

# KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 20 October 2022

## Labour Day - Monday 24 October - Public Holiday - No School or Kindergarten



### 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 wonderfully sunny and almost summery start to Term 4 we have had! The photo above shows a lunchtime activity of Classes 3 with their tuakana from Class 6 in our (still beautifully green) pentagon in full action as well as full sun - keep those sunhats coming!

On Monday, we welcomed a number of new students to several of our school classes, and a few more tamariki will join kindergarten this week and next - nau mai haere mai!

Please do check the Diary of Dates at the end of this newsletter! With less than 8 weeks of school term to go by the time you read this, there is no doubt that time will try and run away on us. Additional dates will follow in due course as school teachers prepare class play performances and other events.

Wishing you a wonderful long Labour weekend, me ngā mihi mahana, nā

**Amanda Bradley (Kindergarten Kaiārahi) & Kerstin Wagner (School Principal)**

# LOOKING FOR CLEANING CONTRACTORS - start date 31 October 2022

We are looking for cleaning contractors to clean the school and kindergarten. This could be 2 separate contracts if required. If you are interested in taking on this cleaning contract, please email Rhonda ([executiveofficer@tera.school.nz](mailto:executiveofficer@tera.school.nz)) with your expression of interest asap. This contract would commence on Monday 31 October 2022.

Our current cleaning contract is 5 hours per night (term time only) for both school and kindergarten and we would expect that this number of hours would remain.

If you would like to clean only the kindergarten OR the school (split the contract), then please note this in your expression of interest.

It is anticipated that this contract would be put in place for the rest of term 4 2022, with a review at the end of the year, and discussion and arrangements to be negotiated for 2023.

## DONATION FORMS FOR 2023 ARE DUE



Reminder that Donation forms for 2023 are due in on Friday 21 October 2022. This is if you need to adjust your donation. If we do not receive your donation form, we will assume full donation for 2023.

If you would like to drop your forms off to the office, please drop them into the letterbox in the window.

Printed forms are available from the school office

## - 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 first 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](mailto:chair@tera.school.nz)

*Te Rā Board*

*13A Leinster Ave*

*Raumati South*

*Paraparaumu 5032*

## - PLAYGROUP PĀNUI-



We have been busy 🌸 in the playgroup space over the holiday break and are ready to welcome whānau back for term 4. We have managed to finish the additional room, making playgroup bigger with some beautiful areas for children to play.

There has been a change in facilitators as sadly we say farewell to Imogen Barriball, however we hope she may join us again some day. We wish her all the best with her next adventures and thank her for all the energy she has brought to the role.

We will be welcoming Lana Clark, who you may of already met, to facilitate playgroup on a Wednesday and Megan Howell-Love will continue on Thursday and additionally Friday.

A big welcome back to all our families both new and returning. If you have a child between the ages of 0 and 3 years inclusive and would like to join us at playgroup (we have one space left) for gluten free bun making, morning tea, songs, play and story time please email Tash at [enrolments@tera.school.nz](mailto:enrolments@tera.school.nz)  
Ngā mihi

The playgroup team.



## - KINDERGARTEN PĀNUI -



Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Great to see you all back for term four! There was a great buzz around at the beginning of the day yesterday, as tamariki walked through the gates well rested and enthusiastic to be back. Thanks to everyone who is ensuring your child comes to kinikātene with their pōtae (sunhat).

**Mary Willow:** We are so happy to announce that the wonderful Mary Willow is bringing her amazing presentation "Roots and Winhs" to Te Rā on the 9th of November at 7.30 in the school hall. Both kinikātene and kura parents are welcome. Koha entry please.

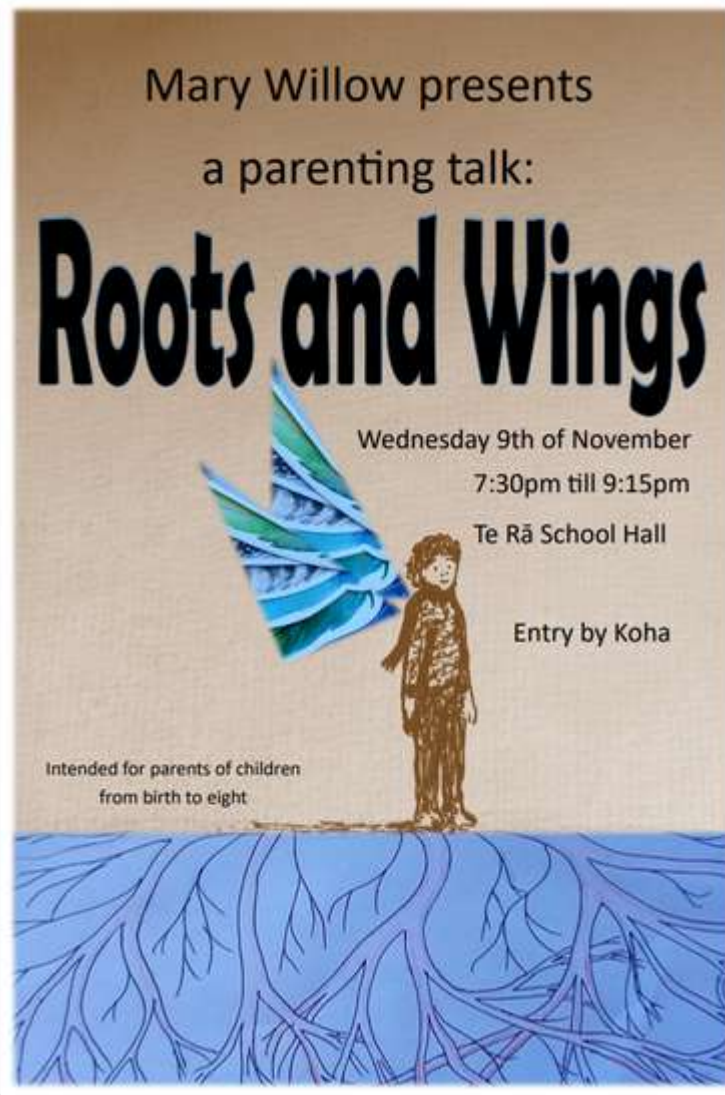
The **Advent** season is fast approaching, and we wanted to let whānau know to note that Monday the 28th of November will be our whole kinikātene Advent Festival. We will be in touch closer to the time with more details.

We hope you are able to enjoy these warmer days.

Ngā mihi nui, nā

Amanda Bradley

Kinikātene Kaiārahi/Centre Manager of Te Rāwhiti



Also, a big THANK YOU to Daniel (Fleur's Dad) for providing Te Rā and Te Rāwhiti a huge load of wood chips for our borders and vegetable gardens

## - SCHOOL PĀNUI -

### **Yay for the new fence!**

It might not be obvious to everyone why a new fence is an actual cause of celebration for our senior students and teachers alike, but there's a good reason! With an old fence sagging and a period of 'no fence' altogether, many a precious minutes of play time had been lost when balls needed to be retrieved by students and staff. Not to mention the many more lost minutes of student playtime discussing, reasoning and negotiating with duty teachers whether or not it was reasonable to retrieve them from beyond the boundary in the first place ... such was the passion to continue a good game, and much was the frustration when it wasn't possible! For want of a ball many a game was lost!

Such grief no more, a shiny and strong new chainlink fence is up and doing a great job! Yay for the new fence!



## News from the Beehives

Many might have heard already that two of our for hives have recently been stolen from our school apiary. It was quite a shock for the kids to discover that our Langstroth hives had been taken. Langstroth hives are a commercial design and are the ones that almost all beekeepers use. The police have a couple of leads and hopefully they figure out who did this. After this sad event, a couple of beekeepers from the Buzz Club Otaki have donated hive gear to replace our stolen hives. We would like to thank Thomas Reisinger from Manakau as well as Anne and Alan Melville from Raumati for their generosity.

We managed to rescue one box of bees that was left behind by the thieves, those bees made a new queen and she has just started to lay and is building up bee numbers for the honey flow in early summer. Our Golden Hive is rather strongly affected by an infestation of Varroa mites, but is currently being treated and will hopefully become strong again soon. Our third hive, the top bar hive, is so full of bees and brood that they will need to be split soon to prevent them from swarming. So, very soon we will have four hives in action again. It will be interesting to see how the hives are building up for the honey flow and this is always an exciting season for beekeepers.



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

## Touch Rugby for Classes 2 to 7

Touch Rugby games are due to start next week. Please confirm with Paul via [paulf@tera.school.nz](mailto:paulf@tera.school.nz) if you wish your child to play. We will send out registration links and information early next week. Fees are \$30 for first child and \$20 for each sibling. For further information have a look at the Kāpiti junior touch rugby website.



## 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



## 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 -

### 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.



### 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](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 4

Friday 21 Oct - **Games Day**

Monday 24 Oct - **Labour Day - No school - No Kindergarten**

Wednesday 2 Nov - **Class 5 & 6 class photo**

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

Thursday 3 Nov - **Class 4 Whānau hui** - 6 pm

Monday 7 Nov - Thursday 10 Nov - **Class 7 Camp**

Monday 7 Nov - **Class 1 Whānau hui** - 6 pm

Wednesday 9 Nov - **Mary Willow talk** - 7.30 pm

Thursday 17 Nov - **Class 6 Whānau hui** - 6.30 pm

Thursday 1 Dec - **Tākiri o Te Ata Kapa Haka Festival**

Thursday 1 Dec - **Class 3 Whānau hui** - 6 pm

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

Friday 9 Dec - **Christmas Market**

Tuesday 13 Dec - Last Day for Kindergartens

Wednesday 14 Dec - Last Day for School



## - NOTICES -

# 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 4 starts 18th October**

**\$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](mailto:gordon.lyall@outlook.com) / [www.kapitichess.club](http://www.kapitichess.club)



## 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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