

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 4 August 2022

Reminder: School Teacher Only Day (PLD Day)

Monday 29 August (kindergartens open)

MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

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

A beautiful warm and fairly sunny afternoon like today can easily make us forget that this July had the most rainfall since 1971 in our country! So much rain! Looking around our soggy site, we certainly have unprecedented levels of flooding - have a look at the photos below, on a day where in addition to the pouring rain we had to disruptions to our electricity supply and called in professional help us prevent a ... "situation" ... underground!



Even though the sun is back today, the puddles are actually ponds - muddy brown and quite deep in places, deep enough to be a safety hazard for small children. Please continue to supervise little ones closely if you allow them to play in our playground outside of school hours.

Flooded areas are marked off with white tape and are easily identified. One morning this week we arrived at school to find the tape cut and warning signs removed. While it could be fixed quickly before school started, acts of overnight vandalism always leaves a bitter aftertaste. Those of you who regularly read our newsletter might remember reading that we installed security cameras that overlook our driveway at the end of last year. These cameras are operating outside of school and kindergarten hours and allow us to follow up if any visitors to our site cause theft or damage. While that is very handy, we are respectful of privacy of anyone on site after hours and in the weekends. Access to videos to follow up on damage and theft is for authorised staff only, and videos are deleted automatically by the security company at regular intervals.

On a much more cheerful note: our Kindergarten has a new kaiārahi! Following her appointment in the term break, Amanda Bradley started in her new role last week. Amanda has been a member of our community for some time, as a kindergarten parent and as a colleague, and is known to many of us already. If you don't know Amanda, or even if you do, have a look at her mihi below. Personally, I am very excited to work more closely with Amanda in the leadership space of our kindergarten and school.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā
Kerstin Wagner

Greetings from Amanda

Tenā Koutou e te whānau,

What a wonderfully wet couple of weeks we have been having. The rising water levels around Te Rā are evidence of that and have been of fascination to the tamariki arriving at kinikātene every morning. Thank you to everyone who have been making sure your child come to kinikātene equipped with appropriate clothing, so that the wet weather can be fully experienced! As we all know, there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing.



You may or may not be aware that I have taken on the role of Kaiārahi of the kindergarten and it is truly an honor to have the opportunity to be working with our talented kaiako and kaiāwhina. Te Rā and Te Rāwhiti hold a special place in my heart. When I was in the last year of my teaching degree in 2011, I was able to do a teaching placement at Te Rā school, and from the moment I walked through those gates, I felt a connection to the whenua and the community. Now here we are!

I have enjoyed getting to know whānau and Kaiako as a parent of a kinikātene child, and as the handwork teacher of Class Six and Seven over the past 18 months. Now I am delighted to have now joined the Te Rāwhiti in a leadership capacity. I look forward to the journey ahead, and connecting with as many of you as possible.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā
Amanda Bradley

Teachers getting a taste of Maria's art lessons ...

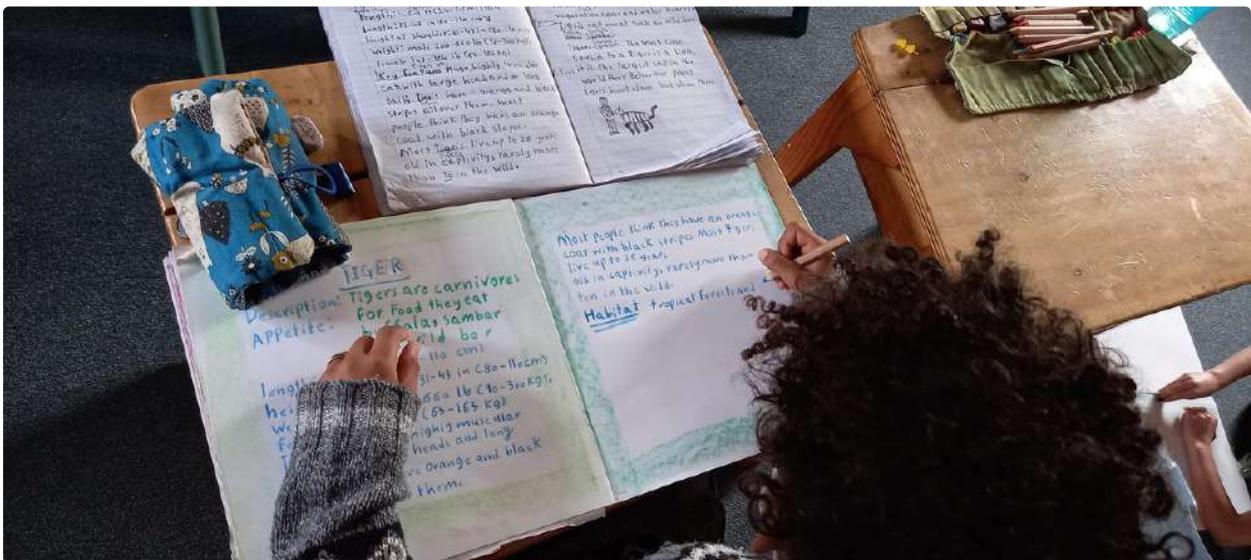




And Class 5 getting a taste of art too ...



Art everywhere ...





KINDERGARTEN PĀNUI



Kia ora koutou

Winter weather - please be careful

We hope this finds you and your whānau wrapped up warm and buffered against the winter weather. It certainly has been very wild time of late. Please do be very careful with the younger tamariki as you come through to kindergarten. There are a number of areas taped off around our school property and some flooded areas are unexpectedly deep.

Please make sure you are always supervising your children until they are delivered to their classroom and definitely after kindergarten if you are waiting on site and they are playing.



Playgroup

We are also welcoming on board Imogen Barriball (Immy), who will be starting as a playgroup coordinator in our new location in Paraparaumu Beach. Playgroup is due to start in the second week of the school term and Tash will be in touch with those on the waiting list. If you are interested in being a playgroup coordinator please get in contact first with Tash to discuss, we would be very happy to hear from you. The start time for the session is negotiable for anyone who does need to drop children to kindergarten/school first.

Covid infections

We have been grappling over the holiday period with a few cases of Covid in our teaching staff so please continue to keep vigilant. We have deep cleaned the kindergarten rooms and continue to do our best to cover staff who are recovering or in isolation. Please note the government has reinstated the 3 week absence rule. If your child has been away for 3 consecutive weeks on the same day of the week we will lose funding. We will be monitoring absences as government funding for us is absolutely critical, particularly as we struggle to cover sickness and absences in staff.

The Trust wishes to thank all of our teaching staff, yet again, for their amazing efforts as absences continue to alter things every day. We are very aware of the efforts made to keep our kindergarten space calm and beautiful. In Waldorf education we strive to hold a consistency to each day. This is achieved through routines and rhythms and the adults in the room working together, being worthy of imitation, and demonstrating calmness that supports the children. Thank you all for managing this through an especially challenging time.

Practical things

As always, please make sure your child comes with at least one extra set of clothes, rain and mud protective clothing and preferably a bag to bring muddy/wet clothing home in. Please also ensure you check any notes on the sign in forms (and sign in and out please!).

Ngā mihi

Amanda Bradley



Playgroup Pānui

We are excited to announce we have started a playgroup at an off-site location in Paraparaumu Beach in Term 3.

If you wish to go onto the waiting list please do let Tash know:
enrolments@tera.school.nz.

SCHOOL PĀNUI

A surprise visit, and perfect as Class 3 is learning all about shelters & trades this year ...





Raphael House Upper School Information Morning

Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School, our 'big sister' school in Lower Hutt, will be offering a **Morning Information Session at Te Rā** to talk about their Upper School (High School: Classes 8-12). This morning will be hosted by Upper School co-ordinator Grant Rossiter, Upper School teachers and current students of Class 12 (some of them Te Rā alumni).

While this is particularly aimed at parents from Class 4 to 7, this hui is open to all who are interested in a future enrolment at Raphael House.

To find a date that suit most, we suggest that anyone with an interest in attending to complete [this VERY short survey](#). You will also be able to include questions or topics that you would like the Raphael House team to address in that meeting. The survey will be open until the end of the weekend, with the date confirmed next week.

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

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

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. 20 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 maintenance@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**

News from the beehive

It is winter and our bee hives are very quiet on cold days and in the mornings. Once it warms up a bit on a nice day and it gets over 12C, there can be quite a bit of activity as the bees forage for pollen and nectar from tree lucerne and other early flowers. Since the shortest day has passed the bees are in spring mode and the queen will slowly increase her laying to get the numbers up for the honey flow in summer.



We had the composition of our school honey analysed through a pollen count at Massey University, and the results are pretty interesting. About half of the nectar comes from Trefoil, a small plant with yellow flowers that is related to clover. This is very typical for the region and most honeys that are not bush honey have Trefoil as the main nectar source. The next most important nectar source is mānuka/kānuka (12%), followed by eucalyptus (7%). Blackberry is represented at a surprisingly low level (3%), considering that the hives are surrounded by so many of them. Other plants that are contributing 2-3% each are fennel, clover, kāmahī, and the rose family (which includes most fruit trees such as apples).

The honey from the school hives has been extracted in an MPI registered honey house and has been tested by an official laboratory as required for sales, and is available in the school office for \$15 for 500 grams. The proceeds are going to fundraising.

PARENT PĀNUI



Parent Craft Group - looking for facilitators

After getting off to a great start at the end of Term 2 with a wonderful group of crafty parents we have hit a bump. We are now looking for someone who is familiar with the kaupapa surrounding Waldorf craft to volunteer to be our Parent Craft Facilitator. Ideally they will be able to open the space on Monday mornings, lock up, as well as welcoming new arrivals while suggesting crafty ideas to those who may be wanting to learn a new skill.

Focus is on learning new skills and creating items to sell for school fundraising at this year's Christmas Market.

Please get in touch with Amanda Bradley if you are interested in becoming a volunteer Parent Craft Facilitator
amandab@tera.school.nz

Enrolments for Class 1 2025 and 2026

If you have a child born in 2018 or 2019 (who is a sibling of a currently enrolled student) that you would like to enrol to start in Class 1 2025 or Class 1 2026, 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 2025 or 2026.

If your child is born in 2018 or 2019 and is already attending the kindergarten, we have already allocated a place in a Class 1. If you would like to check if your child is already on the waitlist, please email enrolments@tera.school.nz and Tash will be able to advise.

The Class 1's for these years are filling up fast so get in now!

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

Monday 25 July - First Day Term 3

Tuesday 9 Aug - **KWT Meeting**

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 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

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!!!



Bicycle - Free to good home

Adult bicycle – unused for several years – needs a little attention. Free to a good home.

Cosy Cottage available for short term rent

Cosy Cottage available for short term rent in Raumati South. 16 August - 10 September. Close to cafes and the beach.

For more details please contact **Cree** on 0274667977



Kapiti Parent Support Group

Coffee Get Together

Friday 12th August 10.00am – 12.00pm

RSVP required for numbers.

A get together for parents or caregivers raising children with any disabilities, health impairments or special needs.

Hot drink for each adult supplied by Parent to Parent. You are welcome to order additional food for yourself if you want at your own cost.

Come & meet other parents of children with disabilities and special needs for support, friendship and fun.

This is a safe space for family and Whānau to share and learn information from each other to help and support us along our journey. You are welcome to ask questions on issues you are struggling with or just join us for a hot drink in a supportive group.

For more information contact Sue on 027 808 3947 or suet@parent2parent.org.nz

This group meets each month on the 2nd Friday of the month

Columbus Café
Mitre 10
135 Kapiti Road
Paraparaumu



**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.kapitchess.club



Biodiversity and Childhood Health Study

Researchers at Massey University are studying how the natural environment affects health in **children**. The aim of the study is to find out if exposure to greater plant biodiversity may protect against several health conditions including, asthma and allergies.

If your child is **6-11 years old**, the research team would be grateful if you would consider taking part. For this study we need all children - including those who do and those who do not have asthma and allergies.

The study involves completing a questionnaire and your child taking part in a breathing and an allergy test. A smaller number of selected participants will be invited to take part in a second phase of the study, which would involve some further health tests.

To take part in the research, please contact the study team by text (text YES, your name, and your child's name and school to: **021 819 745**), or **return the consent forms** in the invitation pack, which will be sent to you.

If you, or anyone you know would like any further information about the study please click this [link](#), or contact the research team:

Email: asthma@massey.ac.nz

Phone: 0508 ASTHMA (278 462)

Text (SMS): 021 819 745

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.

Learn to Sew on a machine classes

Learn to sew on a machine, make an apron, pair of trousers, a cushion then make a hoodie and screen print on your design.

I am a Waldorf trained teacher offering after-school classes in sewing, in term 3&4, from 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Located in Raumati South, at my home, on Glen Road. Small groups. Please contact me if interested to find out more - sarah.ramakers@gmail.com
027 255 9256

Sarah Grandison

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.

Hoop Club - Basketball

Hoop Club Kapiti – Junior Basketball Coaching Programme – Term 3 2022

Sunday 31 July to Sunday 25 September

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

Hoop Club Kapiti – Adult Open Run Basketball Scrimmages

Open Run Adult Basketball Scrimmages

Sundays 3.15 – 5.15pm

Paraparaumu College Community Sportshall, Mazengarb Road

Men & Women of all skill levels WELCOME

Come and have a GO!

Contact – Lindsay 0276194636 or contact@hoopclubkapiti.nz for more information



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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