



Te Rā Waldorf School, Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten,
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**Ngā mihi ki a koutou e ngā
whānau, dear parents,
families, and friends.**

Raffle tickets:

- Will be in your eldest child's bag today (School). Kindergarten pocket (Raumati South Kindergarten, Paekākāriki; Thursday).
- Please return to the office.

As these warm days continue through Poutūterangi it's hard to believe that we have now had five weeks back at school. I remember on the first day that I had a strong feeling of gratitude for the work I get to do and for the community we have at our kindergarten and school. It was a beautiful summer's day and there was such a connected feeling at our pōwhiri and through the day. The Class 7 students helped out with the organisation and the hosting of the manuhiri and the younger children seemed so happy in their play.

After the long summer break it was great to be reminded of the space we are all creating for our mokopuna. I'm sure that many children around the world experience school as a central point in their lives - for many families it is the main source of community and connection. I'm certainly glad that my own children get to experience a school and kindergarten that has such a beautiful setting and such a supportive community.

Whanaungatanga is our overall theme for this year - it is a school wide goal on our annual plan and is already reflected in what we are doing every day. Thank you all for the ways that you build whanaungatanga at Te Rāwhiti and Te Rā.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā David Nicoll (On behalf of the Co-principal/Kaiārahi team)

Working Bee – Saturday 13th of March 10am-4pm

This is our annual fair working bee and sure to be fun & productive.

- Please come and join us if you would like to make the grounds beautiful for the fair.
- Enjoy crafting? We will be stitching and making items for the littles people's table.
- Some tasks in the woodwork realm.

TE RĀ WALDORF SCHOOL & TE RAWHITI KINDERGARTENS
PRESENT



Te Rā Harvest Fair

SUNDAY
28th MARCH 2021
11am-3pm

Arts & Crafts · Games · Food · Live Music
Face Painting · Coffee · Books · Puppet Show
Crazy Hair · Fairy Den · Plants · Clothing

89 POPLAR AVE - RAUMATI SOUTH

Te Rā School Pānui

Class 4, 5 and 6 all have camps this term. Class 4 have been to Ōtaki Gorge and Class 5 are looking forward to a camp this week at Battle Hill. Class 6 will be away in Week 8 when they visit the Wairarapa. We know they will all have a great time!

All these camps support the students to develop many personal capacities and they are always a lot of fun! They also allow students to connect with the curriculum in a meaningful way outside the classroom. We call this EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) in recognition of the deep learning that students get from these experiences.

Many of you are probably aware that the paperwork and compliance required for EOTC events has become more and more demanding in recent years. This is all for very good reasons. However, it also means an increased load on teachers. With this in mind, we are very thankful for the fantastic support that parents give in organising and running these events. Camps are a valuable extra to what we offer and they really enhance our curriculum. Tēnā koutou e whānau mā!

Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten Pānui

It has been wonderful to see how happily the tamariki are settling into the term and the rich play and learning that is taking place between them as they reaffirm old friendships and develop ones with our new children. In our Raumati kindergarten we have a broody chicken quietly hiding under the plants in the flower garden. We are excitedly awaiting the arrival of her little chicks!

Thank you to all those who attended our morning talk with Edith van der Meer last Tuesday. Edith talked with us about rhythm and play and it was lovely to hear the contributions made by the group when Edith asked us to remember back to our own childhood and the games and play we enjoyed. Memories of playing with animals and alongside siblings out in nature or watching the clouds and caring for our dolls in quiet play by ourselves.

Edith talked about the value of a strong daily rhythm and how this familiarity offers children a real sense of security. This rhythm includes the



“in breath” and the “out breath” and making space for both throughout the day is vital for the child. Edith also explained the essential role of play during the first 7 years. She shared that when children have time and space to be the leaders of their own rich play and learning, to engage their imaginations and to take risks, their Will and creativity are nurtured and the foundations for later abstract thinking are laid.

It was wonderful to see such a great turn out and we are very grateful to Edith for making time to share with us her deep knowledge of the Waldorf approach in the early years.

Ngā mihi arohanui Edith!

We look forward to celebrating our ngahuru (autumn) festival with tamariki and whānau towards the end of the term. Please look at the dates below for information about when this is happening for your child’s kindergarten room.

Suzi Holland (Kindergarten Kaiārahi)

Kindergarten Assistant Relievers

Te Rāwhiti is currently welcoming expressions of interest from assistant relievers. No experience is necessary however an interest in Waldorf Early Childhood Education is required. Please get in touch with Suzi or Shelly for further information: suzih@tera.school.nz or shellya@tera.school.nz

Vacancy – Groundsperson

We are looking for a Groundsperson to assist in the weedeating and lawnmowing and general tidiness at our Raumati South site. This role will be for 5-10 hours per week (depending on the time of the year/growing seasons) and the work would be completed after 3.30 pm each day, or over a weekend.

Please email executiveofficer@tera.school.nz to receive an application pack.

Harvest Fair 2021 – Sunday 28 March

Set up day is the 27th of March – All hands on deck for decorating and set up of individual stalls. See your parent liaison if you're not sure what is required for your class.

Items Wanted :

- CHESTNUTS or similar for a craft project.
- If you have *clothes, produce or preserves, books, small treasures, lemons or Plants*; including any seedlings, or cuttings potted from indoor or outdoor plants would be much appreciated. Please drop donations to the office.

Craft Packs :

- If you can blanket stitch please pick up a pack from the office or contact Tash. If you can knit and would like a pattern for an animal please be in touch.

Treasure Bags (New) :

- We would love donations of: Shells; Buttons; Sea glass Small pinecones, feathers; Other natural ideas welcomed.

Contact: Lanahrose.makeup@gmail.com

Requests for helpers:

Do you love organizing and event management. Would you like to oversee the fair for 2022. It is a good job to share with another person. Ideally this person would be available to meet this year and see what the job entails. email Tash on this address

tashrobertsonmidwife@gmail.com or text 0212380731

Other roles available:

- We need someone to organise the pocket lady crafts.
- A person/s interested in sewing items and potentially, those with an overlocker.
- A connoisseur of vegetarian food who would like to organise this for the main cafe (with support).

Please contact Tash tashrobertsonmidwife@gmail.com or text 0212380731

Music:

- We are putting it out to the school and kindergarten community to gather interest from musicians who would like to play music at the school fair.

Please contact Elan elanvanmills@houseofsound.co.nz

Craft Group - Reminder

Starting up on Thursday evenings in the Playgroup building 7:30pm in the playgroup building with Tash. Friday morning 9am onwards in the handwork room with Perrine. All welcome, this term we will be working on craft for the Harvest Fair, come along if you would like to join us.

From the Woodwork Room

Toymaking and Woodcraft for the Fair – Can you help please?

Please give me a call – 027 246 3065

- Can you make things at home? We have patterns and materials.
- Alternatively the workshop will be open;
 - 3 x Thursday evenings, 7-9pm 11, 18, 25 March and
 - 2 x Saturdays 13 & 20 March 10am-4pm
- Good ideas and suggestions welcome. Please let me know beforehand if you can help so that I can prepare materials and coordinate our efforts.

Thanks!

Paul Denford

Log Splitter – Wanted to Borrow

If you have an electric or petrol log splitter you could lend for a morning this would be very helpful in processing the school's and kindergarten's winter firewood supply.

Please give me a call (027 246 3065) or leave a message at the office.

School Winter Sports Team – Classes 3-7

Netball

Dear Parents,

Please click on the link below to register your child for the netball season 2021. This form must be completed to ensure you child is officially registered to play.

All coaches and admin need to also register on this form - especially due to COVID regulations for upcoming games.

You will receive an email to confirm successful registration. If you do not get one, please contact Joanna on

joannabauersavage@gmail.com. Your team admin or coach will be in touch on WhatsApp for further details about coaching, uniforms and dates.

The deadline to complete the form is Tuesday the 9th of March 2021.

Link: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/153381?returnUrl=http://www.netballkapiti.org.nz/>

Warmly,
Te Ra Netball

Hockey

Kapiti offers 6 aside school and club winter hockey for primary aged children. If you would like your child to play in a school hockey team in Terms 2 and 3, please fill out a registration form asap. If your child hasn't brought one home, extra copies are available from the school office. School hockey is played midweek and all games are held at Mazengarb Park on the artificial turf.

If you would like your child to play club hockey on the weekends then Kapiti Junior Hockey Club have teams you can sign up for. Instructions for this are on the coversheet of our school registration form, or you can register now via their website.

Hockey is an all inclusion sport, which is focused on providing a safe environment for children where they can have fun as part of a team, learn about fair play and develop their skills. No experience is required and we don't have trials for our school teams.

Any queries please contact Maxine in the school office.

News from The Beehive

The main honey flow stopped about a month ago, but there are still heaps of summer bees in the hives. They have now changed their behaviour from foraging to robbing, as there are hardly any more flowers for them to visit. That means that they try to steal honey from other hives, and are defending their own hives against robbing bees. Our three hives have fared well over summer, and the two Langstroth hives have produced about 100 kg of honey in addition to their winter food. This honey will be extracted from the frames in a registered honey house, and then given to the school kitchen, kindy groups etc., and it will also be sold at our harvest fair in March. We have also just started a new round of the bee keeping club during lunchbreak on Thursdays, and have plenty of enthusiastic new beekeepers signed up, mainly from class 4.

Te Tiriti – Featuring Rongo our Kaiako

I wonder if you've all checked out this link yet - it's about Te Tiriti, featuring our kaiako & friend, Rongo Ngata. The uncertainty caused by covid-19 in recent months meant the KCDC decided to make videos with local leaders about the treaty to be shown on-line instead of gathering at Paekakariki for Waitangi Day this year.

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/waitangi-day>

The filming team was led by Deanna Rudd, a Ngati Raukawa staff member of Kapiti Coast District Council, and it was done at Te Rā Steiner school on 22nd Dec 2020. It was a pleasure to sit in on the interview and hear Rongo's well-considered & inspiring korero in response to the four patai asked.

Mauri ora, Heeni Collins

Hot (School) Lunches Vacancies

If you think you would enjoy supporting the well-being of our tamariki (and that of some of our staff) in this way, or if you want to find out more about what is involved, please let Bonnie know. You can contact Bonnie on 021 027 78765. The team will need cooks as well as servers, and someone happy to clean up. Until this amazing parent initiative is up and running again: **Lunchbox Wednesday** it is!

Needing a fridge/freezer

Does anybody have a fridge/freezer looking for a new home? The office would like to replace our very old tiny fridge freezer with a larger one. Freezer space is important for the number of ice packs we issue each day and currently we only have a very small camping size freezer. If you have one to re-home, please email Rhonda executiveofficer@tera.school.nz.

Lost Property – NEW pick up place

All found, unnamed property will be placed in the bins in the waiting area/shelter beside the hall. We will no longer be storing it locked away indoors. Please check in regularly and take your items as we will be taking anything left to charity shops at the end of each term.

Big Swap – Friday 19th March

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Friday 19th of March

1.30pm-3.30pm in the school hall (if in Covid L1)

Bring along your unwanted goods and find some treasures at the Big Swap!

All items leftover will be sorted and donated to the school fair.

Ngā mihi,
Perrine.

Community Notices and Advertising

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

Childcare Wanted (Paid)

School family is looking for a trustworthy person for afternoon school pickup for 1 or 2 days and if possible able to feed them.

Two kids age 8, class 3 and 11, class 6. Will need a car and license.

To discuss this please contact: ingrid@environmentalist.nz or 021 1162801

Paraparaumu Junior Rugby Club

Registrations are now open for the upcoming season. Go to www.sporty.co.nz/paraparaumujuniorrugby to register your child.

We have rippa rugby grades (non-contact) from U6 to U13 and tackle grades (contact) from U8 to U13. Some grades have all girls teams. The season kicks off in early May with training starting in April. We also have our club day in late March. Any questions, please contact rego.pjrc@gmail.com.

Waikanae Kindergarten Annual Garage Sale & Gala

Saturday 13 March 2021, 8.00am – 12.00pm

Russell Reserve, Ngaio Road, Waikanae

Yin Style Classes

Join Adhyatma 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. You can dip in and out of practices and adapt them to suit your own current needs.

Please have 1-2 cushions/bolster and a blanket. Please be 10mins early. All practices are beginner friendly.

Dates: March 14th, April 11th, May 9th.

Time: 10am - 12pm, Cost: \$25

Venue: The Lotus Centre, 91 Ruapehu St, Paraparaumu.
Bookings essential: adhyatma108@gmail.com or text/call 021 0548756

Meccano and Model Exhibition

There is an exhibition of Meccano and model trains being held at the Waikanae Memorial Hall, Pehi Kupa Street on 20th and 21st March. All kids love trains, and Meccano the world's best hobby for budding engineers. It promotes logical thinking, patience and teaches basic hand skills.

There will be well over 100 + models, interactive operations so children can see how things work, and ask questions.

Family friendly pricing, to ensure the whole family can come and enjoy it.

Knitting, Weaving and Spinning—Evening Group

Starting **Thursday 4th March**

It's a great time to start knitting for your family or making scarves and hats to give away—especially as we move into autumn.



- Do you have a project you'd like to work on in friendly company, but don't have time during the day?
- Want to learn with other friendly knitters?
- Do you know the basics but appreciate help occasionally?
- Would you like to bring your spinning wheel—or borrow one of ours—and work for a few uninterrupted hours each month?
- Are you a keen knitter or spinner who can share your skills with others?



Join during March 2021 and you'll receive

FREE a pair of knitting needles, an easy pattern and wool from our stash to get you started.

We don't hold formal classes, but our more experienced members are happy to share their knowledge—and you can work at your own pace.

\$8 per session—please bring cash—or join the Society for just \$90 p.a.

Fortnightly* from Thursday 4th March

from 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Kāpiti Arts and Crafts Society workrooms

192 Matai Road, Raumati Beach

* meeting time and frequency can be adjusted to suit participants as the group comes together.

Enquiries Call Isobel on 027-632-1664 or 299-3689

or email kapitiartsandcrafts@outlook.co.nz www.kapitiartsandcrafts.com

Diary of Dates 2021

Saturday 13 March	Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm (New Date)
Monday 8 March	Kakariki & Pihipihi Parent Evenings, Paekakariki 7:30pm
Tuesday 9 March	C3-7 Netball Registrations Due today
10-12 March	Class 5 Camp, Battle Hill (New date)
Thursday 11 March	Woodwork Workshop is Open 7-9pm
Saturday 13 March	Woodwork Workshop is Open 10am-4pm
Tuesday 16 March	Korimako, Ruru & Kereru Kindergarten Groups Parent Evenings, 7:30pm
Wednesday 17 March	Class 1 Parent Evening, 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday 18 March	Woodwork Workshop is Open 7-9pm
Friday 19 March	Big Swap 1:30-3:30pm the Hall
Saturday 20 March	Woodwork Workshop is Open 10am-4pm
Monday 22 March	Harvest Raffle Tickets Due Back Today
24-26 March	Class 6 Camp – Wairarapa
Thursday 25 March	Woodwork Workshop is Open 7-9pm
Saturday 27 March	Harvest Fair Set-up Day
Sunday 28 March	Harvest Fair
Tues. 30 March	Information Session 2:30pm
Thursday 1 April	Raumati Kindergartens Ngahuru Festival
Friday 2 April	Good Friday Holiday – No School/Kindy
Monday 5 April	Easter Holiday - No School/Kindy
Tuesday 6 April	Easter Holiday - No School/Kindy
Wednesday 7 April	Kakariki & Pihipihi Kindergarten Groups Ngahuru Festival. Time TBC
Thursday 8 April	Kapiti Interschool Swimming Festival
Friday 16 April	Last Day Term 1
Monday 3 May	First Day of Term 2
10-14 May	Wiki o te Mahi Tahī
Tuesday 18 May	Information Session 2:30pm
Monday 7 June	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 8 June	Teachers Development Day – No School/Kindergarten
Tuesday 22 June	Information Session 2:30pm
Friday 25 June	Raumati Kindergartens Matariki Festival
Friday 9 July	Last Day Term 2
Monday 26 July	First Day Term 3
Tuesday 10 August	Information Session 2:30pm
Monday 30 August	Mid Term Break
Tuesday 31 August	Teacher Development Day

Tuesday 7 September	Parent Evenings for Korimako, Ruru and Kereru Kindergarten Groups 7:30pm
Tuesday 14 Sept.	Information Session 2:30pm
Friday 17 September	12:30pm Finish for Kindy & School
Sat. 18 September	Open Day
Friday 1 October	Last Day Term 3
Monday 18 October	First Day Term 4
Monday 25 October	Labour Day
Tuesday 2 November	Information Session 2:30pm
Mon. 22 November	*Teacher Dev. Day (*School Only)
Tuesday 7 December	Information Session 2:30pm
Wed. 15 December	Last Day for Kindergartens
Thursday 16 December	Last Day for School 1:00pm

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 attending one of the information sessions below, viewing our website, contacting our enrolment officer Tash Robertson via 04 299-0812 or emailing her at enrolments@tera.school.nz

Information Sessions for 2021, Tuesdays at 2:30pm on;

30th March, 18th May, 22nd June, 10th August,
14th September, 2nd November, 7th December

If you would like to attend, please email Tash to register prior to the event.

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