

# KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 8 June 2021



## CO-PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

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

Our kindergarten and school children enjoy a playground that is varied, natural and beautiful. Visitors and newcomers to our community often respond with such amazement that we are reminded just how lucky we are to have this! As our proprietors, the Kapiti Waldorf Trust (KWT) provides us with this amazing resource. We very grateful to Emile, who consistently goes the extra mile in caring for the physical environment that gives so much to our students. Most of you know that Cree is making sure our gardens are looked after, and Jason Grundy is our new groundskeeper. Thumbs up to this fantastic team - ngā mihi ki a koutou e hoa mā!



Besides using our outdoor spaces to deliver Waldorf education as "learning with heart, hands and head" for both kindergarten and school children, local walks to the beach or park offer further opportunities to connect with our environment. At school level, trips often take the classes further afield. Last week, Class 4 and Class 5 enjoyed such "education outside the classroom", or EOTC in short.

As part of their Botany Main Lesson, Class 5 explored the rock pools at Pukerua Bay for seaweed (and probably found some critters too). Class 4 spent a night (!) and a day at Wellington Zoo.



This week, students from Class 4-7 will represent Te Rā at the Interschool Cross Country event in Waikanae. And here we can add a Thank You to the fundraising group for our awesome new uniforms!

All these EOTC events - the daytrips as well as the camps - mean quite a lot of extra paperwork and organisation of logistics for the class teachers. Of course, these events also rely on whānau who are willing to volunteer time and energy to be drivers and helpers, and who are often called on to support planning of camps.



Mā pango, mā whero, ka oti te mahi - it is the combined effort of the adults in our community, our teachers together with our whānau, to provide these additional learning experiences for our students. Kindergartens and school look forward to the community festivals and celebrations later this term (see our Diary of Dates at the end of this newsletter): the Matariki celebrations for the kindergartens, the Saint John midwinter festival for the school, and our whole community Matariki celebration on 11 July. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ngā mihi mahana, nā *Kerstin & David*

## CLASS 1 AUTUMN JOY WITH HANDS & HEART



## NZ SIGN LANGUAGE TASTER SESSIONS

Also this week, the students had the chance to extend their understanding of the world thanks to a wonderful visit by Rosie Solouota, a tutor in NZSL (New Zealand Sign Language). It was incredible to be in this silent, visual world for a whole lesson, and to see the students so engaged and responsive to Rosie's teaching. We all learned the NZSL alphabet and some basic vocabulary and phrases. Thank you Rosie for bringing this to our kura - we will hopefully see you again soon.



## NOTICE RE SAFETY ON WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

We have been made aware that recently there have been several concerning incidents involving primary school children in the Kapiti area, while walking to school over recent weeks. While none of these occurred in Raumatī, we want to reiterate a message we sent earlier this term: we always strongly advise that that students do not walk, scooter or bike to school alone, and that younger students are accompanied by an adult.

# CARVING GROUP FUNDRAISER: WAHAROA

Our Carving Group is looking for your enthusiastic and generous support! Please find attached information about how you can support the marvellous Waharoa project and help create a beautifully carved gateway to Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten and Te Rā Waldorf School. Three phases have already been completed:

- Phase 1: Upskilling community members
- Phase 2: Sourcing and felling the trees
- Phase 3: Milling and preparing the logs

This project is now in its fourth, and final phase. It is supported by our Kapiti Waldorf Trust and endorsed by the school's Board of Trustees, and the group are fundraising to raise \$20,000 for the carving and erecting the structure. Check out the attached flyer for more information, or go to their Givealittle page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/carving-our-story>.

For any questions, please contact Paul Denford ([pauld@tera.school.nz](mailto:pauld@tera.school.nz), 027-2463065) or Doris Zuur ([dorisz@tera.school.nz](mailto:dorisz@tera.school.nz), 027-2811570).



## THANK YOU TO BOB ZUUR

Soon, our website will be refreshed with some new photos, courtesy of Bob Zuur! Thank you so very much Bob, your keen eye and photographic skill are amazing. Your ability to capture moments in a day in the life of our kindergarten and school is such a gift to all of us!

Kei te mihi, kei te mihi, kei te mihi!

## PLEDGE % REPORT

Thank you so much to everybody who is paying the special character pledge through Kindo on a regular basis. Our target for the end of May was 37.69% and we exceed our target!

We ask that you apply any balances in your Kindo account to any payables that are loaded. Please also ensure that any 2020 payables are paid, especially things like violin and cello hire. We have a number of cello and violin hire costs unpaid from 2020 and it would be awesome to have that cleared up.



As always, if you have any concerns about your special character pledge or payables 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, Executive Officer***

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## FROM THE OFFICE

### Reminder - School Apps

In a Civil Defence emergency, it is likely that the cellphone networks might become overloaded and may not work efficiently. Therefore instead of sending bulk texts, we will send out information to parents via School Apps. Please download School Apps to ensure you receive any notifications from the office in an emergency situation.



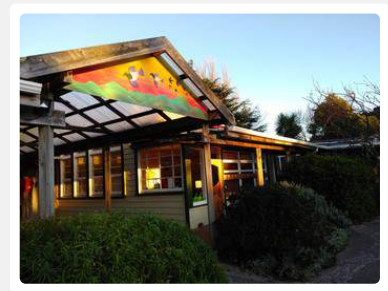
School Apps is available for Apple and Android.

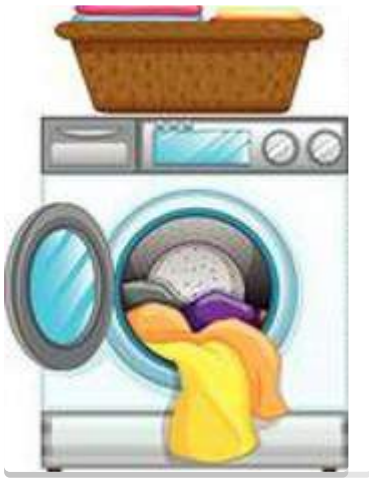
If you do not have a cellphone that is APP capable, we will be undertaking a project in the next couple of weeks to identify the families that this affects so we can communicate how we will get information to you in an emergency situation.

### 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. You can also use the absentee email system to advise if your child will be late to school (although they will still need to sign in when they arrive).

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





## WE'RE LOOKING FOR A DRYER

Are you upgrading your dryer? We would love to install a dryer in the staffroom bathroom for drying the towels and hand-towels that we use within the school.

If you have a dryer for sale or for donation, please contact Rhonda or Maxine in the office.

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## BIG SWAP - Tuesday 15 June 2021

Come along to the Big Swap from 1.30pm-3.00pm in our School Hall  
Bring along your unwanted goods and find some treasures.



## Home - A poem by Charlotte Class 6

Home

By Charlotte  
Apperley

The moon shines bright in the cold dark night  
and reaches for the sky.

It flies with grace, through the black empty space,  
which is made of tumbling stars.

When dawn breaks, the sun awakes  
and climbs the golden stair.

To a place where the clouds await,  
to journey on the warm morning air.

Like a bird, the sun flies  
above a world of green and blue.  
where the wind calls and the leaves fall  
and the waves are a deep ocean hue.

They lap the shore of golden sand,  
while up above there is a man.  
beckoning you, to come back home  
where you will be safe and warm.



## ----- COMMUNITY NOTICES & ADVERTISING -----

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

### CONVERSATION / WORKSHOP WITH LENKA

How to talk (to kids) about sex/sexuality/their bodies.

This explorative, discussion based workshop is designed to empower parents, whanau and anyone who spends time with children to be part of laying a foundation for positive, safe, healthy sexuality for the adults they will grow up to be.

Topics of conversation will be somewhat guided by the interest of the group but is likely to include:

- How to answer children's questions about sex, sexuality and their bodies in a relaxed, age appropriate way.
- How to not pass our own inhibitions and discomfort onto the kids around us.
- Sex and body positivity and how to instill that in the kids around us.
- Talking to kids about sexual and gender diversity in themselves and the people around them.
- Helping kids feel confident knowing and holding their boundaries.

This workshop will include strategies and insight into sexual abuse prevention - but will not cover all aspects of it.

The workshop material will be applicable to children and teenagers of all ages.

Facilitator:

My name is Lenka. I'm a mum of 4 Te Rā kids (Class 1, Class 4, Class 6 and now year 11 at Kapiti College). I work in private practice as a psychotherapist - with a particular interest in sex and sexuality. My professional background includes being a community educator in sex education, healthy relationship, and sexual violence prevention for young people and adults and providing social work support and counselling to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. I am a pakeha woman. The idea's informing the workshop content are inspired by psychotherapy and sex therapy as well as my personal experience as a person and as a mum.

Values of intersectionality, sex positivity, anti-racism, and gender and sexual diversity are held in mind for me when talking about these topics.

This workshop is free to all members of the community.

Bring something yummy to share if you have energy and inclination.

The workshop will run for 2 hrs in the Te Rā School Hall, from 6:30pm on Tuesday, 29 June.

This will only go ahead if there are 12+ people interested in attending. Feel free to contact Lenka with any questions and let her know prior that you will be coming.

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## Poetry Competition

Kapiti Libraries are running their annual poetry competition. Entries are open 1-30 June.

The theme this year is "Voyages". Entrants could have their poem published in our annual poetry book!

We will announce the winners at our Open Mic night on Friday 27 August.

There is a primary school children's category. Please see our website for further information [kapiticoast.govt.nz/libraries/my-library/news-and-events/poetry-competition/](http://kapiticoast.govt.nz/libraries/my-library/news-and-events/poetry-competition/)

The entry form is on the website.

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## Introduction to Weaving Class - Cancer Society

We are running an introduction to weaving class and morning tea for Kapiti whanau. All are welcome to attend. I would be grateful if you could include this in your newsletters.

If you have any questions about this or any of our other supportive care and health promotion activities, please get in touch.

**Mandy Savage**

Senior Health Promotions Co-ordinator: Kāpiti & Porirua

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# You can make a difference in one child's life

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED** in welcoming a child into your family, either on a short or long term basis, give us a call to find out more about Shared Care or Foster Care with CCS Disability Action.

**Contact us today**

**0800 227 900**



**CCS**  
**disability action**  
Including all people

TE HUNGA HAUĀ MAURI MŌ NGĀ TĀNGATA KATOĀ



## DIARY OF DATES 2021

**Mon 7-Jun**

Queen's Birthday - No School/Kindergarten

**Tue 8-Jun**

Teachers Development Day – No School/Kindergarten

**Wed 9-Jun**

Kapiti Interschool Cross Country, C4-7

Class 1 Parent Hui 7:00pm

**Thurs 10-Jun**

*PP Date Kapiti Interschool Cross Country*

**Sat 12-Jun**

Working Bee 9:00-4:00pm

**Mon 14-Jun**

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

**Tue 15-Jun**

Big Swap in Te Rā School Hall 1:30-3:00pm

**Wed 16-Jun**

Class 7 Visit to Kapiti College 12:10-2:40pm - Kapiti College Open Day & Parent Evening  
Class 2 Parent Hui 6:30-8:30pm (shared kai at 6:15pm)

**Fri 18-Jun**

Raphael House Eurythmy Performance at Te Rā for school children

**Tue 22-Jun**

Information Session for new whānau 2:30pm

**Wed 23-Jun**

St John Lantern Festival, 6-7:30pm School

**Thurs 24-Jun**

*PP Date - St John Lantern Festival*

**Fri 25-Jun**

Raumati Kindergarten Groups Matariki Festival

Thus 1 July

Hōteke/Winter Festival. 4.30 pm (Paekakariki Kindergarten)

**Fri 2-Jul**

Sharing Assembly for whānau – in the hall from 9:30am

**Tue 6-Jul**

Interschool Regional Cross Country – For Qualifiers Only

**Thurs 8-Jul**

*PP Date Interschool Regional Cross Country*

**Fri 9-Jul**

**Last Day Term 2**

**Sun 11-Jul**

Community Matariki Celebration TBC

**Mon 26-Jul**

**First Day Term 3**

**2 -13 Aug**

Parent/Teacher Interviews for the school classes

**Tue 10-Aug**

Information Session for new whānau 2:30pm

**Wed 18-Aug**

Kapiti Interschool Junior Winter Tournament Classes 4 and 5

**Fri 20-Aug**

*PP Date Kapiti Interschool Junior Winter Tournament*

**Mon 23–Fri 27 Aug**

Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahī

**Mon 30-Aug**

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

**Tue 31-Aug**

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

**Tue 7-Sep**

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

Kapiti Interschool Senior Winter Tournament Classes 6 and 7 (*Note date change, was originally on Tue 14 Sep*)

**Thurs 9-Sep**

*PP Date Kapiti Interschool Senior Winter Tournament*

**Tue 14-Sept**

Information Session for new whānau 2:30pm

**Fri 17-Sept**

12:30pm Finish for Kindy & School

**Sat 18-Sept**

**\*\*\*Open Day\*\*\* Bring your whānau!!!**

**Fri 1-Oct**

**Last Day Term 3**

**Mon 18-Oct**

**First Day Term 4**

**Tue 2-Nov**

Information Session for new whānau 2:30pm

**Fri 12-Nov**

Kapa Haka Fundraising Evening

**Mon 22-Nov**

**November \*School Teacher Development Day**  
(\*No school classes. Kindergarten session as usual.)

**Sat 27-Nov**  
Advent Wreath-making

**Mon 29-Nov**  
Raumati Kindergarten Groups Advent Festival

**Tue 7-Dec**  
Information Session for new whānau 2:30pm

**Fri 10-Dec**  
Christmas Market (TBC)

**Wed 15-Dec**  
Last Day for Kindergartens


**Thurs 16-Dec**  
Last Day for School 1:00pm finish

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