



Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School

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Our School Concert is next Tuesday 18 August. We are very much looking forward to the presentations from Classes 1 through to Class 12. All the students are in their final stages of preparation for this great event, which promises to be one of the highlights of the School year.

The teachers had a useful and productive Teacher only day on Monday, where we focussed and discussed values and principles that underpin the curriculum. Thank you for your support in enabling us to have this working day together.

We farewell Babette Berroth our Special Needs teacher of the Raphael Class, who has taken the class whilst Norbert Mulholland has been away on Sabbatical. Babette has been an inspiration to us all, her dedication, and commitment to the class has been wonderful. Babette will be sadly missed by the class, parents and her colleagues.

Class 9 students returned from their Sports Exchange with Taikura Steiner School in Hastings. They had good weather and won the basketball game for the first time in the history of the Exchange between the two schools. Congratulations to all who participated and special thanks to Annette and Phoebe and the team of parents involved.

Remember the Class Representative Meeting is on Monday 17 August at 7.30pm in the Eurythmy Room. If you are unable to attend, please send your apologies to Wendy or myself.

Wishing you an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Karen Brice-Geard

School Coordinator on behalf of the College of Teachers: Ray Shore, David Stephenson, Julia Sherriff and Margaret Sweaney

YEAR BOOK 2008

As many of you will be aware the School was unable to produce last year's Yearbook due to the shortfall in Standard Disbursement payments. We will format the work and produce an electronic version that will be available to view and download from the School website. We would like to acknowledge the work of many people who were involved especially last year's Class 12 students who together with Shirley-Ann created the Upper School Section. We aim to have the completed year book available on the School website by the end of this term.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last Board meeting started with a blessing and a moment silence for Mony Heng. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends. We started the formal meeting with a professional development session with the Trust, which will become a regular feature of our meetings. We reviewed the School Co-ordinators report, financial report and discussed the results of the governance workshops. This led to a discussion on determining how the Board will operate and exercise its mandates as the Governance body for Raphael House Area School. There will be further development of our capabilities through to the end of the year, with a goal of having the Board fully conversant in its role by the start of the New Year.

Elections for the Student Representative have been scheduled for 18 September. If any students have any questions on this role, please feel free to attend a Board meeting, email me at chair@raphaelhouse.school.nz or talk to the current student representative Robert Patchett. We are still seeking a replacement for the Staff representative on the Board following the resignation of Adam Ricketts earlier in the year.

Board elections for Community representatives on the Board of Trustees will be held in April 2010, and we encourage all members of the community to consider standing as a representative. All members of the community are welcome to attend Board meetings to witness how we work.

Thank you to the Te Reo Maori Parent Support Group for their fantastic efforts during Maori Language week. This group of volunteers is playing an important role in ensuring the School meets its obligations to meet the Ministry of Education National Education Goals.

Naku noa, na
Glen McCauley Chair, Raphael House Board of Trustees

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

The monthly Board meeting for July will be held in the Heide Werth Room on 24 August, starting at 7pm. Information scheduled to be discussed at the meeting will be available for viewing at the school office on Thursday 20 August. Alternatively they can be requested by sending an email to boardsecretary@raphaelhouse.school.nz

Tena koutou

Our Strategy for achieving our vision and purpose. Now we have defined our vision, the island we are headed for, we needed to shape our path. The strategy outlines the pathway and tells us how to get to our island? Who will help navigate, and who will paddle?

At our last meeting we explored our group's focus and together we identified four areas of activity:

- Creating a presence of things Maori within Rudolf Steiner's education towards freedom.
- Supporting the teachers in their commitment towards Te Reo and Tikanga Maori.
- Establishing resources practical, in the material as well as the knowledge realm.
- Engaging the community in the journey.

We have more work to do in shaping our priorities and talking with others. Our group wishes to work in with others in a spirit of cooperation. We believe the work of the group will support everyone on their journey. This journey is for all of us, and everyone is welcome to join our Ropu Tautoko: we look forward to your contributions! Our next Hui will be on Wednesday, 26 August, 7 - 9 pm, in the Heide Werth Room.

You can contact us via the following group members:

Helen Emmerson: helen@emmersongroup.co.nz

Jacqui D'Ath: Jacquiandjames@paradise.net.nz

Kerstin Wagner: khs@orcon.net.nz

Naku noa

Helen Emmerson

(on behalf of Te Ropu Tautoko I Te Kaupapa Maori)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3 20 July - 25 September, 3pm finish

TERM 4 12 October - 16 December

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
17-21 August	International Language Week	Timetable on pg 8
17 August	Class Rep Meeting	7.30pm Eurythmy Room
18 August	School Concert	6.30pm St James Church
19 August	Kindergarten Parent Meeting	7.30pm
19 August	Adult Education (The struggle for Individuality)	Eurythmy Room
20 August	CI 8 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
22 August	Upper School Ball	
22 Aug & 29 Aug	Adult Education (The Four Temperaments)	1-5pm Heide Worth Room
24 August	BoT Meeting	7pm
25 August	CI 4 Parent Evening	7.30pm
2 September	Adult Education (Fostering Self Realisation Key Education Challenges)	7.30 Eurythmy Room
4 September	CI 3 Play	
7-11 & 14-18 Sept	CI 9 Farm Experience	
7-11 & 14-18 Sept	CI 10 on Community Service	
10 September	Adult Education (Challenges of the Transition from childhood to Adolescence)	7.30pm Eurythmy Room
11 September	Open Afternoon	1.30-3pm Eurythmy Room
17 September	Adult Education (Parenting Skills Mary Willow)	7.30pm Eurythmy Room
18 September	CI 12 Project Exhibition	Little Theatre
19 September	CI 12 Project Presentations	Little Theatre
23 September	CI 10 Community Service Presentations	
24 September	CI 9 Farming Exp Presentations	
24 September	BOT Meeting	7pm
24 September	Raphael Festival	
25 September	CI 4 Parent Evening	7.30pm
26 September	CI 10 Parent Evening	7.30pm

FROM THE OFFICE

If you would like to order 2009 Talent Show DVD, see Fiona in the Lower Office. The cost \$20.00 each for a two DVD set. You can also order 2007 and 2008 Talent Show Dvd's.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT. Is there a parent/caregiver who is familiar with website development who would be able to assist us with maintaining our school website. If you are able to help please email Glen McCauley glen@erisk.co.nz or 021 760 306.

THE RAPHAEL HOUSE RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2009 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Nominations are hereby called for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Trustees from September 2009 to September 2010. Any student enrolled full time in Year 9 and above, under the age of 20, is eligible to stand for election and vote in the School election for a student representative. International students can vote but not stand for election.

The following is the timeline for the above elections:

Close Student Electoral Roll:	On Wednesday 19 August
Call for Nominations:	On Thursday 20 August

Nomination forms are available from Wendy Daals or Judie Fishenden.

Close supplementary roll:	On Wednesday 2 September, at noon
Close Nominations:	On Friday 4 September, at noon

Please read the back of the nomination form carefully, all nomination forms returned to the Returning Officer must be filled in correctly and neatly and accompany the nomination form. For further details on either contact Robert Patchett (current Student Representative) or myself. The forms signed by both the nominator and nominee must be handed to Wendy Daals, Returning Officer, before or no later than Friday 4 September at NOON.

If more than one nomination is submitted an election will be held and voters will receive voting forms. Voting forms to be handed to students on 24 September during sponsor time.

Close voting:	On Thursday 24 September
Count and declare results:	On Friday 25 September
Student Trustee takes office	On Friday 25 September 2009

Wendy Daals
Returning Officer

Remember to keep looking out items for our Garage Sale on Sat 5 Sept. The following activities and events need assistant volunteers to help make them happen.

GARAGE SALE 5 SEPTEMBER

We need volunteers to help collect goods before the weekend, and to help set-up on the day. Someone to produce a flyer for local Tirohanga letter boxes would be appreciated too.

CONCERTS

Fundraising concerts are thought a good idea, but we need someone to coordinate this. We have offers of musical talent, and now need to organise the events. We are looking for someone or a small group who can look after this.

COOKING CLASSES/DEMONSTRATIONS

Do you enjoy cooking and would like to coordinate classes or demonstrations as a fundraising activity? We are looking for a coordinator to facilitate cooking classes and this could cover a range of styles, e.g. Italian, vegetarian, Indian etc.

If you would like to help with any of these activities or assist the fundraising efforts in other ways, please contact the group on fundraising @raphaelhouse.school.nz
Chris Penman, on behalf of the Fundraising Group, Ph 566 4977

REUNION '09 - 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF RAPHAEL HOUSE

Planning for the 30th Anniversary Reunion of past pupils and their families is ramping up. As mentioned previously it will be held over the weekend of the Toy Craft & Food weekend of 6-8 November. Please keep spreading the word to your old school contacts, teachers, families etc. or pass on their details to us so that we can formally invite them.

We need some assistance in the following areas for extra support (volunteer labour) plus ways to save costs: Catering. Is there a group or class in the community that would be interested in providing some catering? Perhaps a commercial caterer out there? Advertising and printing. Is there someone who can assist with the requirements of advertising the Reunion (artwork for Ad) plus looking at cost effective printing of materials?

If you can help in any of these areas, please contact the Reunion committee on reunion09 @raphaelhouse.school.nz. Chris Penman, on behalf of the Reunion committee, Ph 566 4977.

SPORTS DRAW WEEK 4

These game times are published for the benefit of the sports teams, and for everyone else who may like to go along and support any of our teams! Go and get fired up on the sidelines!!

NETBALL- SATURDAY

TEAM	VS.	LOCATION	TIME
U/S Raphael House 1	Upper Hutt 9	Court 1	11am Semi Finals 1v4
U/S Raphael House 2	Wainuiomata 5	Court 1	12pm
U/S RH Ravens	KC Billabong	Court 8	10:30am
L/S Raphael House 1	St P&P Int. 4	NW 5	3pm

FOOTBALL- SATURDAY

TEAM	VS.	LOCATION	TIME
U/S Raphael House 1	HVHS 2	Sladden	9am

BASKETBALL- TUESDAY

TEAM

U/S Raphael House 1- 18th August

L/S Raphael House 1 The second season commences next week 19 August.

HOCKEY- THURSDAY 20th August

TEAM	VS.	LOCATION	TIME
Raphael House Senior Boys	Wellington Boys 3	NHS1	4:30pm

PLAY HARD, PLAY FAIR, AND HAVE FUN!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CLASS 12 PROJECT

For my class 12 project I am running from Taupo to Wellington (365ks) to raise money for Child Cancer. I leave in 2 weeks and will run 1/2 a marathon daily for 2 weeks. There is a sponsor form in the Lower Office. Please take the time to donate. Thank you Jayden Campbell.

Ni hao! Bonjour! Guten Tag! Konnichi wa! Buenos días!

International Language Week is Week 5 (17 – 21 August). All schools in Aotearoa New Zealand will celebrate the cultural and linguistic diversity of their communities and showcase some special activities during the week. The language teachers at Raphael House have organized some special events. Parents are welcome to join the lunchtime activities.

Programme

Days	Lower School	Upper School	Throughout the week
Monday Lunch time 12.45 – 1.30	Assembly: Information about the week and international expressions from classes 1-7	Assembly: Information about the week and a talk about the benefits of learning languages A touch of Chinese - music room	Haiku competition for Upper School students. Prize for first place is a movie pass for two! Theme of Haiku: 'Languages' Please, give the coin to your classroom teacher or sponsor teacher International Language Quiz classes 4-7
Tuesday Lunch time 12.45 – 1.30	Dress-Up in International Costumes (please donate a coin) Create a picture with international greetings in the Eurythmy foyer	Dress-Up in International Costumes (please donate a coin) Create a picture with international greetings in the Eurythmy foyer A touch of French - music room	
Wednesday Lunch time 12.45-1.30	International Lunch Eurythmy foyer	International Lunch Eurythmy foyer	
Thursday Lunch time 12.45-1.30	Origami workshop with Michiko Ammon and Junko Chun Eurythmy room	Origami workshop with Michiko Ammon and Junko Chun Eurythmy room	
Friday Lunch time		A touch of Spanish -music room	

Funds raised on dress-up and international lunch day will go to:

- ❖ Helping local children to be able to attend Pelangi Steiner School in Bali
- ❖ The 2010 Japan trip

Please support this special event and come and join this celebration!

**Thank you for your support!
 Claudia and Erica, and Lower and Upper School teachers**

SURREALISM CLASS 12 PAINTINGS

You are invited to an exhibition opening at the Ashtaga Yoga School (Left Bank) off Cuba Mall. Opening Friday 21st August 5.30pm - 7.30pm. The exhibition will start on Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday 1-4pm.

PARENT CRAFT GROUP

A big thank you to everyone who attended the felting workshop last Saturday. What a great day. Between the eight of us, we made thirteen beautiful felt pieces now waiting to be made into crafts that will be enjoyed by many children and adults. Small beginnings can have far reaching results.

Jennifer Holdaway

Craft group coordinator: jenh@paradise.net.nz or 972 3010

Remember to call me if you would like to contribute by making one or two crafts for others to enjoy. We also meet Monday's 8.30am to 12 in the Pole Room (just turn up) or Tuesday evenings. Everyone welcome, child friendly, learn some new skills.

WHAT'S ON

OPEN DAY/INFORMATION TALK

The Wellington City Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten is having an open day/information talk at the Kindergarten at 10 Davis St Thorndon, Wellington on Sunday 2 August at 10.30 am. Come along and see what the kindergarten is like. We presently have some places available for three and four year olds. Contact 04 499 7394

FIVE WEEK EMOTIONAL FREEDOM TECHNIQUES (EFT) COURSE

Designed to take you on a journey through your own Personal Peace Procedure

Week 1 Where EFT originated from. The correct tapping points and what each point represents. What 'your' specific point is. What 'aspects' are and why they are relevant and MOST importantly the different ways to 'tap' on a problem.

Weeks 2, 3, 4 & 5 will involve group tapping where we'll be 'borrowing benefits'. Group confidentiality an absolute must. There will be plenty of time for questions as I intend this to be a small group only. Beginning Wednesday 19 August, for five consecutive weeks from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Total cost \$65.00 (you'll get 10 hours course content for the price of one individual EFT session so represents great value for money). As I will be limiting the numbers for this group please let me know early of your interest. Heather Todd 565 3692 Heather @EFTclinic.co.nz

THE GIFT - A WOMAN'S RITE TO HERSELF

13 - 17 August 2009 at Riverslea Retreat, Otaki Gorge. A profound 3 day journey of initiation into the core of Feminine Being. It is a Rite of initiation, a unique experience for each woman which seems to resonate with the common core of all beings, where each remembers what it is to be seen, honoured and welcomed home. Healing can occur on many levels and woman speak of a total and unconditional acceptance, a coming home, and a relaxation into self. Contact: Sheena on 04 297 0770 sheena.broom @gmail.com visit www.shematrix.com.

SPIRITUALISING EVERYDAY LIFE

21 - 23 August 2009 at Riverslea Retreat, Otaki Gorge. Vedanta Society Retreat led by Swami Tadananda from the Vedanta Society, Fiji. Contact: Sushma Brunt on 04 4782957 or sushmabrunt@gmail.com

THE GRAIL

3 - 7 September 2009 at Riverslea Retreat, Otaki Gorge. The Grail is a three day residential experience which offers men the opportunity to experience a powerful transformation in awareness, gaining in self acceptance and self love through a potent engagement with other men in a privileged space. Contact: Mike on 04 562 7175 michaelsim@paradise.net.nz or visit www.shematrix.com

You are invited to attend the Raphael House

SCHOOL CONCERT

Presented by classes and
ensembles throughout the school

Tuesday 18 August 6.30pm

ST JAMES CHURCH
Woburn Road, Lower Hutt

Followed by supper in the hall

Entry by koha

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

All copy, including advertisements, to be at the school 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 (one column width); 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.

GREEN LIVING IS HAVING A SALE! 20% off all pre-loved winter clothing (up to Size 6), Disana merino sleep-sacks, and fancy dress. Starts 15 August and runs until 31 August. 115 Jackson St, Petone Ph 568 2194

ONE CHESTNUT AND ONE BLACK MALE GUINEA PIG in need of a new home, friendly and happy to be held. Come with their own cage and spare bedding, Ring Sam 526 3608

OUR BEAUTIFUL BLACK FEMALE RABBIT SOOTY, who is a few months old needs a new caring home. FREE Phone Heather 565 3692

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