

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 13 December 2021

REMINDERS:

Kindergarten last day of term: Wednesday

Last school day: Thursday - remember: day finishes at 1pm



MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Kia ora e te whānau whānui

Every year, as we go into our summer holidays, however and wherever we celebrate this season, with family and close friends, I imagine that our "village" that is Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā becomes a serene holiday destination for all the birds and insects, the bees, the spiders and all other creatures that are easily overlooked and overheard during the busy school days. May they enjoy this beautiful space!



Here are our wishes for our kindergarten and school students:

- that they watch the sea, the bush and the birds (and not the screen)
- that they enjoy great stories told (by people and books)
- that connections are real (and without electronic networks)
- that they explore and play (without Google and Apple)
- that each day holds new discoveries, adventures and joy!

We too are looking forward to the holidays and times of rest after a busy year - and we look forward to returning with energy and enthusiasm to the new kindergarten and school year.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete ki tātou katoa

Kerstin Wagner, on behalf of all of us here at Te Rāwhiti and Te Rā



From the School Board

It is with sadness that I let you know that kindergarten and school colleagues said good-bye to David Nicoll at their Faculty Meeting last week. David will not return to Te Rā next year. Besides the role of Co-principal, which David has held for the last two years together with Kerstin, he has been a much valued member of the board and school management team. David has been a part of the staff for the last 9 years. For his students and their parents, David brought a wealth of Waldorf teaching experience and a great passion for teaching. He will be missed.

**Kia hora te marino,
kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,
kia tere te Kārohirohi i mua i tōu huarahi.**

*May the calm be widespread,
may the ocean glisten as greenstone,
may the shimmer of light forever dance across your pathway.*

Ngā mihi mahana, nā

Michael Freeman (for the Te Rā School Board)



From the School

The end of the year is always super busy here at school - no different this year, just more so! At a time when the End of Year reports are in process, some hardworking colleagues managed to fit in a few extra events!



Class 7 ended up going on camp after all - an amazing camp at that. Many thanks to Paul Fletcher and a committed, awesome team of parents who all showed incredible flexibility with some arrangements at very short notice. We expect the class back this evening, ready for their last days at our school - they will be farewelled by the school children and teacher on Wednesday at the end of the day.

Equally lucky, **Class 3** enjoyed their class camp/sleepover at school last Friday night! It was more of a wake-over for some of the adults :-)) but thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Class 1 put on a short performance for their parents on Friday - well done Class 1 and Katherine for this lively poetic retelling of the story of "Ma Lein and the Magic Pen".

On Thursday, the last school day of the term, the teachers will put on the traditional **Shepherds Play** for the children of Classes 1-6. After that, the children will go back to their (new) classrooms to say good-bye. School will finish at **1pm**.

Arohanui nā

Kerstin, for the school teachers

From the Kindergarten

As this year draws to an end we have a number of changes occurring in Te Rāwhiti as we move into 2022. A number of these have resulted from a review of how we operate and a review of our financial sustainability going forward and many due to staffing and personal circumstance change.

In 2022 our kindergarten will now open through until 2.45pm in all our kindergarten classes. There was a reasonably strong request from a parent survey two years ago to align kindergarten and school finish times. This also, whilst appearing small, is a significant increase in Ministry funding over a whole year. The kaiako have a plan for a slight change in rhythm toward a gentle finish for the last hour of the day. We will communicate more detail in the new year.

Many of you are aware that Ryan and Emma have now finished. We have also accepted the resignation of Asa our wonderful second assistant in Shelly's class. Asa is off to study and take up additional opportunities in her other role. Go well Asa.

For those who know Eija, you will be aware she has been away most of the year unwell. Eija asked a wee while ago for extra time through 2022 to get well and spend time, possibly overseas, with her extended family. We hope this time allows Eija a full recover as we certainly miss her.

Carrie has been managing a lot of very unseen work in the background for the kindergarten as a contractor, and also working very closely with Suzi on policy and regulation update. Carrie and Suzi are both finishing shortly with us this year, with a huge thanks from the kaiako and myself for moving us to a place where our core backbone of policy and procedure is in place. This was a large piece of work (aided early on by Vanessa) that took quite some time, so please do provide feedback on policies as they come out - this does inform changes and ensures we have not missed anything. Policies and procedures are only as good as their ability to be implemented and so if there are gaps or pieces of feedback please do pass those through

Lastly we say a farewell to Lotti who has been on sick leave this term. For many of you Lotti has been a mainstay in your child's time at Te Rāwhiti. The kindergarten in Paekakariki is certainly a unique and beautiful space but made exceptionally so by the way in which Lotti has carried the kindergarten classes there. Every person who visits comments on the calm fluid nature of the children's play, the way in which Lotti holds the class and the fact the kindergarten almost feels like a home. Lotti is dear to us all and will be missed. We have communicated separately to Lotti's class, but just in case that message has not come through: we will have a parent meeting for Kakariki class at 7pm on Tuesday 14 December down at Paekakariki kindergarten. Lotti will have already spoken with all the parents of children moving to Class 1 next year.

Another change which has quite a large impact is that we will no longer be teaching at the location in Paekakariki. We are acutely aware this will be a bit of a shock to many. A few financial and regulatory issues have come to light in the last few weeks which have meant the Trust needed to make a clear decision regarding this location for 2022. This has already been communicated to those who are impacted in Paekakariki and Tash and I will be continuing to contact parents individually over the next week.

There will continue to be further change in Te Rāwhiti going forward and the staff are working through to Xmas to make specific plans around implementing change. These will be solidified in late January and any change impacting whānau directly will be communicated. There is much change occurring in our community and we are enormously grateful to whānau and staff alike who are carrying change, and in many cases grief, with such grace and aroha. Particularly from Te Rāwhiti and the Trust thank you to you all.

We will continue to communicate changes as transparently as possible. Please know that if you have not heard something it is not deliberately held back, but held due to the intricacies of the legislations and personal situations we are dealing with. At all times if you have any questions regarding Te Rāwhiti please contact shelleyw@tera.school.nz.

Arohanui

Shelley Wrigley (for the Kapiti Waldorf Trust)

Covid-19 legislation for schools

Schools continue to operate under the current "Alert Level 2" procedures until the end of the year in regard to all activities related to the curriculum.

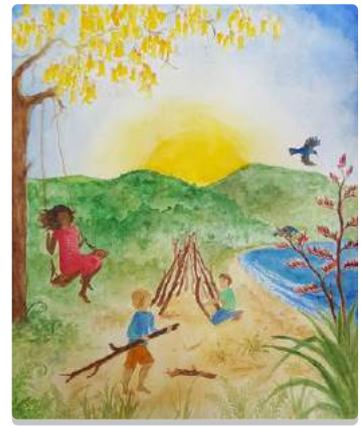
Over the holidays, we will work through all the "new" things as the information comes our way, and we will then be able to update you in time for the beginning of the new school year.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā **Kerstin**

"When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills."

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 for 2022 will be 8:30am to 2:45pm. We have 4 groups in Raumati South.



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

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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 13-Dec

Class 7 return from Camp to Raukawa YMCA

Tuesday 14-Dec

Parent meeting for Kakariki group at 7pm at Paekakariki kindergarten

Wednesday 15-Dec

Last Day for Kindergartens & Last Day for Class 7 !!!

Thursday 16-Dec

Last Day for School Classes 1-6 --- 1pm finish

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