

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui 6 July 2021



CO-PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

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

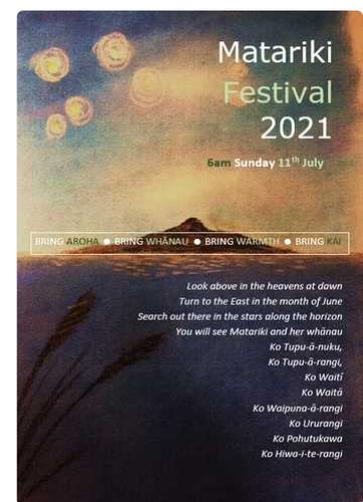
Matariki rising at dawn on a beautiful, sunny Friday morning last week was a stunning start to the Māori new year! Ngā mihi o te tau hou e te whānau!

This newsletter is full of beautiful photos. The saying that "pictures speak louder than words" holds true once again! We trust that the snapshots will provide anyone who wasn't there at the time a sense of the wonderful experiences had by those who were lucky to enjoy these moments.

The Hōtoke (winter) celebration of Paekakariki's group on Thursday night was followed by Class 1's Matariki celebration on Friday afternoon and the Matariki festival of the Raumati South kindergarten groups last Friday night.

Our community Matariki celebration is this coming Sunday - rise early to join the gathering in the hall from 5.45am, followed by a bonfire and kai.

With the chilly temperatures having set in, so have winter ailments for some of our tamariki at kindergarten and school. The long nights and short days of this season are nature's reminder to us to



slow down as we breathe alongside our earth's ancient rhythms. That, and to wrap up warm! Stay warm, stay well e te whānau, in this last week of term 3!
Wishing you a wonderful holiday ahead,

Ngā mihi mahana, nā *Kerstin & David*

TE RĀ PĀNUI: MID YEAR REPORTS

'Tis the season ... when (among all the wonderful celebrations and their daily teaching responsibilities) class teachers are also busy writing mid-year reports for their students!
As usual, these reports will be going to whānau over the next two weeks.
As every year in term 3, you will be able to book a time to meet with class teachers for to talk about your child's/children's learning and wellbeing. More about this closer to the time!

TE RĀWHITI PĀNUI

Our kindergartens were blessed last week with the most perfect of weather for our mid- winter festival evenings. With much change occurring at the moment the evenings provided a magical drawing to the end of term 2 and a chance to reflect. Please look out for our kindergarten update newsletter during the holidays.

Thanks to everyone who is involved in pulling together these most beautiful and reverent events for our tamariki and their whānau.

Greetings from Paekākāriki kindergarten

“In winter, the interest in transcending our personal self, manifests in the feeling for community, the social urge that leads to gift giving and communal meals and games, for example. In the darkness of winter, the human ego feels its inner strengthening, and in seeking to transcend itself, strives for community with others. We may say that the ego becomes more radiant, more illumined by the spirit, as a result of this inner urge “(Adrian Anderson, Living a spiritual year).

What a wonderful time of year to come together to celebrate the dark, the stars and the cold!

In Paekākāriki we gathered under the macrocarpa trees in QEII park, as the sun was setting, to celebrate Hōtoke, Winter. The children walking into the middle of our spiral/koru to get their lanterns lit, and with their whanau around them we slowly returned to the kindergarten where a wonderful surprise of grottos and a warm cup of hibiscus tea was waiting.





MATARIKI @ CLASS 1





SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TE RĀ - WORKSHOP WITH PARENT LIAISONS



**Kōrero and coffee
... always a great
combination!**

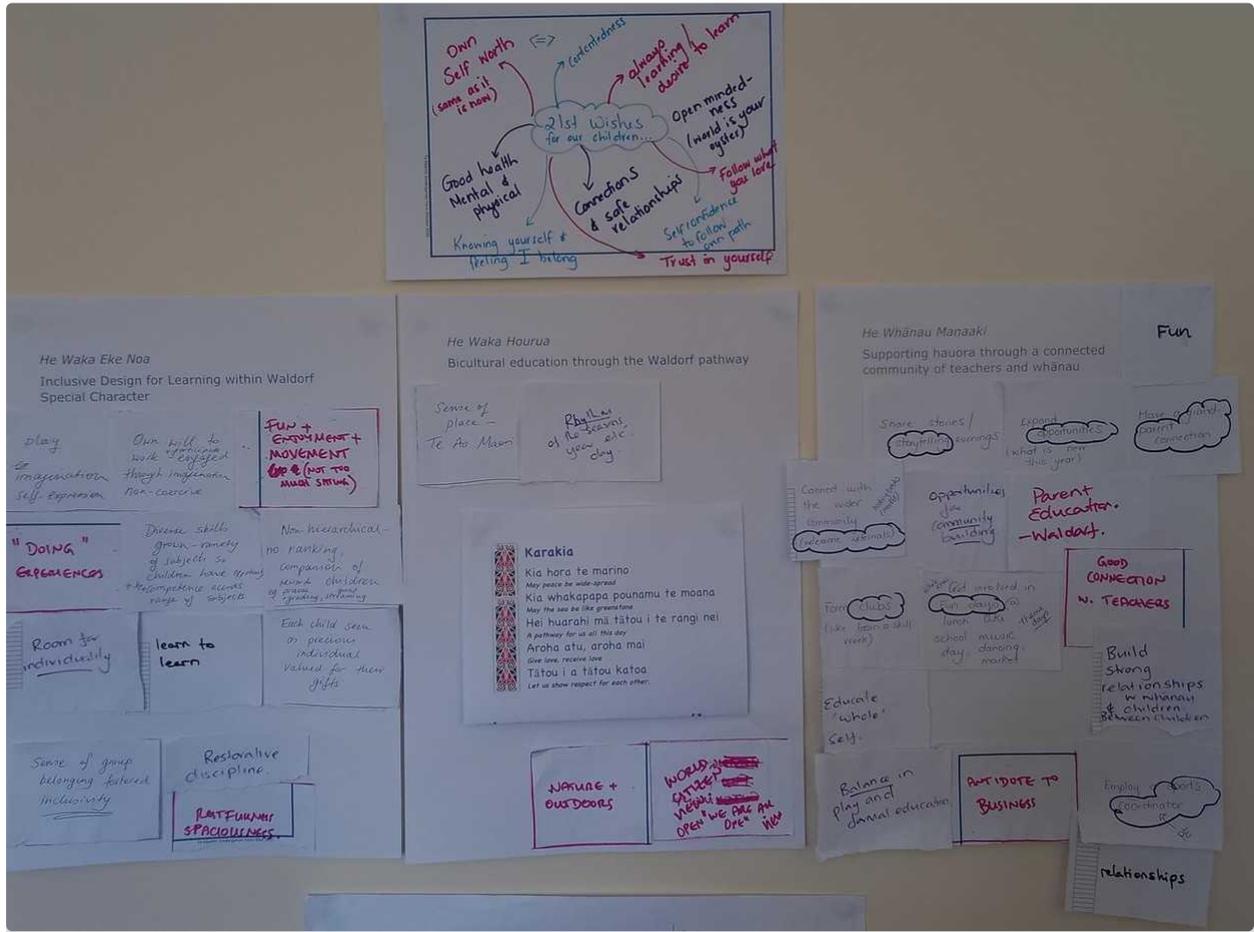


**Pathway into the
future!**



**Paving stones for
our journey**

Following on from a sequence of earlier hui with representatives from our school board and teachers, our fabulous parent liaisons joined us last week for a session of "future thinking" about our school. We made the aspirations we hold for our own children a starting point and explored qualities that we want our education here at Te Rā to foster. More specific ideas, actions and goals for our school and our community became the "pavers" of the pathway into the next five years. Speaking for myself, I thoroughly enjoyed the morning and would like to express my gratitude to those who came along and shared their reflections - ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! All of this is valuable input into our school's new



MATARIKI FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY 5.45am FOR 6am START

Tirama ana mai ngā whetu o te ata
 Ko Puanga kei runga; Takurua kei runga
 Koia ko Matariki e tiaho iho nei!
*Looking towards the stars of the morning
 Puanga (Rigel) is there; Takurua (Sirius) is there
 It is Matariki who is shining down!*



Kia ora whānau mā

We hope to see you at our **Matariki Festival** on **Sunday 11 July** at 5:45am for a **6am start**. We will start the morning in the **hall** where we will have an opportunity to reflect upon and share memories and stories about those that have passed before us. Following our time in the hall we will move toward a **bonfire** where we can keep warm and, if the spirit moves us, sing some **waiata**. We will finish the morning with a **shared breakfast** and some fire baked potatoes.

If you would like to contribute to creating space in the hall from 2pm on **Saturday 10 July** please let us know. The theme for the **tūahu** (altar piece) will be elemental and we will assign people to bring offerings representative of particular elements.

The office will be sending an information pack about this interesting project home this week to whānau of children aged 6 and over, via child mail. Our school board was provided with a lot of information about this prior and is in support of the study's kaupapa. Perhaps the results will support the creation of natural environments around all schools in this country!



Of course, it is completely up to each family to decide if they are interested in participating in this study. Te Rā School has no involvement other than to distribute the information to our community and we do not share information about our students with Massey University or individual researchers at any point during this research. Please note that if you do not wish to participate, you do not need to opt out or respond.

Here is a message from the Massey team:

Researchers at Massey University are studying how the natural environment affects health in children. The aim of the study is to find out if exposure to greater plant biodiversity may protect against several health conditions including, asthma and allergies.

If your child is **6-11 years old**, the research team would be grateful if you would consider taking part. For this study we need all children - including those who do and those who do not have asthma and allergies.

The study involves completing a questionnaire and your child taking part in a breathing and an allergy test. A smaller number of selected participants will be invited to take part in a second phase of the study, which would involve some further health tests.

To take part in the research, please contact the study team by text (text YES, your name, and your child's name and school to: **021 819 745**), or **return the consent forms** in the invitation pack, which will be given to your child.

If you, or anyone you know would like any further information about the study please click this [link](#), or contact the research team:

Email: asthma@massey.ac.nz

Phone: 0508 ASTHMA (278 462)

Text (SMS): 021 819 745



TIME TO TRANSFER YOUR KINDO BALANCES TO SPECIAL CHARACTER

Thank you so much to everybody who is paying the special character pledge through Kindo on a regular basis. The end of term is a great time to apply your balances in Kindo to your Special Character.

As always, if you have any questions 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

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, 027-2463065) or Doris Zuur (dorisz@tera.school.nz, 027-2811570).



THANK YOU !

Thank you so much to the Apperley family who donated a dryer for the school to use. It is very appreciated.

Fridge and Dryer Needed for the Kindy

The kindy is looking for a slimline fridge and a dryer. If you have one for sale or are giving one away, please contact Carrie in the office or email caroline@tera.school.nz.



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.

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.



'NO SMART PHONE' PROJECT - let us know this week if you don't have a smartphone

If you do not have a smart phone capable of downloading the School APP or accessing the internet to receive emails, can you please let Maxine in the office know by the end of term 2. We need to create a plan of how we would send information to you in an emergency.



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

These notices may not reflect the opinions of kindergarten & school

PARENTS COURSE

--- continuing the journey with the Child

Module 1 is completed

Register now for Module 2
(the school child from 7 to puberty)

26th July — 13th September

&/or Module 3

(Puberty to young adult)

20th September — 8th November

VIEW RECORDINGS IN YOUR OWN TIME!

Live sessions on ZOOM each Monday, 7.45 to 9.30p.m. (NZ time)

Professionals working with Rudolf Steiner's insights.

A course for all parents , teachers and therapists.

DETAILS ON WEBSITE. PARENTSCOURSE.CO.NZ

Raphael House Talent Show Postponed

The new date is Thursday 5th August.

Fun Zone Holiday Programme

'Fun Zone Term 2 Holiday Programme is now available. We have heaps of FUN activities available catering for Year 1 to Year 8. For more information go to www.funzone.co.nz or call us on 0800 543 9696.'

Kapiti Basketball

Basketball Camps Thursday 15 July & Friday 16 July Paraparaumu College Community Gym Kiwi Hoops Year 1-4 10am- 11.30am \$10 per player per session Fundamental movement with small sided fun games Game Time Year 5-8 11.30am-1pm \$10 per player per session Learn how to become a good team player Next Level Year 9-13 1.30pm-3pm \$10 per player per session For those playing college ball who want to raise their game Coached by Kiwi Hoops, Rep & NBL Coach, Chris Porteous contactus.kba@gmail.com to register and for more information

Term 3

Saturdays 7 August to 11 September Dr Dish Shooting School: 9.30am and 10.30am Paraparaumu College Gym \$10 per player per session. Sessions must be pre booked by contacting Matt on 0224732104 Maximum of 4 players per group. Other times by arrangement.

10-13 years : 12.30pm-2.00pm Paraparaumu College Community Gym. \$35 for term 2 (6 weeks) or \$10 per session. Suitable for all levels. Girls and Boys. Games based sessions focussing on how to play the game and being a great teammate. Thursdays from 29 July U13 - Players 13 & under born 2008,2009,2010 : 6pm -7.30pm Paraparaumu College Community Gym Players interested in playing at BRN7 U13 Central Region Tournament (Napier 13-16 October) please come to our Thursday

sessions commencing 29 July. Teams to compete at the tournament will be made up from players attending the first three sessions.

Bigair Gym

Book now for Term 3 Classes or Bigair's popular School Holiday Programme! Full day or half day sessions. Keep your kids active these holidays! Spots are limited so book now on www.bigairgym.co.nz

Bigair Gymsports Kapiti ph. 297 0400 e. kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz @. 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.

Coastlands Aquatic Centre School Holiday Programme

Please check their website for more information and to make a booking

Hockey - School Holiday Programme in Wellington

Looking for something to do in the second week of the school holidays? If you are a Year 7&8 or secondary player what better opportunity than attending the WHA Perform Programme run by former Black Sticks assistant coach Chris Leslie!

Check out the details and sign up via the Wellington Hockey Website.



Melbourne Rudolf Steiner Seminar -
courses for everyone

"Harmonising trauma and stress disorders
through arts and movement."

A part-time online course for parents and educators,
live streaming and recorded for all time zones.
Starts 20th July, two terms x 7 weeks Tuesday evenings from 7.00 pm

"Harmonising trauma and stress disorders through arts and movement."

Around the world we are witnessing increasing levels of anxiety, a sense of dislocation and challenging behaviours particularly in the children in our care but also in adults, arising from trauma and stress.

This new course will explore how we can bring *responsive and practical strategies* through the arts and movement to address stress and trauma. It is relevant to parents, teachers and anyone who is interested in how to support children and adults in our work and lives.

Read more and enrol online at:
www.steinerseminar.com (part-time courses)
INFORMATION: +61 03 9876 5199

MELBOURNE RUDOLF STEINER SEMINAR

DIARY OF DATES 2021

Fri 9-Jul

Last Day Term 2

Sun 11-Jul

Community Matariki Celebration - from 5:45am

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

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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