

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 25 November 2021

REMINDERS:

Sunsmart clothing for the children in Term 4 - sunhats please



Co-Principal Message

Kia ora e te whānau whānui

Thank you to all who have supported the students, staff and community of Te Rā and Te Rāwhiti over the past few weeks. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.



Due to the challenges we have experienced in recent times, several staffing arrangements are still in process. However, we have been working on staffing for 2022 for some time, and there are some things that we are now able to confirm.

People are the lifeblood of any organisation. We are deeply grateful to those colleagues who are moving on at the end of this year, and to those who are taking a break from teaching next year, for their work and contributions – regardless of whether they were a part of our community for many years or only for a short time.

Earlier this term, we accepted the resignations of Nicky Young and Mary Fryer. Nicki has been with Te Rā for 18 years, and her passion for Waldorf education is surpassed only by her love for her students.

Nicki has brought creativity, warmth and a beautiful lightness to everything she has done at Te Rā, and has been loved and appreciated by a generation of students.

Mary, who joined our team in 2020, has brought great integrity to her work and has quickly become a part of the Te Rā whānau. Mary is heading home to Christchurch at the end of this year.

Mary and Nicki are stalwarts of Waldorf education, and both of them will be missed very much by children and colleagues alike!

Elien Hoffmans, our Eurythmy teacher, has decided to take a year off teaching and is hoping to return to a part time role in 2023. We will miss Elien's knowledge and her deep connection to Waldorf education, and we are pleased that she will stay connected to our community in some capacity. Elien may be offering adult eurythmy classes for our community over the next year, so keep eyes out for that!

Sue Pegler, who already took a couple of classes in this subject for parts of this year, will be available to teach Classes 4 to 7 in 2022. We are very thankful to be able to keep offering eurythmy to our students - those of you who have experienced Eurythmy and who know a little more about it will appreciate why!



Another teacher leaving us at the end of the year is Carolyn O'Mahony, who (at very short notice!) stepped into the co-teaching role in Class 4 in term 2 this year. Carolyn has been a positive and enthusiastic member of our teaching team and we are grateful that she was able to support Class 4 with such professionalism over this year. Paul Fletcher will continue full-time with the Class next year.

At present, Aleka is relieving in Class 7 for their last weeks of the year. We are delighted to let you know that Aleka has agreed to take next year's Class 1 - nau mai hoki mai Aleka!

The kindergarten has also had many changes. These are for a myriad of reasons and as with the school, 2022 staffing is still being worked through. We have said goodbye to Ryan McDonald, who with his family will be moving out of the region, hopefully to a property in the Hawkes Bay where he can continue his love of working with soil and plants. Emma Henehan has also finished her fixed-term role of support during kai time in Riro Riro. These two wonderful staff are already missed (although you might see Ryan around in the evenings helping out in the gardens for a little while longer).

Our playgroup structure will likely also change going forward, but we are unable to plan for 2022 yet as the government has not provided any updated guidelines on regulations around licenced playgroups.

We are please to let you know that Jason Grundy has accepted the caretaker position and will start in January 2022 - welcome to the team Jason!

Last, but certainly not least, there is Maxine, whose heart has been beating for Te Rā (and our hockey team) for many, many years! Maxine is the first person that visitors meet when they come to Te Rā,

and she spends her days selflessly looking after the needs of others! We know that Maxine has touched the hearts of hundreds of community members over her time in the role. With her third and youngest child graduating from our school this year, it is time to farewell our amazing receptionist-nurse-coach-counsellor-and-more.

The only constant in life is change. In this time of change, let us remain close - **waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa!**

Arohanui, nā Kerstin, David & Shelley



Community Message from Maxine

Kia ora koutou

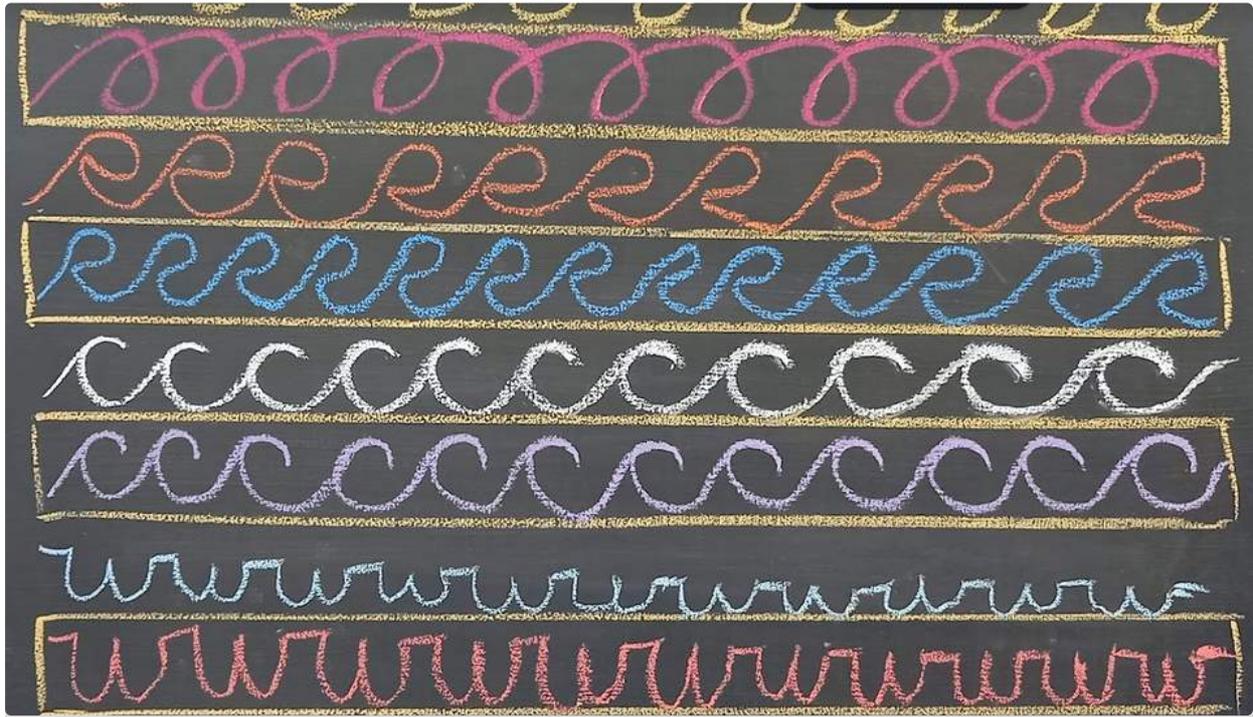
After an involvement with Te Rāwhiti and Te Rā for over 20 years, having seen my three children complete their journey from playgroup to Class 7, and beyond to Raphael House, it has been time for me to decide what to do next.

Many of you know I have been working for NZ Police for many years in various roles, alongside my role at Te Rā. I have now been offered and accepted a fulltime role with them, which is an amazing opportunity for me. To be clear, this decision is not related to Covid or the mandate.

I will miss the community I have been part of, and will treasure beautiful memories. I will greatly miss my daily visits and interactions with the children.

I am not a person for big farewells and the focus at this time of the year is the children and their journey. I will be working locally from time to time and will pop in at some stage in the new year to visit the children and perhaps play some hockey.

So this is my quiet way of saying goodbye. I hope to see you all around in the new year



Message from Nicki

Dear school community

Te Rā has been an important part of my life for the past eighteen years and it was a very difficult decision to leave. I am very grateful for the amazing children I have had the privilege to teach, their loving families, and my supportive, creative and hardworking colleagues – all who have become my whānau over this time.

I know that the connections will remain strong, and with a grandchild on the way and new ventures in my art work just beginning, I have much to look forward to. I am certain that my affection for Te Rā and my teaching friends will see me back visiting school, attending community events and contributing when I can.

Love, Nicki



New Legislation

Many of you will be aware that the government has recently passed more legislation as part of its Covid-19 response. We do not yet know what the traffic light system will mean for us as a school and kindergarten. We can assure you that we will be working to understand this over the next few days and will let you know as soon as we can.

Advent & Christmas Wreath Making



Let's gather and enjoy making something for your whanau's Christmas celebration- be that a traditional advent wreath or a wreath for your home. There are community members available to help if you've not done it before. We also ask if one parent from each class can let their parent liaison know if they can make one for their child's class.

In the School Hall, on the deck and outside on the grass **Saturday 27 November 10am-1pm**. We will have beeswax candles, coloured candles, candle holders and the school shop open with cash or eftpos available.

FOLIAGE NEEDED

This year we are asking for donations of foliage as we have a lot less foliage available to pick at school. Suggestions for foliage/decorations include:

Wintery: Macrocarpa (we need lots of this), Manuka, Rosemary, Bay, Boxwood, Australian natives (eg. Proteas, Leucadendron, Grevillea), Eucalyptus, anything evergreen really, little Pinecones.

Summery: Strawflowers, Pussy Toes, Shells, Sea Grass, Flax, Lavender, Salvia, Sage, Driftwood, Bright coloured ribbons

Also Susan van de Vorstenbosch needs helpers to pass on her knowledge around harvesting flax and the best foliage on the school grounds to collect. Friday 26 Nov between 12-2pm and/or Saturday 27 Nov 8.30-10am (021) 0222 6026

SET UP HELP NEEDED

If you'd like to help Tash set up or pack down the shop and make cups of tea on Friday 26 Nov in the afternoon or Saturday 27 Nov please let Tash know: (021) 2380731

CANDLE PICK UP

If anyone works in Wellington on Fridays can you please pick up candles from National Candles. If you can please contact Tash (021) 2380731.

Vacancy - Front Desk Administrator (up to 35 hours per week)

We are looking for an experienced Personal Assisant/Office Admin superstar (you will seriously need a cape!) to take over the reins of the front desk.



We are looking for a superhuman who can multi-task, cover our first aid requirements, oversee our health and safety, provide personal assistant support to our Co-Principals and Executive Officer and be a friendly contact person for our students, community and staff at Te Rā School and Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please email executiveofficer@tera.school.nz for an application pack. Applications close Friday 3rd December.

The preferred start date for this role is Monday 10 January 2022.

Relievers Needed - Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten

Te Rawhiti Kindergarten on the Kapiti Coast is looking for relievers. We need both teaching (Kaiako) and assistant (Kaimahi) relieving. If you live nearby, please call Shelly Andrews to register your interest. 0277789432. Hours are 8:30am to 2:15pm. We have 4 groups in Raumati South and one in Paekakariki.



Reminder - Use of Nursery Playgroup playground

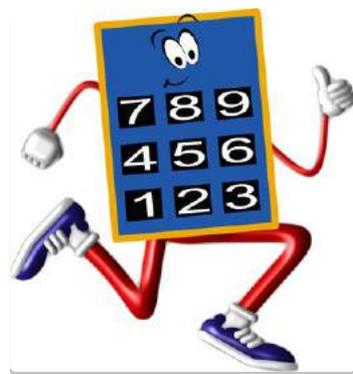
Just a reminder that the nursery playgroup playground area is only to be used under supervision of either the playgroup or nursery teacher. Parents please use the big playground area beside the office if you need somewhere to be with your child.

Thank you

Pledge % Update

Thank you to those who have continued to make pledge contributions during these challenging 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 November, the Trust had a target of \$467,000 for collection of pledge. This is to enable us to meet our budgeted target of \$515,000 by the end of the year.

As at 22 November, the pledge total collected is \$ 413,000. This is \$54,000 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)

News from the Beehive

It has been a long time since the last update, and the bees are in summer mood. We are coming to the end of the swarming season and the bees are getting ready for the main honey flow, which is from mid-December to the end of January. This means the hives are trying to build up the numbers of bees as much as they can, so that there will be plenty of foragers when everything is in flower. It's all looking good so far.

We have four hives in our school apiary: the trusty old top bar hive, which has made a new queen and is chugging along; the two Langstroth hives, which are our main honey producers; and finally our new addition, the Golden Hive. The Golden Hive is an uncommon type of hive, and is designed with the golden ratio. The frames are large but don't get foundation, so the bees have to make all the wax themselves. This hive has been kindly donated to the school by Joanna, and she and Timo imported it from Germany. Finally we have bees in it, and it will be interesting to follow this hive through the seasons.

Christian Boedeker



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.

The Ministry of Education requires 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.

Kindergarten Assistant

Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School is a State Integrated Area School nestled in the hills of Tirohanga, Lower Hutt. Our thriving school is innovative and progressive in its teaching and learning programmes. We also enjoy a rich cultural and festival life supported by enthusiastic and committed teachers and parents.

We are seeking a Kindergarten Assistant to join our Kindergarten team in 2022.

The ideal candidate will have a warm and friendly disposition, a positive attitude, an open desire to learn and a love for working with children. A familiarity with Waldorf education would be fantastic!

The position will suit someone with a quiet, calm manner with good observation and listening skills and a sense of humour.

This is a fixed term position for the 2022 school year, 30 hours per week between 8.30am – 3.00pm during term time only. It is possible for this role to be shared between two people.

Applications close: Monday 22 November 2021, 12noon.

For further information and application details please visit our website

<https://raphaelhouse.school.nz/about/staff/vacancies/>



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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! NOW REDUCED TO \$14,000.

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

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

Accommodation Needed

Wanted a 2-bedroom situation (or 1-bedroom if can create a separate living space in main area) for a mature solo dad with 9yo daughter. Landlord has returned from the UK and wants to move in. Dad is a Kaiako Māori 3 days/wk at a local primary school, plus 1 day/wk university lecturing. Would ideally like something with a bath, and a garage space for wood storage and carving, but can put gear in storage if necessary. Even better if there's space for a vege garden! Very clean and quiet and can provide excellent references.

Can pay up to \$490 per week in a pinch, but ideally would like something easier on the pocket. Looking for long-term arrangement. Need to move out of the current residence by end of December. Also open to a flatmate situation with the right person. Please call 0223039009.

Cheerleading

Does your child love to JUMP, DANCE, TUMBLE and PERFORM? Does your child love trying new challenging but rewarding skills? Then try out **CHEERLEADING at BIGAIR GYM!** Cheerleading is a high energy sport that is quickly becoming more popular around the world! It is a unique sport, as it encourages individual development (eg. cartwheels, tumbling) as much as team development (eg. stunting, pyramids). Your child will gain confidence and pride as they learn new complex skills and achieve goals, they will also learn to be an essential part of a team as they gain a passion for this amazing sport of Cheerleading. Contact Bigair Gym today to find out more!

Bigair Gymsports Kapiti ph. 04 297 0400 e. kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz @. 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.

Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 04 232 3508 e. office@bigairgym.co.nz @. 10 Surrey Street, Tawa.

Hoop Club Kapiti – Junior Basketball Coaching Programme – Term 4 2021

Sunday 31 October to Sunday 12 December 2021

Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall, Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu

9.30 to 10.30am 5 to 7 year olds

10.30 to 11.30am 8 to 10 year olds

11.30 to 12.30pm 11 to 17 year olds

ALL NEW PLAYERS MOST WELCOME

Contact – Angelo Robinson 04 9040142 or contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz

Safe Cycling

Kia ora Te Ra Community,

I am very involved with the petition "Protecting Tamariki on Poplar Avenue: Cars Stand Back!" and wanted to see if you could help by adding your name.

Our goal is to reach 1000 signatures to finally effect change (and for me, this is about advocating for cycling more broadly). You can read more and sign the petition here:

<https://chnng.it/C4XSCcrt>

For this important cause I even agreed to extreme measures:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/climate-news/126581956/kpiti-midwife-who-cycles-to-births-aims-to-deliver-on-cycling-campaign-for-safer-street-crossing>

I will present the petition to Kapiti Council alongside Paul Callister and the Kapiti Cycling Network in November. We are working on a wider strategic plan for cycling, including lobbying for more safe crossings (including a much needed pedestrian crossing for Te Ra students to the car park!).

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

Saturday 27-Nov

Advent Wreath-Making 10am - 1pm (on hall deck)

Monday 29-Nov

Raumati Kindergarten Groups Advent Festival

Tuesday 7-Dec

Information Session for new whānau 2:30pm

Wednesday 8-Dec - Mon 13-Dec

Class 7 Camp to Raukawa YMCA TBC

Wednesday 15-Dec

Last Day for Kindergartens

Thursday 16-Dec

Last Day for School 1:00pm finish

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