



Kia Manawanui

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui **2 July 2020**

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



We are nearly at the end of this long term! Although there has only been seven weeks of school since we returned, it has felt like a long time for many of us. Some people are even referencing a 22 week term, due to the twilight zone of open/closed that we experienced during the covid rāhui! It has been amazing to see the energy, life and learning that is still present in our kura over these cold winter weeks.

With that in mind, we'd like to express our thanks and gratitude to all those who have stepped forward to take sports teams this season. Te Rā has several netball teams and hockey teams active in the local schools leagues this winter. Sport provides an enormous amount of learning for our tamariki and builds upon the work done at school. Values such as contribution, perseverance and kotahitanga are developed so strongly through sport, and these values are modelled and led by our coaches. Their involvement also builds our profile in the local community and creates connections for our students. Tēnā koutou katoa!

A big thank you too to all who helped at the last working bee, and particularly to Emile for his organisation, planning and guidance with this community project. Following on from the working bee, we are undertaking a number of projects regarding the buildings and grounds at school. A lot of planning and consultation has gone into them and you will notice some changes when you return to school

after the holidays. One of these being the relocation of the bike stands to in behind the hall area, beside the container.

We wish you all a warm and restful winter break.

Ngā mihi mahana nā

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

Te Rā News / Pānui

Whitsun Festival

Last Thursday we celebrated our Whitsun Festival. Also called Pentecost, this festival comes 7 weeks after Passover and Easter – the 50 days is what the prefix 'pente' refers to. Rudolf Steiner referred to it as a festival of the future and a festival of the higher self.

There is a level of consciousness where we are all connected and can all understand each other and that in the far future we will be able to communicate on this level. However, in this current reality people speak different languages and even when we are speaking the same language, we do not always understand what other people are saying!

Our Class 1 children made beautiful white paper doves, helped by their Class 7 tuakana. The doves are a symbol of the holy spirit that unites all humankind, of love and of peace.

Every year, our festival involves hearing languages from around the world, a song where many languages are sung – in eight parts! Class 6 offered a musical presentation of bell toning (music being one of our only international languages!).

It is true a celebration of Kotahitanga!



Te Rā School Beekeeping Club

Shout out to Christian Boedeker from his Te Rā beekeeping apprentices – the children absolutely love their sessions with you! The hives they checked with you last week (when the sun shone warm and bright ...) looked happy and busy. What a wonderful experience for our school children to have the opportunity to learn about the world in this way!

Thank you!!!



Community Working Bee

Hello friends,

Below are some photos from a very successful and satisfying working bee. Thank you to those of you who contributed their mahi, good will and energy to transform the compost area and shade house and worked tidying up around the school.

What a lovely day, sharing, giving, supporting the children who wanted to help out, or play together, as well as having conversations with new and old friends. It was encouraging to make room for new life, by clearing the old cluttered spaces, sorting, tossing out and giving away and allowing new visions to weave with simplicity, light, safety and clarity. Community building at its finest!

Thank you, Mark



Kindo APP –Android APP is now available

myKindo phone app has been released for Android. iPhone APP is already live. If you use the APP, you will have no more passwords, Log in with a touch, Face ID or PIN number - making it easier and faster to order and pay at our school. Search for "myKindo" in the app stores.

iPhone App Store link:

<https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/mykindo/id1445622107>

Google Play link:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.co.tgcl.mykindo>

Kindo Balance Reminder

This is a reminder to check your Kindo balances and consider if you would like to apply your balances available in your Kindo accounts to the amounts due to be paid in Kindo. If you apply your balances to your Disbursements or Special Character Contributions, you will receive a tax donation receipt straight away from Kindo.

Click on here for an easy link to your Kindo login. [LOGIN](#)

The Big Swap

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 31st of July from 1:30pm until 3pm. The leftovers (clothes and books) will be donated to the harvest festival and/or a charity store (to be determined).

Perrine

Matariki Festival 6am Sunday 5th July



**Matariki
Festival
2020**

6am Sunday 5th July

BRING AROHA ● BRING WHĀNAU ● BRING WARMTH ● BRING KAI

*Look above in the heavens at dawn
Turn to the East in the month of Pipiri
Search out there in the stars along the horizon
You will see Matariki and her whānau of light*

*Ko Tupu-a-nuku,
Ko Tupu-a-rangi,
Ko Waiti
Ko Waita
Ko Waipuna-a-rangi
Ko Ururangi
Ko Hiwa-i-te-rangi
Ko Pōhutukawa*

Community Notices and Advertising

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

Accommodation Wanted

1 or 2 bedroom accommodation wanted in Kapiti. Please phone Emile 021 234 7965.

Come and join in the fun at Kapiti Music Centre!

We currently have a couple of openings for term 3 in the following classes:

Introduction to Music: (Monday afternoons)

Introduction to Music is a course for young children using singing, percussion, recorder and games to introduce the basics of music. It will encourage memory, co-ordination, concentration and spatial awareness; all of these are important when learning a musical instrument. Other musical skills such as identifying pitch, rhythm and timing will also be developed. Aged 5+

Recorder: (Beginner-intermediate, Monday & Tuesday afternoons)

Recorder classes start from ages 6+. Instruction is based around recognition of written music, timing and playing as a group. Two years tuition on the Descant Recorder provides children with a thorough grounding in basic music principles of rhythm and notation.

Please email us on admin@kapitimusiccentre.org.nz
www.kapitimusiccentre.org.nz



Futsal – Term 3 Afterschool Activity

The first games start on Tuesday 4 August, at Paraparaumu College Sports Hall between 4-5:30pm and are every Tuesday for 6 weeks, finishing on Tuesday 8 September.

- There are 2 grades – Year 5&6 and Year 7&8
- Each team needs an adult to accompany them please.
- It will be the responsibility of each school to contact trace students attending the games.
- And a heartfelt request that anyone feeling unwell (even a little bit) does not attend the games.

If anyone would like to play or make up a team....

Registration is via google docs. Registrations are to be completed by Thursday July 23rd.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kiu3SEoXqs0riOT - LGxuYjizPbj42a5SFbmy-7PhF8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kiu3SEoXqs0riOT-LGxuYjizPbj42a5SFbmy-7PhF8/edit?usp=sharing)

Qi Gong Classes

A series of 8 afternoon sessions, SUN 26 JULY – 20 SEPT, 4 – 5.15pm, (no class 16 Aug), Paekakariki, \$80 for 8 classes; \$15 drop-in. Please check out:

www.theartofmindfulness.co.nz/qigong or email rachel@theartofmindfulness.co.nz to enrol.

Mindfulness, Breath and Qi Gong for Anxiety, a 1-Day Retreat

Join me for a mindfulness retreat, designed to calm the mind and down-regulate the nervous system, in a peaceful home setting in Paekakariki. We'll be practising mindfulness, breath practices and a qi gong sequence designed to reduce anxiety. Limited to 7 people.

<http://www.theartofmindfulness.co.nz/retreats/#kapiti> or ring

Rachel on 021 473 012

Poetry in Paekakariki

Join poets James Brown and Rachel Tobin for an afternoon poetry reading (and cake), SAT 8 AUG, 2pm, St Peters Village Hall, Paekakariki. Free entry (koha towards hall hire optional). No need to register.

The Hutt Valley Education Benefit Services Trust

The Hutt Valley Education Benefit Services Trust (HV BEST) is pleased to announce the launch of its Paraparaumu based Kapiti service (Kapiti BEST) on Monday, 6 July. Based at CAB Coastlands Offices, this long-awaited service will provide the Kapiti community up to date information and advocacy on the benefits and grants paid by Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ). Otaki residents are included in the area supported.

The clinic will operate monthly clinics on the first Monday of each month, and it is anticipated this will quickly increase to fortnightly as awareness of the service grows. Kapiti BEST advocates are community based, professional, competent trained volunteers operating within the organisation's Code of Ethics. They will provide advocacy with WINZ if needed. All information is treated in the strictest confidence and clients are treated with dignity and respect and empowered to make their own decisions.

To make an appointment please call CAB Offices on 04 298 4944.

3-Day Mindfulness Retreat, Otaki

Moving into Stillness, a 3-day residential Mindfulness and Qi Gong retreat, Strathean Retreat Centre, 14 – 17 AUG, facilitated by Rachel Tobin. For more info, please check out:

www.theartofmindfulness.co.nz/strathean

Slippers

Cosy-toes slippers now available, 100% wool in a range of sizes and colours. Made to order children's \$25, adults \$35. Check affiknittynz on facebook for examples of these and other knitted toys available. Handknitted by Lea-Ann 0276644404.

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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House Available To Rent

Raumati South 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom house available 3rd of October. To register interest please text/ph 021 2234993.

Begin to Swim Holiday Programme

NEW! Swim Begin School Holiday Programme

ENROL NOW! Limited Spaces!

New 90 minute programme only \$59 per week

Our new 90 minute programme includes learn to swim lessons, water safety skills and snorkelling activities, all designed to accelerate your child's learning and give them confidence in the water.

Mon 6th - Fri 10th July

Mon 13th - Fri 17th July

Coastlands Aquatic Centre

9:00am - 10:30am

6, 7, 8 and 9 year olds

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11:30am - 1:00pm

9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds

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Ōtaki Pool

10:30am - 12:00 noon

6 - 12 year olds

TBA



Diary of Dates

Friday 3 July School Sharing Assembly, 9:30am
Fri 3 July Last Day Term 2
Sunday 5 July Matariki Celebration at School, 6am

*** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ***

Mon 20 July First Day Term 3
Friday 24 July Raumati Kindergarten Groups Matariki Festival, 5:30pm
Monday 27 July Class 2 Whānau Hui, 7:00-9:00pm
Tuesday 28 July Interschool Cross Country
Thurs 30 July PP Date Interschool Cross Country
Friday 31st July The Big Swap 1:30-3:00pm in the Nursery/Playgroup Building
Monday 3 August Information Afternoon 2:30pm
Thursday 6 August School Lantern Festival, 6:30pm-8:00pm
Wed. 12 August Junior Winter Tournament (Yr 5/6)
Friday 14 August PP Date Junior Winter Tournament
Monday 24 August Teacher Development Day (No school/kindy/nursery/playgroup)
Sat. 29 August Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm
Tues. 8 September Regional Cross Country for those who qualify Yrs 5-8. In Upper Hutt
Thurs. 10 September PP Date Regional Cross Country
Friday 11 September School Sharing Assembly
Wed. 16 September Senior Winter Tournament
Fri. 18 September PP Date Senior Winter Tournament
Thurs. 24 September Interregional Cross Country for those who qualify, in Wellington
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), Waikanae Park
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

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

www.tera.school.nz

[Find us on Facebook](#)