



Raumati South School -Our Village Kitchen



Our volunteer story is about a dedicated group of parents with children at a local Kāpiti school - Raumati South School. Our group of volunteers combined their varied talents to create a cookbook – *Our Village Kitchen* – to raise money for Raumati South School to invest in our tamariki and ultimately in our village.

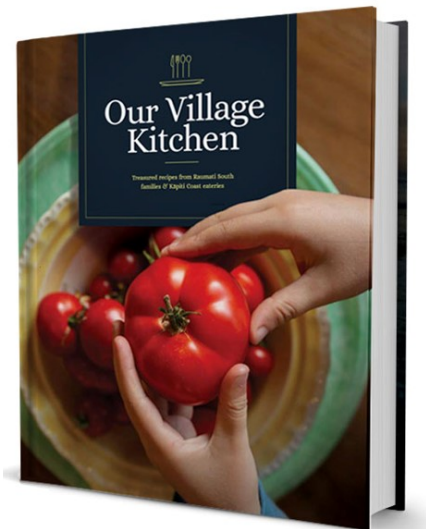
Our group of volunteers was made up of Luke Kelly with his incredible talent in design, Juliet Watterson with her beautiful photography, Naomi Hand with her keen editing eye, Megan Rowe with her talent for community engagement and sponsorship, and Joanna Clouden and Monique Freshwater for their endless attention to detail, continuous cooking calendar

and work horse mentality. With the support of the wider Kāpiti community they used their time and skills, alongside their love of food, to create *Our Village Kitchen*. They set their sights on producing a “good looking” book that sits proudly in any cook book collection. Along the way they had a lot of fun and cooked and ate a lot of food!

Our group sourced recipes from local Raumati South families and also from Kāpiti Coast chefs and eateries. The recipes included in *Our Village Kitchen* reflect the cultural diversity of our community with Kiwi favourites sitting alongside dishes with international origins. The recipes are accompanied by enticing photographs of the food, school community and unique coastal environment us Kapiti Coasters are privileged to call “home”. The result is a culinary and visual delight – a treasured keepsake for locals but also worthy of a place in the homes of food lovers everywhere.

Our group reached out to the wider Kāpiti business community for sponsorship to cover the costs associated with publishing the book and therefore to maximise the return to Raumati South School. These businesses saw our vision to support our tamariki and each sponsored one of nine chapters in the book – Big Mac Slabs, Brien Electrical, Grylls Keleher & (Mathews) Optometrists, Juliet Watterson Photography, Kāpiti Mortgages and Insurance, Lifestyle Hair, M&M Master Butcher, Peter Jackson Plumbing and Watson’s Garden Centre. We are very grateful for their belief in our project and their support.

As well as producing a professional quality book and raising significant funds for Raumati South School, our group showed the children of Raumati South School that with a can-do attitude and hard work it is possible to achieve great things. Many children were involved in the project, through cooking and photography shoots to selling books at local markets and galas.



Our Village Kitchen is available for sale from www.ourvillagekitchen.net or directly from the Raumati South School office (Ph. 04 2994579)



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