

# KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui 11 August 2021



## CO-PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

**Nau mai hoki mai - welcome back to kindergarten & school!!!  
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou e te whānau whānui,  
dear parents, families, and friends.**

Last week, akomanga tuawhā (Class 4) presented their class play to whānau, friends and the school, and even squeezed in a special performance for the tamariki of our Raumati South kindergartens. This play told the story of Rata and the Tree, a traditional pūrakau (Māori legend or story) beautifully scripted by Paul Fletcher, and presented with great connection and enthusiasm by the tamariki. For me, this was an opportunity to be there firstly as a parent, but also as a colleague and teacher.



As a parent, it was great to see the enthusiasm, the collaboration and support that the students bring to their work. As parents, plays often give that opportunity to see our children in a new way – to see their growing capacity, confidence and self-awareness. Other parents were equally impressed by the way their children spoke with such confidence, even those that are often quiet and reserved in their daily life. Kia kaha tamariki ma!

As a colleague, I know the huge amount of work that goes into preparing a play - finding (or writing!) a script, preparing props and costumes, as well as all the mahi of practising with the students. This is another aspect of holding a class that Paul has stepped into this year – Paul's role has been larger than what he originally signed up for, and he has done it all with characteristic grace and skill! Tēnā koe Paul. Nga mihi nui ki a koe!

Class plays are one part of school that the students always seem to value and enjoy. Sports, festivals and Te wiki o te mahi tahi are others – make sure you check the diary of dates to see when these are approaching! All of these great events rely on volunteers and on teachers being willing to take on extra tasks. I have a lot of gratitude for being part of our community and for all these wonderful opportunities that our students have.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā **David** (on behalf of the co-principals)

## MARY WILLOW @ TE RĀWHITI & TE RĀ SCHOOL

We are delighted to host Mary Willow once again - whether your children are still toddlers or in our senior classes, Mary's insights and simple (but effective) tips are always valuable!



- If you have never been to one of Mary's talks, here is your chance!
- If you have been to Mary's talks before, you know you shouldn't be missing this one!

**Child Development and Parenting (that works!)**

**Thursday 19 August 7pm**

**In the hall, entry by koha**

Mary runs Plum Parenting and has been a parenting mentor for many, many families over the years. With a very long waiting list and plans to take a few months off to work on a big project, this may well be the last chance for a while to hear Mary speak.

Hope to see you there :-)

**Kerstin & Shelly**

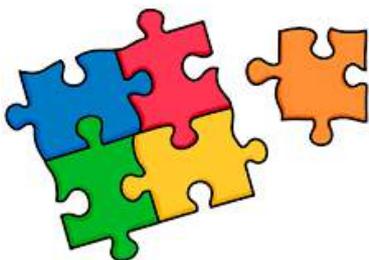
**NEXT WEEK: THURSDAY EVENING @ THE HALL**

# Child Development and Parenting

With parent mentor, educator nurse and  
midwife, Mary Willow  
19<sup>th</sup> of August, 7pm in the School Hall  
Entry by Koha

\*\*\* SCHOOL PĀNUI \*\*\*

## WHĀNAU TEACHER INTERVIEWS - BOOKINGS STILL OPEN



It's so important that parents and teachers take time to build a shared picture of each child and student! If you have not done so yet, please take advantage of these meetings. Information on how to make bookings was sent out by class teachers via email. Please note that to avoid teacher-overload, we ask that there is one 15-20 minutes meeting for each child. If additional time is required this can be arranged with the class teacher.

## COMING SOON: ERO Evaluation Partnership @ Te Rā

The Education Review Office (Te Tari Arotake Matauranga) is the government's external evaluation agency for schools, kura, kohanga reo, puna reo, and early childhood services. In the past, ERO teams used to visit schools for 2-3 days and provide a report based on their findings, thus providing a "snapshot evaluation", usually followed by a set of recommendations for areas of improvement. The rest was up to the school ... until the next ERO visit a few years later, generally.

Since last year, ERO have been shifting to a more developmental approach to evaluation in order to effectively support school improvement. This means that each school will have an ERO evaluation partner who will work alongside, building a professional relationship over time. ERO's evaluation role will connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of an ongoing improvement journey.

It has always been extremely important for us that our ERO visitors are able to have a full understanding of our special character curriculum and pedagogy as well as of our community and of our whānau's aspirations for their children's education. Having been part with a number of ERO visits over the years, I know that this kind of picture-building is not easy to achieve over a few days! The new model, with its broad timeframe, will be much more supportive of that.

Later this term, we will welcome Te Rā School's evaluation partner, Ruth Nicholas. Our initial meeting will focus on building relationships, helping us to better understand the new evaluation process, and then sharing what we see as the school's strengths, challenges and priorities. For us, this feels like perfect timing as we are in the process of developing the new Strategic Plan 2022-2024 this term.

We'll keep you in posted!

Ngā mihi mahana, nā Kerstin (on behalf of the co-principals)



### TE RĀWHITI KINDERGARTEN PĀNUI

A heartfelt thank you to Edith van der Meer for her time spent at our kindergartens over the past few weeks. Her evening talk last week on protecting childhood reminded us how important these first years are in regards to the child's developing life forces. Children are born as sense beings - they learn everything in their early years through experience. Because of this, Edith encouraged us to be mindful about what children are experiencing. Children also learn through imitation so we must strive to be worthy role models.

When adults play, we play differently, and when we interact with children playfully, we put our own stamp on their play. Leaving

children to play amongst themselves, and even on their own, allows them the time and space to do “childhood work” in these precious early years of their life.

Thank you, Edith, for sharing your wisdom and experience with us!

## BIG THANK YOU TO PETE SMITH !!!

Pete made and donated some new bench seats and made and donated the picnic tables for school. He also donated his time and material for the “bounce” wall on the top field and fixed the timber outside wall on the office. All of this is hugely appreciated by staff and students!!!

Emile



## TERM 3 SCHOOL POLICY REVIEW

This term, we are seeking community feedback as we are reviewing two of our SchoolDocs policies:

1. Behaviour Management
2. Concerns and Complaints

Please follow the link to access [School Docs](#), login (user name and password can be obtained from the office) and click on “Current Review”.



1. Follow the link to each policy in the review table.
2. Read the policy.
3. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
4. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
5. Enter your name (optional).
6. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the [review form](#).

## PLEDGE UPDATE

For 2021, our budget for Special Character pledge is \$512,000 (this is portioned percentage of the full amount that was pledged).

At the end of July \$278,000 had been paid towards SCC pledge. This was 54.29% of the pledge and slightly over the expected amount. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to paying the pledge on regular basis.



The ongoing commitment of the payment of pledge provides the Trust with confidence in our budgeting levels and provides assurance that they are able to meet all the commitments to the Board of Trustees (and this ultimately means the children and staff) that they made at the beginning of the year.

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*

## SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY - SUPPORTING WHĀNAU



# Kapiti Community Expo

Food/Kai will be plentiful with many prizes

## Whānau Wellbeing Hub

Te Oranga o te Hāpori katoa

supporting whānau/families to flourish on their parenting journey.

*Kia mau ki te Aka Matua, Ehara ki te Aka Taepa*

**Karakia 11.00am,  
Amazing Race 11.30am &  
Star Jam Musical  
Performance at 1.30pm**

### PRIZES

\$200 Warehouse Voucher  
\$100 Pak'n Save vouchers  
\$100 Countdown vouchers  
\$300 Mystery selection



For further information please email [whanauwellbeing@kapiti.school.nz](mailto:whanauwellbeing@kapiti.school.nz)

**7th August 11am - 3pm  
20 Iver Trask Place  
Kapiti Primary School Hall**

Come along to the Kapiti Community Expo to hear about the many community providers that support health and wellbeing of our whānau and families

Community Organisations joining the Expo include:

Kapiti Health Advisory Group, Volunteer Kāpiti, Cancer Society Kapiti Support Centre, WellAble, Hora Te Pai, Kapiti Impact Trust/Challenge for Change, Te Ara Korowai, Dementia Wellington Charitable Trust, Kai Ora-he mara kai, Regional Stop Smoking Service, Kapiti Womens Centre, Kapiti Coast Grey Power, Loss & Grief Centre, Whānau Āwhina, Plunket, Christians Against Poverty, Health Navigator, StarJam and Tū Ora Compass Health

## Biodiversity and Childhood Health Study (Massey University) - reminder

Just before the term break the office sent home an information pack about this interesting project 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:

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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](mailto:asthma@massey.ac.nz)

**Phone:** 0508 ASTHMA (278 462)

**Text (SMS):** 021 819 745

## DRYER needed for Kindy

If you have a dryer that is surplus going free or for sale, please email Carrie on [caroline@tera.school.nz](mailto: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.

## School Readers

If you have any school readers at home, please return them to the school office asap. We need these back so we can share these with the other children.

## Novice Crafters Needed

Come and help get crafty with small pocket lady items for next years school fair. No craft experience is needed at all, just some good fun and chats while we create magic for the kids.

Every second Wednesday from 7:30pm at Laura's house 76 Tennis Court Road.

25th August, 8th and 22nd September.

Everyone is welcome.



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**Applications now accepted for the next intake  
beginning February 2022**



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

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

### **Troy Kingi to perform with NZSO for Ode to Joy in te reo Māori concert**

Award-winning musician Troy Kingi and his band join the NZSO in September for a unique concert featuring Beethoven's famous *Ode to Joy* sung in te reo Māori.

*Kia Kotahi: He Toirangi Ā-Ao Kia Harikoa* in Wellington on 11 September is part of an international project *All Together: A Global Ode to Joy*, created by the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York.

*Ode to Joy*, written by German poet Friedrich Schiller and adapted by Beethoven, will be sung in te reo Māori by a mass choir of about 300 young singers from high schools, youth choirs and kapa haka groups, along with members from Voices New Zealand.

*Kia Kotahi* also features the world premiere of three exceptional new songs written by Kingi (Te Arawa, Ngāpuhi, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui) and performed by his band, guest vocalists and the NZSO.

Tickets on sale on Thursday 12 August, 12pm.

### **Piano Teacher Wanted**

(not keyboard), for a beginner pupil. Email [michael@snowfield.net.nz](mailto:michael@snowfield.net.nz), or phone 04 902 1203.

### **Father's Day Pop-in Portrait - Waikanae**

21 August 10am-2pm. Just \$50 a pop for Dad and up to 3 kids.

Bookings are essential. For more info & to book go to <https://popinphotos.com/book/waikanae>

### **BIGAIR's Gymnastics, Trampoline, Cheerleading, Tumbling & Free Running**

BOOK NOW for Term 3 Classes. Spots are limited so book now on [www.bigairgym.co.nz](http://www.bigairgym.co.nz) Bigair Gymsports Kapiti ph. 297 0400 e. [kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz) @. 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.

## **DIARY OF DATES 2021**

### **2 -20 Aug**

Parent/Teacher Interviews for School Classes

### **Tue 10-Aug**

Information Session For New Whānau 2:30pm

### **Wed 11-Aug**

St John Lantern Festival 6:00pm

**Thurs 12-Aug**

*PP Date St John Lantern Festival 6:00pm*

**Thurs 12-Aug**

BoT Meeting 7:00pm

**Wed 18-Aug**

Kapiti Interschool Junior Winter Tournament Classes 4 and 5

**Wed 18-Aug**

Class 5 Parent Hui in Hall 7:30pm

**Thurs 19-Aug**

Mary Willow Talk - Child Development and Parenting - 7:00pm in the School Hall

**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 (Please Note - Kindergartens Will Be Open)**

**Sat 4-Sept**

Working Bee 9:00am-4:00pm

**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

**Thursday 23-Sep**

School Board meeting 7pm

**Friday 24-Sep**

Classes 1-7 Sharing Assembly for whānau (9.30am)

**Fri 17-Sept**

12:30pm Finish for Kindy & School

**Sat 18-Sept**

**\*\*\*Open Day\*\*\* Bring Your Whānau!!!**

**Fri 1-Oct**

Michaelmas Whole School Games Day &

**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. Tennis Court Road Hall

**Mon 22-Nov**

**November \*School Teacher Development Day**

(\*No school classes. Kindergarten sessions 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**

## Te Rā Waldorf School - School App

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