



Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

A very warm welcome back to Term 3. We hope you have had an enjoyable and rejuvenating break. The Term is looking to be very full and rich.

Community Meeting

Next week on **Wednesday 29, July**, we will hold our second Community Meeting at 7.00 pm in the Eurythmy room. The focus will be on clarifying structure, roles and relationships between the governance and management groups within the School. There will then be an opportunity for questions and discussion and the evening will close with supper. We warmly invite you all to attend this meeting.

Teacher Only Day

In **Week 4 on Monday 10, August**, the teachers will have a Teacher Only Day where they will work together on the curriculum. This will affect Kindergarten, Lower School and Upper School students. If your Lower School child/children are able to stay at home and you can make arrangements for them for the day, we would be grateful. We realize, however that this may not be convenient for you and so there will be a holding class offered for children who need it. Please

advise your child's Class Teacher if this is the case by **Wednesday 5, August**. We are grateful for your support in this matter.

National Standards

In Week 3, Thursday 6 and Friday 7, August there will be a 2 day working party meeting (with representatives from other Steiner schools) to further the National curriculum work. We want to clarify where Steiner schools will meet National Standards and how we can enable Ministry of Education and the Education Review Office to understand and work with us in these important areas.

School Concert

On Tuesday 18, August (Week 5) there will be a whole school concert at St James Church, 71 Woburn Road, Lower Hutt at 6.30pm. We have decided to hold the concert off site to enable the whole community to attend.

School concerts are always an important and special part of our school life. They allow us a taste of the work students have been busy with and celebrate our special character, beautifully.

Do mark this date in your diary.

Upper School

From 7- 11 September and 14 - 18 September Class 9 will be away on Farm Experience. They will present their experiences from their time away to parents, teachers, family and friends on Wednesday 23, September. Class 10 will undertake their Community Service from 7 - 11 September and 14 - 18 September. The Class and will share their experience on Thursday 24, September time to be confirmed. Class 12 is busy preparing for their Project Presentations this term and will present them on Saturday 19, September at the Little Theatre, Lower Hutt. Please mark your diary for this very important event.

Staffing

Over the holidays an appointment was made to the Class 3 Teaching Position. We are very pleased to welcome Jacinda Paice to Raphael House. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Trudi Orme, for all her hard work and involvement with the class since the beginning of the year.

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 Sweeney

JULY BOARD MEETING

The monthly Board meeting for July will be held in the Heidi Werth Room on 27 July starting at 7pm. Information scheduled to be discussed at the meeting will be available for viewing at the Lower Office on Thursday 23, July. Alternatively they can be requested by sending an email to: boardsecretary@raphaelhouse.school.nz

Glen McCauley

Chair

FUNDRAISING NEWS - FUNDING OUR FUTURE

AN UPDATE

The Fundraising Group, formed to help meet the Trust's fundraising needs, has been meeting to plan its strategy and activities. Key elements of the strategy are that the fundraising needs to be sustainable over the long term, and those funds should come from the wider (i.e. public) community. Many ideas have been put forward. If you would like to make a suggestion, please contact us at fundraising@raphaelhouse.school.nz.

GARAGE SALE & BOOK FAIR - SATURDAY 5 SEPT

To start the ball rolling, a garage sale for second-hand goods is planned for Saturday 5 September. As this is the first weekend of spring, perhaps we might make it a Spring Fair day too? Start looking out items you don't need that might be suitable. We will arrange a drop-off location close to the time, and transport can be arranged if required. Suggestions and volunteers to help appreciated. Contact Amanda O'Connor.

From time to time additional volunteers for various activities will be needed. Please contact either Chris Penman, or Catharina Fisher, or the team via the fundraising email address.

Chris Penman, on behalf of the Fundraising Group

REUNION 09 - PAST PUPILS & FAMILIES

To help celebrate 30 years of Raphaël House, a reunion of past pupils and their families is planned for the weekend 6 - 8 November 2009. This is also the Toy, Food & Craft festival weekend, planned to enable our 'older' community to come along and see a later generation Festival. A number of other social activities are planned for the weekend. We will need helpers at various stages of the planning and implementation, so please contact us if you can assist in any way.

Pass the Word!

We need to get word out to all past pupils and their families and invite them to come to the reunion. Please help us by contacting anyone you know who was at the School students, parents, teachers mention "Reunion 09". It would be great to get email and contact details for everyone, so that we can keep them up to date on the event. Please pass on to us any contact details you may have the reunion email address is below. We will have more information about the Reunion on the website soon.

Chris Penman, for the Reunion Team, reunion09@raphaelhouse.school.nz

UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE PTFA

Minutes of committee meetings and other information will be available in a folder in the Parent Library, located in Lower School Office, Parent Library.

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Thursday 30 July in the Heidi Werth Room. Observers from the community are welcome to attend. If you have any questions/comments or suggestions, please phone one of the committee or email ptfacommittee@gmail.com.

NAME		
Dawn	Bielak	
Monica	Brice	
Marie	Deery	
Catharina	Fisher	
Maarten	Quivooy	
Winston	Roberts	
Julian	Thomson	
Succino	Vermeltfoort	

Debi Lloyd has resigned and this leaves a vacancy on the committee.

WHAT'S GONE HOME

Email - Class 9 Parents Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

TERM 3 20 July - 25 September
 TERM 4 12 October - 16 December

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
27 July	BOT Meeting	
27 July	CI 5 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
29 July	Community Meeting	7.30pm
30 July	CI 11 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
3 August	CI 9 Sports Exchange Hastings	
4 August	CI 7 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
4 August	CI 12 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
6 - 7 August	CI 9 Sport Exchange with Taikura School	
7 August	Open Afternoon	1.30 - 3pm Eurythmy Room
10 August	Teacher Only Day	No School today
11 August	CI 2 Parent Evening	7.30pm
12 August	CI 3 Parent Evening	
12 August	CI 10 Parent Meeting	7.30
17 August	CI Rep Meeting	7.30pm Eurythmy Room
18 August	School Concert	6.30pm St James Church
19 August	Kindergarten Parent Meeting	7.30pm
20 August	CI 8 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
22 August	Upper School Ball	
24 August	BoT Meeting	7pm
25 August	CI 4 Parent Evening	7.30pm
26 August	CI 10 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
2 September	Taikura's Class 10 arrive - Welcome and dinner, Taikura Students billeted	
3-4 September	CI 10 Sports Exchange	
4 September	Class 3 Play	
7-11 September	CI 9 Farm Experience	
7-11 September	CI 10 on Community Service	

FROM THE OFFICE

Plastic Bags. We can help you with your recycling. The School uses plastic bags as bin liners as well as many other uses. Please drop off to the Lower Office.

We are currently updating the email list for School Parents and Caregivers. Some families have numerous emails address. If you have changed your email address in the last 12 months, please advise the Lower Office or email fiona.d@raphaelhouse.school.nz. Thank you.

SPORT

NETBALL - Saturday

TEAM	VS.	Venue	Time
U/S Raphael House 1	No game. Win by default		
U/S Raphael House 2	Chilton 13	Court 1	12pm
U/S RH Ravens	Draw not published at time of print		
L/S Raphael House 1	NIS 4	NW8	4pm

HOCKEY - Thursday

30 July	Vs Scots 2	Fraser	5pm
6 August	WHS Boys 1	NHS2	6pm
13 August	Aotea	Fraser	6pm
20 August	Wellington Boys 3	NHS1	5pm

FOOTBALL - Saturday

U/S Raphael House 1	Wellington College 4	Sladden	9am
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BASKETBALL- U/S: CHANGE OF DAY FOR THIS WEEK

U/S RH 1 - Thursday 30 July	St Bernards	St Bernards	4pm
L/S RH 1 -	The second season commences on the 19 th August		

LOWER SCHOOL BOY'S BASKETBALL

The Team finished 3 in their competition. Fantastic effort! Well done Isaac, Cohen, Sunny, Jacob, Louis, Tim W, Cassy and Tim M. Thanks to the fabulous coaching duo, Kolja and Paasca. Looking forward to another exciting competition in Term 3.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TE RŌPŪ TAUTOKO I TE KAUPAPA MĀORI

Te Wiki o Te reo Maori. Maori language week 27 July (Hongongoi) - 2 August (Here-turi-Koka). This is a special time of the year where we nationally celebrate the indigenous language of New Zealand.

The events planned at our kura/school include:

Kupu. You will notice signs, posters and Maori words being used and displayed around the School. Kupu coffee @ the Revolutionary Café Thursday (Rapare) 30 July (Hongongoi), where Maori words can be exchanged for a coffee. He whetū pihikete, a special star biscuit for children on Thursday 30 July at the start of the school day.

Waiata Mai Come sing in Te Reo Maori a most beautiful language to sing in
An evening for the whole whānau/ family to come and sing old and new Maori Waitata lead by Sean and Amanda O'Connor. 7pm Friday (Ramere) 31 July (Hongongoi) in the Upper School Music Room. Please bring a plate of kai/food to share for supper as a Koha.



LAUNCH OF PROJECT 1000

A project to provide housing for priests of The Christian Community in New Zealand. The Wellington launch will be on Sat 1st Aug, 3 - 5pm in the Eurythmy Room, Raphael House.

View and choose an original artwork by a talented artist as thanks for donations or interest free loans of \$1000 towards permanent accommodation for priests. Come and help us celebrate the launch of this worthy project with afternoon tea and live music.

You can also find details on our web site (www.thechristiancommunity.net). This is a wonderful opportunity to support the long-term future of The Christian Community in New Zealand. Contact Christine to offer your support.

PARENT CRAFT GROUP

Felting Workshop

Welcome everyone. Crafters, teachers, friends, parents, experienced felters would be wonderful, beginners will be shown how.

The aim is to make felt for the craft group. All materials and equipment provided. **When: Saturday 8 August. Time: 1pm - 5pm. Where: Upper School Craft Room.** (Up the hill on the right, past the Woodwork and Metal Work rooms, in the same building as Class 8). This is a great way to share knowledge, learn new skills and contribute to the School Craft Group in a way that is very much appreciated. Your felt will end up being made into dolls and toys, and displayed and sold at the next Festival. Contact: Jennifer Holdaway or jenh@paradise.net.nz

WALNUT SHELLS WANTED

Please leave walnut shell donations in the Lower School Office marked for the Craft Group. Many thanks.

HELP WANTED

Would you like to make a craft or two for the Parent Craft Room?
Have you thought about making something in wood or clay?
Has anyone got access to a pottery kiln for bisque firing?
We are short of doll makers. Can anyone help?

Call Jennifer for ideas on above contacts.

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.

TERM 3 NIGHT CLASSES HOMOEOPATHY FOR THE HOME PRESCRIBER

**When: Starting - 4 August Tuesday nights for 5 weeks from 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Cost \$60.00**

Where: 151 High Street Homoeopathy Clinic (old Post Office building)

Designed for those who want to help themselves and their families. Beginner's intro on what it is, how it works, how to use it, how to choose the Remedy, when to see the Dr, etc. Looking at common acutes like ears, coughs, throats, croup, nits, worms, flu's & childhood diseases, chickpox, mumps, measles & vaccination issues, accidents, 1st Aid, stings, fingers in doors, puncture wounds, bites, bleeding, shock etc. Free sample Rx's each week, to start your own kit. Numbers are limited so there's plenty of time for individual questions. Call Kym Kiddie, (Dip Hom) to register your interest.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 bedrooms, single garage, close to School. \$395.00 per week.

MOVING HOUSE: Can't take it all. Trampoline, Washing machine, possibly guinea pig and cage, extra guinea cage, Mountain Bike, suit 8-12 year old, various furniture, desk, small book shelves, drawers, bed, couch etc

PARENTING COURSES AT PLUM GARDEN ARE NOW STARTING! There will be 2 courses: 'Tummies to Toddlers' and 'Toddlers to Teens'. Please go to the Plum website and follow the links to 'Parenting Courses'. Plum Parent Support & Plum Garden Playgroup, Email: parenting@orcon.net.nz
<http://www.PlumParentSupport.com>

TWO MALE GUINEA PIGS aged two years free to a good home. Come with cage (Plastic tray style).

VERY FRIENDLY BLACK CAT NEEDS A GOOD HOME Turned up on our property 6 months ago and stayed but already have too many cats to keep it. Have tried to find its owners but no luck. Tolerates our dogs but may suit being the only cat

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RAPHAEL HOUSE SCHOOL: TERM 3 ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2009

<p>The Role of Woodwork in Steiner Education</p> <p>Presenter: Sean O'Connor Raphael House Woodwork teacher</p> <p>Date: Saturday 25th July</p> <p>1.00 - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Venue: Woodwork Room</p> <p>This is a hands-on workshop for parents to learn about the role woodworking plays in the Rudolf Steiner Curriculum. It is intended that parents will create a simple piece of woodwork to take home.</p> <p>Phone: Sabine 565 1480 to enrol</p> <p>Cost: \$10.00</p>	<p>Myrdinn, a Sailing Voyage from Europe to New Zealand</p> <p>Presenter: Magrita Freie</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 28th July</p> <p>7.30 pm</p> <p>Venue: Eurythmy Room</p> <p>This is the story how the Fuhrhop family travelled two and a half years by yacht from Europe to New Zealand. A talk and slideshow of the places they visited and how it changed their lives. Their children are now attending Raphael House School and were home schooled during the journey.</p> <p>No enrolment necessary</p> <p>Cost: Koha at the door</p>	<p>Meeting the Adolescent with the Waldorf Curriculum</p> <p>Three Sessions</p> <p>Presenter: Julian Thomson & Upper School Teachers</p> <p>Session 1: The Birth of Adulthood Classes 8 - 10</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 5th August</p> <p>Venue: Eurythmy Room 7.30 pm</p> <p>Session 2: The Struggle for Individuality in a big Interconnected World Classes 11 - 12</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 19th August</p> <p>Session 3: Fostering Self-Realisation Key Educational Challenges of Today</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 2nd September</p> <p>No enrolment necessary</p> <p>Free Parent Curriculum Initiative</p>	<p>Spatial Dynamics Course / Bothmer Gym</p> <p>Presenter: Paul Maunsell</p> <p>Dates: Thursday 6th August - Thursday 24th September</p> <p>7.30 - 8.30 pm</p> <p>Venue: Gym</p> <p>8 sessions to introduce the basic principle of Bothmer, the physical education Graf Bothmer developed with the help of Rudolf Steiner. Steiner indicated the children need both Eurythmy and Bothmer This workshop will introduce the various exercises from class 4 onwards. Participants need to attend all sessions and wear loose clothing. Minimum 8 participants.</p> <p>Phone: Sabine 565 1480 to enrol</p> <p>Cost: \$40</p>
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