

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - Friday 15th October 2021

Notice from our Governance bodies regarding mandate

As you are aware, the Government made an announcement about mandated vaccination for all staff who work in education earlier this week. The Board of Trustees and Kapiti Waldorf Trust are working with the staff at Te Rā School and Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten to understand what this might mean for us as employers and employees. This situation is not unique to Te Rā and Te Rāwhiti. Every school and ECE across NZ is working through the exact same issues we are.

The Ministry of Education have not given schools and ECE any further information in relation to the announcement. We are expecting more information from the Ministry early next week and community message will be sent over the weekend from the Board and Trust.

Te Rā Board of Trustees / Kāpiti Waldorf Trust

Reminder: School and Kindergarten Photos are in Week 1 of Next Term (NB: Hockey and Class 5 Photos on 18 Nov)



CO-PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

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

This is a special "Holiday Edition" of our newsletter! Before we welcome back our students on Monday, we wanted to use this as an opportunity to share a few pictures of our freshly painted buildings! Some of you might have noticed that it the life span of the natural exterior of classrooms 4 to 7 had come to its equally natural end, no longer looking great and no longer managing to weather the weather.



Unfortunately the amount of rain we experienced over the term break meant that the completion of the work will be delayed a little, and Jared and his team will continue over the next weeks. Have a look at the photos below to give you an idea where we are at right now!

But wait there's more ...

On a completely different note, because this is a special edition, we have also included a whole lot of snapshots from Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahi. It would have not been possible without the help of a parent volunteers and a dedicated team of teachers and support staff! Thank you all, and thank you to Paul Fletcher for sorting the logistics!

Finally, a quick note on our Strategic Plan development process. A group of parents of tamariki Māori met with us on the first Saturday morning of the holidays as part of the consultation process. We are grateful to those of you who took the time to come, and it was fantastic to get your feedback. We will continue to consult with Māori whānau and our community throughout term 4. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more info, and please be warmly invited to drop in for a chat with us during our upcoming **Open Day on 30 October**.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school next week. We will presumably still be in Level 2 so will continue with the respective drop off/pick up arrangements we had in place last term for both school and kindergarten.

Sunsmart and Sunhats

A reminder that term 4 sunhats are required to be worn when the children are outside.

Arohanui nā
Kerstin & David



A FRESH NEW LOOK FOR SOME OF OUR BUILDINGS

Early in 2020, the Kapiti Waldorf Trust (our proprietors) together with the property management group identified the need to address the maintenance of the cladding. Expert opinion was sought and we received a report which included recommendations (with costs) on how best to protect the timber in the future. The Trust decided to paint the buildings, based on the recommendations received.

A consultation process about the colour scheme followed before the trust was able to confirm the colour choices and could give the go-ahead to Jared and his team. We hope you enjoy what we settled on!

By the way, you might have noticed that we have quite an eclectic (more or less charming, depending on your taste) mix of styles and colour palettes on our school buildings, from types of windows and roofs to colours of walls and ... everything. Over the next years, the other buildings will - one by one - be brought into the new colour scheme.

We would like to acknowledge the work that Rhonda, Paul Denford and Emile have put into this project. Thank you team! Rhonda, we need to thank you in particular for managing it all with professionalism and care right from the start.







***** Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahi 2022 *****

We hope you enjoy the snapshots!!!

One of last term's highlights was the popular week of getting together in mixed age groups to spend a morning on a project of choice - the photos below might give you an impression of the groups that were run on-site.



We would like to thank all teachers, support staff and parent volunteers who ran workshops and helped us to make this happen!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, kei runga rawa atu koutou!







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.

Te Rā School Strategic Plan - Māori Whānau Consultation

Kia ora e te whānau

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)

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 - School Teacher PLD days (school closed for students)
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 - School Teacher PLD day (school closed for students)
Frid 8 July - Last Day Term 2

Term 3 2022

Mon 25 July - First Day Term 3

Mon 29 Aug - School Teacher PLD day (school closed for students)

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

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)

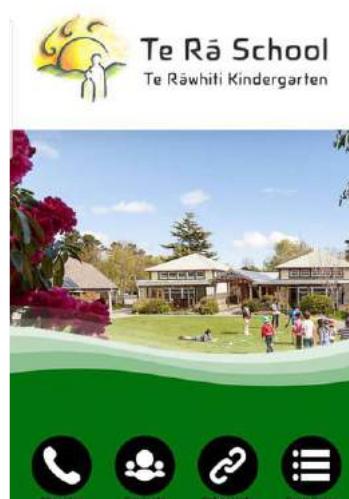
Wednesday 15-Dec
Last Day for Kindergartens

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

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