



RAPHAEL HOUSE

RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

BUSH TELEGRAPH

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

COMMUNITY MEETING WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE

Next Wednesday 9th June we will hold a School Community Meeting in the Eurythmy Room beginning at 7.30- (9.00pm finish).

The PTFA have kindly offered to organise Supper.

The Focus for the evening will be on the CURRICULUM & QUALIFICATIONS PROJECT and NATIONAL STANDARDS. The Curriculum and Qualifications Project Team will give an update of the work so far.

We cannot stress how important it is to have your involvement. To date we have not had enough questionnaires returned to give a full picture of the community view on National Standards. If you have not already given your feedback to us on National Standards there will be questionnaires available for you for complete at the meeting.

The Board of Trustees will be making a decision on our School stance on National Standards later this year so it is really critical that we have your feedback.

We look forward to seeing you there on the 9th.

KOLISKO CONFERENCE

In the July school holidays 25 of our Teachers will be attending the first International Kolisko Conference (for teachers, medical practitioners, health professionals and parents) to be held in New Zealand at St Peter's School, Cambridge.

IMPORTANT DATES

7 June - Queens Birthday Holiday

9 June - 1.30 - 3.00 pm
Cross Country - Classes 5 to 12 (Postponement date)

9 June - 7.30 pm
Community Meeting

11 June
Talent Show

14 June - 7.30 pm
Class Representatives Meeting

15 June - 7.00 pm
Ropu Tautoko it e Kaupapa Maori Meeting
Heide Werth Room

21 June -
Mid Winter Festival

25 June -
End of Term

19 July -
First day Term 3

The theme of the conference is 'Connecting with Today's Children' Healing body, Soul & Spirit.

The conference is about understanding the OTHER.

- Inter-recognition,
- Inter-acceptance
- Inter-dependence
- Empathic relationships
- Exploration of Anxiety, Social withdrawal and hyperactivity.

Eugene Kolisko (1893 - 1939) was the first Waldorf School doctor. He worked closely with Rudolf Steiner extending health practices consistent with the soul-spiritual nature of the human being for school age children.

He wanted to work closely with teachers and truly understand the learning processes of children.

He left an important legacy for Schools and the Medical movement which the Kolisko conferences seek to explore.

John Angus the Children's Commissioner for NZ and Sue Simpson the General Secretary for the Anthroposophical Society in NZ will be opening the conference.

Next Monday 7th June is Queen's Birthday Holiday.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and warm long weekend.

Karen Brice-Geard
School Coordinator/Principal

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

40 HOUR FAMINE UPDATE

We would like to thank the Community for all their support. The students have raised just over \$5,000 and we still have the Thursday's fundraiser lunch.

Reminder - Students will be collecting their Sponsorship money over the next week as the 15 June is the deadline to have all monies returned. Once again we thank our wonderful community for their support.

Miriam Randall, Billie Lloyd-Bain and Jenny Craig (Class 11).



BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS????

The Annual Talent Show is coming up on the 11 June - the venue is the Little Theatre, Lower Hutt.

Students \$5.00

Adults \$10.00

Family Ticket (2 Adults and 2 Children) \$25.00.

Tickets are now on sale at the Office and are selling fast.

This will be a fantastic night full of great entertainment for everyone from Class 7 and upwards.

We look forward to seeing you there.

From Class 11 Students



Class 10 Play: 'The End of the Golden Weather'

Please mark your diaries for this important evening of entertainment by our Upper School Students!

Thursday	24 June	7.30 pm
Friday	25 June	7.30 pm
Saturday	26 June	7.30 pm,

Matinee		
Saturday	26 June	2.00 pm

Students \$6.00

Adults \$10.00

Family Ticket (2 Adults and 2 Children) \$25.00.

Tickets will be available from the Office from Tuesday 8th June.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

This Monday the new Board was treated to a welcome jointly organised by the Board with the Te Ropu Group. It was a wonderful event and appropriately tailored for us by Te Ropu. Many thanks to Sean, Jacqui, Amanda, Andree, Suzanne, Carolyn and all Board members for helping to create a unique event.

Following the induction of all the Board's Trustees the previous Chair (Adrian) and Deputy Chair (Carolyn) were re-elected. The new Sub-committee membership was discussed and agreed as follows:

Board of Trustees – Sub-Committees		
<i>Sub-Committee</i>	<i>Convenor</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Personnel	Carolyn	Richard, Anne-Marie
Special Character / Waldorf	Paul	Phillip, Chris
Curriculum	Phillip	Karen, Anne-Marie
Property	Chris	Paul, Richard
Finance	Adrian	Karen, Chris, Chloe

Phoebe Quinlivan presented the Gateways Programme to the Board. This is a new programme which is designed to strengthen the pathway for students to workplace learning. Students complete a supervised work placement and have their learning in the workplace assessed.

Gateway integrates workplace learning and assessment with the student's current school programme of study. We currently have 3 students on Gateway placements, and will be increasing this number over the coming years.

This is a new initiative for the school and is currently under development. Please do not hesitate to contact Phoebe should you have any enquiries:
phoebe.q@raphaelhouse.school.nz.

The Board discussed and approved the agenda for the Community Meeting next Wednesday 9 June. The main focus of this Community Meeting will be on the Curriculum and Qualifications Project and National Standards consultation.

On behalf of the whole Board I would like to stress the importance for all Lower School parents to give us feedback on your views of the proposed implementation of National Standards considering your choice of Waldorf education. Forms were sent out to Lower School parents earlier this year and we will have additional forms available at the community meeting as well.

The Curriculum and Qualifications Project is another very important topic for parents, teachers and anyone else involved in Waldorf education. Please make an effort to attend the Community Meeting to discuss these important questions. If you can't be there with us please send us your feedback.

The Curriculum Sub-Committee presented its Terms of Reference to the Board. The Terms of Reference were approved pending some minor changes. The approved document will be available on the school website from Friday 4th June 2010.

The next step for the Curriculum Sub-Committee will be to provide a progress report at the Community Meeting on the results of the information that has been received to date, and will include the probable options that the Sub-Committee will further explore.

Once the first round of consultation is complete, the Sub-Committee will confirm the options, and present the criteria for the assessment and analysis to the Community for their feedback. Once the criteria are established, the analysis work can progress.

The audit for the Annual Accounts 2009 is now complete and a copy of the audited accounts is available in the Parent Library and will be on the schools website early next week. We finished the 2009 year with a surplus of \$114,329 which has addressed the 2008 equity deficit of -\$76,787 to give an end of year positive equity of \$37,542. Although this is a very pleasing result the Board is aware that careful forward planning and strategic thinking are the key to maintaining this positive trend.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday 26 July at 7pm in the Heide Werth Room. If you have any questions about the Board you may contact me at chair@raphaelhouse.school.nz.

Adrian von Aesch
Chair Board of Trustees



SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS DRAW- WEEK ENDING 6 JUNE

NETBALL

Team:	Vs:	Place:	Time:
Golden Lions Class 5&6	No game		
Raphael House 2 (Collegiate 8) Class 7&8	No game		
Raphael House 1 (Collegiate 5) Class 9 & 10	No game		

BASKETBALL

Team:	Vs:	Place:	Time:
RH Hotshots Class 5 Mixed Primary	Murutai	Walter Nash Stadium 1	Thursday 3 rd 4pm
RH Falcons Class 7 Mixed Intermediate	AIS B Boys	Walter Nash Stadium 1	Wednesday 2 nd 4.50pm
Senior Boys (Division 4 Pool 2)	No Game		Fri 4 th

SOCCER

Team:	Vs:	Place:	Time:
Senior Boys	No Game		

HOCKEY

Team:	Vs:	Place:	Time:
Raphael Senior Boys	Porirua	Elsdon	Thurs 4.35pm *



RESULTS: For Week Ending 30 May 2010

NETBALL

Team:	Vs:	Result:
Golden Lions (Primary 7) Class 5&6	Hutt L	?*
Raphael House (Collegiate 8) Class 7&8	Chilton 13	RH 10 - 3
Raphael House (Collegiate 5) Class 9 & 10	Chilton 10	RH 19 - 8

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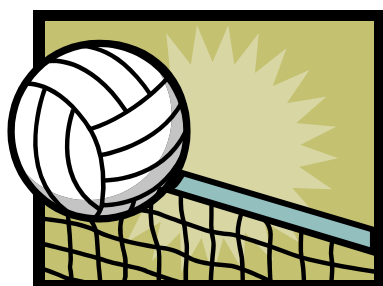
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RH Hotshots Class 5 Mixed Primary	St P&P Pistons	St P&P Pistons 10 -8
RH Falcons Class 7 Mixed Intermediate	AIS B Boyz	RH Falcons 35-15
Senior Boys (Division 4 Pool 2)	Aotea 2	R H 62 - 46

SOCCER

Team:	Vs:	Result:
Raphael House Senior Boys	Well. College	No Game Played

HOCKEY

Team:	Vs:	Result:
Raphael Senior Boys	Scots 2	0-0 *



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Festival Group is holding a workshop this Thursday 3rd June at 5 - 6pm. This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to learn the songs for our Matariki-Mid Winter Festival and inspire you with the spirit of the season through practical and artistic activities. We encourage you to brave the cold and join with us, the Festival Group and the College in an evening of communal warmth to prepare us all for the upcoming Matariki-Mid Winter Festival on Monday 21st June.

Workshops available:

1. Clay work by candle light with Phillip Robinson (Sculpture Room)
2. Night Walking and Star Gazing with Brendan Henehan (Outside the Eurythmy Room)
3. Pumpkin Lantern Carving to light up the night with Chris Covich (Class 4) (you will need to bring a small pumpkin, and carving tools (knives, sharp spoons, chisels etc.)
4. Crafts for the home with Ashley Gibbs (Lower School Handwork Room)
5. Mid winter Story Telling with Ray Shore (Class 1)

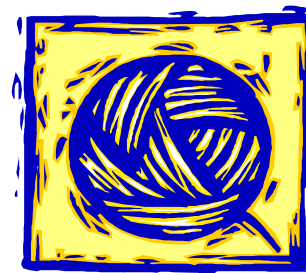
Hope to see you there,

Ashley Gibbs, on behalf of the Festival Group.



Parent Craft Group

I would still like to hear from anyone who could periodically dye fabric for us.



Could someone help with one-off projects. I have lots of ideas or you may have something else in mind.

The original aim of the craft group was to produce beautiful, natural toys that support the Rudolf Steiner education our children are receiving. While this still stands (perhaps more than ever) our crafts are also appreciated by the broader community through the festival, and bring the school much needed funds.

The group is very small this year and if the festival craft room is to function as it has, we need more hands. Just one thing each would do it - big or small. This could be your chance to allow creativity into your life. The options are broad - we work with wool, cloth, wood, clay, paint and dye. If you work in another medium then that's good to. About the only rule is to use natural materials where possible. Remember I am on hand to give support, instruction and resources.

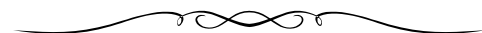
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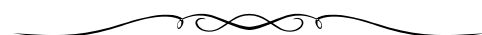
We meet every Monday from 8.30 to 11.45 am in the Pole Room under Class 5 if you are able to join us. Otherwise give me a call.



SHARING OUR SUCCESSES

Our Kindergarten children are busy preparing for Matariki-Mid Winter Festival with great excitement and new songs.

It is great to see the children coming to Class in their wet weather trousers over the last few days.





THE EVOLUTIONARY CAFE

Thursday mornings at the bus garage. Come along and have a coffee (or tea) for a \$ donation, chat with friends old and new, share ideas...

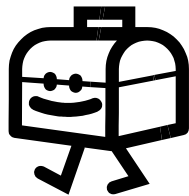
Quote of
the Week

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

H D Thoreau

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

Every Wednesday, there will be Curry and Rice available for a delicious lunch from the Eurythmy Room kitchen. This is a fundraiser lunch for the Japanese, language students going to Japan. \$3.00 curry and rice per plate.



FRIDAY LUNCHES

Olivia and Lucy, Class 9 are selling school lunches on Fridays - Pasta \$3.00, Apple Crumble \$2.50 Raising money towards their German Exchanges.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

All copy, including advertisements, to be at the office in written form no later than Tuesday 9.00 am the week of publication. Classified Advertising 'Buy, Sell or Swap' \$2-00 per week. Private enterprises and businesses: \$5-00 up to 4 lines Non-profit organisations may apply for space. No flyers/inserts unless directly related to the school, anthroposophy, or Steiner education. Advertisements are placed at the discretion of the College. Publication does not imply endorsement of the activities advertised. Advertisements that contravene the Special Character of Waldorf Education will not be considered for publication.

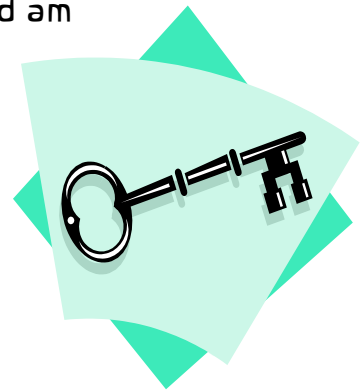


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Registered Bach Flower Practitioner

(Please note the incorrect phone number was published in last weeks Newsletter)



WANTED ACCOMMODATION: I have just moved to the area and am working as a teacher aide for Raphael Class in the school and am looking for accommodation. I am originally from England and have just begun my life in New Zealand this year. I am looking to flat share with people and will also consider renting a room within a family home. If you have accommodation available please can you contact on my cell phone on 0212047899 or email nicolastead@cheerful.com.



Looking forward to hearing from you - Nicola Stead.



BABY SITTING: My name is Lee and I am in Class 11. I'm looking to baby sitting opportunities. I am 17 years old and have experience in looking after your children. You can contact me on 586-5777.

SPANISH LESSONS: My name is Lee and I am a Class 11 student. I am 17 years old and our family lived in Mexico for 11 years, so I am fluent in the Spanish Language. If you are interested in learning Spanish. Please contact me on 586-5777

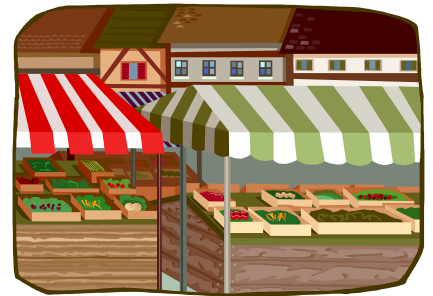




HOLIDAY: Fancy a week in a 5 star resort across the road from Lake Taupo and a ten minute walk into the town centre? The Village Resort has an indoor heated swimming pool, spa pool, tennis court, bikes etc. Fully equipped apartment accommodates 4 people in school holidays from 9th -16th July, \$670 for 7 nights. Ph 565 3692 Heather for more information.

WANTED: Beg or Borrow - for the stall at Frank Kitts Market

- small folding table
- 2 folding chairs
- 2 shallow cane baskets
- a TIN of crayons and TIN pencil holder

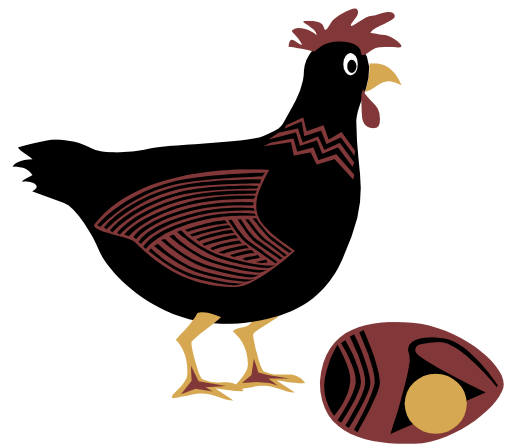


We're also interested in selling more crafts and toys, especially dolls, gifted or on commission and good quality 'pre-loved' toys.

If you can help please contact Monica Brice 587 0336. Thanks!

FOR SALE: Delicious Free Range Eggs \$5.00 per dozen
Pick-up Fridays outside Bus Garage. Please order by email fiona.angus@ymail.com by the Friday prior to pickup.

Funds raised are for Frasers' exchange to Austria
Empty cartons appreciated.



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