

# KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 3 December 2021

## REMINDERS:

**Sunsmart clothing for the children in Term 4 - sunhats please**



## MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Kia ora e te whānau whānui

"There stands a wreath with candles four" ... kindergarten and school have settled into a lovely summer advent mood. A big THANK YOU goes to Tash, Susan, Tonia, Tikki, Perrine and Tina for the mahi preparing and facilitating the community wreath making (and the clean up!). Mihi also to those parents who made an extra wreath for kindergarten groups and school classes, and an XL wreath for our advent festivals (see photo above). It feels extra special these days to be able to come together as a community in this way!



For the kindergarten and school children, the week started with advent festivities for on Monday morning - involving aforementioned XL wreath too!



Yesterday, the school children enjoyed watching the Class 3 play telling the story of Papatuanuku and Ranginui. Buck can be incredibly proud of his class being such a strong, capable group of actors - kei runga noa atu koutou e ngā tamariki o te akomanga tuatoru, you are awesome Class 3!

Amidst the preparations for the end of year, Class 7 is looking forward to their camp next week - well deserved and extra special, given the many changes everyone has to accommodate. Yay for the teachers and parents who are making this happen for our rangatahi!

#### STAFFING CHANGES

Last week, we announced a large number of staffing changes and said we will keep you updated. This week, we are able to confirm that Todd will be on leave for 2022, with the intention to have time to study. Todd joined our school teacher team 6 years ago, seeing the Class 2 he took on at the time through to their final year this year.

There is another change. It is with sadness that we let you know that our Class 2 teacher André will not be returning to our school next year. André has been an integral part of our school teacher team and our faculty for two years, and he will be missed by his colleagues as much as by his class! We wish André and his whānau all the very best - haere rā koutou, kia hoki mai ano tētahi wā i muri!

And so we move towards next year. Vacancies are currently being advertised and more information about our plans for next year will be sent out later this term.

**"When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills"** is a well-known Chinese proverb. May we all be builders of windmills in these times, and teach our children what it takes to weather the storms of life!

Arohanui nā *Kerstin*

**Mihi to the Wreath Making event team - ka mau te wehi!**



## From the Kindergarten

This week has been a flurry of advent festival activity across our different groups. Some wonderful looking wreaths from the weekend's wreath making efforts arrived too! Thank you so much to kaiako and whānau who provided these. Our festivals did have to be a bit smaller this year, but we are working hard to provide the children with daily, weekly and seasonal rhythms that are as close as possible to normal - see also the message from the team below.

As the kindergarten year is drawing to a close a quick reminder that as the sun comes out hats are needed, and then as the rain comes also a change of clothes is helpful to have squashed at the bottom of the bag. Playing can be hard work, and so having clothing suited to the day's activities is super helpful.

*Shelley Wrigley*

The 2021 Kindergarten Advent Festival for the Raumati groups was very different. Level 2 rules have certainly changed things. We missed having our parents and whānau as our festival this year was a tamariki-only one. We think the children enjoyed it, as many commented, and some even asked if we could do it every week. We had some delicious food, thanks to our wonderful kaiako and kaimahi, and a beautiful story told by Livi. We had to forgo the advent spiral and singing this year, and although we don't think the children really noticed, we felt a little bereft as a teaching team. We really hope we can get back to some sort of normality soon, having whānau festivals is something we really hold dear. Thank you everyone for your understanding.



*Shelly, Livi and Gussie*

## Update on new Covid-19 legislation for schools

At the end of last week, we were informed that while the "Traffic Light" system will be in effect as of midnight tonight, schools can continue to operate under the current "Alert Level 2" procedures until the end of the year. Phew - one less change to manage right now!

This means that as before, while we follow guidelines on numbers etc. vaccination is not required for parents who are "visiting" school for specific purposes related to education of their child/children. If you have questions, please contact the office in the first instance - we will always try and answer to the best of our knowledge at the time.

Over the holidays, we will work through all the "new" things as the information comes our way, and we will then be able to update you in time for the beginning of the new school year.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā *Kerstin*

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

We are looking for an experienced Personal Assistant/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](mailto:executiveofficer@tera.school.nz) for an application pack. Applications close Friday 10th December.

The preferred start date for this role is Monday 17 January 2022.



## Class 7 Camp Fundraising

Monday 6th December - bake sale -- lunch time and 2-3 pm at the school gate

Tuesday 7th December - sausage sizzle during lunchtime

Bring your coins and support our Class 7 camp fundraising efforts

## 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 \$417,000. This is \$51,000 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.

## Reminders

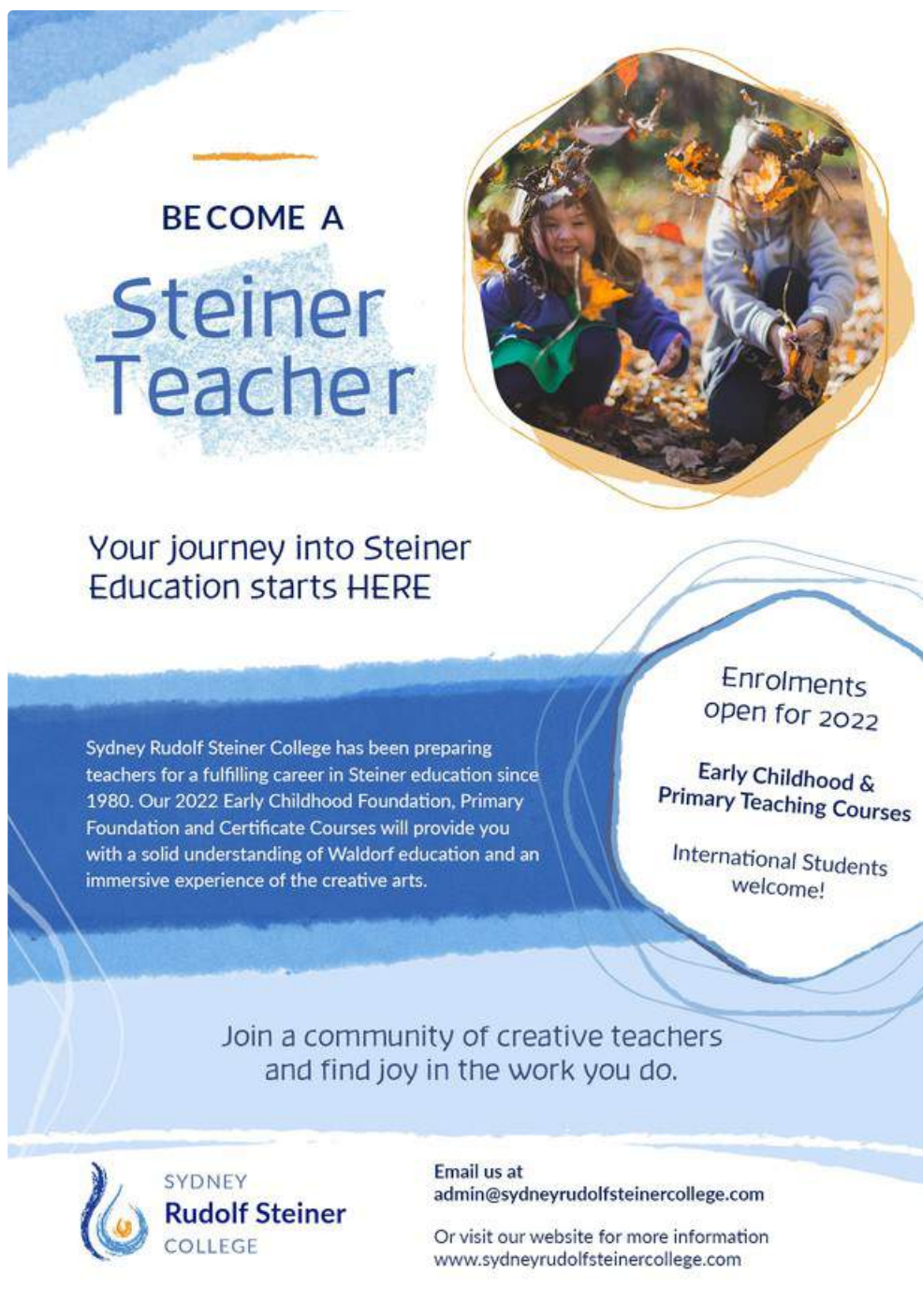
### Absences

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.



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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

### **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!

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### **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](mailto: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

## **Monday 6-Dec**

Bake sale at lunchtime and school gate between 2-3 pm - bring coins

## **Tuesday 7-Dec**

Information Session for new whānau 2:30pm

Sausage Sizzle - lunchtime - bring coins

## **Wednesday 8-Dec - Mon 13-Dec**

Class 7 Camp to Raukawa YMCA

## **Wednesday 15-Dec**

**Last Day for Kindergartens**

## **Thursday 16-Dec**

**Last Day for School 1:00pm finish**




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