

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 14 September 2021



CO-PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

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

It is such a relief and joy for us to be back at kindergarten, back at school, back at our workplaces and to be able to meet each other in person, kanohi-ki-te-kanohi, face-to-face! Yes, on one hand, working from home definitely brings some advantages, especially for those of us who otherwise face commuter traffic and long days away from our whānau. And of course we know that the planet also loves it when we leave our cars parked. BUT there's just no teaching like REAL teaching, with real children in a real classroom. No matter what the weather, it's definitely what we are passionate about!

Speaking about our passions: upskilling ourselves to promote and normalise te reo Māori as a living language is a key part of teacher professional practice across the country - and it sure is something we feel strongly about. It will visibly feature in our new Strategic Plan for our school, which is under development. We hope to share the draft with you soon so we can get feedback on the direction we hope to take over the next three weeks. This week is Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, so our school teachers are

planning additional activities for the tamariki. There is plenty happening outside of an annual week of course, across kindergarten groups and school classes, and we are fortunate to have Papa Rongo supporting this in lessons and through Kapa Haka for school in particular.

With lots of events having to be postponed or cancelled, we keep our fingers crossed that the big Kapa Haka festival, Taukiri o te Ata, will go ahead later this year. Fortunately December is still a wee while away! A number of other dates have changed though, see the notice below. For events specific to kindergarten groups or school classes, please contact the teachers directly if you are unsure.



Heoi anō āku mō nāianeī - that is all for now!

Ngā manaakitanga, nā **Kerstin & David**

*** NEW DATES ***



- Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahī (Classes 2-7) 27 to 30 September
- Open Day 30 October
- Kindergarten Teachers Professional Development Day 22 November
- School Teachers Professional Development Days 22 & 23 November

New dates for working bees still need to be confirmed.

Please also check the Diary of Dates at the end of this newsletter!

Attendance Matters!

Now that we are back at kindergarten and school, it's time to take a look at attendance again! In our March newsletter, we shared this particular annual plan goal with our community: to improve attendance for school children overall this year!



The disruptions to on-site learning in 2020 certainly didn't help matters across the country, and neither did the recent lockdown. The most common **justified** reason for being absent is, of course, that a child is unwell. There are a few others, for example medical or dental appointments or bereavement. Our main focus is on reducing **unjustified** absences where these are frequent enough to impact on children's learning, wellbeing and social relationships.

For a few years now, teachers' unions and educators have been watching declining attendance of students enrolled in NZ schools with concern. Since the beginning of 2020, all NZ schools have been required to submit attendance data with specific codes for the reasons for absence on a weekly basis, to ensure absences are appropriately recorded and monitored.

What the MOE has found is that our school, like other high-decile schools, have a significant number of children absent for reasons such as family holidays during term time. This is one example of what the MOE calls "**explained but unjustified**" absence.

What we offer is a rich curriculum, child developmentally aligned learning progressions, dedicated and skilled teachers, many opportunities to play and practice social skills ... the list could go on. Children gain the greatest benefits from all of the above, through our education, when they attend kindergarten and school regularly.

We are committed to working with our whānau to ensure students attend regularly, and we have had some excellent conversations over the last months. Let's keep working together!

ATTENDANCE NEWS ON STUFF



Does an extra day here or there matter that much? Education Ministry chief economist Andrew Webber wanted to know just how much school a student could miss before it started to affect achievement.

The research he published in February found each day missed had a cumulative effect: if you mostly attended school, a day off mattered. If you missed a lot of school, an extra day off still mattered. "There's not a level of school that you can miss, to just take a day off here or there and have that not affect your learning," he says. [...]

Why attendance is falling, though, is something he and others at the ministry still can't answer, five years after the trend began. "Every year it gets a little bit worse so that makes it hard to kind of say, 'Oh, it's just this one thing that happened in this one year.'"

To read the full article and to check out the data showing the nationwide trend, take a look at

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/123514144/marked-absent-the-attendance-freefall-in-new-zealands-schools>

Register for Touch Rugby now via Kindo. Registrations close THIS Friday, 17 September

Kia ora Koutou,

Our Te Rā touch teams have been a big part of the sporting culture at our school for a number of years, and the competition will start again next term.

Tabitha McKenzie has done an amazing job as the touch co-ordinator and has stepped back for 2021. Kia ora Tab - ngā mihi nui ki a koe!

Due to a number of factors, we are a bit late getting registrations organised this year. So, if your child wants to be part of a Te Rā touch team, please get them registered on kindo asap (by the end of this week at the latest).

This is open to all students from Class 2 - Class 7.

To register - go to <https://kindo.co.nz/> and login as usual. You will see touch fees as an option on the menu.

For additional information get in touch with Elise Niu (niuschoolemail@gmail.com), who has taken on the co-ordinator role this year. You can also talk to Maxine in the office or to David or Todd at school.

Have a look at this site <https://www.sporty.co.nz/kapititouchjunior> for further information.

The season starts 19 October - we hope to see many of you there!

[Kapiti Junior Touch - Home - Sporty](#)

Home; Field Map; Player Information; KJT Grade Rules. U7 Grade Rules; U8 Grade Rules; U10 Grade Rules; U12/14 Grade Rules; Complete Touch Rules; Draw. Tue Under 7/8

www.sporty.co.nz

Please note: Games are played midweek after school in Term 4 2021 and Term 1 2022. Class 7 children can register for a 1/2 season

Kapiti Junior Touch



Season Starts 19th October
Mazengarb Reserve, Paraparaumu
Only \$40pp

REGISTER AT YOUR SCHOOL NOW!

PROMOTING A BETTER SEASON FOR ALL

U7/U8s Tuesday's
U10's Thursday's
U12 Wednesday's
U14 Wednesday's

Season and Grade information can be found on our website
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/kapititouchjunior>

School Fundraiser - Kids Artwork - Order Now Via Kindo



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

Special Character Pledge Update

Thank you to those who have continued to make pledge contributions during these uncertain times.

Our total pledge for 2021 is \$620,000. For budgeting purposes, we have budgeted to have \$515,000 of pledge paid. We do this to ensure that we do not run the Trust to tight and run the risk of not being able to manage our cashflow. We know from previous years that due to changing circumstances, 100% of promised pledge is never met.



At the end of August, the Trust had a target of \$325,000 for collection of pledge. This is to enable us to meet our budgeted target of \$515,000 by the end of the year.

At the end of August, the pledge total collected was \$312,904. This is \$12,096 short of the anticipated amount. This could be caused by a number of reasons. Perhaps balances are in people's kindo accounts or perhaps circumstances have changed for families.

If you have a balance in your Kindo account, we would ask that you apply it against your Special Character Contribution in Kindo. If your circumstances have changed due around your pledge amount, please contact me via email or phone and we can arrange a time to have a conversation.

Many thanks, Rhonda (Executive Officer)

*** 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



Home

Current
Review

Useful
Links

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.

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. There have been a number of changes due to school having being closed.

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

School and Kindergarten Class Photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 20th October 2021 from 9:00am**. LC Scott will also be taking individual photographs for school records and families will have the option to order these as well. Further details will be in our next school newsletter.

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 -----

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

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

Short Term Accommodation Needed

"Ellamae, Taj and Josie Lauducci are looking for a place to stay from late September to October 28th please. Christian has to sail our boat up north and then fly to the US , so we won't have a home/boat during that time. Even just a room that we can all sleep in would be amazing! Thanks! Please call or text Josie 0272597260"

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!

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

“Leonie’s Tennis Holiday Programme”

Learn to serve- rally and score - with fun games- and prizes

Venue: Paraparaumu Beach Tennis Club, Percival Road, Paraparaumu Beach

Dates: Mon 4th, Wed 6th and Fri 8th October (1st week of holidays)

Mon 11th, Wed 13th and Fri 15th October (2nd week of holidays)

Time: 9am-12pm Age: 5-12 years Cost: \$30 per day or \$80 for 3 days

For more information or to register contact:

Mobile: Leonie 021 1690603 Email: leonietennisinc@gmail.com

Mountain Biking

PNP Mountain Bike Club is holding its Annual Spring Series. We cater to all ages and abilities from Recreational riders through to Elite. This is a series of 4 cross country races. There are medals for place getters and the college/schools shield and plenty of spot prizes. With over-all Series Trophies.

For more information and to register...

PNP.ORG.NZ/MTB

DIARY OF DATES 2021

Monday 13-Sept - Sunday 19-Sept

Te Wiki o to reo Maori (Māori Language Week)

Tuesday 14-Sept

Māori Language Moment at 12 noon

Tuesday 14-Sept

Information Session For New Whānau 2:30pm

Friday 17-Sept

Last day to register for school touch rugby via Kindo

Friday 17-Sept

NOW CANCELLED - 12:30pm early finish for Kindy & School

Saturday 18-Sept

Now POSTPONED UNTIL 30 October ***Open Day***

Thursday 23-Sep

School Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

Friday 24-Sep

NOW CANCELLED - Classes 1-7 Sharing Assembly

Sunday 26-Sept

Daylight Saving Commences Today

Monday 27-Sept - Thursday 30 Sept

Te wiki o te Mahi Tahi for School Classes 2-7, 9-10:50am each day

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

Monday 18-Oct

First Day Term 4

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

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

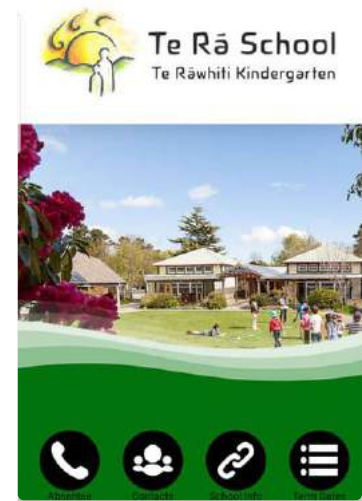
Thursday 16-Dec

Last Day for School 1:00pm finish

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