



Te Rapa Primary School

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Newsletter Thursday 15th October 2020

School Student Roll : 579

Currently Operating Under Alert Level 1 Protocols.....

WHAT'S HOT

Te Rapa Parents actively helping their children
Daylight Saving is here. Summer is coming!
Long Term Plan for Term 4 – Sent home to families.

WHAT'S NOT

Children arriving at school too early (not before 8.15am please)
COVID-19 is Still Around : Continues at Alert level 1
Our children are to aim high; and achieve their best at all times

Welcome Back – for Term 4

We welcome back our **established students and staff, and their families** and we also extend a very warm welcome to our **new students, staff and families** who have joined us or will be joining us over the next few days as we commence Term 4 2020.

Students – Not Returning

Please alert office staff Ph. 8492232 or email admin@terapa.school.nz if you know of any students who are not returning for Term 4.

Parents & Carers How can you help your child(ren) ?

If you have a child who

- * is displaying high levels of anxiety,
- * is pushing boundaries at home,
- * is making poor choices and is getting into trouble at school,
- * is dealing with trauma,
- * is needing help with social skills and / or finds it hard to build and maintain friendships,

... then please consider contacting one of the agencies below who can offer you good advice and guidance, or Consider going online to seek the support which is out there too.

Getting help for you (parent / carer) or your child is not a negative reflection on you or your parenting. It is recognised that children in 2020 are exposed to so much more, and this information is readily available. It is these influences that are impacting negatively on our children. What is most critical is **“how we guide our children”** so please do not under estimate your role as a manager of information and also the time you invest in your child. You are responsible for what your child does, so you need to make their business ... your business.

The organisations below have qualified personnel who can either work with you to assist your child, or they have counsellors who can work directly with the child too. They also provide interesting information to read and things to trial at home that work. They do this all of the time, and this support is ‘taken up’ by parents / carers from all walks of life. Every parent needs to have the appropriate tools available to help their child grow and develop, and sometimes our kids move more quickly with their development than we can with the tools we have available. It is the right time to act now while your child is still at primary school. Doing nothing may see your child potentially get worse. This leads to them pushing boundaries more and more, and making poor choices as they grow. Move on this now because it is very, very hard to win back lost ground later on. Consider speaking with your family doctor too because they are also well positioned to offer good advice / guidance.

Contacts include**Parent to Parent NZ Ltd**

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Emergency Practice Drills**SHAKE OUT 2020**

We regularly update students on the processes, procedures and practices to follow in an emergency. During the year teachers share important information in a way that is suited to the age of the children they teach. We hold regular practice drills so our students / staff are well prepared and know what to do. We completed another emergency drill today with our whole school all following the **Shake Out** procedure and the **DROP, COVER and HOLD** procedure(s). Students were asked imagine that it was a real earthquake, and what might be happening around us. The aim was to think about what we might need to do before / during a real earthquake and how we can help protect ourselves.

DROP = down on hands & knees. This protects us from falling, but lets you move if we need to.
COVER = your head / neck, or entire body under a sturdy table or desk (close to you)
HOLD = on to your cover until the shake stops. If the shake shifts your shelter, move with it.

Term 4 – Term Plan

This was sent home yesterday.

Whanau Meeting – Term 4**Please Note - Change of Date**

The date published in the Long Term Plan sent home yesterday is incorrect. The meeting date is **Wed. 4th November 7pm in Room 3.**

Cups & Trophies Please clean & return this Term.

Lost Property – Please check the lost property each time you're at school.

Senior "Adventure" Camp – Motutapu Island Yr 7 & 8 : Rms 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21 NEXT WEEK Wk 2 Term 4 : 19 - 23 October 2020

Please note that all formal classes for our Year 7 & 8 students from the 5 x senior classes enrolled at Te Rapa Primary School are off-site for next week (19 – 23 Oct inclusive). We are excited about the EOTC programme being offered, and the organisation by Te Rapa staff / parents has been detailed. All we need now is favourable weather for the week. **Please have camp fees paid before departure on Monday.**

Altrusa Award 2020 Congratulations

This is a civic award recognising "Young Citizens from Hamilton City" at Yr 8 level who have demonstrated a consistent level of achievement in key areas within their school environment throughout the year. Areas include courtesy, academic achievement, sports person-ship, leadership, service, attitude & initiative. We are proud to acknowledge **Kayleigh Quinton** R19 as Te Rapa Primary School's 2020 winner. Our 3 x Altrusa Award Runners-Up are *Drew Knuckey* R.21, *Sophia McVeagh* R.18 and *Arden Morunga* R.18. We are proud of you all. Well done.

Civic Ceremony – Oct. 2020

Future Leaders at Te Rapa Primary School

All students are to look for opportunities to lead from the front, and set a positive example for others to follow. Please remind the "Future Leaders" in your house that they have these next 9 x weeks of school to show us that they are ready to step up to 'leadership roles' in 2021.

Te Rapa H.E.A.R.T

REMINDER - Our focus for this Term are our school's Te Rapa HEART values. Parents / carers are asked to explain these to your children and / or have them explain them to you. Set goals so your child(ren) is being encouraged to show / act on these values both here at school and when they are out and about. Please help us at home by actively promoting and teaching all of our 5 x **Te Rapa HEART** values.

Student's Annual Art Competition

We would like an art entry for this event from every student. **Entries close end of November.** Winners get their work framed professionally "free of charge" and also have the honour of having their work hanging in the administration building for two years for all to see. After which they get it back to take home. Remember those winners from 2018 can pick up their pictures from December 16th.

Intermediate School vs Te Rapa Primary School for 2021

Each year parents of our Year 6 students contemplate this decision, and rightly so ! We're extremely confident that long term Te Rapa students are best staying with us to complete Years 7 and 8. Te Rapa has a proud tradition of preparing our senior leavers effectively for High School. The feedback from the local secondary schools supports this, however we also recognise that the odd individual student is better suited to the structures that an Intermediate School system can offer.

Students – Not Planning to Return for 2021

We must know of students not returning next year.

Please inform office staff on Ph. 8492232 or email admin@terapa.school.nz

Pre-Enrolment Database

Future Planning : Parents with pre-school children PLEASE NOTE

Parents and carers can certainly help us as we try to keep an accurate pre-enrolment database. All families with pre-schoolers choosing Te Rapa need to contact us. In-zone boundaries can be seen on the school's webpage www.terapa.school.nz and include parts of Pukete North, and over the river to Flagstaff, River Road North subdivisions, Rototuna and the other north city development areas too.

Please Note - This is for *in-zone* families with pre-school children as well as *out-of-zone* families (see below).

Out of Zone Ballot re. Enrolment Scheme

Places for Terms 1 & 2 2021 Intake #1

We will be placing an advertisement in the local paper calling for 2021 enrolments (*both in zone and out of zone*). Please inform anyone you know that we will be carrying out a ballot for those who have completed an application form. Our focus will be children who are turning 5 years old between 1st December 2020 and 25th July 2021. Applications should be made no later than the end of October / early November 2020.

School Year Dates for 2021

Term 1 Tuesday 9th February - Friday 16th April

Term 2 Monday 3rd May - Friday 9th July

Term 3 Monday 26th July - Friday 1st October

Term 4 Monday 18th October - Friday 17th December

Summer Months

Enjoy your children and value your "*time*" with them over these summer months. ***They grow up way too fast.***

Sun Safe and Sun Smart Term 4 2020 & Term 1 2021

We will continue to actively encourage children to wear their hat when they're outside at school over the summer, and because we are a health promoting school we are quick to encourage children to be aware of the SLIP SLOP SLAP and WRAP message. Complimentary sunscreen is made available to all students and staff in our school, and students are encouraged by their teachers to use it. Complimentary sunscreen is also included in all EOTC travel packs when classes are off-site on class / syndicate trips too.

Old Piano – Free for Removal

Our old school piano in the MPRoom is broken beyond repair. If you want it, or you know of someone who wants it for parts etc. then please contact our Caretaker – Mr Ashley Turner on caretaker@terapa.school.nz or (07)8492232.

Thank you for your continued support of Te Rapa Primary *Waikato Top School 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019*
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V W Franklin (Principal) and Staff

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fairs
Monday 16th - Thursday 19th November

Dress up day,

come dressed as your favourite book character.

Come dressed as your favourite book character.

Great for Christmas shopping.

More information will follow in the next newsletter.

BOOK CLUB BUMPER CHRISTMAS EDITION



ISSUE 7 IS OUT NOW!

Don't forget orders are due by:

Tuesday 27th October

There's something for everyone!



 SCHOLASTIC

Jump Jam Writing for Newsletter

by Room 11 Students

On Wednesday the 23rd of September the Year 3 and 4's finally had their Jump Jam competition. We were nervous and quite scared, but we were brave enough to do it in front of our parents and Cindy. Cindy was our judge. At the end of the competition Cindy said that our costumes were brilliant because some were different and some were the same. I think that was the reason. After that, Mrs O'Connor asked some adults to join the next song. Next was the big announcement. Room 7 were the winners! Then everyone went back to their classroom. Some kids went home with their parents. I was so happy when we went back to the classroom.

Lin Hishon - Year 3

On Wednesday 23rd of September we had a jump jam competition. I was so nervous! We all had amazing costumes. I was so confident that we were going to win, but we did not win.

Tristan Wallace - Year 3

On Wednesday 23rd September, Year 3 and 4 had their Jump Jam Competition. First was Room 9 with.... Schnappi, then Room 8 with... Iko Iko. Third was Room 7 with... Move your Feet, then Room 10 with Candyman and finally Room 11 (us) with Freaks! Cindy said Room 10 and Room 11's costumes were really good. She announced the winner. It was Room 7.

Renee Otto - Year 3

On Wednesday the 23rd of September we had a Jump Jam Competition. Room 11 did the routine 'Freaks'. We got to wear amazing face paint. Cindy was the Judge. Some people looked really nervous. I was very nervous but when we got started it was not that bad. Room 11 was last. It went Room 9, 8, 7, 10 and then 11. The costumes in the MPR looked colourful. Room 11's costumes looked awesome. At the end some of the parents got off their chairs and danced with the kids. All of the kids danced as well. The winning class was Room 7.

Amaiah Valu - Year 4

On Wednesday the 23rd of September, Room 11 did a Jump Jam called Freaks. We had crazy hair and freaky fantastic face paint. Anyway, we lined up and went to the competition. I felt so nervous... NEXT! Room 11 performing FREAKS!!! At the start it didn't go super good. My face turned red like a hot potato. I couldn't stop smiling because I saw that my parents were there. Finally we finished and I was still smiling. I am really good at smiling. I think I should get an award for that.

Ruby Manders - Year 4

It was Jump Jam Day. Wednesday the 23rd of September. We were very lucky because lots, and I mean lots of things have been cancelled because of Covid-19. The competition was tough. There was Iko Iko, Room 8; Candyman, Room 10; Schnappi, Room 9; Move Your Feet, Room 7(Rocco, my brother's dance); and the coolest ROOM 11 doing Freaks!!! Da Da!

First up was Room 9. I had so many questions. My favourite part was the part where people went up and down. Room 8 was next. Then Room 7, then Room 10 and finally Room 11 (Our Class). When we were finished I went to Dad and Mum. Rocco and I convinced Mum to dance the Butterfly song. I

BLAKE

Inspiring environmental leadership

We are very proud of the 'Young Leaders' we have at Te Rapa. Watching them grow and develop as they enter the senior school and take on roles as peer mediators, road patrollers, librarians and then developing into house leaders and student councillors. We are very proud to announce that Jamie is the winner of this award for 2020.

Jamie is a hard worker who strives for excellence in all that she does. Always making the right choice even when no one is watching. She is continually looking for ways to learn and improve on her ability in all aspects of schooling, including extra curricular activities. On the netball court she naturally follows direction well but also leads from the front, with her quiet confidence in her ability to be in the right place at the right time. She is a quiet, unassuming leader who people naturally follow. She shows integrity in all she does, making the right decisions/choices when put in difficult situations. Jamie builds others up around her, encouraging them to do the right thing as well as their best. In the past 18 months her sense of humour has grown and she happily shares a joke with her peers and teachers.

Jamie is respected by both staff and students. Others look up to Jamie for support and advice and guidance. She is willing to help out both her peers and teacher.



JOIN THE TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUP FOR THE WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2021!

When: Sunday, 21st February 2021

Where: Waikato University Fields

Te Rapa School will again be entering a school group into next year's Weetbix Tryathlon. Entry is open to all 6-15 year olds (based on your age on event day).

This is an iconic kiwi sporting event that gives kids a realistic goal to train for and the satisfaction of completing the course, receiving a medal and not to mention their Weetbix T-Shirts. We have seen the benefit and the confidence students have gained from taking part. **It is also a great training opportunity for the year 5/6 school and inter-school triathlon!**

Children can enter as individual contestants or in junior or senior teams (it is up to students to find their own team members).

There is no timing for the event and it really is all about "GIVING IT A TRY".

The distances of each leg per age group are as follows (based on age on event day):

INDIVIDUAL	Age Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
	6 Years	50m	-	1.5km
	7 Years	50m	4km	1.5km
	8-10 Years	100m	4km	1.5km
	11-15 Years	150m	8km	1.5km

TEAMS	Age Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
	Junior Team of Two (7 Years)	50m	4km	1.5km
	Junior Team of Two (8-10 Years)	100m	4km	1.5km
	Senior Team of Two (11-15 Years)	150m	8km	1.5km

All students who enter as part of our school group will be eligible for the special "School Group Entry Price" of \$45.00 pp. Early bird registrations close on 31 January 2021.

While Te Rapa School enters as a group, we ask that all parents register their children and pay Weetbix Tryathlon directly as this eliminates the need for the school to get involved in the financial side of things. Parents will need to provide transport and accompany their children to the event.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ENTER AS PART OF THE TE RAPA SCHOOL GROUP

- Go to the Weetbix Tryathlon website: <https://tryathlon.co.nz/>
- Click on the "ENTER NOW" button • Select the Hamilton 21st Feb 2021 option
- Select "Continue" at the bottom of the page
- Select "Register an individual or team Participant"
- The next box will ask you: "Your school may have created a School Group. Would you like to join your SCHOOL GROUP?" select "YES – JOIN MY SCHOOL GROUP". Then continue. Please ensure you complete this section, otherwise your child will not be linked to our school!
- In the next section "School Group Name" please type Te Rapa Primary into the search box. The search results will show Te Rapa Primary School, please select "JOIN". A confirmation box of the school you are joining will appear, please select "JOIN" again.
- On the personal info page, add your own details to the Parent/Guardian section and your child's details to their section.
- Continue answering the medical questions, emergency contact details and other questions.
- Agree to the safety rules and click continues.
- If you have finished registering your child click continue and complete the payment details

Once registered I will be able to see your registration on my School Group List. It is really helpful if you also send me an email confirming you have entered your child rachel@stakeout.co.nz.

Club Energize will be hosting a tryathlon training programme at the Waikato University and at Te Rapa Primary School. This is very helpful, especially for children who have not completed a tryathlon before.

Dates are to be confirmed.

Any questions or concerns about the event please email or call Rachel Chapman.

Email: rachel@stakeout.co.nz Ph: 0212328780.

Rachel Chapman

Te Rapa Primary School Group Co-ordinator

Mathethon 2020:

Thank you to all in the school community for a very successful Mathethon last term.

This PTA supported event has not only provided funds for curriculum resources, but has also helped students become more proficient in their basic facts.

The overall amount raised was \$10,817.60 which was an outstanding result. These funds will be used wisely to add to our digital technology resources.

Thank you again on behalf of all staff and students.

Christine Troon

Curriculum Leader



2020 Arts Performances

The purpose of these performances is for our students to appreciate other performers and their performance standard. It is to recognise talent and how these performers display stage presence and confidence. We ask them to reflect on their own experiences and to perhaps even think about how they will challenge themselves for Te Rapa's next production.

There will be no cost required from you for these performances as we are using the Government Grant which

Week 3, Friday 30th October

NZ Playhouse

Chilled



Reusable Bags - If you have an excess supply of reusable cloth (not paper) bags, Mrs Baucke would love to have them for students to take library books home over the summer holidays for our Summer Reading Programme. Please take any bags you can donate to the library. Many thanks.

Community Notices

Saturday music classes - Enrolments are open for Term Four 2020 at the Waikato Community School of Music (formerly Hamilton Community Centre of Music). The first session is on **Saturday 17th October**. The school caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels. We offer both group-format and one-to-one tuition. Group-format term fees range from \$39 to \$105 depending on age and instrument. The enrolment fee for any instrument class includes unlimited participation in our ensembles. One-to-one classes assist students to prepare for exams and earn NCEA credits. A music appreciation/readiness programme (*Music Makers*) is available from age 3. Classes are held on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Contact us via our website Waikato Community School of Music or on 07 838 4611.

Yoga For Children 8-12yrs - Great for strength, flexibility, awareness of breath and body, anxiety, trouble sleeping. \$60 for a 10 week term. Tuesdays 3:30-4pm. Please phone Kerry (In Harmony Yoga) on 0211541474.

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