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**Ngā mihi ki a koutou e te whānau whānui,  
dear parents, families, and friends.**

We trust you all enjoyed the mid-term Easter break and look forward to the holidays that lie at the end of this week! With much of the rest of the world still in the grip of restrictions to travel and gatherings, it was even more special for us here at Te Rāwhiti and Te Rā to be able to celebrate our Harvest Fair. So much to be grateful for! Many, many thanks to the makers and shakers of the Fair Core Group who carry the organisation of this annual highlight, and a big **Thank You** also to all – whānau as well as staff – who volunteered time, energy and smiles to make this community event happen! Kei te mihi, kei te mihi, kei te mihi!



Last week, Te Rā School hosted a hui of the the Kāhui Whetū, a group of kaiako Māori from the other Waldorf schools in New Zealand, which of course includes our own kaiako Māori, Rongo Ngata. It was over 10 years ago that our school had the privilege of hosting the inaugural hui of this group, so this felt extra special. The mahi done by this group has been supporting, and continues to support, our Waldorf schools in strengthening te reo Māori and te ao Māori within the Waldorf

curriculum and our special character pedagogy. Our visitors admired our beautiful school grounds and play areas, and were particularly impressed by the strength and enthusiasm that our tamariki had brought to the pōwhiri as well as to the spontaneous poroaki – we teachers too were proud to see the leadership particularly of our senior student in this respect! Kei runga noa atu koutou, tamariki mā, rangatahi mā!

From this to yet another celebration of this special place we have here! For a few months now, some of us have been chipping away at putting a new website together – click on [this link](#) to have a look!



Our team has had more than just “tech support” from school parent and web expert Joe Simmonds. Joe contributed his technical expertise as well as a lot of patience and attention to detail. Thank you so much, Joe!!! Some pages are still under construction, but we are already really proud of the fresh new look!

That's all from us this week, ngā mihi mahana, nā

*Kerstin & David*

### **Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten Pānui**

I received such wonderful descriptions from the kindergarten kaiako (teachers) recently about the lovely Ngahuru festivals celebrated by each group over the past couple of weeks. A very big thank you to all our Te Rāwhiti tamariki, parents and whānau who came along to make these such special gatherings and to celebrate the seasonal rhythms of the year.

Below is a lovely contribution from the Kakariki Kindergarten's kaiako about this special time of year. Ngā mihi nui Lotti.

Ngā mihi arohanui,

*Suzi*

## Ngahuru - Autumn Festival

Autumn is a time of thanksgiving. How can we express thankfulness in everyday life? How can we make our thoughts and feelings of gratitude become visible in our deeds, for the child to experience, not through our words but through our actions?

In the kindergarten we care for our environment with gratitude, and now harvest time is here! We can harvest the fruit and vegetables for our lunch. Herbs and flowers can be dried. Delicious apple crumble from our own apples and feijoas!



Our attitude to the work is important as children not only imitate what we do but also *how* we do it, inner and outer imitation. It is great if we can allow enough time and do the work with joy and thankfulness. We are grateful for the wonderful gifts we are receiving from Nature and that we know how to use them!

*My nice red, rosy apple has a secret mid unseen  
You would see if you could slip inside, five rooms so neat and clean  
In each room there are sleeping, two pips so black and bright  
Asleep they are and dreaming of lovely warm sunlight  
Asleep they are and dreaming of many things to be  
How soon they will be hanging upon the autumn tree*

- Autumn greetings from Paekākāriki

### Pledge % Report

The special character pledge indicators that we received from families at the end of last year informs our budget and decision making moving into this year and allows us to have confidence in planning. Our special character pledge for 2021 is \$512,000. We thank you so much for this amazing special character pledge level.

At the end of term 1, families have paid \$145,000 which is 28.32% of the total special character pledge. We aim to have 25% collected each term so we are slightly ahead of our schedule. Thank you to everybody who has paid the special character pledge through Kindo in Term 1.

As always, if you have any concerns about your special character pledge to our wonderful school, please feel free to contact me or pop in to see me in the office.

Rhonda

## From the Office

### **Lost Helmet**

A helmet went missing from the rain shelter during school time at the end of March. Its shiny silvery blue. If anyone knows where it is or what happened to it please notify the school office.

We have also had a number of scooters, bikes etc taken from the school grounds overnight. Please be vigilant and remove all valuables from the school grounds at the end of each school day.

### **Found Clothing and other Items**

Please take the time to check for anything you have misplaced in the school grounds. We have a large number of items in the bins in the waiting area outside the hall. These will be donated to charity if not claimed by the end of the term.

We also have crockpots and other items loaned for the fair still onsite. Please drop by and take these home before the holidays. Any queries contact the school office.

## Winter Sports

### **Hockey – Late Registrations**

Final reminder to hand in any completed registration forms to the school office. An email will be sent out to all players who have registered containing the details for the season etc as soon as possible. Some details are still being confirmed with Kapiti Hockey.

### **School Touch Rugby Singlets**

Please return these to the school office by Friday at the latest. Thank you to those who have done so already.

### **Kapiti Schools Volleyball Programme**

If anyone would like to play Volleyball please contact the school office before the end of this term. We aren't set up to have school teams for this at this point but may be able to help you find a composite team to play in. Details of the league are below;

**Where:** Paraparaumu College Sports Hall

**When:** Tuesday 18 May – Tuesday 22 June 2021

**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.30pm

- Starting in week three, Volleyball will be the on-going (6 weeks) sports activity for Term 2. The Volleyball Programme is

for Year 7 & 8 students. Year 6 students can opt to play if they are keen.

- Teams may consist of 8 players, with 6 on court at any one time. Teams may be mixed or single gender. They will all be playing each other. **All** teams will play from 4pm-5:30pm. Shortened version of the Games will be played so there will be 2-3 games played per team during this time.
- On going coaching and skills training will be provided during this time for all teams. All equipment will be provided.
- Teams may play without teacher/coaches on hand– however all emergency contacts must be included with registrations, and players must be collected promptly at **5:30pm**.

**Registrations close Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

### Harvest Fair – Thank you and update

Firstly I would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for coming together to create such a beautiful day. We have some amazing photographs taken, thanks to Rachel Dickinson.



I think we can agree we met our primary goal of a

fantastic day to be enjoyed by children and adults alike. Every year I am in awe of the time and care that goes into making our school look beautiful and show casing what we have to offer to the wider community. At this stage profits are looking to be around the \$18,000 mark, the fundraising management group will be releasing this final figure very shortly.

I would like to say a special thank you to all those people who go above and beyond, many of them year after year. Without this extra effort of time and energy the fair would not happen. For some families it is a whole weekend affair with early starts and late finishes and a time we enjoy coming together to create a little bit of magic. I would like to acknowledge and give thanks to

- Lea-Ann and John who had many late nights to make the raffle and silent auction extremely successful.

- Antonia, Grant, Louise and Martin for all their expertise and long days to bring us delicious food. Antonia continued this on with hot lunches for the children, all proceeds going back to the fair fundraising.
- To all the parent/fair liaisons that went the extra mile to make their allocated stall run smoothly, some with a very thin spread of help to do so.
- To the people who crafted and woodworked and did endless amounts of sewing and ironing.
- To each and every person who baked a cake, sold a raffle book, turned up and did their shift with a smile.
- To Maxine, who gifts us her time for the weekend to just hold it all together, print a multitude of signs and manage all the stuff that goes on in the background.
- To Tikky and Sam for managing the finances on the day and counting the beans.

Sponsors for produce and coffee; Thank you to Penrays, Gus Evans and Harrisons for plants and produce and thanks to Matt Lamason who generously donates 'Peoples coffee' and machine to the school for the day.

As most of you know I am stepping back from coordinating the fair for 2022 and I am grateful for all the awesome people I have worked with over the years. I would like to introduce the team leading for next year, which consists of Carrie Eames, Laura McIntyre, Lanah Clark, Perrine Boy, Kellie Smith & Grace Simmonds. They are in the process of receiving handover at present and will be starting on preparations for next year. Lea-Ann and John Hanson will be tackling the raffle and silent auction once again and Susan van de Vorstenbosch will be lending her many years of expertise to the team too.



(kindergarten photo credit - Kristina Milciene)

## Easter Walk – By Shelly

Our Annual Easter walk and picnic breakfast happened again this year. This has been happening for 28 years now, in various forms. Last year's COVID Easter was a two person event. This year's event was much more fun. There were a number of firsts. We had our first ever attendees from Otaki

AND they were first at the meet up place at 6am! We had grandchildren attending and a family with teenagers who have done it for so many years they are rivalling us! And it was the first time we chose to change the route due to strong winds and a fear of some small children flying off to the South Island. I can assure you we all made it home safely, with tummies full and smiles on faces, ready to have a wonderful Easter Sunday.





## Eurythmy4you Online Course

Eurythmy4you online course HSP - High Sensitivity as Potential Master your everyday life and grow through your high sensitivity.

From April 25th to June 27th, 2021, at 7 p.m. CET (in English), 5 p.m. (auf Deutsch)

The term high sensitivity is ascribed to people who are very sensitive and perceptive. It denotes an increased:

Sensitivity in the interpersonal sphere  Heightened sense activity even to the point of clairvoyance  Sensitivity to electrosmog or substances in the sense of allergens  The need to experience one's own actions (High Sensation Seekers)

Highly sensitive people are characterized by passion, creativity, thinking in larger contexts, a multi-faceted perception of complex relationships, accuracy, high body awareness, sense of style, empathy, selflessness, humor, a forward-looking consciousness and commitment to their beliefs.

On the other hand, their increased sensitivity and perception may cause stress symptoms that severely restrict daily life. Extensive literature, web links, self-help groups and therapy offers exist.

Whether, and to what degree, you are highly-sensitive, you can, for example, test here: [hsperson.com/test/highly-sensitive-test/](https://hsperson.com/test/highly-sensitive-test/) Renounce your sensitivity for the sake of a simpler life? Do you really want that?

That would be like wishing to become more unaware so as not to have to face the world's problems. We would rather know how to solve them!

Sensitivity is something worth striving for! But we need:

The possibility to process the experiences  Protective mechanisms that reduce the intensity of the impressions, but not the information contained in them.  Inner spaces in which we can look at our experiences in peace, understand them and then react to them.

When we achieve that, we can say:

High sensitivity is the future. And the highly sensitive are preparing it!

Free introductory webinar on April 18, 2021 at 7 p.m. CET (Bern, Berlin) (in English), 5 p.m. (auf Deutsch). You can register here: <https://www.eurythmy4you-en.com/high-sensitivity> The webinar costs € 140.- (reduced € 100.-). If that is too much for you, write an email ([theodor@eurythmy4you.com](mailto:theodor@eurythmy4you.com)) and you will get access for the amount that is right for you.

With best regards, Theodor Hundhammer, Anastasiia Bokovets and Eurythmy4you HSP team

## Community Notices and Advertising

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

### **Tent Wanted**

We are looking for a 3 or 4 berth tent to borrow sometime over the next school hols. Will take great care with anything that is offered. Call Pamela 021 0401888.

### **Football Academy**

The Wellington Phoenix Academy is inviting students to attend their April school holiday programme!

We are excited to be bringing a one day programme to the Kapiti region, at Weka Park! The programme is open to students aged 7-12, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 9am-3pm.

To register follow this link [here](#).

### **Silver Shoe Performers**

Dramatic Arts Classes – Starting Feb 2021

Drama, Musical Theatre Glee Club, Screen Acting.

For more info visit [silvershoe.co.nz](http://silvershoe.co.nz)

15 Hinemoa St, Paraparaumu

### **Kapiti Junior Hockey - Holiday Programme**

Kapiti Hockey are running a Holiday Hockey Programme on the 20th (Year 5/6) and 21st (year 7/8) April from 9am - 3pm - the 1st week of the school holidays. The online registration form and more information can be found [via this link](#).

### **Coastlands Netball Kapiti April Holiday Programme**

WEEK 1 - WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL - 9.30AM TO 12NOON

WEEK 1 - THURSDAY 22ND APRIL - 9.30AM TO 12NOON

WEEK 2 - WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL - 9.30AM TO 12NOON

WEEK 2 - THURSDAY 29TH APRIL - 9.30AM TO 12NOON

Please register via our website for use this

link: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163975>

### **Goodtime Music Academy – Holiday Programme**

Our exciting programme is run by a dedicated team of music tutors who plan a unique educational and engaging experience every holidays. Our holiday programme is for ages 5 - 13 :)

Registrations are open, so check out the details below:

**Dates:** Monday 19th April - Friday 23rd April

**Location:** Goodtime Music Academy, 50 Victoria Street, Alicetown, Lower Hutt.

### **House wanted to buy in Raumati**

Kia Ora. We are a new family to the area and to Te Rā and would love to buy a house to live in in Raumati! If anyone is interested in selling a 3-bed (plus) home please contact me, Jenny Clafferty on 020 4091 5993. Also, if anyone has a (preferably furnished) rental available in this area - on a month-by-month basis while we find a place to buy - I'm interested in this also.

### **Babysitter Available**

Hi, I'm Georgie Clafferty. I'm 14.5 years old and new to the area. My sister goes to Te Ra and I'm looking for babysitting work. Please contact my mum Jenny in the first instance, on 020 4091 5993.

### **Sibling Pop-in Portrait**

Paraparaumu 20 April 10am-1pm.  
Just \$20 a pop for individuals and \$60 for siblings (up to 3 children) and your photo is included. Bookings are essential. For more info & to book go to <https://popinphotos.com/book/paraparaumu>



### **Love the Stage?**

Silver Shoe Performers is Kapiti's newest performing arts school offering drama, musical theatre, screen acting, teen performers and glee singing club. Small classes, experienced teachers, competitive prices. Visit [silvershoe.co.nz](http://silvershoe.co.nz) for timetable and prices.

### **"Leonie's Tennis Holiday Programme"**

Learn to Serve- Rally and Score - with Fun Games- and Prizes  
Venue: Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Club, Percival Road,  
Paraparaumu Beach

Dates: Mon 19<sup>th</sup>, Wed 21<sup>st</sup> and Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Time:** 9am-12pm

**Age:** 5-12 years

**Cost:** \$30 per day or

\$80 for 3 days

### **BIGAIR Kapiti**

April Holiday Programme Is Now Open For Bookings

From Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Mar Book Online For Term 2 Gym Classes At

[www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) Or Contact Bigair Kapiti By Phone: 297 0400

Or Email: [Kapiti@Bigairgym.Co.Nz](mailto:Kapiti@Bigairgym.Co.Nz). We Cannot Wait To See You In The Gym!

## **SUCCEED English Education**

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The Certificate programme is designed for:

- Teachers new to Waldorf education who wish to extend their knowledge or to enliven and re-examine their classroom practice.

It also provides a helpful foundation for:

- Teacher aides in Steiner Waldorf schools
- Student teachers looking to teach in a Steiner Waldorf school
- Home-schooling parents or parents wishing to accompany their children's development and education in a Steiner Waldorf school.

**Enrolments for 2021 seminars are now open (revision maybe needed with any Covid restrictions):**

**Seminar 1: 18 - 23 April**

**Seminar 2: 18 - 23 July**

**Seminar 3: 3 - 8 October**

**Cost: \$1100 per seminar**

*Rosie Simpson, former Principal of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School in Hastings, NZ is Programme Director for the CRSE.*

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## Diary of Dates 2021

**Friday 16 April**

**Monday 3 May**

**Friday 7 May**

10-14 May

Tuesday 18 May

Thursday 20 May

*Friday 21 May*

Wednesday 26 May

Tuesday 1 June

**Monday 7 June**

**Tuesday 8 June**

Wednesday 9 June

*Thursday 10 June*

Monday 14 June

Wednesday 16 June

Friday 18 June

Tuesday 22 June

Friday 25 June

Tuesday 6 July

*Thursday 8 July*

**Friday 9 July**

Sunday 11 July

**Monday 26 July**

Tuesday 10 August

Thursday 12 August

Wednesday 18 August

*Friday 20 August*

**Monday 30 August**

**Tuesday 31 August**

Tuesday 7 September

Tuesday 14 Sept.

**Last Day Term 1**

**First Day of Term 2**

Class 3 String Programme Concert for Class 2 Children & Class 3 Whanau 9:15am in Hall  
Wiki o te Mahi Tahī - School

Information Session 2:30pm

Kapiti Interschool Maori Games Event

Classes 4 & 5 at Otaki

*PP Date – Maori Games Event*

Raphael House Upper School Talk and  
Information Evening – in Te Rā School Hall  
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Class 7 Visit to Raphael House

**Queen's Birthday - No School/Kindergarten**

**Teachers Development Day – No  
School/Kindergarten**

Kapiti Interschool Cross Country, C4-7

*PP Date Kapiti Interschool Cross Country*

Class 8, 2022 Raphael House interviews at  
Te Rā School during the day

Kapiti College Open Day & Parent Evening

Raphael House Eurythmy Performance at Te  
Rā for school children

Information Session 2:30pm

Raumati Kindergartens Matariki Festival

Interschool Regional Cross Country – For  
Qualifiers Only

*PP Date Interschool Regional Cross Country*

**Last Day Term 2**

Community Matariki Celebration

**First Day Term 3**

Information Session 2:30pm

School St John Lantern Festival, 6:30pm

Kapiti Interschool Junior Winter Tournament  
Classes 5 and 6

*PP Date Kapiti Interschool Junior Winter  
Tournament*

**Mid Term Break. No School/Kindergarten**

**Teacher Development Day. No School/  
Kindergarten**

Parent Evenings for Korimako, Ruru and  
Kereru Kindergarten Groups 7:30pm

Information Session 2:30pm

Tuesday 14 Sept.	Kapiti Interschool Senior Winter Tournament Classes 6 and 7
Friday 17 September	12:30pm Finish for Kindy & School
Sat. 18 September	Open Day
<b>Friday 1 October</b>	<b>Last Day Term 3</b>
<b>Monday 18 October</b>	<b>First Day Term 4</b>
<b>Monday 25 October</b>	<b>Labour Day. No School/Kindergarten</b>
Tuesday 2 November	Information Session 2:30pm
<b>Mon. 22 November</b>	<b>*Teacher Dev. Day (*No School. Kindergarten will be on as normal)</b>
Sat 27 November	Advent Wreath-making
Mon. 29 November	Raumati Kindergarten Groups Advent Festival
Tuesday 7 December	Information Session 2:30pm
Friday 10 December	Christmas Market (TBC)
<b>Wed. 15 December</b>	<b>Last Day for Kindergartens</b>
<b>Thurs.16 December</b>	<b>Last Day for School 1:00pm finish</b>

## 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;**

18<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> August,  
14<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December

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

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