

# KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 18 August 2022

**Coming up:**

**WORKING BEE 27 August 2022**

**SCHOOL TEACHER ONLY DAY 29 August 2022**

**OPEN DAY SATURDAY 3 September**

## MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

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

Most of us know that Waldorf education is a journey from early childhood to young adulthood ... and beyond. Last weekend, we had the pleasure of hosting a concert by our alumni Annemieke Wraight, a graduate of Class 7 2017, in our school hall. Annemieke, who is the daughter of our colleague Tina Regtien, started at our Te Rāwhiti kindergarten when she was four years old and is now a Class 12 student at Raphael House. Time flies! The concert was part of Annemieke's Class 12 project and her audience was treated to songs by Joni Mitchell and a few of Annemieke's own compositions. Well done Annemieke, all your "old" teachers are super proud of you!



Many ways to contribute to the life of kindergarten and school - in fact, without parents, caregivers and extended family, we would not be able to offer many of the rich, varied learning experiences. Whether this is to help out at walks, camps or at Working Bees, support camps, or through contributing financially through the Special Character donation - your children's education is the better for it!

A special **Thank You** goes to the parents who are generously giving their time this week to run some of the workshops of the school's annual Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahi: they are not doing this for our teachers or our staff, they are doing it **for your children!** Ngā mihi team, kei runga noa atu koutou! We hope you enjoy the photos of some of the activities in the school section of this newsletter.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā

**Amanda Bradley & Kerstin Wagner**

## - BOARD PĀNUI -

At last week's meeting, the board received and accepted Todd Chaplin's resignation from his teaching position. As many of you may know, Todd has been on leave this year. He decided that it was the right time to step back from his role.

The board would like to thank Todd for his contributions to the students and colleagues of Te Rā over the last 7 years and wish him all the very best. While no longer is a member of our current staff, Todd will continue to be a member of our parent community.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, Todd, mō tō mahi me tō tautoko i o tātou kura!

**Kerstin Wagner (on behalf of the Te Rā School Board)**

## - PLAYGROUP PĀNUI -



Playgroup has been enjoying the familiar rhythm of bun-making, songs and play at our new location. We have welcomed an additional playgroup facilitator Megan Howell-Love, who is very familiar with Waldorf education, to take our Thursday session.

The weekend saw the addition of our new sandpit, which has been met with a wet start to the week, but the children did put on their wet weather gear and get out for a look yesterday. We are hoping to see the addition of a swing shortly and some planting in the garden bed next to the sandpit.

If you or anyone you know has a child between the ages of 0 and 3 years ( inclusive), there are a couple of spaces available on a Friday and one on a Thursday.

Please contact Tash for more information or to register [enrolments@tera.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@tera.school.nz)



## - KINDERGARTEN PĀNUI -



**Riroriro fire day**



**Cooking potatoes**



**Riroriro seasonal table**

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

While we may have hit another rainy patch, the increasing warmth is being felt and our spring bulbs are blooming around our kinikātene. Tamariki enjoyed the few days of sunshine we were gifted over the past fortnight, but still find joy in the wettest of days.

Just a reminder about how long to keep your child at home if they are unwell. If tamariki have experienced vomiting and/or diarrhoea they should not attend kinikātene until 48 hours after all symptoms have stopped. Many stomach bugs are contagious for 48 hours after vomiting so please take care to keep your child at home during this time.

As the warmer days are creeping in, tamariki still need to be coming to kindergarten with warm hats, over trousers, jackets and a change of clothing.

A reminder to parents and caregivers that it is important that you sign your child both in kinikātene and out at the end of the day. We really appreciate you taking the time to do so.

Nāku iti noa, nā  
Amanda

Kinikātene Kaiārahi

**- SCHOOL PĀNUI -**

**Class 7 Visit to Raphael House Upper School**



Vanya Howell-Kress teaches music at Raphael House.



A taster art lesson in the Upper School art room



A taste of Eurythmy in the ... you guessed it ... Eurythmy room

## Raphael House Upper School Information Session

Wednesday, 31 August 9.15 am. Te Rā School Hall.

This session will be hosted by Upper School coordinator Grant Rossiter, Upper School teachers, and current students of Class 12 (some of them Te Rā alumni) from Raphael House.

You can find more information about the Upper School via this website:

<https://raphaelhouse.school.nz/curriculum/upper-school/>

Everyone is welcome, and probably of particular interest for whānau of Classes 4-7 students who are considering Raphael House as an option for secondary school education.

## Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahi



Pastel Drawing



Board Games



Ukulele

One of the highlights of our school year is Te Wiki o te Mahi Tahi, not only because of the activities but also because it is an opportunity for students in Classes 2 to 7 to be with peers from different classes. Tuakana-teina, young and old learning together. Enjoy the photos below!



## Baking



Sewing



Balsa Wood



Balsa Wood



**Sewing (above) & Drama (below)**



**Outdoor Craft (above) & Kaimoana (below)**



## Music



## Rapid Antigen Tests and Masks

FREE and available in the office foyer

We have Rapid Antigen Tests and boxes of adult sized masks available in the office foyer. Please help yourself. You can even grab some for your neighbours and extended family if need be.

Please note that the current long boxes of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are single tests so feel free to take more than 1.



## Desk Renovation Project looking for volunteers

We are in need of some support to repair and renovate quite a few stored student desks. We have approx. 30 of these desks which are currently stored in one of our containers.

We are therefore looking for a small number of people who would be willing to offer some time, perhaps one Saturday per month until completed. Many of the desks just need a light sand and re-varnish, a small number will require minor repairs e.g. replace hinges etc. but nothing complicated. If you would be able to help, even if just a few hours on one of the designated dates this would be hugely welcomed.

Please contact me via [maintenace@tera.school.nz](mailto:maintenace@tera.school.nz) if you would like to discuss further and/or are able to volunteer some time on this project.

Many thanks, **Jason Grundy**

## - PARENT PĀNUI -

### Working Bee in preparation for Open Day

Please come along to our working bee on Saturday 27th August.  
9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Please bring along gardening tools and gloves and food to share for lunch. Tea and coffee will be available.

This working bee is to prepare the school grounds for the Open Day which is happening on 3rd September.



### Thank you

Thank you to Pete Smith for the building Te Rā more wonderful picnic tables for our students to enjoy.

We appreciate your efforts and ongoing support of our school, Pete.

### Hot Lunches

#### Shout out for parent volunteers

We are reaching out to the community for volunteers to help with the provision of hot lunches once a week to our school children.



This entails someone to be a coordinator, and a team of 2-3 others to help with shopping, preparation, cooking and serving.

The menu in the past has been simple – vegetarian nachos, baked potatoes with a topping, samosas – all served with seasonal fresh salad ingredients from the school garden.

If you would like to help and be involved with our school community for a couple of hours a week, here is your opportunity!

Please come and see Tonia or Cat in the office, or email [finance@tera.school.nz](mailto:finance@tera.school.nz)

### Enrolments for Class 1 - 2027

If you have a child born in 2020 (who is a sibling of a currently enrolled student) that you would like to enrol to start in Class 1 2027, please fill out an Expression of Interest on our [website](#). By doing this,

your child will be offered a place in the kindergarten at the right time, which means we would hold a place in Class 1 2027.

The Class 1's for this year are filling up fast so get in now!

If your child is starting in Class 1 2025 and 2026, please ensure that Tash has received your Expression of Interest so she can allocate a place in the appropriate kindy class at the right time.



## Te Rā Christmas Market

Friday 9th December 2022

3.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Te Rā School

We are taking applications for the Christmas market stalls now.

If you are wanting an application form or have any questions about the market please email Cat at [office@tera.school.nz](mailto:office@tera.school.nz)

## Parent Craft Returns

We are happy to account the return of Parent Craft from Monday the 5th of September. The wonderful Heather Autry will be holding the space for parents in the extra lesson room, behind the school kitchen from 9 am -12 noon. Please ask Cat in the office for directions if you are unsure of where to go. No need to bring anything, just yourselves and a willingness to create beautiful items for our school fair. Beginners and experts welcome.



## Harvest Fair - March / April 2023

Would you like to be a part of a team to make the magic of the fair happen. Taking all expressions of interest to form a group who would like to manage the running of the fair in the months leading up and on the day, people interested in food, craft, kindergarten stalls, games etc. You would be part of the team that parent liaisons from each class will liaise with. If you have questions or would like to put your hand up please contact Tash Robertson on [fundraising@tera.school.nz](mailto:fundraising@tera.school.nz)



**- OFFICE NOTICES -**



## 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 3, the focus is on **Student Wellbeing & Safety**. 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.

## Absences (important)

Thank you to all those heeding our call to ALWAYS notify the office when your child is absent! There have been a lot less un-notified absences to follow up recently, which has dramatically reduced the workload for our office staff.

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**.



## - 2022 DATES -

### Term 3

- Tuesday 23 Aug - **Junior Winter Tournament** - Y5/6
- Thursday 25 Aug - **Junior Winter Tournament postponement date**
- Saturday 27 August - **Working Bee 9am - 4pm**
- Monday 29 Aug - **School Teacher PLD day** (school closed for students)
- Saturday 3 September - **Kindergarten & School OPEN DAY 10-2pm**
- Tuesday 13 Sept - **Senior Winter Tournament** - Y7/8
- Thursday 15 Sept - **Senior Winter Tournament postponement date**
- 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 17 - Thursday 20 Oct - **Class 5 Olympic Camp** at Forest Lakes
- 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 6 - Friday 9 Dec - **Class 6 Camp TBC**

Friday 9 Dec - **Christmas Market** - TBC

Tuesday 13 Dec - Last Day for Kindergartens

Wednesday 14 Dec - Last Day for School



## - NOTICES -

### Te Rā Honey for sale

\$15 for a 500g jar of honey harvested by our very own beekeepers. Available from the school office, from 10am, each school day.

### From the woodwork room

WANTED: Old or broken guitars and ukulele for spare parts. Please bring to the school office and they will be passed on to **Paul Denford**.

**Thank you!!!**



**KĀPITI JUNIOR  
CHESS CLUB**

**Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30 pm**  
**Salvation Army (rear) Hall**  
**Bluegum Rd, Paraparaumu Beach**

The Kāpiti Junior Chess Club provides a fun and friendly environment for primary and college students of all levels to learn and play Chess. Coaching provided to achieve NZCF Badge scheme.

**Term 2 starts 3rd May**

**\$30 per term per student**  
**Payment to Kapiti Chess Club, a/c # 06 0730 0064954 00**

For more information contact Gordon  
 gordon.lyall@outlook.com / www.kapitichess.club



## Raphael House Hockey Fundraising Workforce

Raphael House Upper School hockey team players are undertaking fundraising initiatives to raise money for their upcoming tournaments this year. To achieve their goals, they are launching an even **bigger and stronger workforce** team made up of both our girls and boys players to help you with jobs in and around your whare.

A number of players are ex-Te Ra students, who live in Kapiti, and keen to do their fundraising locally. Do you have any jobs around your whare or property needing some brute force or gentle care? Then we have the team for you.

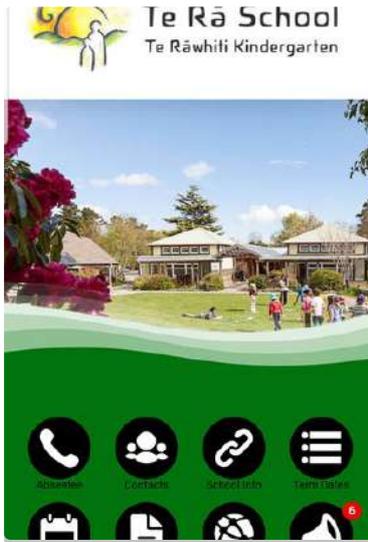
Any jobs will be considered including:

- wood splitting
- firewood stacking
- property maintenance
- house cleaning
- child minding
- garden weeding

Call **Karsten** - 021 186 0471 to sort out a solution to your home or property maintenance needs.

## 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.



## Te Rā School App (also for Kindergarten)

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.



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