

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 27 September 2022

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - THIS FRIDAY- 30 SEPTEMBER

KINDERGARTEN & SCHOOL - Normal finishing times

First day of Term 4 - Monday 17 October

MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

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

What a wonderful celebration of the mahi of our school students and their teachers was Friday's Hui Whakaaturanga (Sharing Assembly). More than that, it was a celebration of community and the education that we wish our school - and kindergarten - to be known for. It was absolutely amazing to have such a fantastic turnout of whānau members too, thank you to all those of you who were able to make it.



Another celebration for us is that the Ministry of Education has approved the use of the macron in the name of our school - see the letter to the board below.

Because all good things come in three: St John, normally known for its abulances and first aid courses, have awarded our Class 7 a prize in a comptetion and our school is now the fortunate owner of a portable AED (defibrillator). This is kept in a safe location at school and will be available for emergencies on our site during school hours, or when staff are present at other times. The nearest community AED is located outside of Raumati South school in a secure cabinet (dial 111 for the access code).

From the kindergarten, now that daylight savings has kicked in and we have past the Equinox it really does feel like Spring. Three of our four kindergarten Spring Festivals will be celebrated this week (with

Ruru's to be at the beginning of Term four) and the kindergarten kaiako are looking forward to seeing whānau at these events. Our festivals are a great way to connect with the parent community and experience the what makes our kindergarten and school so special. Check your emails from your Kaiako for more details.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā

Amanda Bradley & Kerstin Wagner



6 September 2022

Michael Freeman
Board Chairperson
Te Ra School
89 Poplar Avenue
Raumati South

Tēnā koe Michael

Thank you for your letter requesting to change the name of Te Rā School by adding macrons to the name Te Rā School.

It is with pleasure that I approve the change of name to **Te Rā School** effective from 9 September 2022.

If you have any questions about this letter you may contact Kate Aldworth, Education Manager, at kate.aldworth@education.govt.nz; or on 04 4634820.

I wish you all well for the remainder of 2022.

Nāku noa nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate Aldworth".

Kate Aldworth
Education Manager

*** Sharing Assembly ***



PLEDGE UPDATE

At the end of term 3, we have received 50% of the donations pledged to the Kapiti Waldorf Trust to support the special character components of the school.

If you have balances available in your Kindo account, we ask that you consider transferring those balances towards the donation amounts loaded in Kindo.



- BOARD PĀNUI -

Te Rā School Board: Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Veronika Munro [Presiding Member]

chair@tera.school.nz

Te Rā Board

13A Leinster Ave

Raumati South

Paraparaumu 5032

by: Wednesday, 26 October 2022

- PLAYGROUP PĀNUI-



A snapshot of playgroup this week

It's been a busy and exciting time at playgroup over the last weeks as we have had the MOE certification approved for playgroup, they will be back at the end of term 4 to check a couple of minor

recommendations, but she was extremely happy to see us back up and running again and loved what we have created in our new space.

There is some construction going on to extend the playgroup indoor space and this is an interest point for the children as they notice the changes each week, we hope to see this completed soon. We were donated some wooden rounds that are serving as a lovely seating arrangement in a shady part of the garden and one of our dolls who normally stays inside at playgroup ventured outside to test it out.

The start of spring has meant the introduction of a new story for playgroup about a visit to feed the family of ducks. The children really love story time, it is a time when we breathe in and share in the wonder of a simple task that many of us have shared with our children. The children enjoy the multi sensory experience of both visual and auditory learning.

Below two children sharing and playing in the sandpit is a beautiful example of the tuakana-teina relationships that build in playgroup where many different age groups learn from each other and the interaction.

- KINDERGARTEN PĀNUI -



Kia Ora e te Whānau,

Head Lice and Illness

We have been made aware of a few cases of head lice over the past two weeks. Please ensure you perform weekly checks on your children and tie long hair back if possible.

If head lice are found our child will be sent home and can return to Kindergarten the day after treatment has started.

Thank you to those parents who are being vigilant about keeping your child at home if they are unwell. There have been various illnesses going around, and while it is impossible to keep all sickness out of the kindergarten, giving your child time to rest and stay at home while they are contagious when possible is greatly appreciated.

A note about funding

As you may or may not know, as well as relying on Special Character Donations, we also receive Government funding for every hour your child is present at Kindy. This funding is crucial to the operation of Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten. There is something that parents should be aware of. If your child is enrolled for a particular set of days, but for what ever reason misses the same day three weeks in a row (for example is enrolled five days but misses three Fridays). We lose funding for that child for

While that may seem insignificant, it does add up over time, and we have noticed that there are particular days that children tend to be away. We do understand the need for rest days, or that there may be a reason for the absence. But where possible we are asking to change the days the child is absent from week to week. That way we continue to receive the maximum amount of funding which allows us to deliver the best education possible.

School Holiday Hours

Just a reminder we will be open limited days during the school holidays due to a two day wānanga kaiako will be attending. in the first week. **Please contact Tash (enrolments@tera.school.nz) to let her know if your child will be attending**, we need to know in advance so we have the correct ratio of teachers onsite. The dates we are open are as follows
Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th and Monday 10th - Friday 14th.

Ngā mihi nui, nā
Amanda Bradley

Special notice to Kindergarten Whānau

Yesterday we were informed that another child in our kindergarten has a confirmed case of Hand, Foot and Mouth and is being kept at home.

Please stay vigilant and keep your child at home if they are unwell. Symptoms of hand, foot and mouth disease can vary for each person but usually includes a mild fever, painful sores in the mouth, a rash that can be flat or raised with blisters on hands and feet and feeling unwell. Children are contagious for 7-10 days after the symptoms appear. According to the Ministry of Health, children with hand foot and mouth should stay at home if they are unwell and until the blisters have dried completely.

All Kaiako have been informed and are implementing additional cleaning protocols to keep our environments as hygienic as possible.

Additional information regarding the symptoms and treatment of Hand Foot and Mouth can be found by clicking on this link <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/hand-foot-and-mouth-disease>

- SCHOOL PĀNUI -



Class 7 Play

Our Class 7 students will be performing a Shakespeare inspired "play within a play" this week. The community performance is on Thursday evening, 7pm, in the hall.

All welcome!

Games Day for Classes 2 to 7

Our traditional end of Term 3 Games Day is happening this Friday. Please send your children to school prepared with a rain jacket, sunhat, and water bottle. Parents are welcome at 2.30pm to watch the famous tug-o-war on the Top Field.

2022 Te Rā School Health & PE curriculum statement

Following the community consultation in Term 2, teachers reviewed our health & PE curriculum and updated our health & PE curriculum statement. This curriculum statement was approved by the school board at last week's meeting:

Te Rā School implements a programme of Health Education based on the New Zealand Curriculum, and in keeping with the school's Special Character (Waldorf) curriculum and values. The following key areas are identified in the NZ curriculum document:

- *Mental health*
- *Sexuality education*
- *Food and nutrition*
- *Body care and physical safety*
- *Physical activity*
- *Sport studies*
- *Outdoor education.*



These areas are taught through the Te Rā School Curriculum and are embedded within learning

units of learning that empower students to make health enhancing choices, support the development of healthy habits and grow resilience. External providers may be invited to support the delivery of aspects of the Health & PE curriculum in conjunction with class teachers.

Te Rā School teachers use a range of appropriate teaching strategies that engage students and support the development of key competencies. Teacher use opportunities to integrate Health Education learning within the Te Rā Waldorf School Curriculum.

The programme aims to give our students the knowledge, skills and attitudes to maintain and enhance wellbeing. Students will recognise social and societal influences on wellbeing and be given opportunities to take action to promote their own and others' well-being.

We are currently in the process of creating an overview over the implementation of this curriculum area across the 7 classes, which will be shared with our community. In the meanwhile, we would like to thank all members of our community for their feedback.

From the Te Rā School teachers

The Equity Index for Schools

The Ministry of Education has made a change to the "decile" system, and what this means. As you may know, in addition to parent donations, we receive government funding and staffing to operate, which is mostly based on the number of ākonga enrolled at Te Rā. Some additional government funding is targeted and includes 'Equity Funding'. Currently, our Equity Funding is based on how many ākonga we have and our school decile (which is 8), but from 2023 school deciles will be phased out. The Ministry has a new measure called the Equity Index (EQI)

The EQI helps identify schools and kura that need additional funding and resources to support ākonga. The EQI gives each school a three-digit number which is tied to a funding rate. This number is **not** a measure of quality. It is not reflective of our schools' teaching, culture, ākonga ability or achievement. The EQI is a complex tool with strict privacy protections. School Boards, principals and staff will not be provided with any information about ākonga, families or whānau, that was used to generate the school's EQI number.

This number will be updated every year. For 2023 our number is 411, which puts our school below the average Equity Index number of 463. It means that the MOE has determined that our school and ākonga do not require as much equity funding as average schools in Aotearoa NZ.

Our Stunning School Gardens



Thank you to Cree, Christian, Perrine and Jason!!!

One of the lovely things that happens when working in the school office is getting compliments on behalf of the school. This term, being told how beautiful our gardens are looking is a daily occurrence. It's all down to the knowledge and hard work of Cree, Christian, Perrine and Jason. Thank you for getting your hands dirty and working in all kinds of weather. It's a real pleasure walking around the grounds.

2023 TERM DATES - SCHOOL

Term 1

Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 6 April

Waitangi Day - Monday 6 February

Term 2

Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

Anzac Day – Tuesday 25 April

King's Birthday – Monday 5 June

Term 3

Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

Term 4

Monday 9 October - Thursday 14 December

Labour Day – Monday 23 October

Calendar Art Fundraiser - Last day to order TODAY

Would you like a personalised calendar, for the grandparents for Christmas?

A diary to take to work, adorned in your child's own art?

What about some Christmas cards with that arty touch?

You still have time to order items that feature your child's art work. Log into Kindo and you will see the items and you can order them there.

Cut off for ordering is Wednesday evening.

Kindergarten & School photos

L.C.Scott will be at Te Rā and Te Rāwhiti on Wednesday 19 October.
Here is the link to pre order your photos.

<https://orders.lcscott.co.nz/ordering/with?key=YJZ796EZ>

There are some ordering envelopes available at the school office should you wish to pay in cash.
If you are wanting to order a Family or Sibling photo the envelope for this is also at the school office.

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.



- PARENT PĀNUI -



HOT LUNCH - THIS FRIDAY (PRE-ORDER IS REQUIRED)

Class 5 camp fundraiser.

YOU MUST PRE ORDER YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH

Text orders to Tash 0212380731, child's name, class and order.
Orders close 8 pm on Thursday 29th of Sept.

Pay with cash on the day.

Baked potato \$4

with baked beans **OR** salsa bean mix , and optional sour cream and cheese.

Apple crumble \$3

With optional yogurt

Olympic Camp Fundraiser - Bake Sale - 3pm - Thursday

Class 5 are holding a bake sale, after school on Thursday, to raise funds for their class camp. Items not sold will be available to buy on Friday lunchtime. Please bring coins.

Olympic Camp Fundraiser - Movie Night



CLASS 5 FUNDRAISER FOR THE OLYMPIC CAMP
\$20 PER TICKET, INCLUDES NIBBLES
DATE: 6TH OCTOBER
TIME: ARRIVE 7.45PM MOVIE STARTS AT 8.15PM
LOCATION: SHORELINE CINEMA, 10 Mahara Place, Waikanae
CONTACT JO SHORE FOR TICKETS ON EITHER
PH: 021803288
EMAIL: Joanna.shore@yahoo.co.nz
BRING CASH FOR A RAFFLE

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

Parent Craft Group - On Wednesdays - from next term

For term 4 we are going to be holding Parent Craft on a Wednesday morning. 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



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

Thursday 29 Sept - Class 7 Play - 7pm

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

Monday 7 - Thursday 11 Nov - **Class 7 Camp**

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

Tuesday 6 - Friday 9 Dec - **Class 6 Camp TBC**

Friday 9 Dec - **Christmas Market**

Tuesday 13 Dec - Last Day for Kindergartens

Wednesday 14 Dec - Last Day for School





- NOTICES -



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PAEKAKARIKI
EST. 1913
SURF LIFEGUARDS

NIPPER OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 1.45pm

Come along and take part in a fun nippers session at Paekakariki beach to kick off the junior surf season.

7 - 13 years old all welcome. For more info contact
pslnippers@gmail.com

BLAST INTO OUTER SPACE

THESE OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Become an intergalactic
traveller with stories, crafts,
virtual reality, and robots

4-6 October

Stories and create your own Saturn

11-12 October

Guide a robot through the solar system
then explore outer space using virtual
reality

Registration required

Lego Club - Design a Lego spaceship: Paraparaumu and
Waikanae Library, 6 & 13 October.

Out of this World Scavenger Hunt: Paraparaumu, Waikanae &
Ōtaki Library, 3-16 October.

For details and registration, visit:

www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/libraries


Kāpiti Coast
DISTRICT COUNCIL
100 Kaitiaki Māori, 100 Kaitiaki



**Find Your Play
over the school holidays!**

waka kori
Kāpiti play trailer

Have fun with Waka Kori, our play trailer. It's a treasure chest of loose parts, designed to spark the imagination and inspire creative play for all ages. Pop up play days are free to attend. All are welcome.

Tuesday 4 October
Tasman Road playground, Ōtaki

Thursday 6 October
Kaitawa Reserve, Paraparaumu

Tuesday 11 October
Matai Road Reserve,
Raumati Beach

Session times: 10am-12pm

All abilities play session
Thursday 13 October
Waikanae Memorial Hall
*Join us for our fully accessible
play session. It's truly fun for
everyone.*

FIND YOUR play
Kia kaha ki te kori

Check our website for updates www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/WakaKori

Kāpiti Coast
DISTRICT COUNCIL
He Kōwhiriwhiri Mō Te Taiao Whakamāori

Holiday Program

4 - 6 October, 9am to 3pm, 6 - 12 years

Come and enjoy the beautiful space at Wai Ata Studio, on the Paekākāriki side of Queen Elizabeth Park. We will be doing a mix of fun drama games, art, walks in nature and sport along with free time to enjoy the studio which includes music, photography, art and plenty of open space.

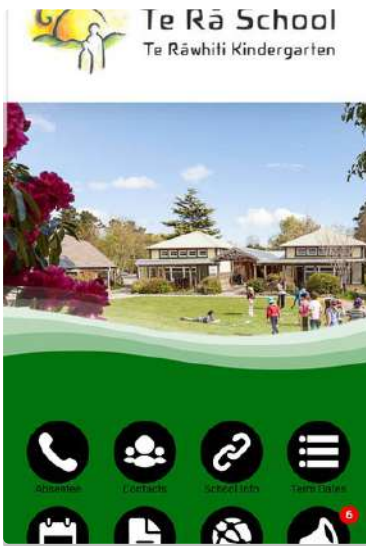
Contact Julia Truscott for bookings 027 6888 292, wai.ata@icloud.com

\$150 for 3 days, \$60 per day

Julia Truscott

04 292 8667

027 6888 292



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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