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# Kia Manawanui



Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui 20 August 2020

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

## He Mihi – Greetings and Thank You.

Welcome to Hamish Bartholomew who has joined Class 3, and to Wyntah Mair who has joined Class 2.

It feels like our community and school is in a very positive space at the moment, and it is great when parents comment on this! With all that goes on, it is easy to forget the work of our Board of Trustees. This group, which is made up mostly of parent volunteers, has overall responsibility for the governance of the school. The work involved is often complex and time consuming, and we are very lucky at Te Rā to have such capable and committed people on our board.

We'd like to acknowledge the work of two Board members who have recently stepped down from their roles, Matt Freeland and Sylvia Madden. Matt was part of the Board from 2019 and brought great energy and enthusiasm to the group. Thank you Matt and we know you'll stay connected in the years to come.

Sylvia came on to the Board in 2013 and has stayed for many years, even though she is no longer a parent of the school! Sylvia stepped into the Board Chair role at a very difficult time in our school's history and has been a wise, steady and knowledgeable influence in the group. We did not want to let her go but accept that she has probably earned the right to move on to other things! Sylvia will still stay connected through her membership of the Kapiti Waldorf Trust.

Kei te mihi Sylvia. Tēnā raua atu koe!

## Reminders and Dates

A reminder that there is no School of Kindergarten on **Monday next week (24<sup>th</sup> August)**, as there is a Teacher Development Day planned. We recognise that this is not easy for some families and encourage whānau to support others in the community where they see a need. These days really benefit the growth of teaching and learning in our kura and we are grateful for your support.

Our recent community survey gave lots of useful information. It showed that many people in our community do read the newsletter, and this is great to hear! For the rest of this year though, we have decided that the newsletter will be once every three weeks. This is part of our general efforts to manage workload, and to be simple and efficient in our approach. It will also enable us to improve what we are offering and hopefully make it worth your time to read!

## Term Dates

Aleka has worked out the Term dates for 2020. Thank you Aleka! We know that this will be helpful to parents for forward planning. You can find them in this newsletter.

Ngā mihi mahana nā Kerstin & David

## Community Survey – FINAL CALL

**Mā te kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tātau.**  
*In unity we have strength.*

Many thanks to the 70 parents who have completed the survey so far – fantastic!

If you have not yet done so, this is your last chance to click on the link below. Your feedback is very much appreciated by all of us here at Te Rāwhiti and Te Rā!

[2020 Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Survey](#)

We will share a summary of results with you in one of our next newsletters.

## From the Finance Team

Our Kindo reports show there are a number of families with substantial balances in their Kindo accounts. To assist us with cashflow, we would appreciate it if you could apply your balances in Kindo to your payables. If you have any problems with doing this, please feel free to ring Kindo on 0508 454 636 and they can apply the balances for you.

## From the Office

### **Reminder: Civil Defence – 2 cans of food per student!**

We had a great response to our last reminder (thank you!) but if you still need to bring in emergency canned food for your children it's not too late to drop them in at the school office.

### **Unclaimed Bicycle**

Please remember to remove all bicycles and scooters from the school grounds each day. We have recently moved a purple bicycle and helmet into our locked shed as this has been left outside for some time. Please identify and claim via the school office if it is yours.

### **Change in the Phone System**

You may have already noticed that we now have a new phone system in place at school. We are no longer using the 04 299 0813 phone number. If you need to contact the school please use either 04 299 0812 or our emergency cellphone 021 295 8618. Absentee messages can be left by choosing the absentee option when you phone the 299 0812 number.

## From the Hot Lunch Team- Helpers Needed

The Wednesday lunch crew need some more volunteers please! We are very short on helpers at the moment and it is a challenge to keep things flowing with the current people on board. We really need some more people on a regular basis to help out with cooking in the morning and serving, or serving and clearing up. We also need a crew of back-up people that we can call on an ad hoc basis when needed. Do please come along. It's fun! Especially serving all the lovely tamariki :) Please email Bonnie @ [bonnieandcosmo@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieandcosmo@gmail.com)

**REMINDER** - If your child is going to be absent, please **cancel your lunch order** on Kindo by 9.30am on the same Wednesday to secure your refund.

The office will no longer be able to arrange lunch money refunds, so please check and carefully manage your families lunch orders.

Remember that the Kindo Helpdesk is available to help you with any access problems etc. as well – phone them on 0508 454 636.

## Te Rā - Pānui

### **Takiri o te Ata Kapa Haka festival:** Fri 4 Dec 2020 (Kapiti College)

One of the biggest events of the year is always our participation in Takiri o te Ata Kapa Haka Festival. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to share the fruits of their hard work and to celebrate the talented displays from other Kāpiti schools. This year we have the added responsibility and privilege of hosting the event, something that only happens about once every 20 years. It is a very big job that will require a team effort but, fortunately for us, organising and holding festivals is one of the many things we do very well. When the time comes, we would greatly appreciate your involvement and support.

### **Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahī and Sharing Assembly Cancelled** 😞

With many of our yearly events postponed to term 3, and perhaps beyond, we have cancelled our term 3 Sharing Assembly as well as our popular Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahī, which originally would have been held during term 2. While the school teacher team had hoped that we could squeeze it into our timetable later this year, we realised that it was simply not realistic. With many other exciting events, for individual classes as well as the whole school and community, we hope that this will allow us to focus our energy and enthusiasm (and that of our valued parent helpers) to make those events extra successful.

## Term Dates for 2021

### **Term 1 Wednesday 3 February – Friday 16 April**

(Kindergartens start Thurs 4 Feb)

Monday 8 February	Waitangi Day
Friday 2 April	Good Friday
Monday 5 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 6 April	Easter Tuesday

### **Term 2 Monday 3 May – Friday 9 July**

Monday 7 June	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 8 June	Teacher Development Day

### **Term 3 Monday 26 July – Friday 1 October**

Monday 30 August	Mid-term Break
Tuesday 31 August	Teacher Development Day
Friday 17 September	12:30pm Finish for Kindy & School
Saturday 18 September	Open Day

### **Term 4 Monday 18 October – Thursday 16 December**

(Kindergartens Finish Wednesday 15 December)

Monday 25 October	Labour Day
Monday 22 November	*Teacher Development Day (*School Only)
Thursday 16 December	1:00pm finish for school

## Te Rāwhiti - Pānui

Warm welcome to Rylee Smith into Tui Nursery group.

Thank you to Ellen and Simon for all their hard work in repainting and sprucing up our playgroup space at Paekakariki. It is looking fabulous!

Qualified kindergarten teachers: We wish to increase our kindergarten teachers' relievers pool. Please contact Doris if you are interested, [dorisz@tera.school.nz](mailto:dorisz@tera.school.nz)

Ngā mihi mahana, Doris



## Harvest Fair, Raffle and Christmas Market News

Hi Everyone,

The harvest raffle will be our main fundraiser this year and will be drawn on the **25th of September 2020**. Please return your money and ticket butts into the office by the **21st of September**. If you need an extra book there will be more available in the office and there will be a prize again this year for the most booklets sold.

After some deliberation we have decided given the current uncertainties over alert levels and numbers allowed, combined with an extremely booked term 4. We will proceed with our usual Christmas market on the **11th of December** as scheduled previously. We will aim our fair efforts towards next years Harvest fair and hope for business as usual. The tentative date is the **29th of March 2021**.

If you have been completing craft packs at home for the fair, could you please drop these into the office before the end of term. The craft stall will be at the Christmas market and this year will include craft to compliment the stationary.

On behalf of the fair core group

Tash Robertson

## Community Notices and Advertising

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

### **How To Talk To Your Racist Uncle (And Other People).**

Essential skills for anti-racist conversations in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Venue - Te Rā School Hall.

1.30pm - 5.30pm Saturday 22nd August.

Following on from an awesome response to the other 5 times we have run this workshop, we would like to offer this on the Kapiti Coast.

Please share with any friends who may be interested:

Are you worried about the pervasiveness of racism in New Zealand? Do you struggle with knowing how to handle racist comments and conversations when they are happening around you? Do you find yourself gritting your teeth while people close to you say things you feel uncomfortable with, but don't know how to challenge them without damaging the relationship?

Learn to engage with racism in ways that make space for meaningful change and minimise defensive reactions. In this workshop you will get a chance to:

- 1) Develop a criteria so that you can make quick decisions as to when and how to intervene.
- 2) Practice having conversations that have the potential to challenge racism in a way that is productive
- 3) Focus on how we can have loving relationships that also hold people accountable when they have views that are harmful.

This workshop is being facilitated by:

Gaayathri Nair, Gaayathri is a counsellor, before becoming a counsellor she worked extensively in the field of women's rights advocacy both in Aotearoa and overseas.

Lenka Rochford, Lenka is a psychotherapist and community educator. She lives on the Kapiti coast in a state of perpetual chaos with four awesome kids (the youngest three at Te Ra). In a previous life she was heavily involved in social and environmental activism.

We are not experts in anti-racism. This workshop is intended as a skill-sharing space where we will bring tools that have been helpful to us. The idea is to open a space where people can develop the capacity to hold some of these conversations and where we can support each other to learn.

Entry is free. Some koha towards snacks, facilitator travel costs and future workshops is welcome.

Bring some food to share if you fancy.

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link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJICEC1UVjFBaoM\\_XdF-lAp48cNtaMmvNAP-PYk2zNLqC6rA/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJICEC1UVjFBaoM_XdF-lAp48cNtaMmvNAP-PYk2zNLqC6rA/viewform?usp=pp_url) and fill in the registration form. Or if that doesn't work for you email [lenka.loo@outlook.com](mailto:lenka.loo@outlook.com)

There are space for 35 people on first in first serve basis, if you miss out we can let you know when we will run it again.

### **Open Mic Poetry Night Friday 21 August 5.30 – 6.30pm**

Paraparaumu Library.

Celebrate National Poetry Day at the Open Mic Night! Anyone of any age is welcome to read their poem before an appreciative and supportive audience. The Open Mic Night is always a fun event with surprises, laughter and shared emotions. On the night poets who entered the 8th annual If You're a Poet, We Want to Know it poetry competition will be reading their poems. The winners will be

announced and prizes awarded. This year the poetry competition had the theme of bubbles. As always, poets were free to interpret this theme as they like. Many made poems about their reflections and experiences during the recent Covid-19 crisis. We also had many children enter. On the night the book made from the entries in *If You're a Poet, We Want to Know* it poetry competition will be available for sale. Come along to read your poem, bring your child to read theirs, or just enjoy listening to poets from your local area.

### **Firewood (Mac) For Sale**

Seasoned split Macrocarpa for sale, ready to be used now. \$350 for one cord delivered. Contact Christian: 9097264 or [cboedek@yahoo.de](mailto:cboedek@yahoo.de)

### **6 Bike Rack for Sale**

We have a Rocks Rack bike rack for sale. Can hold 6 bikes vertically on the back of your car. Great for mountain bikes or family outings. Rated to hold 6 e-bikes!

Purchased for \$1500 but too big for our needs. Brand new, never been used. **Selling for \$1,200.00**. Contact Rhonda on 0272304409.



## Diary of Dates 2020

**Monday 24 August**

**Teacher Development Day  
(No school/kindy/nursery/playgroup)**

Sat. 29 August

Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm

Wed. 2 September

Class 3 Whānau Hui, 6:30-8:00pm

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*

Wed. 23 September

Koanga Spring Festival Paekakariki Kindergarten

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

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Open Afternoon 2:30pm

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

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 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm  
(Last one for 2020)**

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

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