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Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui 10 May 2021

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

Nau mai hoki mai - welcome to Term 2!



We hope you all enjoyed the sunny autumn days last week, which made winter feel a long way away. Chilly nights and today's rain remind us all that we had better prepare firewood and wool jerseys!

This week, we want to acknowledge Suzi Holland, who recently resigned from her position as our Te Rāwhiti kindergarten kaiārahi, for her work over the last five months. Suzi will remain part of our community, but we will really miss her warm, considered and professional presence in our team! You will find her personal message in this newsletter.



See the office notice later in this newsletter!

Download the app on your personal or work phone to receive office notifications directly.

In an emergency this app will be the most reliable source of information about the situation at school and kindergarten.

Use this app to email us about your child's absence – more information in this newsletter.

We all have heard the proverbial expression that the one constant in life is change! Change indeed is a constant also in the life of any organization. To turn change into real growth, however, is often harder. It usually takes intention, thought and planning!

This is why most organizations have a Strategic Plan, and so do we! As a state-integrated school, Te Rā works to an Annual Plan, which implements the goals set in our Strategic Plan. We are accountable to the Ministry of Education in the implementation of these plans.

This year, as part of our Annual Plan, our Board of Trustees is tasked with developing our new Strategic Plan,

together with representation from the Kapiti Waldorf Trust, school management and staff. This new plan will inform our direction over the next 3 – 5 years. Matt Lamason is guiding us in this process, which kicked off with a first session this weekend. The draft Strategic Plan will go out for community consultation later this year – watch this space!

Alongside the change and growth that occur over time, it is also great to pause to acknowledge the great things that are already happening right now, in this moment. Each day this last week, the pentagon has been full of students most break times. The tag games played by a large number of children from Class 2 to Class 7 involve a current favourite called “Chain Tag” – perhaps ask your child to explain the rules to you.

For us adult observers, there is always such a sense of joy, care and inclusion in these games. This tuakana-teina relating between the different age groups is one aspect of the learning community we foster here at Te Rā and Te Rāwhiti, and it is a living expression of ‘whanaungatanga’ – you might recall that this is our school-wide goal for 2021.

We know that it does take a village ... so we would like to thank you all, our whānau, for your support of the children and our kindergarten & school kaupapa!

Wishing you all a wonderful week, ngā mihi mahana, nā

Kerstin & David

Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten Pānui

Kia ora dear Te Rāwhiti and Te Ra whānau,

I just wanted to take the time to extend to you all my heartfelt thanks for welcoming me so warmly last term when I began as Kindergarten Kaiārahi. While my time in this role has been short, it has been very sweet indeed and it was with a heavy heart that I made the difficult decision at the end of term one to resign from this position due to the commitments of my other mahi (work).

I’ve enjoyed every moment working alongside the wonderful kindergarten team and also with Kerstin, David, Rhonda and the office staff. My time was made all the sweeter when I got the opportunity on occasion to return to my teaching roots and step into the kindergarten room as a reliever and get to know you all and your beautiful tamariki a little better.

I'm very excited to be continuing on in a new capacity overseeing some of the policy, procedure and compliance mahi. My email address will remain the same so please feel free to get in touch moving forward with any questions relating to this new role. I also hope to see many of you in the Kāpiti community as I begin to dedicate more of my time and energy into my work as an infant and toddler parent consultant and a pregnancy and postnatal yoga teacher.

Wishing you and your tamariki every happiness and all the very best moving forward.

Ngā mihi arohanui,

Suzi

Enrolments

We would like to warmly welcome Nyozun Maung into Gussie's kindergarten this week.

To parents with younger siblings, pre-kindergarten age it would be great to fill in an expression of interest form online through the website or in the office. This will ensure that they are on the waiting list for the year that they turn 3 years.

Ngā mihi

Tash

Te Rā School Pānui

Class 3 String Programme Grande Finale



Pictures speak more than words: ka mau te wehi e te akomanga tuatoru, well done Class 3! A thank you goes also to their whānau

who supported and encouraged the practice of their instruments at home, and were an enthusiastic audience last Friday.



Mary Taylor and Ann White patiently and skillfully guided the class through the String Programme throughout term 1 will be offering private lessons so that the tamariki can build on what they have learnt.



On a completely different note (the non-musical sort):

“Health Curriculum Statement” – Community Consultation

Section 60B of the Education Act 1989, as amended by the Education Standards Act 2001, requires the Boards of Trustees of all state and state-integrated schools to produce a written statement about how the school will implement health education. Every two years, the legislation requires schools to:

- inform the school community about the content of the health education components of the curriculum
- consult with members of the school community regarding the way in which the school should implement health education

- describe, in broad terms, the health education needs of the school's students.

Please take this opportunity to take a look at our statement and email davidn@tera.school.nz if you have any questions or feedback.

Office Sign In

The Covid QR code aside, we kindly remind you that any visitors (i.e. anyone who is not a student or staff) who are on site outside of the scheduled drop off/pick up hours sign in, and out again, at the office.

This ensures that we always know who is on our site at any time.

Vacancy

Kaiārahi/Kaiako Matua/Kindergarten Co-ordinator (0.7 FTE, permanent)

Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten has two kindergarten locations on the Kapiti Coast, 50km from Wellington. We are looking for an enthusiastic and flexible individual to lead our friendly and committed team as we 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 however negotiable.

A commitment to work in accordance with the Special Character of the school shall be a condition of appointment. As a Waldorf kindergarten, it is part of Te Rāwhiti's special character to provide a gentle, nurturing and child-centred early childhood experience, to support the individual development of imagination, will and confidence.

Applicants need to bring a genuine interest and skill in process improvement and be able to manage HR, administration, finance and compliance functions. Our ideal candidate combines strong management and team building skills with the ability to be an active and open listener.

Early childhood qualification is ideal but not essential. If you hold a NZ teacher registration, 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.

Most of the children attending Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten go on to join Te Rā Waldorf School (state-integrated primary school). The Raumati South kindergarten shares their site location with the school. The kindergarten Kaiārahi/Kaiako Matua/Co-ordinator will therefore be a part of a large faculty of kindergarten and school teachers.

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

*** Applications close 5pm Monday, 24 May 2021 ***

NZSL Week @ Te Rā School



This week, we celebrate NZSL as one of our official languages by challenging our Te Rā children to learn, and practice, the NZSL alphabet and some simple signs such as 'Hello' and 'My name is'.

We're hoping to be able to host one or two of the Taster Classes offered by Deaf Aotearoa/Tangata Turi – currently waiting to hear if our application was successful.



If you want to give learning a go at home and are new to NZSL, click on the image below to check out some of their resources online.



From the Office

School Apps

School Apps is now up and running for the school. Links to newsletters, our website, school contact information and any notices will be sent our via school apps. We will also be emailing any information that is sent via the APP. School Apps is available for Apple and Android.



Absentees

Absentees can now be notified to the school via the School Apps system. We would prefer that absentee information is sent via email, using the app. This system is easy and it saves the information for you to use next time.

We ask that absentees be notified to the office by 9.00 am each day.

Kindo balance transfers

To enable us to manage our cash flow, we do ask that you regularly review how much balance you have available on your Kindo account and apply any balances to the outstanding payables and donations in Kindo.

Pledge % Report

As advised in the last newsletter, we have a wonderful pledge response at the end of last year.

At the end of term 1, families have paid \$145,000 which is 28.32% of the total special character pledge. This was slightly ahead of our target of 25%.

Moving into term 2, we are carefully tracking our percentage of pledge on a monthly basis. By the end of May 2021, it is hoped that we would have 37.5% of pledge paid via Kindo. Currently we are on track to do this, with a current pledge paid to date of 32.23%. Thank you so much to everybody who is paying the special character pledge through Kindo on a regular basis.

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 between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm each day.

Rhonda

Winter Sports

Netball – Late Registrations

We have a few spaces still available in the school netball teams. If you would like your child to join in please contact the office.

Raphael House Upper School Talk - Te Rā School Hall 26 May



**Are you planning for your child to attend the Upper School at
Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School?**

Would you like to know more?

We are holding a Parent Information Evening at the Te Rā School Hall on
Wednesday 26 May at 7.00pm.

Hosted by our Deputy Principal and Upper School Coordinator,
Grant Rossiter, Class 8 Transition Teacher, Katie Rustleund and some of our current
Class 12 students.

If you have any questions regarding the enrolment process at Raphael House
please do get in touch with our Executive Officer, Katie Musk.



enrol@raphaelhouse.school.nz

04 569 5161

Fundraising- Mini Auction (Reminder)

We have decided to run a mini auction with a few very cool items to help boost the fundraising bank balance for the school.

It will work in the same way as the fair silent auction just on a smaller scale.

So check out the 24 awesome items on offer, they can be viewed in the craft cabinet in the school office, or via the attached photos. Auction closes 3pm Friday 21st May with winners notified after that time.

All you need to do is fill in a bid sheet (on the desk in the office), drop it to the office or forward to thehansons530@gmail.com

Alternatively just email your details and bid through to thehansons530@gmail.com

and we will pop your bid in for you, how easy is that!

Once again thank you to our generous sponsors for the items on offer and good luck everyone.

Regards

John and Lea-Ann Hanson

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Community Notices and Advertising

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

Hoop Club Kapiti – Junior Basketball Coaching Programme – Term 2 2021

Sunday 9 May to Sunday 4 July 2021

Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall, Mazengarb Road

9.30 to 10.30am 5 to 7 year olds

10.30 to 11.30am 8 to 10 year olds

11.30 to 12.30pm 11 to 17 year olds

ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME

Contact – Angelo Robinson 04 9040142 or

contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz

Wellington Parent to Parent Support Groups

[Kapiti Parent to Parent Support Group](#)

For parents and caregivers of children with any disability or health impairment.

This group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month.

Please come and join us at our coffee group on

Date: **Friday 14 May 2021**

From: **10am to 12pm**

Where: Venue varies from month to month.

May meeting will be at **Ambience Cafe, 36 Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach**

Come along for a coffee or tea, to meet new people, to get support, to listen and share a laugh!

For more information please contact Sue on 027 808 3947 or

wellington@parent2parent.org.nz

[Zoom Parent to Parent Support Group](#)

For parents and caregivers of children with any disability or health impairment.

This is a meeting for anyone who can not make it to the face to face meetings but would like the

opportunity to chat with other parents via zoom.

Next meeting: **Thursday 20 May 2021**

Where: **Home or wherever else you want to zoom in from**

Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88165371264?pwd=T0xDVDZMNFBoQU9nNUxpMmRJbWc4dz09>

BYO Coffee or wine and whatever nibbles you can find in your pantry.

[Camborne - Get It Sorted Group at Vicky's](#)

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

Please come for a hot drink, chocolate biscuits, and a chat

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 18 May 2021**

From: **10am to 12pm**

Where: **5 St Ives Drive, Cambourne, Porirua**

Everyone welcome - no children please.

For further information please contact Vicky on 04 233 2298

[Kapiti Autism Spectrum Parent Support Groups](#)

Please come and join us at one of our coffee groups

Meets first Wednesday of each month

Next meeting: **Wednesday 5 May 7.00pm to 8.30pm**

And the third Monday of each month

Next meeting: **Monday 17 May 11am to 12.30pm**

Where: **The Loss & Grief Centre, Old Mill Building, 1 Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu**

For parents and grandparents.

Come prepared to listen, share and laugh!

Please bring Koha.

Contact Anne Woodside 027 233 1034 or apwoodside@gmail.com

[ADHD Parent Support Group](#)

This group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every second month

Please come and join us at our coffee group on

Next Meeting: **Wednesday 9 June 2021**

From: **7.30pm**

Where: **Onslow Community Church, 4 Ngatoto Street, Ngaio, Wellington**

Come along for a coffee or tea, come prepared to listen, share and laugh!

For more information please contact Karen on 021 154 4228

Tuesday 18 May	Information Session 2:30pm
Wednesday 19 May	Class 6 Parent Hui 7:00pm
Thursday 20 May	BoT Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday 20 May	Kapiti Interschool Maori Games Event Classes 4 & 5 at Otaki
<i>Friday 21 May</i>	<i>PP Date – Maori Games Event</i>
Wednesday 26 May	Raphael House Upper School Talk and Information Evening – in Te Rā School Hall 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday 26 May	Class 3 Parent Hui 7:00pm
Thursday 27 May	Whitsun Festival – During School Day (for school children only, not whanau event)
Tuesday 1 June	Class 7 Visit to Raphael House
Wednesday 2 June	Class 4 Parent Hui 7:00pm
Monday 7 June	Queen’s Birthday - No School/Kindergarten
Tuesday 8 June	Teachers Development Day – No School/Kindergarten
Wednesday 9 June	Kapiti Interschool Cross Country, C4-7
Wednesday 9 June	Class 1 Parent Hui 7:00pm
<i>Thursday 10 June</i>	<i>PP Date Kapiti Interschool Cross Country</i>
Saturday 12 June	Working Bee (afternoon only) 12:00-4:00pm
Monday 14 June	Class 8, 2022 Raphael House interviews at Te Rā School during the day
Wednesday 16 June	Kapiti College Open Day & Parent Evening
Wednesday 16 June	Class 2 Parent Hui 6:30-8:30pm (shared kai at 6:15pm)
Friday 18 June	Raphael House Eurythmy Performance at Te Rā for school children
Tuesday 22 June	Information Session 2:30pm
Wednesday 23 June	St John Lantern Festival, 6-7:30pm School
<i>Thursday 24 June</i>	<i>PP Date - St John Lantern Festival</i>
Friday 25 June	Raumati Kindergarten Groups Matariki Festival
Friday 2 July	Sharing Assembly – In Hall from 9:30am
Tuesday 6 July	Interschool Regional Cross Country – For Qualifiers Only
<i>Thursday 8 July</i>	<i>PP Date Interschool Regional Cross Country</i>
Friday 9 July	Last Day Term 2
Sunday 11 July	Community Matariki Celebration TBC
Monday 26 July	First Day Term 3
2 Aug-13 Aug	2 weeks of Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 10 August	Information Session 2:30pm

Wednesday 18 August	Kapiti Interschool Junior Winter Tournament Classes 5 and 6
<i>Friday 20 August</i>	<i>PP Date Kapiti Interschool Junior Winter Tournament</i>
Mon.23–Fri.27 August	Wiki o te Mahi Tahī
Monday 30 August	Mid Term Break. No School/Kindergarten
Tuesday 31 August	Teacher Development Day. No School/ Kindergarten
Tuesday 7 September	Parent Evenings for Korimako, Ruru and Kereru Kindergarten Groups 7:30pm
Tuesday 14 Sept.	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
Friday 1 October	Last Day Term 3
Monday 18 October	First Day Term 4
Friday 12 November	Kapa Haka Fundraising Evening
Monday 25 October	Labour Day. No School/Kindergarten
Tuesday 2 November	Information Session 2:30pm
Mon. 22 November	*Teacher Dev. Day (*No School. Kindergarten will be on as normal)
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)
Wed. 15 December	Last Day for Kindergartens
Thurs.16 December	Last Day for School 1:00pm finish

Waldorf Education on the Kapiti Coast

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;

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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