

# KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 1 September 2022

**Coming up:**

**2PM - EARLY FINISH TODAY - Friday 2 Sept**

**School and Kindergarten**

**OPEN DAY - Saturday 3 September - 10am till 2pm**



# Open Day

Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 10am- 2pm

10:30am Orchestra in the hall

12 noon Talk in the Kindergarten (followed by a school tour): 'What does it look like in a Waldorf Kindergarten?'

12:30 School talk and tour for new families to the school and Class 1 parents for 2023.

*Fundraising bake sale and sausage sizzle available all day.*

## MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

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

With the Open Day ahead we hope that you are looking forward to welcoming you to our kindergarten and school this weekend – to catch a glimpse of the kindergarten, enjoy the displays of student work in the classrooms, and to catch up with teachers and friends. Check out the invitation in this newsletter for more details.

Unfortunately, the weather is not looking all that favourable (but then again, you never know), and we are still dealing with the new (and rather unwanted) "wetlands" on our property. Please ensure that you are supervising your children closely and do not allow them to enter the flooded areas.

Speaking of our Venice-like situation, we are expecting a load of gravel to raise the level of our footpath above the water level on Friday, which will make it easier for us to open the carpark as usual. The large pond areas elsewhere remain a problem. While the council is now actively engaging with our proprietor's trust, there seems to be no quick fix to the situation overall, unfortunately. Keep calm and carry on it is – and here's to hoping that a sunny spring will help us out!

Our thoughts are with communities in the Nelson region whose school and kindergarten have been affected by flooding much worse than what we are experiencing, and whose staff and families are affected by a loss of their homes.

Wishing you a good weekend, and hopefully we'll see you on Saturday!

Ngā mihi mahana, nā

**Amanda Bradley & Kerstin Wagner**







**Spring has sprung early for our daffodils**



**Delightful blooms popping up alongside the pathway**



**Spring bulbs planted, by our students, at our Easter celebration**

## **- KĀPITI WALDORF TRUST -**

### **Seeking Expressions of Interest**

The Kāpiti Waldorf Trust owns the licence for our ECE kindergartens with the Ministry. We are looking for a member of our community who is interested in the role of ECE licensee and in that way becomes a member of the Kāpiti Waldorf Trust. This is a voluntary position.

Current KWT member Shelley Wrigley has held this important task for many years and will be stepping down at the end of this year. Shelley will work with the new licence holder to ensure a smooth handover.

The ideal person will be familiar with the ECE setting in New Zealand and/or have a strong interest in the golden kindergarten years. Experience with governance, in particular employment/HR and compliance, are advantageous.

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, friend or from our wider community the most important quality, for this role, is a deep interest in our Special Character.

If you are interested to find out more, please contact KWT Trustee Doris Zuur, [doris.zuur@gmail.com](mailto:doris.zuur@gmail.com), 027-2811570

## **- BOARD PĀNUI -**



### **School Board 2022 Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)**

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations were equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby

declare the following duly elected:

Munro, Veronika

Wheeler, Steven

Titchener, Alys

Ngā mihi nui,

Cat Hendra - Returning Officer

## - PLAYGROUP PĀNUI -



We have had a lovely time in playgroup this week, spring is nearly here and its been a good opportunity to get outside for circle time. With the end of winter upon us it will be time for a new story next week so we say goodbye to the tale of the bunny who likes to share his carrots (from Edith van de meer). The children enjoy this special time of the day, listening to a story told by the facilitator.

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)



The tale of the bunny who likes to share his carrots



The children have been enjoying the beautiful new capes and crowns, many thanks to, Perrine Boy.



We have switched to a gluten-free recipe for our buns. They are able to be kneaded by the children, but also allow all of our playgroup families to enjoy morning tea.

## - KINDERGARTEN PĀNUI -

Kia Ora e te Whānau,

As we enter the Spring months the sun is becoming stronger, now is the time to make sure tamariki come to kinikātene with a sun hat. While we will still get those crispy mornings, it is important we have appropriate sun protection as the day moves on.

Thank you to all for being so patient with the unusual drop off and pick ups over the past couple of weeks. We are looking forward to having our car park and walkway back up and running very soon.

*A message from Shelly Andrews about a recent ECE wānanga which we hosted last Saturday.*

We recently hosted a regional ECE wānanga for Waldorf kindergartens from the Whanganui-a-Tara area. Four centres were represented. We opened the invitation to schools and some schoolteachers also joined us from Raphael House. Our kaupapa at these meetings has been:

Whakawhanaungatanga - strengthening our relationships as a community of ECE kaiako and kaiāwhina, sharing resources and ideas.

Mātauranga - Strengthening our understanding of te ao Māori.

Akiaki - inspiring each other.

Many of us have been studying te reo Māori this year, attending a government supported training for teachers called Te Ahu o te Reo Māori from Kāuru. One of the pūkenga, Mikaere Pakii, gave an inspirational talk, Te Puna Whakaora, at our te reo immersion wananga which he agreed to share with our group. Mikaere brought his daughter, and Papa Rongo welcomed our guests and visitors. This was the beginning of a wonderful day which was more an experience of the soul than a lecture. Mikaere's talk brought some teachers to tears as he took us on a journey from the beginnings of time, through the history of loss and grief of the Māori people, into the hope for an Aotearoa which honours mātauranga Māori, and supports our the people.

After the talk we shared kai, then shared stories, verses and morning circles. We showed our visitors around and were especially lucky that the carvers were at work on Saturday and we were able to show them not only our kindergartens, but also the work being done on our waha roa entranceway, which is coming together beautifully.

It was a truly inspirational day. Many thanks to Papa Rongo, Mikaere and his daughter, and Chris and carvers for sharing their knowledge, skills and time with us so generously.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Nāku iti noa, nā

Amanda

Kinikātene Kaiārahi

**- SCHOOL PĀNUI -**

**Shelter making in Class 3**



## **Class 4 Orchestra - performing at Open Day**

Just a quick reminder that while Mary Taylor has asked that students playing in the Class 4 orchestra to be present for a rehearsal at 9.30 on Saturday morning, the formal start to our Open Day is at 10am, with the concert starting their performance at 10.30.

## **Class 6 - BAKE SALE AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE - at the OPEN DAY - this Saturday**

Class 6 are putting on a bake sale and sausage sizzle during the open day. This is to raise money for their camp. We'll be set up near the school kitchen on Saturday.

Sausages will be \$2, so please remember your gold coins!

Tea and coffee will also be available.

## **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 - A few more people needed please**

**DATE OF DESK RENOVATION PROJECT - SATURDAY 10 SEPT**

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 help out. 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](mailto: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**

## - PARENT PĀNUI -



### Thank you for your mahi!

Huge thanks to our community for getting the grounds ship shape at the working bee last weekend for our Open Day coming up this Saturday.

## 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. Children's stalls applications will open next month.

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 Group - Monday mornings at Te Rā

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 liase 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)



## 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. Payment in cash or bank transfer.

**- 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

Friday 2 September - **School and Kindergarten - early 2pm finish**

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 -

### Learn to play Table Tennis

#### Interested in Learning to Play Table Tennis?

**Venue:** Waikanae War Memorial Hall (small hall at the back)  
3-5 Pehi Kupa Street, Waikanae

**Time:** 4.15pm to 5.15pm

**New Junior players welcome each week: Age: 9 years and above**

**From: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022\***

**Cost:** \$30 per junior block booking of 6\* weekly Lessons (\$15 for siblings)

**\* plus School Holiday optional sessions 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October (included for pre-paid block bookings)**

*Casual attendance \$5 per session (phone in advance to book a place)*

*Community Services card discount rate \$2 per session (\$15 block booking\*)*

**\*\*\* Equipment provided \*\*\***

For further information:

Contact: Maggie

Waikanae Table Tennis Club

Coaching sessions run by volunteers

[thornton\\_tm@aol.com](mailto:thornton_tm@aol.com)

021 189 1784



## 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.

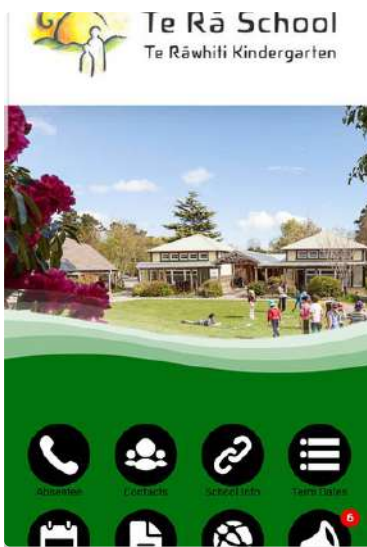
Any jobs will be considered including:

- 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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