

KIA MANAWANUI

Te Rāwhiti & Te Rā Pānui - 16 November 2022

Te Rā Kapa Haka performance & fundraiser - details below

MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

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

We trust you are enjoying the summery days as much as we do here - what a delight! Nevertheless there seem to be a few persistent bugs going around, causing sore tummies and heads among children and adults alike. Best wishes to all those who have been and maybe still are feeling "under the weather", and fingers crossed that the rest of us won't get it!



In our last newsletter, you would have read our beekeeper Christian's article about the generous gift of a beehive to our school from beekeepers from the Buzz Club Otaki, who donated hive gear to replace the hives that had been taken from our school by theft. This was so much appreciated! This week, our new school sign has been put up, replacing the one that had been stolen. We hope you like to see it "back" as much as we do!

There is a lot going on at school: Class 7 were on camp, other classes are rehearsing for their class plays, and under Papa Rongo's leadership the students from Classes 4-7 are preparing for the Tākiri o te Ata Kapa Haka festival on 1 December. This will be held at Our Lady of Kāpiti primary school and all whānau are welcome to attend. The annual Kapa Haka Fundraiser, the great dress rehearsal, will be on the evening of **Friday 18 November** at school - do mark this date in your calendar, and check out the invitation below.

Advent is fast approaching! Kindergarten and school kaiako are already planning for the celebrations of the traditional events of the season. For those of you who plan ahead, our Advent Wreath making event will be on **Saturday 26 November** from 10am. Kindergarten kaiako are planning a wonderful advent festival that will be held for tamariki on Tuesday 29 November. This year, to create an intimate and reverential mood we will only be doing this festival with the children and kaiako. It will be a lovely day. Flyers with more details are now in your child's notice pocket.

Our Kindergarten has been buzzing as we have begun term four. It is a joy to witness tamariki come back with gusto.

The Kindergarten Spring Festivals that have been celebrated were a great success, and although Ruru has had to change to a summer festival later this month, our beautiful gardens can't help but inspire

tamariki and immerse them in the Spring mood.

A big thanks to Shelly Andrews for organising the Mary Willow talk last week. Mary is a fount of knowledge and there is no doubt those who went left the talk inspired and informed.

Ngā mihi mahana, nā

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



Te Rā'rians @ Raphael House Steiner School Fair



Thank you Paul and Gaylene!

The fundraising stall for our Waharoa project managed to raise a substantial amount, thanks to the work put in by toymakers, and by Paul Denford and his wife Gaylene - with some late nights spent oiling the beautiful creations ready for the Raphael House fair last Sunday.



Marvellous Marimbas

If you look closely enough you'll see that most of the fantastic marimba artists are well known to our Te Rā & Te Rāwhiti community - current and former teachers and staff as well as an alumni! Our two schools are so lucky to have these connections, and lucky too were the many visitors (from both communities) who got to enjoy an extra sunny festival this year.

- PLAYGROUP PĀNUI-



In playgroup news this week ...

We had a lovely day for our working bee and shared kai in the weekend. We managed to get all of the garden weeded and mulched with bark chips. Thank you to the families who helped. The children are enjoying the fresh looking space. We also picked all the ripe lemons, which families are welcome to take home.

Below I have included some pictures of the delicious kai that we have been enjoying at playgroup this term. One of our playgroup children has enjoyed making some animal shaped buns last week.

As well as yummy food being enjoyed by the children and adults there is now a new water filter jug that has been donated by George Love, thank you George.



We have a couple of spaces available (Tuesdays) if you are interested in playgroup and have a child between the ages of 0-3 years (inclusive) then please email Tash on enrolments@tera.school.nz for further information.

Ngā mihi
The Playgroup Team



- KINDERGARTEN PĀNUI -



Kia Ora e te whānau,

Replacing Our Shed

You may have noticed the storage shed in the kinikātene being dismantled. We discovered early last week that the roof was unstable, so promptly made it off limits and we removed all the play equipment.

Replacing our well loved shed requires funds, materials and labour. If you are keen to donate to the replacement of the shed, have spare materials we could use, or would be available to help rebuild it please contact Jason at maintenance@tera.school.nz



Extended Kinikātene Hours Week 9

This year our official last day will be on Tuesday the 13th of December. However, we will be open, running a lighter holiday style programme on the 14th (8.45am-2.45pm), 15th (8.45am-2.45pm) and 16th (8.45am-12pm) with reduced staff. If you haven't already let Tash know, via enrolments@tera.school.nz, whether your child will be attending on any of those days, please do so by Friday the 18th of November at the latest as we need to make sure we have enough staff per children.

Sunhats and Sunblock

The sun is getting stronger! Please make sure your child comes to Kindy with sunblock applied and a sunhat. Kaiako are mindful to reapply sunblock as the day goes on. If you have a particular kind of sunblock that you prefer using please bring some to keep at kinikātene and let the kaiako know.

Blanket Consent Forms

If you haven't returned these to your teacher please do so ASAP. The purpose of these is to cover any walks the children go on, offsite, around the Raumati South Area. Before Kaiako go on a walk, they fill out a map that shows how they will get to the end location, and when they will be returning home. These are dropped off to the office before leaving the grounds so there are multiple people who know where the class is going. If you have any questions about the form or blanket consent please feel free to discuss this with your kaiako or email Amanda amandab@tera.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nui, nā

Amanda Bradley

Kinikātene Kaiārahi/Centre Manager of Te Rāwhiti

Attention All Kindy Parents

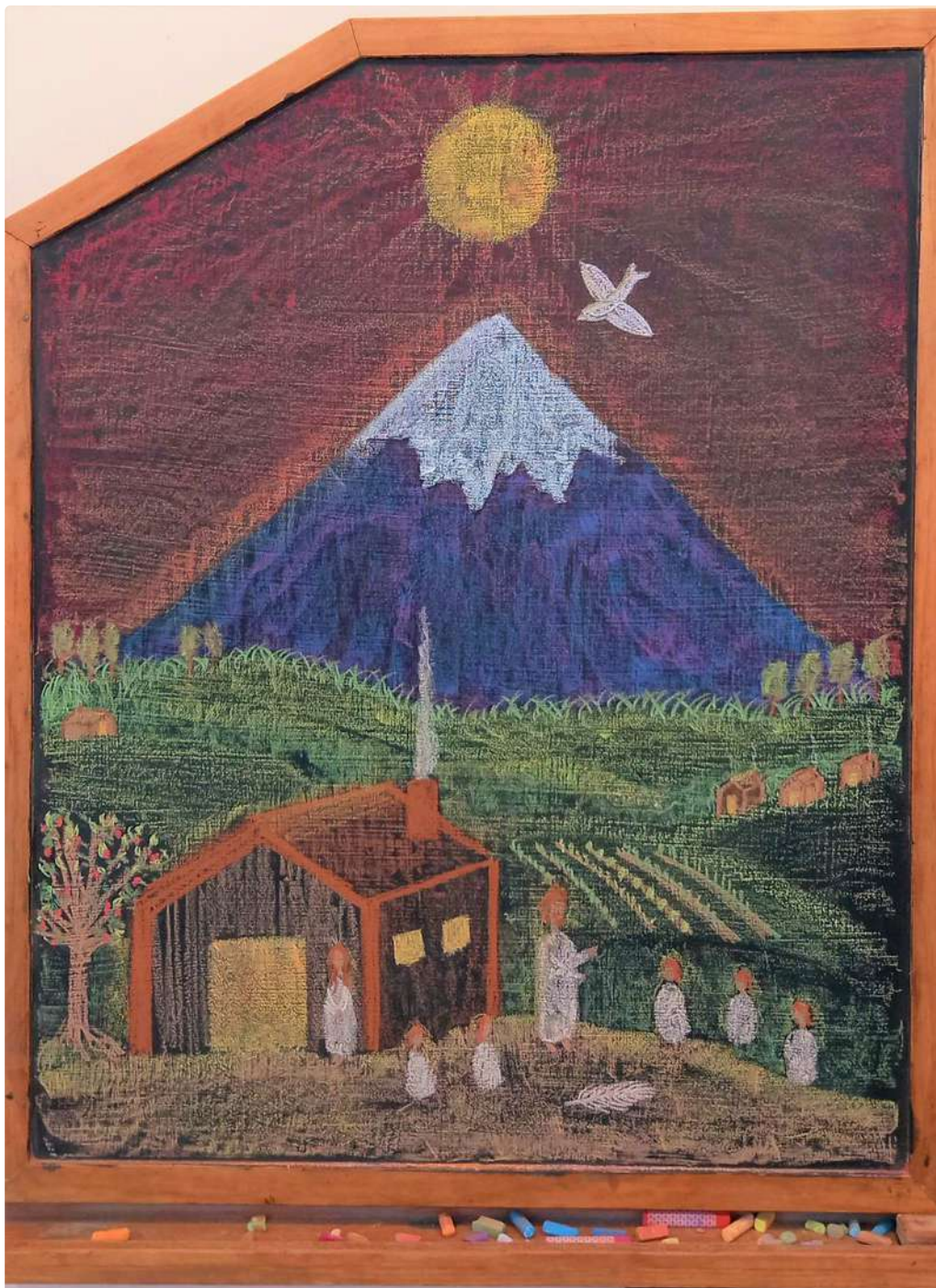
The Office use an app called SchoolApps to communicate with parents. Please download this and

this is how we communicate during a civil emergency.
Pop into the office if you need help downloading this.



- SCHOOL PĀNUI -

Class 2 Blackboard: The Story of Parikhaka



At the beginning of the October term break many of us had the privilege of attending a two day workshop "Te Pumaomao Nationbuilding" with Takawai and Chris Murphy. In a nutshell - it was amazing! We felt so lucky to access Ministry of Education funding to run this PLD at our school, and teachers were joined by some colleagues from kindergarten and the office as well as by representatives of our school board and our proprietor's trust.

Takawai and Chris took us on a journey of experiencing the impact of colonisation on tangata whenua, with humour and sensitivity, through information and role play, and challenged us to create goals for our professional practice.

The school teachers have been working towards implementing the refreshed Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum next year and chose to focus on creating teaching resources for the story of Parihaka. This would be in form of a new Main Lesson for senior classes that explores the historical events and an age appropriate discourse on "justice".

It also inspired the story of the courageously peaceful people of Parihaka told as part of the Class 2 Main Lesson "Saints and Good People", with Parihaka's prophets Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi living out the truth and love of their faith. And it inspired a special assembly on Parihaka Day, 5 November, where the school classes gathered in the hall to remember, celebrate and acknowledge the non-violence of the people of Parihaka through story and waiata.

2022 Parihaka Assembly @ Te Rā



Rōpū tautoko i te kaupapa Māori hui Friday 2nd December

Kia ora e te whānau,

We warmly invite all whānau who wish to support kaupapa Māori in our Kinikātene and Kura to come along for a shared afternoon tea from **3pm in our hall on Friday the 2nd of December**. This is an opportunity to meet together and bring aspirations for Māori to those who want to see kaupapa Māori flourish at Te Rā and Te Rāwhiti, while sharing kai and getting a chance to connect with each other.

Please bring a shared plate of kai for afternoon tea.

If you have any further questions please contact Rongo rongon@tera.school.nz or Amanda amandb@tera.school.nz.

Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai.

Nurture the seed and it will bloom.

Ngā mihi nui, nā
Rongo and Amanda

- PARENT PĀNUI -



Advent wreath making - 26th November - Saturday - 10 till 2pm

Come and join others from our School and Kindergarten community to make an advent wreath for your home.

Candles for your wreath will be able to be purchased, on the day, from the school shop. Cash or eftpos will be available.

If you are able to help with foliage collection on Friday 25th November, please email Tash on enrolments@tera.school.nz. If you have foliage we could come and collect, please Tash know.

Parent Craft Group - On Wednesdays

This term we are 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. Also, please sign into the school grounds at the office foyer. No need to bring anything, just yourselves and a willingness to create beautiful items for our school fair. Beginners and experts welcome.



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 for this year are is filling up fast so get in now!

If you 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.

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



Christmas market registration forms now available from school office - Children's stalls too

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.



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

- 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 4, the policies being reviewed are

- Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy
- Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances
- Digital Technology and Cybersafety

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

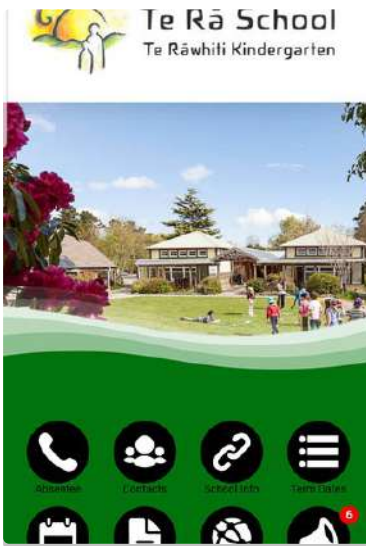
Wednesday 16 Nov - **Class 4 play - cast A** - 6 pm
Thursday 17 Nov - **Class 4 play - cast B** - 6 pm
Thursday 17 Nov - **Class 6 Whānau hui** - 6.30 pm
Friday 18 Nov - **Te Rā Kapa Haka fundraiser** 6 - 8 pm
Saturday 26 Nov - **Advent wreath making** - 10 am - 2 pm
Monday 28 Nov - **Class 1 2023 Whānau Hui** - 6 - 7 pm
Tuesday 29 Nov - **Class 3 play** - 6 pm



Thursday 1 Dec - **Tākiri o Te Ata Kapa Haka Festival**
Thursday 1 Dec - **Class 3 Whānau hui** - 6 pm
Monday 5 Dec - **Class 5 play** - time TBC
Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 Dec - **Class 6 Camp**
Friday 9 Dec - **Christmas Market** 2 - 7 pm
Tuesday 13 Dec - Last Day for Kindergartens - full roll (see information above)
Tuesday 13 Dec - **Shepherds Play community performance** - 5.30 - 6.30 pm
Wednesday 14 Dec - Last Day for School
Friday 16 Dec - Last Day for Kindergarten - reduced roll - 12 pm finish (see information above)



- NOTICES -



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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