



Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

How wonderful to arrive at School on Monday and see the fantastic work that had been done around the Kindergarten grounds, the fence around the Kindergarten has been raised and beautifully shaped. The grounds and gardens are looking lovely. Thank you to all the parent helpers who contributed their time and energy over the weekend.

Well done and thank you Class 11 for the inspiring Music performance last Friday. The quality of the musical pieces was exceptional and the support and encouragement for one another was a real joy to see. Congratulations Class 11 and a huge thank you to Julian Raphael for your wonderful work with the class.

A reminder that Class 12 will be presenting their projects this Saturday 19 September from 9.30 am - 4.45 pm in the Little Theatre, Lower Hutt.

The Exhibition in the foyer will be open from 9.30 - 10.20am.

Session 1 - 10.30am - 12.15pm

Session 2 - 1.20pm - 3.00pm

Session 3 - 3.45pm - 4.45pm

Congratulations to Claudia Schwalm and her husband Daniel who are expecting their second child in November. Claudia will be on Maternity Leave for 14 weeks.

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 Sweaney

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

I would like to warmly welcome Ruby Harrison as our Student representative on the Board for the remainder of 2009 through to September 2010.

We also have a new staff rep with Phillip Robinson stepping forward to fill the position through to April next year when elections will be held again for staff and parent representatives. Due to these two new appointments, and the focus on the preparation of the 2010 budget, the discussion on Board composition I mentioned in my last update will be deferred until October, or possibly November. This will allow the new members to come up to speed on the discussion before we debate it in the meeting and provide further opportunity for community consultation. If you wish to share your comments on the Board composition please email them to chair@raphaelhouse.school.nz and I will circulate them to the Board for consideration.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 28 September, the first Monday of the school holidays.

A community meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 October (first Wednesday of Term 4) to present Board and Trust spending plans for 2010, which feed into the SCC donation requests. We need to have our income projections finalised by 30 November 2009 and require the community cooperation in order to achieve this goal.

Given the current uncertainty around finances and some of the mis-information informally distributed to the community earlier in the year, we are requesting that as many parents as possible attend this meeting. Please book your childcare now if needed.

Glen McCauley
Chair, Board of Trustees, Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School

PARENTS TEACHERS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Greetings. If you would like to attend a meeting you are more than welcome to come and observe. Our scheduled meetings are: Thursdays; 1 October, 29 October, 3 December and 4 February, 2010, in the Heide Worth Room.

PTFA members are encouraged to contact Committee members if they wish to raise any matters of interest to the School Community. There are several ways in which this can be done: by contacting one of the committee directly, or by email to: ptfacommittee@gmail.com.

From Monica Brice, Marie Deery, Catharina Fisher, Richard Hale, Denny MacArthur, Maarten Quivooy, Winston Roberts, Julian Thomson, Succino Vermeltfoort, Catherina

Tena koutou

Maori Language Day was Monday 14 September. Te Ropu TKM celebrated Language Day with a biscuit/Kupu exchange and waiata. It was another opportunity to remind ourselves of the rich culture that resides in Aotearoa and to challenge ourselves on our use of Te Reo.

To foster a new language, or even an old one rarely used, mistakes are a necessary part of learning. Development occurs from continued practice, learning and listening. To learn Te Reo there are many classes offered at schools and tertiary institutions. Whitireia Community Polytechnic offer entry level classes at no cost. 0800 944 847. www.whitireia.ac.nz.

Practicing a new language in the safety of our home with whānau and friends is important. This helps grow confidence with the phrases and words, before they are tried in public. It is suggested that the emphasis be on communication not on knowing the correct grammar.

To become more familiar with Te Reo and Maori culture you could listen to waiata, ask to have Maori spoken translated, join Mārae based activities, look in the library for resources and remain open to the use of Maori in the home.

For those who want to support their children and themselves in learning Te Reo be realistic. Learning a new language takes time and support is helpful. Working together helps.

Tuia te rangi e tuu iho nei

Tuia te papa e takoto nei.

As sky joins to earth, so people join together. People depend on one another. (Trad).

Our next Hui is Tuesday 20 October 7 - 9 pm in the Heide Werth Room, and you can contact us via the following group members:

Helen Emmerson: helen@emmersongroup.co.nz

Suzanne Manning: suzanne.manning@paradise.net.nz

Andree Reynolds: Andree.Reynolds@wcc.govt.nz

Noku noa

Helen Emmerson

On behalf of Te Ropu Tautoko I Te Kaupapa Maori

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunches will be sold again next week on Wednesday 23 September. Briana and Billie from class 10 are selling lunches to fundraise for their trip to Japan next year.

TOY, CRAFT AND FOOD FESTIVAL

GENERAL REMINDER NOTICE

Sunday 8 November 2009

Kia ora koutou, our Toy, Craft and Food Festival is now only 7 weeks away! Mark the day in your calendar! Committee members, class reps and a huge number of individual groups are well under way with preparations to make this yet again a great community event. It's great to see the progress and everyone's contribution. If you are not yet part of it, get back to your class rep and enquire how you can contribute.

From the Organising Group

PARENT CRAFT GROUP

CONTRIBUTIONS

If you had in mind to make something for the Parent Craft Room, now is the time to start or finish off things. Even one hand crafted item will help make this special room truly represent the parents. Big or small, as long as it's made out of natural materials and is in line with the Steiner philosophy we will be delighted with your contributions. Please leave anything, well marked for the Craft room or myself, in the Lower School Office before the first week of November.

BECOME A COLLECTOR FOR US

Many thanks for donations of walnut shells, these have been put to good use. We can always do with more, plus anything you think could be made into something beautiful, nut shells, acorn caps, sticks, silk and material bits, wood off-cuts, felt and wool, beeswax, beads, shells. The list is almost endless. No amount too small.

WOOD ENGRAVER?

Do you have a wood engraver we could loan for a couple of weeks?

EVENING CRAFT GROUP

Karin Mackie has been hosting weekly craft evenings on Tuesdays and has now moved closer to the School. If this suits you, contact Karin or me for more details. Mondays are still happening, of course, 8.30am to 12 noon in the Pole Room.

If you have any questions or want help please contact Jennifer Holdaway:
jenh@paradise.net.nz or 972 3010.

WHAT'S ON

SPRING IN THE GARDEN

A weekend workshop with Peter Proctor and Rachel Pomeroy. To be held at Labour Weekend, 24 & 25 October, at Pam & Bruce Adams' farm in Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt. Participants can attend one or both days, \$25 per day.

Peter Proctor is a well known Biodynamic Practitioner often known as the father of Biodynamics in NZ, and Rachel Pomeroy is also well known for her knowledge of the Biodynamic Planting Calendar and the influence of the planets.

The programme will include compost making, using the BD planting calendar, making Preparations 501, 502 and Cowpat Pit; seed sowing, seedling planting and more. To get a programme and registration form contact Judy Randall: 589 2323 or judyrandall@xtra.co.nz or pick one up from the Lower School Office.

WELLINGTON'S FOOD AND LIFESTYLE FESTIVAL 2009

THIS SUNDAY: CELEBRATE WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY!

Venue: Overseas Terminal, Date: Sunday 20 September, Time: 10am to 4pm

There will be delicious international vegetarian food, entertainment, expert speakers and informative films. If you want a low eco-footprint, come and discover the multitude of benefits associated with the vegetarian lifestyle including better health and protection of the environment whilst enjoying the tastes, benefits and delights of vegetarian cuisine! Gold coin entry.

Aryan Tavakkoli.

INTRODUCTION TO PAST LIFE REGRESSION WORK SHOP

26 September 1pm - 3pm @ the Heart of Yoga Centre, Unit 4, Doreen Doolan Mall, Jackson St, Petone. Learn how regression therapy can create huge shifts in your life. Unblock old issues. Meet your spirit guide through meditations & visualizations. Immerse yourself in spirit for 2 hours and meet like minded people. Workshop limits 10 people. Phone Sonia to book (04) 801 9910 / 021 781 900.

The flowers are bursting out, the garden is full of birds, the Tuis are back and Spring is here at last! Plum Parent Support now offers:

Parent Education and Support (1-on-1 counselling for parents; home, phone or at Plum Garden Playgroups (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 30 children attending). Holiday Playgroups (older siblings welcome).

Introductory Seminar: 'Foundations of Positive Parenting' held at the start of each term. Parenting Courses (currently in the middle of a 5 week course on 1 to 4 year olds).

Gentle dreamy birthday parties for 2 to 6 year olds (like a playgroup with puppet story). Talks, Lectures, Seminars, Workshops on Parenting and Childhood themes.

What's Next:

The next Introductory Seminar 'Foundations of Positive Parenting' is on Saturday 17 October, 10.30am - 1.30pm. The next Parenting Course will be a repeat of the current 1 to 4 year old course. It will be 5 sessions long, all on Saturday mornings, from 10.30am to 12.30 pm and the dates will be: 24 October, 7, 14, 21, 28 November, N.B. (No session on 31 October).

The next Holiday Playgroups will be: 30 September, 1, 6, 7, 8 October (all mornings, 9.30 am - 11.45 am). To register for any of the above programs please visit the website www.PlumParentSupport.com and follow the links.

THE WAY OF COMPASSION (BY A TAVAKKOLI)

"Let music be the food of love"

Oh, would that it were so!
If music would nourish, instead of flesh,
Then, Wisdom would we know.

When I can nurture my body and soul
With Nature's abundant supply,
What reason have I to maim and to hurt?
What possible reason have I?

With plants and fruits and nuts and greens
Such bountiful food to try!
What reason have I to harm and to kill?
What reason for others to die?

One planet for me, one planet for you,
We all live together on this Land.
What gives me the right? Whither my sight?
To take another's Life with my hand?

If I can bear a little babe,
Then Love must live within me.
So how can I kill another's babe
When ALIVE it was created to be?

Creation starts with a single thought
How easily we kill to dine
But Life cannot be made or bought
By your hand or by mine.

So, on this side my Will, and on that my Desire,
Then which way should I turn?
The Way of Compassion will lead us to see
The PEACE that we so yearn

Let the lamb lead the lion, let the child lead the man,
For in meekness we hold the key.
Do not kill! Do not kill! Turn around! Turn around!
All Life on this Earth should be free!

Wondrous Human, Compassionate Soul
Let your kindness and wisdom shine through
We are more than our bodies, we are more than our minds
Love must lie within You.

May our wisdom shine bright, may light fill our hearts
May we see heaven's beauty anew,
For truly we can make Heaven on this Earth
The Way of Compassion sees us through.

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.

FAMILY WITH TODDLER SEEKS HOUSE WITH 2-3 BEDROOMS: With heating and/or insulation. Non smoker. Anthroposically focussed, clean and responsible. Good references available. Please call 021 1797 873 or email ttfnz@yahoo.com.au

5 RHYTHMS DANCE TRANSFORMATION MOVEMENT PRACTICE,
Monday 21 September and Monday 12 October through to 14 December, 7-9pm @
Secret Level 229A High Street, Lower Hutt. Julie Forsey 565 3304 www.5rhythms.co.nz

BEAUTIFUL 5 BDRM FAMILY HOME TO RENT IN WAIRERE ROAD, BELMONT.
Comfortable living, all day sun, no wind, walking distance to School via bush track.
Available 17 October. Please phone Meta or Phil 586 8998

MUCH LOVED AND CARED FOR UPRIGHT PIANO FOR SALE. Approx 15 year's old, excellent condition, ideal instrument for serious beginner.
Please phone Meta or Phil 586 8998

LOOKING FOR A SMALL DRY AND SAFE STORAGE SPACE: for a few personal items for 2 years. Can anyone Help? Phone Phil or Meta 586 8998

PILATES CLASSES IN PETONE. New beginner level course begins Monday 21 Sept @ 7.30pm, St David's Church Hall, Silbery Place, off Elizabeth St, Petone. Be fit, toned and beautiful for Summer. Call Juliet on 569 1664 or email jshell@clear.net.nz

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN WELLINGTON? I am searching for a Couple or 1 or 2 Singles of any adult age to share the main house at Plum Garden in Brooklyn with me. A large, sunny master bedroom is available with lots of cupboards and wireless broadband. It's a great location with easy, spacious living and of course a gorgeous garden!
Tel: Mary Willow (04) 972 4256 parenting@orcon.net.nz

BELMONT SECTION FOR SALE WALK TO SCHOOL: 1474m2 with bush and great views. Plans and consents available if wanted. \$165,000 phone Victoria or Martin
Phone 565 4444 email Jaenecke@xtra.co.nz

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