

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 28 September 2021



CO-PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

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



Just as the spring flowers in our gardens, there is suddenly a lot of energy around our kindergarten and school! Lots is happening here:

At school, this week is full of tuakana-teina experiences for Classes 2 to 7, with children learning and playing in mixed age groups. Over four mornings, they are enjoying the various projects offered as part of our much anticipated Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahi. On behalf of our tamariki, **thank you so much** to all teachers, support staff and parent volunteers involved - we could not make this happen without you!

We also look forward to our equally popular Michaelmas Games Day on Friday. Right now, with so much uncertainty around, we become more conscious of how important it is to experience the safety of such "traditions". The games are organised and facilitated by Class 7 students, who will be the teachers' opponents in a tug-of-war at the end of the day. Because of Level 2 restrictions, parents cannot be invited to watch this year - sorry!

There are plenty of other news worth checking out in this newsletter - including snapshots of some of our alumni from the Raphael House Class 12 project presentations:

- SP consultation hui for Māori whānau
- ERO visit
- Vacancy: kindergarten kaiārahi
- Raphael House Class 12 projects

Don't forget to mark our kindergarten and school **Open Day on 30 October** in your calendars. We wish you a wonderful last few days of the term, and a joyful term break!

Arohanui nā
Kerstin & David

*** Kindergarten Pānui ***

Vacancy: Kindergarten Kaiārahi/Centre Manager (full-time, permanent)

We are looking for an enthusiastic and flexible person to manage our established kindergarten, lead our committed kindergarten teaching team and engage with our supportive whānau.

Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten has two kindergarten locations on the Kāpiti Coast, (Raumati and Paekākāriki) 45 minutes from Wellington, with up to 80 children on the roll. Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten is part of Te Rā Waldorf School, a state-integrated, Waldorf primary school. It is a licenced early childhood centre, aligning with the Te Whāriki Early Childhood Curriculum. As a Waldorf kindergarten, it is part of Te Rāwhiti's special character to provide a nurturing and unhurried early childhood experience for our children, letting them blossom in their world of fantasy and imagination which they explore through play, thus supporting their individual development, well-being and resilience. The kindergarten Kaiārahi/Manager will be a part of the combined senior management team of kindergarten and school (www.tera.school.nz), and part of the whole teaching faculty.

This role requires a wide range of experience and skills, including:

- In-depth professional knowledge and experience as a registered teacher in the early childhood setting
- Leadership and management experience and skills
- Knowledge of and/or commitment to learn about our special character and Waldorf pedagogy
- Knowledge of and/or commitment to learn about te Tiriti o Waitangi and bi-cultural practice

We are open to negotiate the size of this position to suit the ideal applicant, including the possibility of job share. Please contact the office via email at executiveofficer@tera.school.nz for more information and an application pack.

Applications close 18 October, interviews from 23 October 2021.

We would like the successful applicant to commence as soon as possible, with the latest starting date being 10 January 2022.

*** School Pānui ***

Nau mai haere mai: ERO @ Te Rā

On Tuesday, we welcomed our new ERO Evaluation Partner, Ruth Nicholas, with a Mihi Whakatau. After kai we took Ruth for a quick tour around the school before settling down for a meeting. For this initial hui, Kerstin and David were joined by Michael Freeman and Matt Lamason for the school board,

The Education Review Office has recently changed their process, which can now span a 1 to 3 year "partnership" during which Ruth will work alongside us. The initial hui was an opportunity for Ruth to meet the team and share the plan for the months ahead, and it was an opportunity for us to listen and to ask questions.

Here is what ERO has to say about its new approach:

Schools have told us that our previous approach hasn't worked well: we have heard, listened, and have developed the new operating model as a result.

We are moving from a 'one-size-fits-all' approach with reviews that are a point in time to an approach based on your school's individual needs. This approach is built on a relationship focused on helping your school make improvements in the areas that deliver the greatest improvements to learner success.

We are committed to supporting improved outcomes and achieving equity for all learners, particularly Māori and priority learners. The principles that underpin the new model give priority to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi through a focus on partnerships to achieve desired outcomes.

The model has a focus on understanding the cultural context of each school in order to best serve its needs. By building differentiation into the model, we have given ourselves the flexibility to work with the wider community where it is desired and appropriate. We're committed to continuing to work with the sector. This will require goodwill and professionalism from all.

We work differently with each school/kura according to its context, culture and needs.

We work with you to evaluate how well things are going in your school/kura, then we help you to use the findings to decide your improvement plans and actions. We support you to develop your internal evaluation practice to evaluate and report on your own progress.

How much and how often we work with you will reflect your strengths and focus for improvement.

We work with you over time

We assist you to align these external and internal evaluation activities and findings to your three-year cycle for strategic planning and reporting, internal evaluation and continuous improvement.

Our evaluators work with you as an evaluation partner throughout the evaluation and in the ongoing evaluation relationship with your school/kura.

Our evaluation approach is based on your participation and framed by Te Tiriti o Waitangi

As we work with you in the Evaluation for Improvement process, we are committed to the Māori concepts of:

- *Whakawhanaungatanga: Supporting each other to grow and learn*
- *Mahi tahi: Doing the best for each other*
- *Poutokomanawa: High-quality trusted evaluation for improvement.*

We work together with the people in your school and community who participate by designing, and doing the evaluation, and using the findings.

Other people will be able to participate by giving their views, perspectives and information.

We enjoyed our initial hui with Ruth and look forward to beginning this journey together!

Kerstin & David



Kia ora e te whānau

Kia hāpainga te mana tangata, kia poiipoia te mauri. (Upholding dignity, nurturing life force.)

The board would like to warmly invite to a consultation hui for our Māori whānau and parents of tamariki Māori.

As you may know, the board is tasked with developing a new Strategic Plan for the next three years. Please find the draft for this plan attached.

This draft, which we seek your feedback on, was prepared over the last 5 months. You may have read about it in the newsletter. To prepare the consultation process for our Māori whānau and parents of tamariki Māori, the board is now following advice from André as staff rep on the board, Tabitha Mackenzie, who you may know as a parent and previous board member, and Rongo as the school's kaiārahi o te reo Māori. One of their recommendations is to invite whānau to an initial hui on 2 October. This will be from 10am to approximately 12pm in our school hall with shared kai.

There will be further opportunities to provide feedback throughout the beginning of term 4.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā

Michael Freeman (Chair of the Te Rā School Board)



Attendance Matters ... every day counts!

Following on from the article on attendance in last week's newsletter, here is a little more information ...

Please remember that it is important for kindergarten and school to be notified your child's absence as early as possible and with the reason for the absence. Our preferred way for you to leave this message is via the School App. You can also call our office phone number 04 2990812 and select 1 for the Absentee Line. If you want to add more information you can send an email to office@tera.school.nz, but please use one of the other two ways for the actual notification - in that way we will know that your child is safely at home.

*** Our Alumni: Class 7 2016 ***

Several of our alumni (Nicki's and Kerstin's "old class") went on to Raphael House. As part of their journey towards the NZ Certificate of Steiner Education Level 3 (which is NZQA accredited) at the end of Class 12, each student completes a significant project and is marked also for their display and a presentation to an audience. This year, the audience was limited in size due to the Alert Level restrictions, but it was appreciative nonetheless!

Needless to say, Nicki and I are VERY proud of our "old" students - it was wonderful to see them!



Above: Bella with her display. Bella's project involved learning to dive!



Above

- Connor learnt new skills and created a computer game
- Jade learnt and studied self defence
- Amy researched humans and our fight and flight responses.

Below

- Leah carried out research into chemistry and created fireworks as a practical component
- Mana created a carving of Raphael using whakairo skills and presented research on his whakapapa
- Tui tested and published her own delicious recipes. The page she is showing is her sophisticated version of one of the popular recipes that our cooking teacher, Fiona Walker, still teaches to her Te Rā students today!



Congratulations to ALL of these amazing young people, and many thanks to our awesome teacher colleagues at Raphael House for taking such good care of our rangatahi!

Arohanui nā Nicki & Kerstin

ART CALENDAR FUNDRAISER - Orders Close Tomorrow!



Use an existing piece of classroom artwork or create one to create a calendar \$15:50, sketch pad \$15:50, 2022 diary \$18:50, mouse mat \$16:50 or a set of 8 greeting cards \$14:50

Our Kindo school shop is open and ready to take your orders for the art calendar fundraiser.

- Perfect Christmas presents for friends and family
- Treasured keepsakes
- The calendars and diaries include public holidays and term dates

[Registered Users](#) can click here to login to our Kindo school shop to place your orders.

[New Users can click here](#) to set up their account and place your orders.

Last day for orders is now: Wednesday 29 September 2021

Need assistance?

Call the Kindo helpdesk on freephone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636) or email hello@mykindo.co.nz

*** KINDERGARTEN POLICIES ***

Te Rāwhiti Kindergartens are currently reviewing their policies, and part of the process is giving whānau a chance to have input.

You can find the draft policies up for consultation on the Te Ra website, under the '*for whanau*' tab.



The policies currently up for review are:

- Animal Welfare Policy
- Appropriate Material & Cyber Safety Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Discipline & Dismissal Policy
- Emergency Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Hygienic Laundering Policy
- Inclusion of Children with Diverse Needs Policy
- Medicine Policy
- Missing Tamaiti Policy
- Parent & Whānau Collaboration Policy
- Personnel Policy
- Policy & Procedure Management Policy
- Positive Guidance & Social Competence Policy
- Supervision Policy

Please send any feedback on the above policies to caroline@tera.school.nz by the 30th of September. We look forward to hearing from you.

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 provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

School Touch Rugby - Entries CLOSE Wed 29 Sept at midnight

So far over 40 children have paid and registered for touch rugby via Kindo. The registration date has now been extended until midnight Wed 29 Sept. If you need help with Kindo please phone their Helpdesk on 0508 454 636. We have a couple of manually printed entry forms in the school office. If you need one of these please drop by and collect it. The completed form plus the correct \$ needs to be received by the closing date. Apologies but no late entries will be accepted this year.

Reminders

Absences

Absentees can be notified to the office via School Apps or by leaving a message on the school absentee line. You can also text absences to the school cellphone (021) 295 8618. We ask that absences are notified before 9.00 am every morning.

Ministry of Education require us to code absences, so when you are advising that your child is absent, we ask that you provide us with the reason for the absence.

Dates

Remember to check the diary of dates at the bottom of this newsletter.

School Grounds

Our playgrounds are open during school hours. To support health and safety during Level 2 we discourage the use the playgrounds after hours or in the weekends.



**School and Kindergarten Photos are in Week 1 of Next Term
(NB: Hockey and Class 5 Photo is on 18/11)**

School and Kindergarten Class Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 20th October 2021 from 9:00am**. Please ensure all children are dressed appropriately as per our clothing guidelines. All families will be sent the code this week via email to pre-order online via the LC Scott Website. Envelopes with the correct money in them can also be dropped into the school office until 19 October. Please note that due to Class 5 heading away on camp LC Scott will return to school in the afternoon of 18 November to take the combined hockey photo, Class 5 photo and any family portraits involving Class 5 children.



Those TEENAGE years!

Your journey with your child through puberty to young adult

PARENTSCOURSE invites you to join our community of professionals who have worked with Rudolf Steiner's insights into human development for many years. You can join us live on Zoom &/or **view the recorded sessions in your own time**. At \$6.25 per session (\$50 total) we can make this excellent course available to all.

20th SEPTEMBER --8th NOVEMBER 2021

DETAILS and registration at **PARENTSCOURSE.CO.NZ**

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

These notices may not reflect the opinions of kindergarten & school

For Sale

Campervan (Toyota Hiace), 1997, Diesel, 289,000 km, roof rack with awning, tow bar, current WOF, self-contained certificate good till 2024, very tidy with kitchenette, very comfortable memory foam mattress (double), well loved but we are up-sizing! Home on wheels! \$16,000 or nearest offer

E-Bike with newly refurbished battery, about 40km range per battery charge, about 5 years old, \$ 700

2 Adult Sleeping Bags, \$20 each

Thule Toddler's bike seat (attached to handlebar), almost new , \$170

If interested contact Jutta and Mark at 02040912063 or 04 299 1136

Come play softball this year - It's Fun, Fast and Furious

Join us on the diamond this season. Registration is now OPEN, for the old, the young and the young at heart! We welcome all returning players, and new players to join us this season! All ages welcome, both boys and girls team!

Kapiti Half

Looking for your next running or walking challenge? You don't need to look any further than your own backyard. The brand new [Kāpiti Half](#) is here and uses the best roads and trails on offer starting and finishing at Paraparaumu Beach.

No excuses. Join us for stunning sealed and hard packed gravel surfaces with distances to suit every ability. All our courses are wheel chair, buggy and walking friendly including a Half Marathon, 10km, 5km and our kids 2k.

All information online at <https://kapitihalf.co.nz/>

Get in early, so we can hit the diamond! Register online at www.kapitisoftball.co.nz

Enquires to: Kyla Huff 027 244 8756 / info@kapitisoftball.co.nz

Kāpiti Basketball

Kāpiti Basketball Association are running Saturday Kiwi Hoops again from next term which is always a popular Saturday event.

Players can register at <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=80325> or email contactus.kba@gmail.com for more information

KBA are running two Saturday sessions:

11.30am-12.30pm for 5-9 years

12.30pm-2pm for 10-13 years

Natural Ease

A 1-day mindfulness and awareness through movement retreat with Rachel Tobin, SAT 16 OCT, Lotus Yoga Studio, Paraparaumu, \$105. For more details please check out

www.theartofmindfulness.co.nz/retreats/#kapiti

or ring 021 473 012.

To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/natural-ease-a-1-day-mindfulness-and-movement-retreat-kapiti-tickets-154108483623>

Tennis Have A Go Day on the 3rd November

This event is run at Te Atiawa Courts and is a great day out – especially for those wanting to ‘give it a go’. We are running the event in 2 session blocks this year, to keep within the covid number restrictions. The registration form is divided into the 2 sessions so please enter your player names into which session you prefer.

We will have ‘hot wheels’ wheelchair tennis, team tennis and the longest rally running along with many other exciting things happening on the day.

We hope to see lots of eager students coming along for a great time.

Registration link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KlzZ-nOY3luBV7cwFxBtFz2IxaMzoB0Y3muh-C7oEqQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Registrations close Friday 22nd October.



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

TERM DATES 2022

Term 1 2022

Wed 2 Feb - First Day Term 1 School
Thurs 3 Feb - First Day Term 1 Kindergartens
Mon 7 Feb - Waitangi Day
7 & 8 March - Teacher Devt Days x 2
Sat 2 April - Harvest Fair Setup Day
Sunday 3 April - Harvest Fair
Thurs 14 April - Last Day Term 1

Term 2 2022

Mon 2 May - First Day Term 2
Mon 6 June - Queens BD
Tues 7 June - Teacher Devt Day
Frid 8 July - Last Day Term 2

Term 3 2022

Mon 25 July - First Day Term 3

Mon 29 Aug - Teacher Development Day

Sat 17 Sept - Open Day

Fri 30 Sept - Last Day Term 3

Term 4 2022

Mon 17 Oct - First Day Term 4

Mon 24 Oct - Labour Day

Tues 13 Dec - Last Day Term 4 Kindergartens

Wed 14 Dec - Last Day Term 4 School

DIARY OF DATES 2021

Wednesday 29-Sept

Last day to register for school touch rugby via Kindo - Closes at midnight

Wednesday 29-Sept

Last day to order place orders for Kids Artwork Fundraiser on Kindo

Friday 1-Oct

Michaelmas Whole School Games Day &

Last Day Term 3

Sat 2-Oct

Hui for Māori whānau and parents of tamariki Māori. 10am-12 in School Hall

Monday 18-Oct

First Day Term 4

Tuesday 19-Oct

Korimako, Ruru and Keruru Kindergarten Parent Evenings from 7:30pm

19-22 Oct

Class 5 Camp to El Rancho

Wednesday 20-Oct

Class and Individual Photo Day for School & Kindergartens (LC Scott Photography)

Monday 25-Oct

Labour Day Holiday, No School/Kindy

Tuesday 26-Oct

Kapiti Interschool Mountain Biking - Classes 4-7

Thursday 28-Oct

PP Date Kapiti Interschool Mountain Biking

Friday 29-Oct

School and Kindergartens **Early Finish 12:30pm** (for teachers to prepare for Open Day)

Saturday 30-Oct

New Date***Open Day*** Bring Your Whānau!!!

Tuesday 2-Nov

Information Session For New Whānau 2:30pm

Friday 12-Nov

Kapa Haka Fundraising Evening. Tennis Court Road Hall

Thursday 18-Nov

Class 5 and hockey Photo 2pm

Monday 22-Nov & Tuesday 23-Nov (2 days)

School Teacher Development Days* No School Classes

Monday 22-Nov (only 1 day)

Kindergarten Teacher Development Day* No Kindergarten Classes

Saturday 27-Nov

Advent Wreath-Making Time TBC

Monday 29-Nov

Raumati Kindergarten Groups Advent Festival

Thursday 2-December

Takiri o te Ata Kapa Haka Festival

Tuesday 7-Dec

Information Session for new whānau 2:30pm

Wednesday 8-Dec - Mon 13-Dec

Class 7 Camp to Raukawa YMCA

Friday 10-Dec

Christmas Market (TBC)

Wednesday 15-Dec

Last Day for Kindergartens

Thursday 16-Dec

Last Day for School 1:00pm finish

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