

Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

There is much activity around the School this week in preparation for the Toy, Craft and Food Festival on Sunday.

The Committee have been extremely busy over the year organizing and preparing for this special weekend. It is also hoped that many ex pupils, parents and friends will be coming for the School's Reunion celebrating 30 years. We hope to have fine weather and look forward to seeing you all.

A reminder, please, to anyone using the track access and egress through Atahu Grove to Rondane Place. This track comes out on private property, and the owner is objecting to people crossing his property. We are aware that there have been several incidents and we trust that no students from our School are involved!

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Karen Brice-Geard

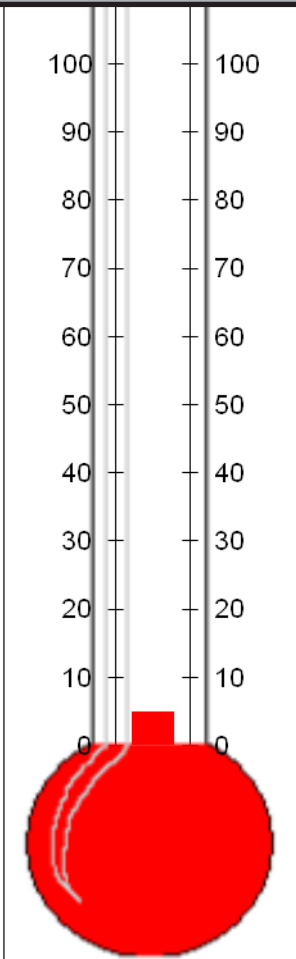
School Coordinator on behalf of the College of Teachers: Ray Shore, David Stephenson, Julia Sherriff and Margaret Sweaney

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November/December 2009

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu             | Fri                                       | Sat  |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------|---|--|
| 1   | 2   | 3  | 4  | 5               | 6<br>Reunion '09' Weekend                 | 7  |
| 8<br>Week 5<br>Toy, Craft<br>Food<br>Festival | 9<br>Cl 2<br>Cl 10<br>Parent<br>Evening<br>7.30pm<br><br>Cl 5 Greek<br>Olympics | 10   | 11<br>Cl 3 Parent<br>Meeting<br>7.30pm                                 | 12              | 13  | 14   |
| 15<br>Week 6                                  | 16  | 17<br>Cl 4<br>Parent<br>Evening<br>7.30pm<br>Class 6<br>Camp | 18   | 19              | 20  | 21   |
| 22<br>Week 7                                  | 23  | 24<br>Cl 9 Find<br>Your Limit<br>Camp                        | 25   | 26              | 27<br>Extra<br>Lesson<br>Annual<br>Outing | 28   |
| Week 8  |   | 1<br>C4 Camp   | 2<br>C3 Camp   | 3<br>Cl 12 Play | 4<br>Cl 12 Play                           | 5<br>Cl 12 Play<br><br>Cl 8<br>Threshold<br>Camp |
| 6<br>Week 9                                   | 7<br>Cl 10<br>Surveying<br>Camp   | 8  | 9  | 10              | 11  | 12   |
| 13<br>Week 10                                 | 14<br>Kings<br>Pageant<br>Eury Rm<br>7.30pm                                     | 15<br>Cl 12<br>Reflection<br>Evening<br>7.45pm               | 16<br>School closes<br>for 2009.<br>12.30 pm<br>finish<br>(Cl 12, 3pm) | 17              | 18  | 19   |

## SCC PLEDGE FORMS



Many thanks to those who have responded so quickly to our 2010 request by returning their forms. A reminder that completed forms have been requested by Monday 16 November.

Alan Chapman  
Resource Manager

## PTFA COMMITTEE

To the members of the RH School community, members of the Parents,  
Teachers and Friends Association.

We hope you managed to attend the Community meeting on 14 October, and that you have carefully considered the follow-up information on the School website and in the Bush telegraph about the administrative and financial situation of the School now and for the next two years.

In the response to our call for comments from PTFA members, we have received a number of letters. We will be replying to those, and discussing some issues on behalf of members with the School's governance bodies.

The Committee have also studied the available information, and come to the following view: \* the School governance bodies and management have demonstrated that they now clearly understand the importance of implementing the changes recommended by the Ministry advisers, while ensuring that the special character of the education is maintained; \* the School continues to be viable, but to provide the Waldorf curriculum as it does today, it needs the support of the whole parent community: there are immense risks to the School if that support is not given.

The Committee sees evidence that the necessary administrative and management changes are in the process of being implemented and that the 'special character' of the School, the Waldorf curriculum is able to be maintained. We believe it is now vital for the parent community to respond.

The School has undertaken to operate within a known budget next year. We urge all families, parents and caregivers to ensure that they return their pledge forms for their Special Character Contribution for 2010 by the requested date, Monday 16 November 2009. Apart from the actual dollar amounts, it is essential that together we provide the element of certainty: the School must be able to know how much money it will have next year so that it can provide the education we have chosen for our children. The Committee believes that our children, and the teachers of our children, deserve nothing less.

The undersigned members of the PTFA Committee commit to returning our pledge forms by the due date to gift our Special Character Contribution to the School.

Winston Roberts (Chair)  
Catharina Fisher (Secretary)  
Monica Brice  
Richard Hale  
Maarten Quivooy  
Julian Thomson

## PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 21 November 7.00pm - 9.30pm at the Horticultural Hall Supper Room, Hutt City Council Buildings, Laings Road, Lower Hutt.

This is an event for the Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner Community and friends to raise funds for the PTFA and the students going on the trip to Japan in 2010.

Cost of entry is \$10.00 per person which includes a light supper.

Teams will consist of four to six players, make your own team beforehand or join one on the night. There will be a prize for the winning team along with spot prizes and raffles, including one for an Interislander package of travel for a family and car.

Come and have an enjoyable, relaxing night out after all the work that has been done for the Toy and Craft Festival, Reunion and all the other hard graft going on behind the scenes.

Denny MacArthur

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### TOY, CRAFT AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Thank you very much to all the kind collectors of those cardboard rolls that have been delivered by various means to the Lower Office. We have even enough for some of next year's rolls! Effective efforts of recycling! Now, if this message reminds you that you still have a stack of them, they could still be left at the Lower Office and I will get them to the storage for 2010.

Many thanks it has been a great help.

Enjoy the fair.  
Eileen Watson

## FESTIVAL GROUP

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends,

This week the teachers are starting to make a ribbon with flags. On each flag we will each write our wish for the children of the world. The flags will begin at the kindergarten and will wind their way up the zig zag. They will go over the courts and will end, at the end of Term 4, at the Upper School.

We hope many of you feel inspired to write a wish on a coloured flag and add it to the ribbon.

We hope the warmth of all our hearts together can bring these wishes into the world.

What a lovely Christmas gift that would be.

Inspiring wishes on behalf of the festival group, Irene Kriek

## WHAT'S ON

### THE CAPRICE ARTS TRUST PRESENTS THE FABULOUS GUITARISTS CONCERTS

Singer-Songwriter and Recording Artist Charlotte Yates and the Wellington Guitar Duo (Owen Moriarty & Christopher Hill).

Charlotte will perform a selection from her own work. She has forged her own musical path wooing over audiences around Australasia with her unique, evocative music. The Wellington Guitar Duo will offer first-rate repertoire ranging from Spanish, Latin American and Romantic, to highly imaginative contemporary works. They will deliver a high energy blend of breathtaking virtuosity and imaginative programming while taking an adventurous approach to classical music. While both musicians have their own individual style, a vital ingredient in any ensemble, the textures and timbres emanating from the two acoustic guitars produce an electrifying experience for every listener.

6 November Friday: Cambridge Terrace Congregational Church, Wgtn 7.30 p.m.

8 November Sunday: St Andrew's Church, 11 Steyne Ave, Plimmerton, 3.00 p.m.

10 November Tuesday: St Mark's Church, 58 Woburn Rd, Lower Hutt, 7.30 p.m.

\$25/\$15 Students with ID/\$7 school children/\$60 Family

E-tickets and further information, including venue maps, available from our website

[www.capricearts.org.nz](http://www.capricearts.org.nz). Cash, door sales available.

## 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.

**MOFFATS NEED 4 BDR HOUSE:** walking distance to school for late Jan or Feb.  
Garage and fenced section. Telephone 021 824 090

**WANTED: HOUSE TO RENT OR BUY:** 4 + bedrooms, 2 bathrooms in a quiet, sunny, accessible location near to Steiner School on Western hills or leafy part of Lower Hutt. Professional couple, Steiner family. Please contact: James Herdman/Catherine Gilbert 04 3843 410/027 2123 842 (James)/027 7853 806 (Catherine) jamesherdman @actrix.co.nz

**NORMANDALE HOME FOR SALE:** 2-3 BR, workshop/garage, big organic vege garden, fruit trees, chook house, lots of sun. Close to bus. \$neg. "Trade me AUC070"  
Ring Daryl 04 576 9596

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