

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 3 June 2022

**Reminder: LONG Weekend ahead - see you back next
WEDNESDAY 8 June !!!**



MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

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

It was wonderful to have such a great turnout at this week's School Sharing Assembly, our first community assembly in our (well ventilated!!!!) hall in a long time, and of a slightly different flavour than those we normally have! Thank you, Jonáš, for sharing your gift with our tamariki and our community, and thank you EVERYONE for contributing your voices and rhythms. Those of you who were able to stay until the end got to enjoy our school's Whitsun Song, sung in 8 parts and in 8 different languages - it was great to have a chance for a "dress rehearsal" of this very complicated arrangement before it will be a key part of the children's Whitsun festival next week. Below is a photo of the beautiful doves which Class 1 brought to our decorated hall last year.





Rudolf Steiner called Whitsun, a Christian festival, the “Festival of the Free Individuality”. Whether or not you are church-going people, the messages of what is sometimes also referred to as ‘Pentecost’ might speak to you just as strongly: this festival acknowledges our human differences, including those of culture and language, yet gives us a sense of being united through being members of one single humanity. Whitsun highlights one of the greatest challenges of being human: placing our individual gifts in the right relationship within the social realm. This challenge seems particularly poignant in the light of what our community (and many other school communities) have experienced in recent months, where diverse perspectives on the issue of Covid-19 management had the power to impact on families, friendships, and professional relationships. The message of Whitsun casts its light over the shadows of social polarisation and isolation. It is, really, ultimately a message of peace.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki runga i a tātou i ngā wā katoa. May we always be blessed with peace.

Wishing you a wonderful long weekend!

Kerstin Wagner (Tumuaki)



Woodwork Room Pānui: Waharoa update!

Our school gateway project (the carved Waharoa) is now in full swing, having lost some momentum with Covid related postponements earlier.

We have been roughing out the large motifs on the Totara slabs prior to detailed carving. Did you check out at the photos above? One shows one piece partially carved and sanded, ready for drawing the detailed design. Two smaller pieces are nearing completion also. One of the large upright poles (amo) has been shaped and the finer design work has been started.

We are working Wednesday evenings, and monthly on Saturdays, with a small but enthusiastic team which includes parents, grandparents and community members, all volunteering. Under the guidance of our master carver Chris Gerretzen the work is taking shape beautifully and working with the team is most enjoyable and rewarding.

Situations vacant:

If you enjoy woodworking and know one end of a chisel from the other, so to speak, we can do with some extra hands at this stage. Even the odd hour or two is helpful. Or if you know someone, e.g. a grandparent who may be interested, please pass the message on. Do please give me a call first: (027) 246 3065

Fundraising:

The group is continuing to raise funds. Our latest venture is selling firewood. We will have more split wood ready for next winter. If you have any other good suggestions for sources of funds (or firewood), grants, or any other ideas, do let us know. Donations also warmly welcome at any stage, to Kapiti Waldorf Trust, earmarked 'Carving Project'. The account number is 03-0732-0293275-001.

Paul Denford, for the Carving Project

WORKING BEE

The community working bee is on Saturday 11 June, 10.00 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 - 11 June 2022



You are warmly invited to join us for a community bonfire on Friday 11 June, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, at Te Rā. We will be having sausages and loaded baked potatoes. Please bring a few dollars, for each person, to contribute towards the kai.

SEEKING PLAYGROUP FACILITATORS

Playgroup is starting up again (yay!) and we are looking for facilitators to run the sessions. If you are interested in this role, please email your expression of interest to enrolments@tera.school.nz. Playgroup will be starting towards the end of this term and we are hoping to run 2 or 3 sessions per week.

Tash Robertson



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

We are looking forward to numerous events toward the end of this term. These are wonderful moments for all of our tamariki and kindergarten whānau to experience our community and the wonders of this time of year.



All of the kindergarten classes are together looking forward to the Hōtoke festival on Friday 10th June at 5.30pm. Please note that kindergarten finishes at 2pm so the children can go home, have a quiet time and some food and then return at 5.30pm. You will receive a wee 'agenda' for the evening closer to the time so those new to us know what to expect.

And of course there is the working bee and bonfire on the Saturday 11th June (10am start with bonfire starting around 4pm) and Matariki on Saturday 24th June 6am.

A reminder that a number of classes have individual parent hui times to be booked. Please do take this opportunity to spend time with you child's kaiako. Having a clear picture of how your child is experiencing kindergarten (which may be vastly different to their time at home) helps both whānau and the kaiako continue to build on understanding your child and providing supports and experiences for them.

You will see at the end of this newsletter that we are now recruiting for a Kaiārahi/Centre Manager. This role has been vacant for some time, and following some changes made to the way we run our days and our structure, a well engaged ERO visit and a better understanding of our future plans, it is time to bring fill this important role. It is a fixed-term position to the end of the year to ensure we have sized it correctly. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please draw their attention to the advert. The position will be advertised also in the Education Gazette and in other ways.

And finally: thank you for supporting our staff to have Tuesday as a Teacher Only professional development day. These days are important for our staff and this one has a number of external agencies coming in to provide that PLD.

Have a wonderful Queen's Birthday weekend.

From the Te Rāwhiti kindergarten team

FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM



Class 6



Stone Art



Main Lesson

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.



For the School Team

Teacher union meeting coming up!

Teachers in our school will be attending paid union meetings in the week of June 13th in the run up to the re-negotiation of their collective agreement. The meetings will discuss the teachers' **Time 4 Tamariki / Wāwāhi Tahā** campaign, which aims to win

- Smaller class sizes
- More support for high needs students
- Better recognition of cultural skills
- Greater job security for our essential relievers
- Fairly value and recognition of teachers' work
- What is good for our students is good for our teachers, and what is good for our teachers is good for our students!

Our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has scheduled online meetings to minimise disruption to teaching and learning. Our school will aim to ensure the least disruption to your children's learning while upholding the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā **Kerstin Wagner**

Caregivers and Medical Details Update Sheets

There are still a number of these forms outstanding. If the form has been misplaced, when it was brought home by your eldest child at Te Rā, there are spare forms available at the school office. Thank you to all those who have already placed their filled out forms in the 'letter box' at the office window.

Cat Hendra

CARPARK ETIQUETTE

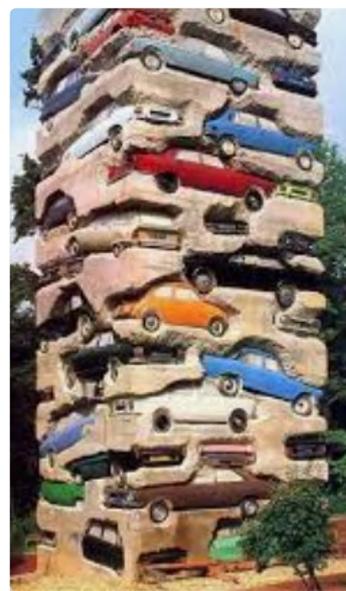
"Kiss'n Go", Car Courtesies & Parking Protocols ...

With the recent wet weather, more whānau are using cars to drop off and pick up. Morning drop off tends to be spread across a wider timeframe and does not seem to pose any problems.

The afternoon rush-hour, however, is a different story!

If you are using the lane at pick up after school, please keep moving. If you stop your car to wait for your child to arrive, this causes the lane to back up out onto the road and results in a gridlock. If your child is not yet waiting at the pick up zone, please keep moving and drive around again to uplift.

If you are waiting for your child in the carpark and there is no available parking space to pull into, please do not park in the middle. Again, this causes a gridlock and traffic backing up onto the road. If the carpark is full, there is additional carparking available across the road.



Parking is also available on Matai Road with an easy walk into the school grounds.

When leaving the car park, if the Poplar Ave traffic delays turning right across traffic, please turn left out of the school carpark and use the roundabout to u-turn back up Poplar Ave. Again, this prevents gridlocks and means that non-school traffic can safely pass.

Thank you for your consideration.

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!

VACANCY: Kindergarten Kaiārahi / Centre Manager

Full-time, fixed term to 31 December 2022

The children are at the heart of everything we do at the Te Rāwhiti Waldorf Kindergarten.



- Are you ready to lead, inspire and guide a talented and dedicated team of kaiako?
- Do you have experience, or a strong interest, in Waldorf education, and are keen to learn more about a special character which provides a nurturing and unhurried early childhood experience?
- Do you want to be part of a pedagogical movement that has shaped kindergartens and schools in over 70 countries worldwide?
- Are you committed to upholding our responsibilities to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and supporting our bicultural journey in a leadership role?

Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten is offering a fantastic opportunity for an ECE qualified teacher to become kaiārahi (centre manager) of our well-established kindergarten. We are open to a conversation about the size of this position to suit a preferred candidate and may be open to consider the possibility of job sharing.

Please view the full vacancy ad on our website [here](#).

For an application pack or any direct enquiries, please contact shelleyw@tera.school.nz.



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.

Shelly Andrews

Reminders from the Office



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.

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!**



NOTICES

The BIG SWAP is back!

The ever popular BIG SWAP is back. Thursday 9 June 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the school hall. Bring your clean and in good condition items to add to the swap tables. Clothing, books, home wares and toys. Help to set up and pack up afterwards is appreciated. If you have nothing to donate you are still welcome to come and join in.

Everything left over afterwards will be donated to the Birthright op shop.

Art Therapy with Maria

Our school's art teacher, Maria Protassova, 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 Young 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

Bicycle Available for Free

Free bicycle available. Suitable for 8-12 year old. Please phone Åsa 027 128 8112 if interested.

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

Monday 6 June - **Queen's Birthday**

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

Wednesday 8 June - **Interschool Cross Country** - Y4-8 Waikanae Park

Thursday 9 June - **Interschool Cross Country postponement date**

Thursday 9 June - **The 'BIG SWAP' clothing swap** - school hall - 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

Friday 10 June - **Hōtoke Festival** - 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Saturday 11 June - **Working Bee** - 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Saturday 11 June - **Community Bonfire** - 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Wednesday 22 June - **Meeting of School Board** - 7 pm

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

(POSTPONED) Raphael House Upper School Information Evening (POSTPONED).

Thursday 30 June - **Saint John Lantern Festival**

Tuesday 5 July - **Regional Cross Country** - Masterton

Thursday 7 July - **Regional Cross Country postponement date**

Thursday 7 and 8 July - **Class 4 at Wellington Zoo**

Friday 8 July - Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Monday 25 July - First Day Term 3

Thursday 11 Aug - **School Board Meeting** - 7.00 pm

Tuesday 23 Aug - **Junior Winter Tournament** - Y5/6

Thursday 25 Aug - **Junior Winter Tournament postponement date**

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

Tuesday 12 Sept - **Senior Winter Tournament** - Y7/8

Thursday 15 Sept - **Senior Winter Tournament postponement date**

Saturday 17 Sept - **Open Day**

Thursday 22 Sept - **School Board Meeting** - 7.00 pm

Friday 30 Sept - Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 17 Oct - First Day Term 4

Monday 24 Oct - **Labour Day**

Thursday 3 Nov - **School Board Meeting** - 7.00 pm

Thursday 1 Dec - **Taukiri o te Ata Kapa Haka Festival**

Tuesday 13 Dec - Last Day Term 4 Kindergartens

Wednesday 14 Dec - Last Day Term 4 School

Te Rā Waldorf School - School App

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