



Raphaël House, Rudolf Steiner School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Our Class 12 students are presenting "You always hurt the one you Love", Tickets have sold out for the Saturday performance, and there are still tickets available from the Lower Office for Wednesday's 1st July performance.

From the College of Teachers: National Standards

We hope you all received our letter on the National Standards, and have had time to read about them. It is really important that our Community understands that examining data and results in Steiner Schools must be done in the context of the whole school picture. For example, we will be disadvantaged if we are compared at Class One level with state schools without the fuller picture of what occurs later. New Zealand's integrated Steiner schools have formed a group who are in regular discussions and are creating a national statement about our curriculum. We will now extend this to include national standards. Prior to the announcement by the Ministry we had already launched a group that is working together towards creating documents that will describe what we do. This can then be used by schools when working with the Ministry and ERO.

There is a great deal of exciting work going on in our different schools. Being able to share and work together is very positive. We are planning curriculum meetings to work through the progressions and standards so that we are clear as a movement about where it fits our Steiner pedagogy and curriculum.

There are a number of options available to you and we encourage you to use as many as possible:

1. Fill in the form for parent feedback on reporting

Copies of the forms were emailed to you. Paper copies are available from School. If you would like a paper copy please phone or email the Lower Office and we will send one home with your child or you may collect one from School OR you can fill the form on line at <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Consultation/NationalStandards/ConsultationPackParent.aspx>

Completed forms should be returned by 3 July 2009 to:
Freepost 203 656, National Standards, Ministry of Education, PO Box 1666, Wellington.

2. Write letters to the College of Teachers

We welcome letters from our community confirming you wish to ensure your child receives the education you have chosen. Please send any letters to the College of Teachers by 1 July. We will include these in our submission.

3. Write to your local MP and/or to our School's MP. Our local MP is very interested in our school and we are sure he would appreciate hearing your views. Peter Dunne unitedfuture@parliament.govt.nz

To assist you fill in the forms we have put in place the following:

An opportunity over coffee to talk about the Standards and to work through the response submission. This will be on Monday 29 June, 9 - 10 am, in the Heide Werth Room. E Mail feedback, contact us by email info@raphaelhouse.school.nz should you wish to have email or telephone support to fill in your forms.

We encourage you to add your support by responding. Time is of the essence as 3 July is the closing date for consultation. We are available to talk to you outside the times published above, should these not suit you. Please contact the Office.

Flu Virus

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.

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

If your child has flu-like symptoms and feeling unwell 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 diarrhoea and vomiting.

Visiting Students

We have two visiting students in School this week from Taruna College. Pauline Vullings in Class 4 and Mischa Orbons with Heather Grouden in the Upper School. 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. We wish Pauline and Mischa an enjoyable time at Raphael House.

Community Meeting Notice

We would like to invite you to the next Community Meeting which will be held Wednesday 29th July. Please mark this date in your diary.

Have an enjoyable weekend

Karen Brice-Geard

School Coordinator

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

UPDATE FROM PEG

A Fundraising sub-committee has recently been reconvened. Working with a mandate from the Proprietor's Executive Group (PEG) (the Trust's management committee), its key tasks will be to support the building programme and to co-ordinate fundraising efforts school-wide. A strategic plan for fundraising is being developed and a number of projects are being explored. This plan will be aligned with a building development strategic plan.

One of the Sub-committee's long-term aims is to establish fundraising on a sustainable basis, as far as parent energy is concerned, and with as wide a

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support base as possible. Another is to extend our efforts into seeking funds from the wider community.

If you have time and energy, or ideas to share we'd really like to hear from you! You are welcome to join us. Please contact Chris Penman 5664 977 fundraising@raphaelhouse.school.nz

Alan Chapman,
Chair

MEMBERS OF THE RAPHAEL HOUSE PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The PTFA Committee had its first meeting last Thursday evening; this was an 'introductory' meeting to size up the task ahead, following the official launch of the PTFA. Winston Roberts was appointed Chair, and Dawn Bielak was appointed Secretary. The offices of Vice-chair and Treasurer will be decided at the next Committee meeting. Other members of the Committee will be allocated 'portfolios': one of these will be Communication; the others will be decided later.

The Committee will now take action to have the PTFA listed with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and the Charities Commission. It will also write to the Cot regarding the nomination of a teacher representative to the Committee. It has been agreed that the Committee will meet once a week for the first month, to take a number of decisions on administrative matters. Thereafter, it will meet monthly. The Committee is also determined to communicate regularly with you, the members, through the BT or in other appropriate ways. We aim to make communication short and to the point, but frequent. Equally, the Committee will be happy to receive communications from the membership: email would be a good way to do this. If you have comments or questions for the Committee, please contact the Secretary, Dawn Bielak on dawn.bielak@xtra.co.nz. As soon as we have clarified the full list of Committee members and their responsibilities, we will publish their names and contact details in another message in the Bush Telegraph.

Kind regards,

Winston Roberts
Chair of the committee

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FROM THE OFFICE

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

LAST ORDERS for 2009

The ENTERTAINMENT™ BOOKS are back and 14 have sold! We have received a few more books. Your purchase of an ENTERTAINMENT™ BOOK contributes to the School's fundraising. The School earns 20% (\$11.00) from each sale. Orders are being taken in the Lower Office or contact: Alan Chapman 569 5161 email: alan.c.@raphaelhouse.school.net.nz

TE RŌPŪ TAUTOKO I TE KAUPAPA MĀORI

Tenā koutou

We are now a strong, committed group of around 15 people from our School community. We meet monthly to share thoughts, discuss ideas and foster our own learning in kaupapa Māori. Currently we are working on our group's vision.

We welcome your ideas and questions during this process; you are invited to join our journey! Our next Hui will be on Wednesday, 22nd July, 7 - 9 pm, in the Heide Werth Room.

He waka eke noa A canoe on which everyone may embark

You can contact us via the following group members:

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

Kerstin Wagner: khs@orcon.net.nz

Debi Lloyd: debi@esse.co.nz

Nāku noa

SPORT

NETBALL- SATURDAY WEEK 9

TEAM	VS.		
U/S Raphael House 1	Upper Hutt 8	Court 3	11.00am
U/S Raphael House 2	Sacred Heart 14	Court 1	12pm
U/S RH Ravens	Draw not available at time of print		

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L/S Raphael House 1	Hutt L	NW2	9.00am
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FOOTBALL- SATURDAY

U/S Raphael House 1	HVHS 2	HVHS 1	9.00am
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BASKETBALL- U/S: TUESDAY

L/S: WEDNESDAY

U/S RH 1 - Tue 30 th June	Wgtn High	Wgtn High	4.30pm
L/S RH 1 - Wed 1 st July	Finals. Draw to be advised		

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CLASS 10 PLAY

Class 10 will soon be performing their play 'Dream On' written by Sarah Delahunty. 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 are available from the Lower Office. \$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.

TRIP TO JAPAN

Invitation to attend a presentation on my recent trip to Japan. My name is Simon Atkinson, I am a past pupil of Raphael House and wish to give a talk to interested parents and pupils about my recent trip. The venue is the Heide Werth Room on 13th July, two presentations, 1.00 pm-3.00 pm and 7.00pm-9.00 pm. I look forward to meeting you for an enjoyable evening.

PARENT LIBRARY

Did you enjoy the nurse's talks? We have got several practical books on the subject in the Parent Library, like "Caring for the Sick at Home", "Home Remedies, and "A Guide to Child Health". Maybe a good idea with all the nasty

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bugs going around? Or if you want some more background information, we can recommend "Blessed by illness" by L.F.C. Mees, M.D.

TOY, CRAFT AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Hoarders of rolls for **CLASS 4 CRACKERS**. Official collection spot is the Lower Office. There is a box in the corner. Thanks to you all. Eileen Watson.

ADULT EDUCATION

THERAPEUTIC INITIATIVE

As some of you may already know, several therapists are now working out of the rooms of the Anthroposophical Society at 37 Pretoria Street/19 Bristol Square, Lower Hutt. Curative Eurythmy, Anthroposophical nursing and Extra Lesson are currently offered there. In support of this therapeutic initiative Dr. David Ritchie offers to give a talk to the community.

You are all warmly invited to join us tonight:

The Therapeutic Initiative Group
warmly invites you to a presentation by

Dr. David Ritchie

"The Oversensitive child"

Friday 26th June, 7.30 pm

Eurythmy room Raphaël House Rudolf Steiner School
27 Matuhi Street, \$5.00 at the door

Dr. David Ritchie has worked with children for years and his experience has given him a very deep understanding of the child that struggles to cope in this modern world. He is based at the Helios Therapeutic Centre in Christchurch and travels the world, giving presentations, visiting schools and clinics.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Wellington 3-5 July. Priest: Kevin Coffey (09) 816 9273; 021 0241 6614
Children's session Friday 3rd at 3:15pm (at Leonie's Kindergarten)
Creativity with Paint: A wonderful painting opportunity for people with all levels of experience and especially good for absolute beginners! Facilitated by Catherine Hayes, an experienced art tutor with The Learning Connexion. Time 2pm to 5pm at Tessa Hope-Williams kindergarten 13 Laery St, Alicetown. Cost \$5.00 for materials and a donation of \$15.00-\$25.00 to the Christian

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Saturday evening public talk: "Personal Transformation & John the Baptist".
13 Leary St, 7:30pm (after the shared meal). Full details on the website
www.thechristiancommunity.net

WHAT'S ON

SUZUKI VIOLIN CONCERT TONIGHT 5PM

**TONIGHT: FRIDAY 26th June, 5pm - 5.30pm at Avalon Baptist Church,
Corner Lincoln and High Streets, by Park Ave.**

A great opportunity to share quality music with your children, by children, for **FREE!** Bring your children along to hear Hutt Valley Suzuki violinists playing their short, informal mid-year concert performance. Come and support these talented young primary and secondary aged musicians, including many from our own School

Prepare to be inspired.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY IDEA

Come and hear young talent at the Hutt Valley Performing Arts Competitions. Children up to 16 years old performing in instrumental, singing, speech, and dance (modern, ballet and tap). Several students from Raphael House will be performing. You are warmly invited to come to hear and support them.

Held in the Little Theatre, beside the Lower Hutt Library, every day and evening from Sat 4th July to the final Demonstration Concert on Thurs 16th at 6.30pm. Admission per session (commencing at 9am, 1.30pm, 6.30) 12 years and under 50c (no kidding!), intermediate age and Snr citizens \$1.50, Adults \$3.00.

A season pass is usually offered and cheaper, and allows entry to all sessions. There are always spare seats so you can turn up any time and be seated in-between performances. For more details on the schedule of classes, contact Victoria Mitchell, on mitch2@xtra.co.nz or 589 1160.

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MESSAGES FROM PLUM GARDEN

Holiday Program. Steiner Playgroup mornings will be offered in the holidays on July 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 15th and 16th, 9.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. The sessions are for birth to 3-year olds, but in the holidays older siblings are allowed to come if they can play at a gentle level for the little ones. All children must attend with a parent/ caregiver. \$15 per child, \$5 per extra child in a family. Bookings essential.

Birthday Parties. Plum garden now offers gentle, dreamy, pre-school birthday parties. The party would be run like a playgroup session with buns and fruit provided as well as a small gift for each of the children, games, songs and a puppet story. The parents supply the cake and any other foods or gifts they would want. Cost: \$150.00.

Flat mates: As my youngest son and our boarder are leaving the nest it is time to find people to share this house and garden with me. Looking for 2 singles (1 room each) or a couple or single professional who would like both a bedroom and a study. Any age considered. Need to be fun and laid back as well as tidy and responsible. \$150 per person plus utilities. The house is private and separate from the playgroup and counseling activities, and the garden can be enjoyed at non-session times. Will be planting an organic garden in the spring. Plum garden is a Parenting Centre located at 169 Ohiro Rd, Brooklyn, Wellington. Tel. 972 4256 or email: parenting@arcon.net.nz. Website: www.plumparentsupport.com. Mary Willow.

OPPORTUNITY

For 5 - 18 year olds to enter 5 Minutes of Fame at Westfield these July School Holidays. Looking for children & youths who would love to experience the thrill of performing in front of a live audience. It's a chance to win a share of thousands of dollars of Westfield gift vouchers, plus a Scholastic pack of library books and resources for our school. Plus! The ultimate winner will also win a Westfield Style Pasifika prize pack, including a mentoring programme with a well known artist, \$1,000 cash and the opportunity to join the performance crew at Westfield Style Pasifika 2009. Pick up an entry form at your local Westfield's Customer Service. Entries close Friday, 3 July 2009.

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THE SWISH DISH

295 Jackson Street, Petone, 04 939 1979

Term 2 2009 Holiday Programme. 1st week Monday 6 July - Friday 10 July
2nd Week Mon 13th July - Friday 17 July. Discounted items for the morning sessions which are between 9.30am and mid-day. Bookings are essential. Parents need to accompany children under 7 yrs. We have a new email address. theswishdish@gmail.com check out our website: www.theswishdish.co.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RIVERSLEA RETREAT

733 Otaki Gorge Rd, Otaki. Ph 06 364 3388 or visit www.riverslearetreat.co.nz

24 - 28 June 2009

4 Day - Zen Meditation Retreat led by Phil Shinko Squire. Sesshin is an integral part of Zen Buddhist training and includes sitting and walking meditation, dharma talks, interviews with the teacher, chanting, work practice and rest periods. The Sesshin is suitable for beginning and experienced Zen students and full instruction will be given. Cost: \$60/night includes meals and accommodation. Contact: Phil 021 215 5565 or shinko@clear.net.nz

17 - 19 July 2009

Enlightened Women's Retreat. A Retreat for Women. A weekend designed to relax and re-focus. You will have time to yourself, Get back in touch with what's really important to you, be taken care of with massage and delicious food, Have clear space to explore your values and revisit your passions, Enjoy guided meditations, create an inspiring future, and Meet like-minded women. Contact: Veronique 06 364 0695 or veronique@theclearing.co.nz or visit www.theclearing.co.nz

13 - 17 August 2009

The Gift - A Woman's Rite to Herself. 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. For details contact: Sheena on 04 297 0770 sheena.broom@gmail.com visit www.shematrix.com.

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WELLINGTON SCHOOL OF CRICKET HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Hey kids the Wellington School of Cricket are running their mid winter School Holiday programme and they want you to be involved. For more information or to register for this fantastic programme please visit www.cricketwellington.co.nz/content/school-of-cricket/holiday-programmes.aspx
Tissera 021 894 338

THE GATE KEEPER

As a new parent to the School
I came each morning the routine the same
Walking, running often late,
Hastening towards the gate, and

Standing there the gate-keeper

Unassuming, observing, still
Watching all ascend the hill
Givers a nod, a gentle smile
As hurriedly we passed him by

Standing there the gate-keeper

The next day he was there again
And the next, the next the same,
In fact through the seasons and all weather
He seems to gather us together

Standing there the gate-keeper

I do not know your name or why
You stand there greeting passers by
But somehow being met each day
Invites us, that's all I want to say

So thanking you from me and mine for
Standing there the gate-keeper

Jayne Kirby. An appreciative parent

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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 are 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 562 8382 or drop into Kindergarten.

FOR SALE - HIGH QUALITY COLOUR PENCILS Great selection of Colour Pencils (Lyrå) to choose from and Pencil Sharpeners. Contact Hetty 5663266 or visit 134 Tirohanga Road, Lower Hutt. Block or Stick Crayons, 8 colours in a tin or individually (Stockmar) and Paints and Beeswax for modelling or candle decoration.

HOLIDAY HOME available for the school holidays at Te Horo Beach on the Kapiti Coast. Discount for school families. Email cpenman@clear.net.nz for photos and description or visit www.bookabach.co.nz/Te_Horo_beachhouse. Chris Penman Ph 566 4977

MASSAGE ACUPRESSURE THERAPY Home treatments available. Arthritis, Sports Injuries, Lower Back pain, Digestive disorders, Migraines and Headaches, Neck and Shoulder Tension. Paul is on his 5th year working at 37 Pretoria Street, and has special offers for follow-up treatments half price?
Telephone Paul Maunsell on 565 3331

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