

Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School

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27 November, 2009

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Class 9 is away on their "Take it to the Limit Camp" this week in the sunny Hawkes Bay, we wish them an enjoyable time. Class 11 is away on "Work Experience" for the next two weeks.

Class 8 is getting ready for their "Threshold Camp" coming up in Week 9. They have been doing some practice tramps in preparation for their time away.

We would like to remind all visitors and families that you are required to "Sign In" at the Lower School Office, if you wish to come on the School site. There is a sign by the Lower School Office which clearly states this. We ask that everyone please take the time to "Sign in", this includes visitors driving up the hill.

There is a Class Representative Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1 December at 7.00 pm in the Eurythmy Room. We would like the Class Representatives for 2009 as well as the Class Reps for 2010 to be able to attend this meeting.

Lost Property: Please ask your children to check the Lost property, it is mounting up, all unclaimed items will be given to a charity. All lost property can be collected from the Lower School Office.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Karen Brice-Geard

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

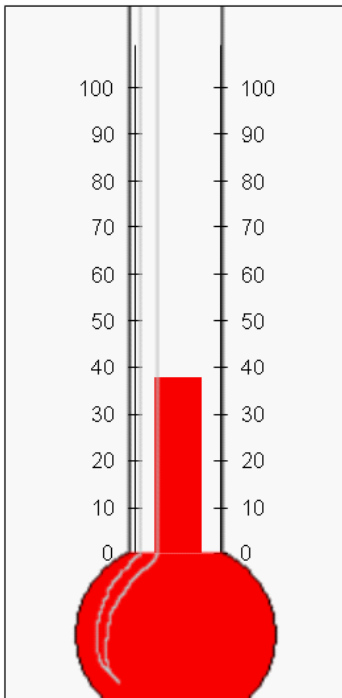
UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thank you to the PTFA for organizing a successful Quiz Night. All who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Denny McArthur put together some very challenging questions and was an excellent and entertaining Quiz Master. I was impressed by the depth of knowledge displayed by everyone who attended. One participant was especially impressive when she stood up to recite the first 20 elements of the periodic table, in order, off the top of her head to win a spot prize!! Thanks also go to the many sponsors who provided the excellent spot prizes and gifts for the raffle to support the Upper School trip to Japan next year.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday 30 November, 7pm, in the Heide Werth Room. All community members are welcome, but seating is limited. Please refer to the agenda, which will be available on the Thursday prior to the meeting for confirmation of Agenda items. The agenda is available for viewing at the Lower Office or can be obtained via email from the Board Secretary at: boardsecretary@raphaelhouse.school.nz. In future, the agenda and public papers for Board meetings will be available for download from the School website. This page will require you to login for access.

Glen McCauley
Chair, Board of Trustees

SCC FORMS



A good week for returns from many. Thanks!! The returns are climbing, with 95 families having responded, as the attached barometer indicates. We had asked that these forms be returned by Monday 16 November.

The ability of the School to effectively plan for next year is dependent on our knowing peoples' donation intentions. Without this information we are unable to provide the community with certainty about next year, which is what we understood was being requested.

If you need another form please contact me, at:
alan.c@raphaelhouse.school.nz

Alan Chapman
Resource Manager

FROM THE OFFICE

VERY IMPORTANT LIBRARY NOTICE

All books from the School Library, Parent Library and the Teachers' Library **MUST** be returned *immediately* for the annual stock take. Please check with your child, help them to remember to return their books and respond straight away, if I email or phone you about outstanding books. Thank you for your help.

Lyn Vigrass
Librarian

CONGRATULATIONS

Esme Winter won the Spring Raffle at the Toy Craft and Food Festival.
Congratulations Esme!

CLASS 12 PLAY 2009

FAUST

▪ by Goethe

Directed by Sarah Delahunty

Goethe's *Faust Part One* was completed in 1806 after thirty years of gestation. During this period, dramatic social and political changes took place in Europe, which contributed to a major shift in the contemporary European world-view. This had a profound effect on aesthetic views, with many intellectual currents at work in Germany and Europe overlapping, informing and contradicting each other. These included the Enlightenment, Classicism, Christianity, German cultural nationalism, the Sturm und Drang movement and Romanticism. Although Goethe's *Faust* evades definition in relation to any one of these intellectual currents, each of them can be detected to some extent in his characterization of Faust.

Sarah Delahunty has edited *Faust Part One* and included some extracts from Part Two for this year's Class 12 play. She has reinterpreted the play, which has been produced and directed in countless forms and styles over the past two hundred years, as a Victorian melodrama and the play is presented in episodic form with musical accompaniment. The play begins with a prologue in Heaven, where God challenges Mephistopheles, the Devil, that he cannot lead astray God's favourite striving scholar, Dr. Faust. We then see Faust in his study, attempting and failing to gain knowledge of nature and the universe by magic means. Mephistopheles offers Faust a contract: he will do Faust's bidding on earth, and Faust will do the same for him in hell if, as Faust adds in an important side clause, Mephistopheles can get him to be satisfied and to want a moment to last forever. One of the main themes in the play is that human beings can never attain a full understanding of the mysteries of God and the universe, but our striving for

understanding will take us towards the spiritual ideal of the infinite within the finite. This embodies the concept of Romantic Irony, a notion characteristic of Goethe's age. We invite you to enjoy the magical and mystical aspects of the play as much as the bawdy humour and musical accompaniment. The play is suitable for Class 6 and up and tickets are available from the Lower School Office. We look forward to seeing you next week.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 8	30 Nov BOT Meeting 7pm	1 Dec C4 Camp Class Rep Meeting 7pm Eury Room	2 Dec C3 Camp	3 Dec Cl 12 Play, 7.30 Petone West PTFA Meeting HWR	4 Dec Cl 12 Play, 7.30 Petone West	5 Dec Cl 12 Play, 7.30pm, Petone West Cl 8 Threshold Camp
Wk 9	7 Dec Cl 10 Surveying Camp Shepherds Play	8 Dec Cl 12 Exhibition	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec
Wk 10	14 Dec Kings Pageant Eury Rm 7.30pm	15 Dec Cl 12 Reflections Evening 7.45pm Carol Singing (tbc) 7.45pm End of Year for Kindy. Summer Picnic 10-12 noon	16 Dec Term 4 Ends 12.30pm Cl 12 - 3pm	17 Dec	18 Dec	19 Dec

TERM DATES 2010

TERM 1: Tuesday 2 February - Thursday 1 April

Holidays: Good Friday 2 April
Easter Monday & Tuesday 5 & 6 April,

Festivals: Easter Festival Thursday 1 April for classes 1-12
Easter Festival Thursday 1 April for Kindergarten
School finishes at 12.30 pm

PTFA COMMITTEE

We would like to thank those who kindly donated the many prizes which helped make our Quiz Night such a success namely:

The Interislander, Swim City, Succino Vermeltfoort, Neville and Junko Chun, Spectrum Education, Elwin Burger, Lighthouse Petone, Janet Thompson, Weleda, Margot McDonald, Whitcoulls, Caltex, Catharina Fisher, Monica Brice, Angus Inn, Beaurepaires, Little India, Fisherman's Table Oriental Bay, The Toy Store, Hare Krishna Higher Taste, Tony's Tyre Service.

Please support these businesses and individuals when possible.

The PTFA is a group of community elected parents who are in the process of establishing ways to build and foster positive relationships between the School and community, the community and the PTFA and the PTFA and the School.

We are working on several different challenges at the moment one of them being gathering the parent community's ideas, gifts and enthusiasm to introduce new initiatives for building relationships with each other. We have had some verbal ideas and a few letters and would like to ask anyone who has any more to come forward either by sending an email to us at: ptfacommittee@gmail.com or ring one of us (our numbers are available in the Parent Hand-book and on the School website) or speak to any one of us in person. A large part of any new initiative is grinding out the how, where and who. This takes time and foresight, so we ask that all your wonderful ideas are backed up with your 'on hand' support in getting them off the ground.

The PTFA looks forward to building a strong bridge which link the whole School and whole School community together. We ask that all appreciate that there are many steps needed for such a venture. Each of us is responsible for taking positive steps forward in ensuring a strong and lasting structure.

A wonderful evening was had by all that came to the Quiz Night last Saturday. There were many wonderful prizes, lots of laughs and a constant supply of nibbles which were greatly appreciated. A heartfelt thank you to the Upper School students who spent time preparing and organised this. The PTFA will look at holding fund raising and social events next year and hope that there will be lots of supporters and on-hand helpers to keep these events ongoing. Anyone with a flare for creating engaging, inspirational and fun social fund raisers please feel free to contact us, we would love to hear from you.

From Monica
on behalf of the PTFA

INVITATION FROM THE THERAPEUTIC INITIATIVE GROUP!

This Friday, Dr David Ritchie will be here again to give a talk. This time it is not at the School, but in the Red Cross Rooms at 31 Pretoria Street. Hope to see you all there!

The Therapeutic Initiative Group invites you to a presentation by

Dr. David Ritchie

Friday 27 November
7.30pm

New Zealand Red Cross
31 Pretoria Street
(also access via Bristol Square)
\$5 at the door

Why is the emotional life of our child important for learning? What can we do to help?

Dr. David Ritchie is a GP at the Helios Therapeutic Centre in Christchurch, where he works with children with learning and behavioural difficulties. He travels the world to lecture and consult with parents and teachers on how to help the children of today that are struggling.

Dear parents and caregivers,

Preparations are underway this week for our "Angels in the Garden Festival" which will happen next Monday 30 November for Classes 1 - 6. This signals the beginning of our special Advent season. The Festival Group would like to invite all students from Class 1 - 4 to bring a flower to School on Monday, which they will gift to the garden during the Festival.

Warmest greetings and Advent light

The Festival Group

WHAT'S ON

KAPITI FOOD FAIR

Supported by Whitireia Community Polytechnic

Saturday 5 December 2009

10am-3pm

Kapiti Whitireia

Lindale Entrance, Main Road North, Paraparaumu

www.kapitifoodfair.net. Food and beverage stalls, cooking demonstrations. Food sampling, Beer and wine appreciation, Live entertainment, Fabulous Feast (a charity lunch). Entry: A non-perishable food item for Kapiti Food Bank. FTPOS for cash out is available!. Stall booking for Kapiti Food Fair: 04 902 3883 or 021 38 2888 (Tony Gan).

Tickets for the BeerBoys beer and wine tasting workshops: www.beerboys.biz

CALLING ALL FOODIES AND ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN NUTRITION

The effects of food on consciousness, biodynamic agriculture and more.....Register now for an inspiring full day workshop with Wendy Cook (UK Author of 'Food wise' and 'Biodynamic Food and Cookbook'), to be held at Te Ra School on Saturday 20 February 2010. Cost \$75.00 (Limited to 15 participants) Email Debbie ter Borg (debyterborg@hotmail.com) or Fiona Walker (fiwalker2009@hotmail.com) for registration form and further details.

Also with Wendy Cook, an evening lecture 'The Evolution of Food and Human Consciousness', Friday 19 February at Te Ra School, \$15.00 waged, \$10.00 unwaged. Look out for publicity in the new year! Both events are generously supported financially by Prometheus Foundation, Kete Ora Trust and Commonsense Organics.

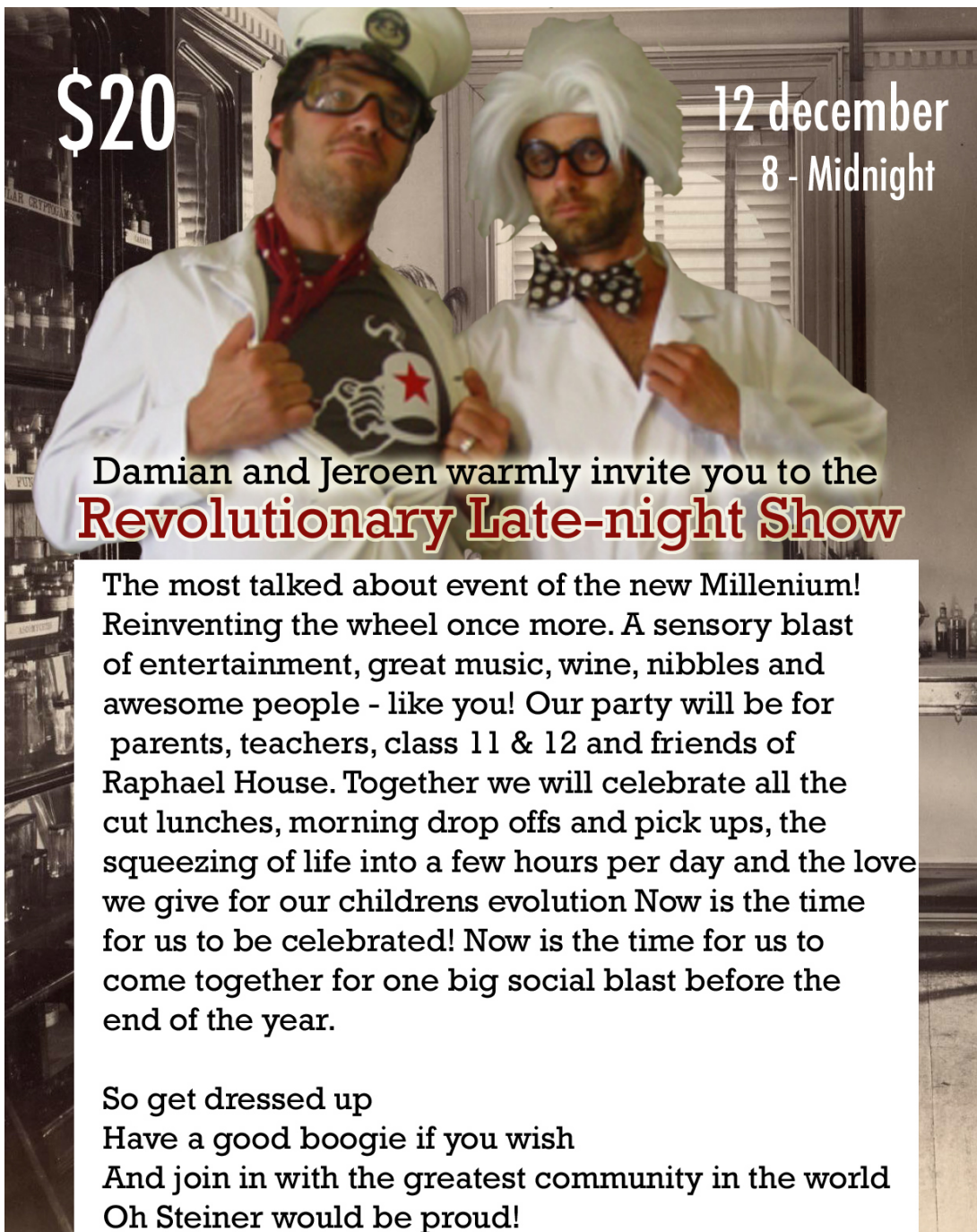
FRESH ORGANIC FOOD

Are you interested in fresh ecologically grown food, direct from the grower at reasonable cost with no "middlemen" reaping the profits. The Simply Good Food CSA is a fledgling co-operative between consumers and growers, which needs support to flourish.

We invite you to come along and find out more at 7pm Wednesday 2 December in the Heide Werth Room, Raphaël House, Rudolph Steiner School, 27 Matuhi St, Tirohanga. If you have any questions contact Andrew or Catharina on 589 0556

'LIGHTS UP' IN THE LOWER HUTT CBD ON THURSDAY NIGHT

Shops entered in our lights competition will all turn their Christmas lights on at 7pm. Afterwards there will be carol singing with the Hutt Valley Titans Brass Band and the Kotuku Choir in Andrews Avenue. Come along and sing some carols with us! Saturday 28 November is Santa's Cavalcade. There is no parade this year but we do have Santa (and Ronald McDonald) in a cavalcade of cars including a Vintage Fire Engine, Hot Rods, V8s, Jaguars and more. Santa's helpers will be passing out lollies. The cars will leave the riverbank at 1.30 pm and travel down High Street, into Waterloo Road, up Queens Drive, Laings Road and back into High. Santa will be dropped at Paper Plus then walk back towards Centre City Plaza where he will be judging a best child in Christmas costume competition, taking Christmas wishes and opening Grotto.



\$20

**12 december
8 - Midnight**

**Damian and Jeroen warmly invite you to the
Revolutionary Late-night Show**

The most talked about event of the new Millenium! Reinventing the wheel once more. A sensory blast of entertainment, great music, wine, nibbles and awesome people - like you! Our party will be for parents, teachers, class 11 & 12 and friends of Raphael House. Together we will celebrate all the cut lunches, morning drop offs and pick ups, the squeezing of life into a few hours per day and the love we give for our childrens evolution Now is the time for us to be celebrated! Now is the time for us to come together for one big social blast before the end of the year.

So get dressed up
Have a good boogie if you wish
And join in with the greatest community in the world
Oh Steiner would be proud!

GREEK OLYMPICS

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DAY 2: On Tuesday we were divided into city states. I was in Khalkis and my mum was my group leader. Later we started practicing.

DAY 3: On Wednesday we were practicing again. Later we had a meeting with our group. We decided that I did style running and the others all did other things.

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DAY 5: On Friday we didn't do much except for driving back and stopping on a playground for lunch. When we arrived at school, everyone was tired.

By Lucy

GREEK OLYMPIC CAMP

It was a long drive, but it was worth it. Tuesday we went to Mata Peak and practised for the Olympics. Wednesday we went to the Aquarium of NZ we also went to the beach. Then we practised for the Olympics. Thursday we did the Greek Olympics I did Style Running.

Friday we drove home, it took for ever. This camp was all right, but the nights were sooo cold.

By Laura

OLYMPIC CAMP - CLASS 5

On Thursday after breakfast at 9.00am we did the Olympics. First was discus, a boy from my team of Sparta won it. Next was Javelin, I didn't do very well, my Javelin landed on its side. Then was style running. After that we had a half an hour lunch break. Then we carried on, next was long jump, then wrestling and last of all marathon. After that we had lunch, and then we had a rest until dinner. We went to this concert that all the different Schools presented something. I liked the tongue twister that the Dunedin School did.

It was Fun

Sarah

GET READY - SET - GO

Last week an Inter Sport Sport's Tournament was held in Hastings by 10 Rudolf Steiner Schools. This activity was a three day event which starts off with a touching Powhiri, every school was asked to sing a song in any language. Then we got put in our groups or city states as they called them there. We then started off training. The activities included Javelin, Discus, Long Jump, Marathon, Wrestling and Style Running.

The big day really brought some action into the camp. Sparta was Proud and overjoyed when our team member Kade hurled the smooth discus with the most style and grace, winning them the discus competition. Then Javelin to which our city states leaders won this event. Next running, which came along with outstanding results. Then Long Jump. Long jump was won by long legged girl.

Wrestling was a tough and boyish event and only three or four girls competed. Then we moved our way to the long and tiring marathon, the marathon is the longest event in the Olympics and Aiden from our class came third. All in all the Olympics were an exciting event and I hope those next year have a much fun as I did.

Hannah M-R

GREEK OLYMPIC CAMP

This year we went to Hastings for our Greek Olympic Camp, where a lot of other class 5 kids from all over New Zealand. I had a lot of fun there meeting new people and practising for the Olympic Games. I ran the marathon. We ate in our city state which was called Ephesus. The nights were cold and I woke up a few times.

On the first day we unpacked and played Cricket. On the way there we stopped at Mt. Bruce and fed the Eels. On the second day we went to Te Mata Peak and had lunch.

After that we met our groups and practised the games. On Wednesday, we went to the Aquarium after that, we went to the beach, played cricket and had chips. At 2pm we practised the Olympics. On Thursday we had the real games and I came about 14 out of 36 in the run. On Friday we packed our things, said good bye to our city state and left camp at 9.30.

By Fabi

CLASS 5 CAMP

On Monday we went on Camp to Hastings, on the way up we stopped at Mt. Bruce. When we got to the camp site we got our stuff into tents and went to dinner. That night was really cold.

When we got up on Tuesday we went to breakfast then to Te Mata Peak. When we got back we got put into groups with the other Schools and practiced for the Greek Olympics.

On Wednesday we did the same thing but went to the Aquarium. After dinner we went to a story.

Thursday the day of the games the first thing was discuss then Javelin, Style Running then Long Jump, Wrestling then running.

On Friday we drove back to School and went home.

By Sophie C-E

CLASS 5 CAMP BY SOPHIE

Day 1: Class 5 left for the Greek Olympic camp on Monday about 11.00am. We stopped at Mt Bruce Bird Sanctuary and there were some Takahe. The Takahe were once thought to be extinct until one day a man found some Takahe eggs and illegally brought them back to Mt Bruce, it wasn't until his 3rd attempt that the eggs actually hatched, then he told people about it. When we arrived at the camp site, the tents were already set up.

Day 2: In the morning of Tuesday we went on a walk to Te Mata Peak, it was Riana's Birthday so we had some cake, we played around for awhile before going back to the camp site where we had a Maori greeting and some of the classes performed some Maori songs. Then we were put into city states with people from other Schools, we had some nice people in ours. Our city state was Corinth. After lunch we went outside to practise for the Olympics, I liked Archery best.

Day 3: On Wednesday we went to the Oceanarium in Napier, we saw some Sharks, a giant Turtle and lots of other things, it was fun. We had to research three things about the fish, then we went to the beach and had lunch "Fish 'N' Chips". When we got back we had more Olympic practice, it was a bit tiring, then we had afternoon tea and free time, then more practice, dinner and free play.

Day 4: On Thursday we competed in the games. I did Style running, we started by getting into our groups and walking the big circle until we got to an umbrella. The first event was Discus, then Javelin, Style running. Last of all, the Marathon, none of our class won anything, but it went well any way.

Day 5: On Friday we left the campsite at 9.00am I was in Rianne's car with her and Geena, we stopped off at a petrol station to buy lollies, chips, gum and ice blocks, it was fun, me and Geena were trying to speak German the whole time. We stopped at a playground for lunch, we arrived back at school at 2.45pm, but the bag van took ages to come so we had to wait. It was a good camp.

CLASS 5 CAMP

Class 5 Camp started on Monday. Monday was all just driving and was pretty. We went to Mt Bruce Bird Sanctuary. The next day we were put in our city states my favourite girl was called Katrina she looks like Dakota Blue Richards with ginger hair.

Thursday was the Greek Olympics I did Style Running. The events were Discus, then

Javelin followed by Style running, then morning tea, after Long Jump and then wrestling and lastly the Marathon, a boy from my group won that (Athens).

The next day we all went home. This camp was pretty cool the weather was good so all in all the camp went rather well. The End.

Olivia

GREEK OLYMPICS - ARTICLE BY PHOEBE WILKINS

For the 2009 Greek Olympics, every class fiver in the country came from far and wide to get to Hastings in 'sunny' Hawkes Bay. The children were divided into about 18 different city states, which were all named after Ancient Greek City States, so they were able to meet and become friends with other students from other Schools. The Olympic Competitions were to be held on Thursday, leaving Tuesday and Wednesday mornings free for class outings, and the afternoons for practice. On Thursday a visit was made to the Olympics. Devastatingly missing the discuss throwing, this reporter was however privileged to view the jolly javelin throwing the superb style running (an amazingly performance when Phoebe Wilkins herself ran): the levitating lovely long jumps: wonderful wrestling: and lastly (but definitely not lastly) came the marvellous Marathon! It was observed that the participating students had a good enough time and it was indeed enjoyable to watch.

GREEK OLYMPIC CAMP

MY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GREEK OLMPICS WAS.....

One, my first highlight was meeting a girl from Te Ra School, Annelise; she was the winner for long jump. Two, second was getting Fish N Chips (best meal we had at camp) they were soggy and we had no sauce, (plus they needed more salt), but no one seemed to mind. There, last but not least was when we were aloud to go for a swim. We didn't have a long swim cause the water was freezing cold.

Maria

OLYMPIC CAMP

Today was the actual Olympic Games. Well not actual, I did long jump and I'm particularly good at it. It was still fun. Our group was the only group with two Wreaths. Order of the games:

Discuss
Javelin
Style running
Long Jump
Wrestling
Marathon

That evening there was a concert where every body performed, the people from Dunedin did a cool Gipsy Dance, and some other School did a really funny Indian dance. I think Thursday was the best day.

Vida

GREEK OLYMPICS IN HAVELOCK NORTH

These Greek Olympics were held this year in Havelock North. The Olympic Games were performed by 10 different Steiner Schools around New Zealand. All of the enthusiastic children were separate into 18 Greek city states and they did nearly everything in these city states.

On the actual day of the Olympics all the eager children did at least 1 sport activity. In each city states the leaders would choose one thing they were really good at.

The Long Javelin was thrown by Hannah Myers-Reid, and the heavy discus was thrown by Canon Whincup. Both of these confident children did really well. At the Olympics, there was an evening concert and every class performed something absolutely awesome. There were funny, dancers, cool singers and songs that were wonderful.

These Olympic Games were definitely a success.

By Rianne

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By Lucy

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOUSE-SIT OUR HOME ON NORMANDALE hill over Christmas, from 18 December - 3 January? Cats for company, awesome garden and views, suit small family or student needing space. **Fiona 589 2434**

LOVELY HOME TO RENT OVER XMAS HOLIDAYS. Beautiful home in the bushes completely private, offering home to rent over Xmas, Dates neg. The property is exceptionally ambient, 5 minutes walk to railway station and next door to Remuera. \$500.00 per week, 4 bdrms. **Contact Fiona 09 550 7774 - 021 30 3359**

WHOLE GARDENS: Garden and Landscape design. Also raised bed organic vegetable gardens. Email: info @wholegardens.co.nz
Phone Sucinno and Linda 562 7977 or 021 0279 6944

CHRISTMAS TREES: Available between now and Christmas. Don't miss the best trees! You can reserve a tree and collect it nearer Christmas. Phone to arrange a time to view. **Lyn Vigrass 565 0354**

DUNEDIN STEINER FAMILY LOOKING TO EXPLORE WELLINGTON: Would any family like their house, garden and animals looked after, for 2 weeks, available from 24 December onward. Ryan is a keen gardener (so a house swap to care for our veggie patch would also be a definite possibility), or possibly a house swap.
Shelley or Ryan on 03 467 9451 or shelley.wrigley @nzblood.co.nz

FOR SALE: Keyboard - Yamaha PSR-190, 3 years old, several functions 4 octaves wide \$160.00. **Telephone Kimba 04 239 8238**

WANTED - UNWANTED DAMAGED CD'S : If you have any unwanted CD's lying around, please drop them off to the Lower School Office.
Ring Mariam on 566 9297

A CUTE LITTLE KITTEN NEEDS A HOME **Ring Brett or Meaghan on 577 2054**

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