<p>Tuesday 28 July</p>	<p>Interschool Cross Country</p>
<p><i>Thurs 30 July</i></p>	<p><i>PP Date Interschool Cross Country</i></p>
<p>Mon 3 August</p>	<p>Information Afternoon 2:30pm</p>
<p>Thursday 6 August</p>	<p>School Lantern Festival, Evening TBC</p>
<p>Wed 12 August</p>	<p>Junior Winter Tournament (Yr 5/6)</p>
<p><i>Fri 14 August</i></p>	<p><i>PP Date Junior Winter Tournament</i></p>
<p>Mon 24 August</p>	<p>Teacher Development Day (No school/kindy/nursery/playgroup)</p>

Sat 29 August	Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 11 September	School Sharing Assembly
Wed 16 September	Senior Winter Tournament
<i>Fri 18 September</i>	<i>PP Date Senior Winter Tournament</i>
Fri 25 Sept	Games Day for School
Fri 25 Sept	Last Day Term 3

***** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS *****

Mon 12 October	First Day Term 4
Wed 14 October	School & Kindergarten Photo Day
Sat 17 October	Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm
Tues 20 October	Class 2 Whānau Hui 5:00-7:00pm
Tues 20 October	Interschool Mountain Biking (Yr 5-8)
Thurs 22 October	PP Date Interschool Mountain Biking
Mon 26 October	Labour Day Holiday
Fri 30 October	Early 1pm Finish (School & Kindergartens)
Saturday 31 October	Open Day 11:00am-2:00pm
Mon-Fri 16-20 Nov	Class 5 Olympic Camp - Ngaruawahia
Fri 20 November	Kapa Haka Fundraiser Evening
Mon 23 November	Teacher Development Day (No school/kindy/nursery/playgroup)
Sat 28 November	Advent Wreath Making – School Hall
Fri 4 December	Kāpiti Kapa Haka Festival
Tues 15 December	Last Day for Kindergarten for 2020
Wed 16 December	Last Day for School (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

Monday 3rd August at 2:30pm

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

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