



The Weekly Newsletter of Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School

5 February 2009

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

A very warm welcome back to you all for the start of the New School Year. We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and refreshing summer break.

At the start of the New Year there are new families joining our School and we would like warmly welcome them to Raphael House.

The teachers were back in School last week preparing for the children's return. We have worked together in our in-service days on some of the aspects of the three fold human being as a basis for our pedagogical approach in a Steiner School.

Julian Raphael also lead us in singing which for those of you who have had an opportunity to work with him will know is a fantastic experience this was a great way for us to start our work together in the New Year.

We have a number of new teachers joining Raphael House:-

Ashley Gibbs is the new Handwork Teacher for the Lower School classes. Emma Williamson is the new teacher for Class 6, Emma is an ex-staff member and ex-graduate of Raphael House. Diana Marsh Term 1 KG 1 is the new teacher whilst Leone is away on Sabbatical. Jarod Summers is the relieving teacher for Class 7 Terms 1 and 2 whilst Tanya is away on Maternity Leave. Doro Wagner is the new Part-time Music teacher in the Upper School. Ellie Boyd is the Part-time Maths teacher in the Upper School. Jennifer Cushman is the new Teacher Aide for Class 1.

Magrita Freie returns as the Teacher Aide for Class 5. Maggy Stueve, Stephanie Hansby is the new Teacher Aide/Assistants in the Kindergarten. Jo Llewellyn is the new Sports Co-ordinator, Austin Whincup is our new School Cleaner. We welcome back Pamela Prior who was away on leave during 2008, and also Sean O'Connor who is the Woodwork Teacher. This term Brett will take up the full time Maintenance Officer role on a acting basis, while we consider the ongoing requirements of this role.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Toni Weir who was our Sport's Co-ordinator last year. Thank you Toni for taking on this role in 2008, for all your dedication and the support you gave the coaches and teams.

Wishing you an enjoyable Waitangi Weekend,

Karen Brice-Geard
School Co-ordinator

on behalf of the College of Teachers: Ray Shore, David Stephenson, Norbert Mulholland, Adam Ricketts, Annette Terlau and Margaret Sweaney.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008

DATE	EVENT	TIME/VENUE
4 February	Class 3 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
6 February	Waitangi Day Holiday	
9 February	Class 6 parent Meeting	7.30pm
10 February	Class 11 Parent Evening	5.30 BBQ and meeting
11 February	ID Photos for Upper School & Class 7	
12 February	Class 8 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
16 February	Class 10 Parent Meeting	7.30 pm
16 February	BOT Meeting	7pm Heidi Werth Room
17 February	Class 7 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
18 February	Class 1 Parent Meeting	7.30pm
19 February	Kindergarten Parent Evening K1,K2,K3	7.15pm Heidi Werth Room
19 February	Class 12 Parent Evening	7.30pm
23 February	Class 8 Camp	
23 February	Class 10 Camp	
23 February	Class 11 Abel Tasmin Camp	

23 February	Class 12 Camp Waikaremoana	
29 May	Teacher Only Day	
1 June	Queens Birthday Holiday	
10 August	Teacher Only Day	
26 October	Labour Day Monday	

TERM DATES 2009

TERM 1 3 FEBRUARY 9 APRIL

TERM 2 27 APRIL - 3 JULY

TERM 3 20 JULY - 25 SEPTEMBER

TERM 4 12 OCTOBER - 16 DECEMBER

FROM THE LOWER OFFICE

If you have changed your phone number/work phone/home address/e mail/cell phone details since Christmas please ring the office and leave the correct details or email fiona.d@raphaelhouse.schooo.nz.

If your child is absent, please leave a clear message on the answer phone stating their name and class. Or alternatively, text on 021 516497.

STUDENT ID PHOTOS

The student ID Photos for classes 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be taken in the morning on Wednesday 11 February. Orders will only be placed for students who have paid for their cards. Students who wish to have ID cards for this year from Class 7 can also order cards. Please pay to the Lower Office by 16th February. The cost per student is \$9.00.

SPECIAL CHARACTER CONTRIBUTION FORMS

Greetings all, Happy New Year! A reminder that SCC forms were due for return by 20 January. To the people who have already done so, many thanks for your co-operation and for your generosity!

For those still to return forms, we would appreciate this being done immediately. If you did not receive the letter and the forms that were attached, please contact the Lower School office urgently. Paul Denford, on behalf of the Trust