



Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Thank you Class 11, Ken and Amelia for a great evening of entertainment. The Talent Show was once again lots of fun and laughs and so well supported by a fantastic and lively audience.

Flu Virus

Most of you will be aware that a swine flu virus (H1N1) is affecting people in New Zealand and overseas. The WHO (World Health Organisation) has declared a pandemic. The government is working on minimising the effects of the influenza pandemic in New Zealand. Schools have been asked to update their own pandemic plans. Our school/early childhood centre is talking with health officials and we have been advised that there is no reason for alarm. Our school/early childhood centre will stay open until further notice. Our own pandemic plans mean that we have systems in place to help us cope if anything changes.

The most important thing you can do as parents and caregivers is reinforce these messages to your children:

- Ensure your children wash and dry their hands thoroughly and regularly, especially before meals and after toileting.

- Always use a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing and discard it in a closed rubbish bin.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, please keep them home until a doctor or nurse has checked them and Okayed them to return to school. Swine flu symptoms are similar to seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have also reported diarrhea and vomiting.

Mid-Winter Festival

Next week Thursday 25th June we will celebrate Mid-Winter. The classes and children are busy making lanterns, practicing songs and preparing for the festival.

Visiting Taruna Students

We will have two visiting students school next week from Taruna College. As part of the training on Steiner Education the students undertake a Observation Practicum for one week, and then they return to do a three week Teaching Practicum in Term 3. Raphael House hosts students who are undertaking Steiner/Waldorf Training and supports the on-going work and course run by Taruna College.

We would like to hold a Community Meeting in the second week of term 3 on Wednesday 29th July. Please mark this date in your diaries.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Karen Brice-Geard

School Coordinator/Principal

on behalf of the College of Teachers: Ray Shore, David Stephenson and Margaret Sweaney

JUNE BOT MEETING

The monthly Board meeting for June will be held in the Heidi-Werth Room on June 29th starting at 7pm. Information scheduled to be discussed at the meeting will be available for viewing at the school office on Thursday 25th June. Alternatively this can be requested by sending an email to boardsecretary@raphaelhouse.school.nz

Congratulations to the 9 parents elected to the committee for the Parent Teacher and Friends Association over the weekend. The Board of Trustees looks forward to engaging actively with you and the community. We would also like to extend out thanks to the steering group who has paved the way to the formation of the Association over the past months.

Glen McCauley
Chair, Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School Board of Trustees

COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Thank you to those who attended the Inaugural AGM of the Association on Sunday. The Constitution of the PTFA was adopted by unanimous vote.

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Dawn Bielak
Monica Brice
Marie Deery
Catharina Fisher
Debi Lloyd
Maarten Quivooy
Winston Roberts
Julian Thomson
John Succino Vermeltfoort
Thank you

Helen Lewis
Returning Officer

The Steering Group has now been dissolved.

**TE ROUPU TAUTUKO | Te KAUPAPA MAORI
MAORI FOUNDATION GROUP**

Kia ora koutou

**You are warmly invited to the next meeting
Monday 22nd June 2009
7 - 9pm in the Heide Werth Room**

The following are events relating to the Maori calendar:

Maori Language Week 27 July - 2nd August 2009

Matariki Festival: Maori New Year Celebration 24 June - 24 July 2009

Matariki Te Tau Hau - Matariki the New Year

What is Matariki? It is a small cluster of tiny stars known as Pleiades. Translated it means tiny eyes. It appears in the eastern dawn skies from late May and stays until the end of June. It is recognised as the Maori New Year. The first new moon after the rise of Pleiades signaled the start of New Year celebrations. At this time food was plentiful. Maori gathered to celebrate, give thanks and to welcome the 'new year' planting season with ceremonial ritual, singing and feasting. Matariki is a time to pause, reflect and give thanks.

Manaaki Whenua. Manaaki Tangata. Haere whakamua. *Care for the land. Care for the people. Go forward.*

Aroha mai, aroha atu.

Love towards us, love going out from us.

**Debi Lloyd, Jacqui D'Ath 976 4349, Kerstin Wagner
On behalf of the Maori Foundation Group**

FROM THE OFFICE

Could the person who sent in the nice Gate Keeper verse. Please contact Fiona in the Lower Office 569 5161.

TRADE DIRECTORY

We are currently updating our Trade Directory, if you want to be included in this 2009 year, or know of someone who might be interested, please telephone: Fiona at the Lower Office 569 5161.

SPORT

NETBALL- SATURDAY

TEAM	VS.		
U/S Raphael House 1	Chilton 9	Court 2	11am
U/S Raphael House 2	HVHS 13	Court 3	12pm
U/S RH Ravens	KC Eagles	Finnman	1.30pm
L/S Raphael House 1	Wainui Int 2	New World 2	3pm

FOOTBALL- SATURDAY

U/S Raphael House 1	Aotea 1	Aotea	9am
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BASKETBALL - Upper School, Tuesday

BASKETBALL - Lower School Wednesday

U/S RH 1 - Tue 23 rd June	Draw not available at time of print. See your Coach/Manager
L/S RH 1 - Wed 24 th June	Draw not available at time of print. See your Coach/Manager

Play Hard, Play Fair, and Have Fun

GET SPONSORED LIKE THE SILVER FERNS COMPETITIONS

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in their New World dockets to the Lower Office. We are getting rather a long receipt docket but we still need more.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CLASS 10 PLAY

Class 10 will be performing their play 'Dream On' written by Sarah Delahunty in the last week of this term. Performances will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd July, Friday 3rd July and Saturday 4th July. In addition to this, there will be a matinée performance at 2pm on Saturday 4th July. Tickets will be available from the Lower Office from Monday 22nd June at a cost of \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for students or \$25.00 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 students). Please note that the play is suitable for Class 7 and above.

COME AND SEE "YOU ALWAYS HURT THE ONE YOU LOVE"

Class 12 Theatre Performance
Based on scenes from "A Marriage" by Ingmar Bergman
Friday 26th & 27th June
8pm
13 Onehuka Road, Lower Hutt
Class 8 & up (14 yrs)
\$12.00 per ticket

1 July @ Eurythmy Room RHRSS
8pm
Tickets \$8.00
Class 8 & up (14 yrs)
Tickets available from the Lower Office

**JAPANESE PROFESSIONAL PUPPETEERS ARE GIVING A FREE
WORKSHOP AND PUPPET SHOW**

Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School, Eurythmy Room.

Time: Workshop - from 4.30pm - 6.10pm.

Puppet Show. From 6.30pm - 7.30pm. When: July 15th Wednesday second week of the Holidays.

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These Puppeteers have been traveling up and down Japan performing workshops and puppet shows for 6 years. They speak basic English, and the performance will be a mixture of Japanese and English. The show is aimed at both adults and children.

WHAT'S ON

"WAIATA MAI"

Free concert, sing-along and CD launch at Te Papa. Sunday 28th June @ 1:45pm, Te Marae, Te Papa. Featuring The O'Connor family with the Korokoro Community Choir & band. "Waiata Mai" is a collection of proverbs, prayers and phrases in Maori in English, composed by Sean O'Connor sung in parts and rounds by The O'Connor's. The concert is part of Te Papa's Matariki Festival and is on "Te Huka o Tai Whanau" day. It will include lots of audience participation so please bring your family and your singing voices!

DEAR PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF

Next Monday morning there will be a large wooden structure, based on the Mongolian Yurt dwelling, in place at the entrance to the school. The impulse behind creating this Yurt resides within a desire to have a dedicated space for contemplation and celebration of compassionate spiritual life in the school. We have been building over the last few weeks with the intention of completing the first part of this project to coincide with our Mid-Winter festival. On Monday you will see the wooden framing or the interior of this structure, the 'skeleton' of the Yurt.

In the second phase of building we would welcome suggestions from the community towards designing a 'skin' for the Yurt, as we seek to create a piece of fabric large enough to cover the whole structure. This coming week, we would like to humbly invite all people in our school to help us dress the wooden structure of the Yurt as we build towards Mid-Winter festival on Thursday 25th June. We imagine the possibility of dozens of ribbons, poems, shells, stones, feathers, flowers, jewels from the minds of children; anything that can be hung from the rafters, threaded through the walls, tied to the door frames, woven throughout the Yurt, to create a beautiful form to show our hearts during mid-winter.

Let's let the sky be no limit, and remember that we are all made of star-dust after all. Have fun!! Brett and Damian.

TIPS FOR RAISING BOYS

It can be a tough road raising boys. Social commentator and author Celia Lashlie will share her no nonsense, humorous views on helping sons go from boys to men. Author of the best selling "*He'll be OK*" "*Growing gorgeous boys into good men*" Celia Lashlie speaks on Wednesday, 24th June at 7.30pm in the Waterloo School Hall, Hardy Street, Tickets are \$10.00 available from the Waterloo School office, Waterloo Bookshop or Mandy 566 1275, eel@xtra.co.nz

ADULT EDUCATION

**Adult Education Workshops Term 2
Nursing Your Child at Home
With Rachel Clarke and Sarah Therkluson
An opportunity to share and learn from others about
Anthroposophical First Aid and simple home remedies.**

**Tuesday 23rd June 2009 at 7.30 pm
Eurythmy Room
Cost: \$5.00 p.p
To enroll phone Sabine on: 565 1480**

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.

BABY GEAR NEEDED A newly arrived refugee couple from Eritrea is expecting their first baby. If you have any baby essentials which you no longer need they would be greatly appreciated. Pram, cot, mattress, blankets, car seat, clothes etc. contact Melanie/Julia.

KAYAKS We wish to borrow/hire 2 kayaks for a few months before considering buying. Please phone Catharina

WANTED URGENTLY Relieving assistants for the kindergarten. If you are interested we would like to have a chat with you. Please contact Julia, Margaret or Leonie at lunch or after 3pm 569 5161

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MIDWINTER GABRIEL FESTIVAL – THURSDAY 25th June 2009

Come and join us to follow the path of lanterns. Be warmed by a story, which will bring you into the mood of midwinter. Hear the bonfire crackle into life, see the whirling balls of the fire, dances, and sing along with the songs

We expect all students to come as the evening is considered a half day for the attendance records. The Festivities are an integral part of school activities and rate as the year's favourite for many.

Please wear warm waterproof clothing and ensure that children have a meal before the festival.

POSTPONEMENT

In case of wet or windy weather the festival will not be postponed but children will go straight to their classrooms for stories and soup.

CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

For those students who live too far from school to return home at 3:00pm, could arrangements please be made for them to go home with friends who live locally.

OVERVIEW OF THE EVENING

The following is an outline of what will happen:

- 4:50pm** Class 12 students meet in the Upper School Courtyard to light torches.
- 5.00pm sharp** All other students arrive at school
(Upper School students to their classrooms)
(Lower School students to their designated i.e. Class 6 & 7 their classrooms, Classes 1-5 by the Bus Garage to receive their lantern.
- 5:15pm** Spiral starts with Class 5 leading the spiral.
Parent reps to grottos on driveway
Classes 6 to 8 assemble on driveway with their lanterns.
Adults either to go to the top of driveway or zigzag to view the spiral or follow behind classes to the green.
- 5:20pm** Class 12 assemble at the bottom of the driveway
Bell goes
Class 12 surround the spiral and then lead the procession up the driveway, with other classes following.
- 5:30pm approx** Class 6 and 7 follow behind the spiralling classes.
(Parents please follow along behind Class 6 and 7)
- 5:40 pm** All assembled on court. Parents please stand behind your child's class.
- MC Welcomes
 - Conch call to class 12 fire lighters
 - Class 12 proceed from Petone West with flares to light the fire
 - Pause to watch the fire
 - Whole school singing "He te hotoke"
 - Whole community singing "Comes the cold"

- Lower school singing "Full flaming fire", Where is the sun in the cave of night".
- Maori blessing from Sean, Irene and Amanda
- Whole school singing "Fly fly fly"
- MC classes

AFTER THE FESTIVAL ENDS

Classes 1 to 7 return to their classrooms for story and supper
Upper School go to upper school building for story, soup and buns.

We ask all who join us on the night to be mindful of the fact that many students these days need 'quietness' in order to focus and fully receive the impressions from their surroundings. We are always pleased to see so many friends and family members attend the evening but please remember that this is a student-focused event.

We look forward to an enjoyable evening and a clear starry night.

PLEASE NO VIDEO CAMERAS, TORCHES OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY!

Ashley Gibbs for the Festival Group.

Comes the Cold



Handwritten musical score for the song "Comes the Cold". The score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in 3/4 time and G major. There are decorative scribbles on the left and right sides of the page.

come the colds gen-tle si-lent call win-ter is
 wa-king the earth in its thrall. Era-dle me, cold in your
 dee-pest night. Teach me to know the in-ner light.
 Arch-on-gel Ga-bri-el come to me now.
 Help me to see - this jour-ney through.