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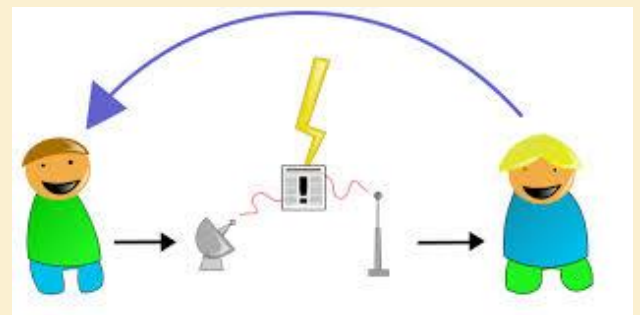


Ngā mihi ki a koutou e ngā whānau o tō tātou kura,
dear parents, families, and friends.

We would like to welcome the Doyer family: Rauten to Class 3 and Sion to Class 2. Nau Mai, haere mai ki te kura o Te Rā.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out our community survey. We appreciate the feedback from a record 77 responses! This indicates that the majority of whānau are overall very happy with our communication. Almost all said they regularly read our newsletters – yay! And right now you might be one of the 90%! 😊

This is all great to hear for us! After all, the whole point of communication is to get a message across. If we are sending messages that are not being received, then this doesn't really count as communication. Thank you for telling us what works and for sharing suggestions and ideas.



Most parents said they enjoy our whānau hui, and many shared what they appreciated most. Some offered some great suggestions for how we can enrich these valuable meetings further – these is useful feedback for all of us teachers!

Most respondents said that their preferred way of receiving information is via class teacher emails. This was a good reminder for us to your space and attention when we use this mode of communication.

On this note: please remember that the **class email lists** are for teachers (or class parent liaisons) to use for informing whānau about things that are happening at school. Parents can contact their child's teacher individually for all other kindergarten or school related matters.

For more details on the survey results, keep an eye out for the 3-page-summary that we will be sent out in the next few days.

Going forward your feedback will be discussed at to our faculty meeting next term, and we will also be able to feed some aspects into our annual and strategic planning.

Ngā mihi mahana nā Kerstin & David

From the Kapiti Waldorf Trust

Thank you to everyone who came to the working bee a couple of weeks back – see the photos on the next page.

As the proprietors we are responsible for ensuring the property meets the needs of the tamariki and teaching faculty as a school and a kindergarten. To that end we, as a Trust, have engaged two contractors, Anna Nord and Jamie Roberts, to investigate how we are using the space and develop an up to date site plan. This year has seen some changes already and the Trust is keen to ensure going forward change is coordinated and matched to an overall plan. Thanks to Emile, Paul D and Rhonda for carrying the daily property challenges. A property of this size does need constant attention, and whilst we benefited from years of Nick Fisher's skills in holding it together on a shoe string budget, it is now time for us to focus on both our big ticket maintenance items and looking forward to what we need as we change and grow.

On another note we also wish to thank Doris for acting in the Kindergarten Kaiārahi role for almost a year now. Doris will continue in this role until the end of this year and we are now advertising for a new Kaiārahi, starting at the beginning of 2021. Analysis of the requirements for coordinating management, compliance, policy and pedagogy has confirmed a need for this role in the kindergarten and we are hoping to attract an experienced Waldorf leader and hopefully also relief teacher into the role (see advert further below).

Thank you to the kindergarten team for their wonderful work with our tamariki and their willingness to meet the challenge of shifting and adapting to the constantly changing world of early childhood education, whilst keeping our special character at the heart of everything we do.

Ngā mihi mahana nā

Kapiti Waldorf Trust - Sylvia, Shelley, Joannes, Richard, David

Working Bee Pictures – THANK YOU!!!
***** From all of us here at Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā *****



Mā whero, mā pango, ka oti te mahi!

Many hands make light work!



Some worked in a container ... and others in the sun ... and others in the damp and dark: insulation to keep kindy-feet warm next winter!

Ka mau te wehi e te whānau!!!



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – next week !!!

The Māori Language Commission has given us all a special challenge this year: for at least **1 million** of us here in NZ to speak te reo Māori **at the same time** next Monday 12pm. For more information check out their website or click on the picture for the link.



Rongo has a few other activities planned for the school children, too!

Te Rā Pānui

We are very pleased to announce that Mary Fryer will be co-teaching Class 4 together with Kerstin until the end of term 4. Jutta has kindly offered to temporarily step back into her role as Extra lesson teacher to make this possible – thank you!

Te Rāwhiti Pānui

With regret, we announce that longstanding assistant Selena Hack has resigned from her position assisting Ruru Kindergarten teacher Olivia, to take up a management position that perfectly matches her passion: working with horses! We would like to thank Selena for her committed work over the last three years. Olivia and Ruru group will create an opportunity for parents and children to farewell her at the end of this term. Thank you, Selena!

This coming Friday/Saturday, our teacher Shelly Andrews will attend the 'Waekura' meeting in Wellington. Waekura meetings, taking place three times a year, comprise of 10 regional representatives from our Waldorf Kindergarten throughout New Zealand and representatives from the New Zealand Steiner Early Childhood Diploma course, works parallel to the Steiner schools' Fellowship and reports to SEANZ (Steiner Education Aotearoa New Zealand) and the International Waldorf Early Childhood Education sector. They are developing local and national networks and working on the many topics that we all have in common such as strengthening leaderships and pedagogical practice in all centres, and delivering our education within the legal education framework of New Zealand.

We are looking forward to hosting Edith van der Meer, member of Waekura and one of the main tutors at the Steiner Early Childhood Diploma at our kindergarten next Monday/Tuesday for classroom

observations and discussion with teachers. We will see her again in term 4, as she has offered to give an introductory talk to parents next term on Monday 13th October. We will send out more details about this.

Enjoy the feeling of spring in the air, the blossoms and daffodils, and yes, we still appreciate your lemons if you have spare ones. Thank you!

Doris Zuur (Acting Kindergarten Kaiārahi)

Onesie Day Tomorrow (Friday 11th Sept)

Students who want to get involved and support Wellington Free Ambulance should come to school in their onesie tomorrow and bring a gold coin donation. They can give the coin to their teacher or they can put it in the donations box that we will be set up in the office foyer.

Bake Sale (Friday 11th Sept & Friday 18th Sept)

Class 3 students will be hosting a BAKE SALE on the following two Fridays, 11th and 18th September, at lunch time. The proceeds will go towards the WWF Hector's Dolphin Conservation Programme.

All items will be priced at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

From the Board of Trustees: School Hot Lunches

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā rely on whānau support and commitment to provide many of the necessary functions. The school lunches program has been reliably feeding our tamariki and this is greatly appreciated, not only by the tamariki but also by the parents.



We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has helped out, especially the core of regular supporters!

They are looking for ***extra helpers** to keep this program alive. So, if you would like to donate some of your time to this worthy cause, please get in touch with Bonnie bonnieandcosmo@gmail.com

WANTED

* 2 regular **helpers**: one mainly for the preparation/cooking shift (11am-1pm) & one for the cleaning-up shift (12-2pm).

* A number of '**relievers**' that can be called upon at short notice.

Fundraising Group Raffle

***** Raffle Tickets *****

Drawn on 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.

Summer Touch Rugby – Registration Reminder

Play Touch for Tē Rā!



Kapiti Junior Touch

Season Starts 20th October
Mazengarb Reserve, Paraparaumu
Only \$40pp for 15 games

REGISTER AT YOUR SCHOOL NOW!

NEW 2020 RULES ENABLE MORE GAME TIME FOR ALL

U7-U10 Mixed teams are now smaller, with no on-field ratio AND age friendly rule changes

U12-U14 grades are now Mixed AND Boys teams (mixed teams are equal gender ratio's)

Touch season starts at the beginning of term 4 so if your child is keen to play please register as soon as possible (at the latest by 11 September). Parents, please also consider coaching a team which can be a very rewarding journey.

There have been a lot of changes to the rules for some grades and we are keen to go through these before the season starts so everyone is familiar with them. These sessions will be run by Richard and Tabitha McKenzie as well as coaches/parents who can help, dates, times and venue to be advised.

Playing Dates:

Leg One: 20th October – 10th December 2020 (8 weeks)

Leg Two: 9th February – 25th March 2020 (7 weeks)

- Tuesday's U7/U8 at 5.00 or 5.40pm
- Wednesday's U12 and U14s, 4.50pm, 5.30pm, 6.10pm or 6.50pm
- Thursday's U10s, 5.30pm, 6.10pm or 6.50pm

If you have any questions please email Richard & Tabitha McKenzie pahaukura@gmail.com or have a chat at school if you see us.

Kids Art Works Fundraiser



Art Works Fundraiser
order online now!



Our Kindo school shop is open and ready to take your orders for the art calendar fundraiser.

- Perfect Christmas presents for friends and family
- Treasured keepsakes
- The calendars and diaries include public holidays and term dates

[Registered Users can click here](#) to login to our Kindo school shop to place your orders.

[New Users can click here](#) to set up their account and place your orders.

Last day for orders: Monday 21st September 2020

Need assistance?

Call the Kindo helpdesk on freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) or email hello@mykindo.co.nz.

The children will, with the help of their class teacher, complete artwork or select an existing piece to use for this before the end of term. The calendars make wonderful gifts and the plan is to have the orders made up for us over the holidays so they will be ready in time to mail overseas in time for Christmas. We have had really positive feedback in the past and it is a great fundraiser for us.

Staff Vacancy - Kindergarten Kaiārahi Position

We are looking for an enthusiastic and flexible individual to lead our friendly and committed team from 2021 onward. We are looking to grow our kindergarten and playgroup sessions even further to meet our growing waiting list. Ideally, this role as Kaiārahi/Kaiako Matua/Kindergarten Co-ordinator includes a teaching component. This is negotiable.

Registration as an early childhood teacher is ideal but not essential. If you are a state-registered ECE teacher, Waldorf training and/or experience is preferred but not essential as you will be working with experienced and supportive colleagues. It is essential that applicants are open to learning about and working with our special character, Waldorf education.

For the management elements of the role, applicants need to have a genuine interest and skill in process improvement and be able to manage administration, finance and compliance functions. Our ideal candidate will combine strong management and team building skills with the ability to be an active and open listener.

Ideally, the successful applicant is available during November and December 2020 to enable a handover. From January, the size of the role is 0.7 FTE if it includes the teaching component, or 0.5 FTE if acting in the Co-ordinator capacity only.

This is a unique role and can be adapted slightly to suit the right individual, so if you are interested please contact the office via email at executiveofficer@tera.school.nz for more information.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday, 7 October 2020

Staff Vacancy – Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten Ruru Assistant

Kindergarten assistant

We invite applications for a vacancy in the Ruru Kindergarten as an assistant as of beginning term 4. The closing date is Friday 18th September. Inquiries and application to dorisz@tera.school.nz
Doris Zuur, acting Kindergarten Kaiarahi/Co-ordinator

Staff Vacancy - School Class 1 Teacher Aide

Teacher Aide (part-time, fixed term)

We have a vacancy for a part-time teacher aide position in Class 1. This role is designed to support the tamariki, alongside their

teacher, on three days each week during term time (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), from 9am to 2pm. One of these days may involve a walk with kindergarten teachers and children. Although this role is tailored largely to support the needs of one child, the teacher aide will support the teacher in the work with all children and contribute to the learning and wellbeing of the whole class.

The tasks involve:

- Working with children in their classroom setting and supporting with individualised teaching activities
- Working with individual children and small groups in a smaller setting
- Support with food/kai times & playground supervision
- Student personal care

Experience with childcare (e.g. through caring for children in your own household) is essential for this role. Experience in working with children with diverse needs is an advantage.

This position will be fixed term until the end of term 4. If you are interested, please send your CV and covering letter to our SENCO Mary Fryer, maryf@tera.school.nz

Raphael House Staff Vacancy

Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School - Vacancy - Receptionist position

We are seeking an experienced Receptionist to staff the busy school Office. The ideal candidate will have a warm and friendly disposition, strong administration skills, enjoy working with students of all age groups and take pride in keeping their work environment tidy and welcoming. A familiarity with Waldorf education is preferred.

This is a permanent part-time role, Monday to Friday, 8am – 12noon, (term time only).

Please visit our website

www.raphaelhouse.school.nz/about/staff/vacancies/ to view the Position Description and Application Form. Applications close on **Monday 14 September 2020, 5pm.**

Lost Property

We have had some glasses handed in the office. If you have lost your glasses, please pop in and see Rhonda or Maxine.

Community Notices and Advertising

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

House Wanted

Kia ora! Our sons have just joined the Te Rā school, and we would love to move to the area. If you are interested (or know of anybody who might be) in selling their home, we'd be grateful if you could contact us at:

PJ Doyer: 021 983 227

Hester Doyer 0272914123

Slow Yoga Sessions:

Join me for a 2 hour class of gentle movement (Yin style), breath work, yoga nidra and meditation to calm your nervous system.

Deepen into yourself. All practices are optional. If you have exhaustion you can dip in and out of practices and adapt them to suit your own current needs. There will be mantra played at various times through the class to settle and soothe the soul.

Please have 1-2 cushions and a blanket. Please be 15mins early. All practices are beginner friendly.

Dates: Oct 11, Nov 1, Dec 6th

Time: 10am - 12pm

Cost: \$20

Venue: The Lotus centre, Paraparaumu.

Bookings essential: adhyatma108@gmail.com or 021 0548756

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

House and Land for Sale, 24 Clunie Ave, Raumati South

Traditional 1940's 2-bedroom weatherboard house on 809m² of land. Fantastic indoor-outdoor living with decking front and back, native planting, water storage tank, native timber flooring and a woodburner. This is an absolute gem waiting for a handyman's touch. A property full of potential with plenty of room for an additional home, subdivision, or further planting with already established fruit trees. Located in a quiet neighbourhood handy to Te Ra School. Phone Jake Smythe 022-069-1847

Trade Me

link: <https://www.trademe.co.nz/a/property/residential/sale/listing/2711567373?bof=smRNS5hC>

Battle of Bands 2020

This is the official call out for **Battle of Bands 2020!!!** We are looking for those who have their own amazing band and would like to be a part of Wellingtons largest Primary and Intermediate school band competition.

The date has been set for **Tuesday the 27th of October**, and the venue is **Southward Theatre** in Paraparaumu.

Once again House of Sound is hosting and we are also joined by Good Time Music Academy.

This year we are opening the competition up to Year 5 & 6 students as well as Year 7 & 8 students.

Our vision for the day is to provide a professional and super exciting experience for all the kids involved. We will have an awesome light show, primo sound system, great backstage facilities, interactive games and lots of prizes. We want every kid to walk away from the day loving music and inspired to play more.

The cost of entry is **\$160 + gst per band entering**. Each band will get a **12 minute** slot to perform. Bands can perform covers and/or originals. Please refer to the information page up on our website houseofsound.co.nz.

If you would like to enter or find out more information, you can [follow the link below and complete an entry form.](#)

[Click here](#) to go to the Battle of the Bands Page.

Payment of entry fee, secures your spot in the competition.

Free Parenting Course

www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz

All it requires is a parent to look, read, watch, and hopefully gain out of the process, at their own pace and in their own time.

Mindfulness, Qi Gong and Breath for Relaxing the Nervous System

a 1-day mindfulness and qi gong retreat, SAT 26 SEPT, facilitated by Rachel Tobin, at the new Lotus Community Centre studio , Paraparaumu, 10am – 4.30pm. Please click here for more details:

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

Diary of Dates 2020

Friday 11 September	Onesie Day – Gold Coin Donation
Friday 11 September	Touch Rugby Registrations Due
Monday 14 September	Māori Language Moment 12:00pm
Wed. 16 September	Senior Winter Tournament Cancelled
Thurs. 17 September	Board Of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
Monday 21 September	Raffle Tickets Due Back Today

Monday 21 September	Last Day to Order Kids Artworks via Kindo
Tuesday 22 Sept	Class 6 Play. 6:00pm in Hall
Wed. 23 September	Koanga Spring Festival Paekakariki (Kakariki Group) Kindergarten
Wednesday 23 Sept	Class 6 Play for School Children 9:45am
Wednesday 23 Sept	Class 6 Play 6:00pm in Hall
Thursday 24 Sept	Class 6 Play for School Children 9:45am
Thursday 24 Sept	Class 6 Play 6:30pm in Hall
Fri. 25 September	Games Day for School
Fri. 25 September	Harvest Raffle Drawn Today
Fri. 25 September	Last Day Term 3

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

Mon. 12 October	First Day Term 4
Wed. 14 October	School & Kindergarten Photo Day
Sun. 18 October	Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm (please note date change)
Monday 19 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
<i>Thurs. 22 October</i>	<i>PP Date Interschool Mountain Biking</i>
Mon. 26 October	Labour Day Holiday
Thurs. 29 October	Board Of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
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
Thurs. 10 December	Board Of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm
Fri. 11 December	Christmas Market, 2:30-5:00pm
Tues. 15 December	Last Day for Kindergarten for 2020
Wed. 16 December	Last Day for School (early Finish)

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Sunday 28 March	Tentative Date for Harvest Fair
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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 Dev. Day (*School Only)
Thursday 16 December	1:00pm finish for school

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 19th October at 2:30pm

**Open Day Saturday 31st of October
11:00am-2:00pm**

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

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

www.tera.school.nz

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