

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 20 May 2022



MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Kia ora koutou e ngā whānau o te kura o Te Rā, me ngā whānau o Te Rāwhiti hoki.

Didn't we get had a spectacular display of nature's might over the last 24 hours? Was there anyone NOT getting soaked at the end of our kindergarten and school day? Some of our tamariki loved it, though for others it was bit overwhelming. Good to see the sunshine again today!

Yesterday's downpour also became a rather impressive finale for our Class 3 string orchestra's first performance - their premiere ended with a light show of a special kind! Well done Class 3 violinists and cellists, thank you so much to their gifted tutors: Mary Taylor, Janet Holborn and Ann White. And thank you to teachers and whānau for your support for the children's instrument practice at home also.





We certainly hope to be blessed with sunshine (or at least dry weather) for our upcoming working bee and bonfire events. Both are on the same **Saturday, 28 May**. The working bee starts at 10am, bonfire at 4pm - invitations for both events see below.

Hope to see you there!

Arohanui nā
Kerstin Wagner (Tumuaki)

WORKING BEE

The community working bee is on Saturday 28 May, 10.00 am am to 4.00 pm. We will be focusing on a clean-up of the grounds, and window cleaning around the school and kindergarten. We will also be moving some sand. Bring your gloves and window squeegees. Tea and coffee are provided.

Community Bonfire and Kai - 28 May 2022

Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten
& Te Rā School
Community Bonfire



All Families Welcome to join us,
at school, on the Top Field for kai of
Baked potatoes and a Sausage sizzle
(Please bring a few dollars for kai)
Let's come together again as a community
Saturday the 28th of May 4pm-7pm



Friday Morning Parent Craft Group - coming soon!

Keen knitters and fabric crafters, if you enjoy coffee and kōrero while keeping your fingers busy, watch this space! There will be more news soon ...

FROM THE KINDERGARTEN TEAM

Welcome to all our new children and their whānau. We hope you are settling in well and starting to learn our rhythms and routines.

A quick reminder that after Queen's Birthday weekend on the Tuesday we have a teacher only day. This is an important event for our staff, usually each term, which allows collaborative professional development sessions to occur.



Thank you in advance for your support.

Also, we are still looking for casual relievers in the kindergarten, see the ad below

FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM

Casual Teacher Aides wanted ...

... for relieving or short term support.

If you are interested in supporting a student and teacher in this role, if you can be flexible with your work hours and are available at short notice - have you considered joining our reliever register for teacher aides? If you are interested please contact Cat in the office office@tera.school.nz and we will be in touch.



Fresh air, warm clothes, good health!

Last week, we tracked CO2 monitoring in three of our classrooms. The outcomes were quite clear in that the most effective way to manage CO2 levels, and so reduce the risk of spreading Covid within enclosed areas, is to have windows and doors open. By opening doors and windows we found that CO2 levels remained well within the approved levels.

While in summer and through the beginning of autumn the weather has been mild, we are mindful that having windows and doors open as we approach the cooler months may result in lower inside temperatures for our Tamariki. With this in mind, and to ensure low CO2 levels can be maintained we ask that all tamariki **bring (and wear) warm socks and slippers** for use in class. Along with their usual warm winter clothing, as needed. We also ask that all tamariki are reminded to wear appropriate footwear (no bare feet) while on school grounds for warmth and safety reasons.

We will monitor classroom temperatures throughout the school term, and will do so also in the kindergarten, so please be reassured that if the weather becomes particularly cold or unsettled, we will take appropriate mitigating action to ensure the comfort and wellbeing of tamariki.

If you have any concerns as to the above, in the first instance please contact your class teacher.

Jason Grundy (Caretaker)

Emergency Preparedness

Thank you to all those of you who have already returned the updated emergency and health information for your child/children.

This week's earthquake drill for school and kindergarten was a great opportunity for us to review our emergency procedures and documentation. Natural instincts are great, but in a stressful situation, they can be a barrier to calm, rational decision making - so best to be prepared.

As parents and caregivers, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our [Student Release protocol](#) for kindergarten and school.

While we all hope we'll never need it, it's certainly better to know what to expect prior to an event!

Caregivers and Medical Details Update Sheets

Last week, the eldest student from each household brought home these forms. Please fill them out and return them to the school office ASAP!!!

From the School Board: an Invitation !!!

The next board election of parent representatives is coming up soon! While the election is not until September, nominations will open in July, and we are now putting out a **first call** to our community!

The board, must ensure that the school gives effect to the **Treaty of Waitangi**. Being a member of the Te Rā school board is an opportunity for parents and other members of our school community to be involved with **all aspects of governance** for Te Rā School, which includes safe-guarding our **Special Character**.

The four key areas of governance are:

1. Leadership
2. Accountability
3. Employer role
4. Representation

The board sets and monitors the **strategic direction** for the coming years, so being a member means you can be part of this mahi. Parent representatives work together with the board representatives of the Kapiti Waldorf Trust, the staff representative and the principal to shape the future of our school. You can check out our 2022 Charter and Annual Plan [here](#).

A background in governance is NOT a requirement! **Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi** – we need many skills around the table, and most of all the wish to be part of the mahi! So ...

- Do you have a background or interest in policy, finance, employment, or keen to grow your skills in these areas?
- Do you have prior experience with governance, or you would like to gain some?
- Are you passionate about our students, Waldorf education, our school and our community?
- Do you want to be part of a team that is constantly working toward making Te Rā an even better place for your children's education?

We would love to hear from you – please contact michaelf@tera.school.nz for more information!

Balances in Kindo & Pledge Update

Now is a great time to transfer your available balances in your Kindo account and apply those balances against your payables.

This year we have budgeted for the pledge payments to be \$390,024. Pledge payments to the currently are \$120,000 which is 30% of the pledge. Thank you for your payments. It is very much appreciated and assists us greatly with our cashflow. We will continue to update the pledge percentage on a regular basis.



School Policy Review

In 2022, all schools will review the **Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy** section throughout the year. The main, overarching policy will be reviewed at the end of the year.

In Term 2, the focus is on **Healthcare** and **Behaviour Management**. Reviews are open to board, staff, and parents/caregivers/whānau. Please go to <https://tera.schooldocs.co.nz/>, look for the **Current Review** tab and follow the instructions.

If this is your first time on SchoolDocs, please email the office for User Name and Password.

Casual relievers needed – Te Rāwhiti kindergarten

We are still looking for enthusiastic and flexible people to join our established kindergarten teaching team as relief kaiāwhina (teaching assistants) or kaiako if you are ECE registered.

As a Waldorf kindergarten, it is part of Te Rāwhiti's special character to provide a nurturing and unhurried early childhood experience. Our approach is to allow tamariki to remain in their world of fantasy and imagination which they explore through play, whilst supporting their individual development, well-being and resilience.

The kaiāwhina acts as an anchor in the class, carrying out domestic tasks, with focus and intention, in a calm, unhurried and good-natured manner. The work supports the tamariki's play and is integral to the whole kindergarten day. The role requires:

- Initiative and observational skills
- Cooking and house-keeping skills
- A quiet, calm and methodical nature
- The ability to carry out some physical work including housework and lifting
- To be conscious that tamariki learn through imitation
- Ability to be efficient and have good organisational skills

Our kaiako hold the room, and work through the rhythm and routines as per each particular class (based on notes left by the lead kaiako).

Please contact Shelly Andrews on shellya@tera.school.nz for more information and an application pack. We have just completed a full review of our files and recruitment functions, so if you have worked with us before you will still need to fill out various additional paperwork items to ensure we have all the appropriate information on file.

Reminders

Absences (very important)

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 end of the newsletter!



School APP

Did you know that we have a SCHOOL APP that we use to send out notifications, the newsletter and our special notices.

If you have not downloaded it to your phone, the information on the APP is at the bottom of the newsletter and the SCHOOLAPP is available on the Playstore and APP store.

If you have previously downloaded the APP, please remember to update your classes that you are subscribing too.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Art Therapy with Maria

Our school's art teacher, Maria Protassova, will soon be finishing her art therapy training and is now available to be contacted to arrange art therapy sessions. Maria works with both adults or children. If you think that you or your child might benefit from art therapy (who doesn't!), or to find out more, please text Maria on 021 129 7659.

Nicki's beautiful Cards: White Feather Art

Since retiring from her position at Te Rā at the end of 2021, Nicki has been busy starting up a little greeting card business - examples see below! You may have seen her at her stall at the Paraparaumu market on Saturday mornings. Now she is excited to announce the launch of her website www.whitefeatherstudio.art, the design of which was guided by the expert hands of Ahly Titchener, (Class One Hanu's mum), and would love it if you would take a look. Feedback and purchases very welcome!



Eurythmy Classes for Adults - A dance of the Planets

During this Autumn we have been graced by the beautiful radiance of some of our planets in the pre-dawn skies. We have been able to observe their dance towards each other and again away from each other.

In Eurythmy, we can move the dance - patterns of the planets. During these classes we will learn how we can express each planetary quality in movement. We will find how they are connected with our speech and language and where they are reflected in our environment and in our bodies.

There is no prior experience or knowledge required. If you want to learn about the planets and enjoy moving just join on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in the school hall, koha \$15. The first session is a taster, after that a commitment till the end of the term is required to enhance the flow of the work. The first session will start on Tuesday 10th May. For questions or booking contact:

alienhoffmans516@gmail.com

I hope to see you there,
Elieen Hoffmans

Looking for a home to rent

Hello,

I'm looking for a home, to rent, for myself and my two boys (who are in Olivia's kindergarten class). We would love to be able to stay living in Kāpiti and stay at Te Rāwhiti.

Any home will be considered from a 1 bedroom upwards. We are tidy and respectful, love to be outdoors and have no pets. Just our awesome selves.

Please contact me if you hear of any places locally, Alanah 0224863036 or leave a message at the school office with Cat.

Thanks in advance,
Lara, Brooklyn and Riley

Babysitter wanted

We are a Te Rā family looking for an occasional babysitter, evenings after children are asleep. Happy to negotiate a rate. Please contact Larah on 0273247874.

Vet Care

An Animal's Journey

S J Lonergan BVSc

Home based veterinary care, reiki and acupuncture

021 0224 4211

ananimalsjourney@gmail.com

Joanne is a parent of Evie in Class 1.

DATES 2022

Term 2

Sat 28 May - Working Bee - 10.00 am till 4.00 pm

Sat 28 May - Community Bonfire - 4.00 pm till 6.00 pm

Mon 6 June - Queen's Birthday

Tue 7 June - School Teacher PLD day (school and kindy closed for students)

Wed 22 June - Meeting of School Board

Fri 24 June - Matariki Community Celebration * Public Holiday**

Wed 29 June - Raphael House Upper School Information Evening (for Te Rā parents)

Thu 30 June - Saint John Lantern Festival

Fri 8 July - Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Mon 25 July - First Day Term 3

Thu 11 Aug - School Board Meeting - 7.00 pm

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

Sat 17 Sept - Open Day

Thu 22 Sept - School Board Meeting - 7.00 pm

Fri 30 Sept - Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Mon 17 Oct - First Day Term 4

Mon 24 Oct - Labour Day

Thu 3 Nov - School Board Meeting - 7.00 pm

Thu 1 Dec - Taukiri o te Ata Kapa Haka Festival

Tue 13 Dec - Last Day Term 4 Kindergartens

Wed 14 Dec - Last Day Term 4 School

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