



Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the School concert on Tuesday evening. It was a wonderful night and fantastic to have the whole community together. Thank you, Julian, for all your great work with the children and classes and for the enthusiasm and enjoyment you bring. We welcome back Norbert Mulholland, who has been away on Sabbatical and now returns to the Raphael Class.

Upper School Ball: The Upper School Ball is this Saturday, 22 August. For some years now Class 11 have organised this event and the theme they have chosen for 2009 is: "Captured in a Dream". Final preparations are taking place in the Eurythmy Room this Friday, where it will be truly transformed for this special occasion. We would like to wish them well for an enjoyable evening.

Next week we will have two visiting Taruna Students. They will be undertaking their teaching section work over the next three weeks.

We will be hosting the annual Federation of Rudolf Steiner Waldorf Schooles in NZ Meeting on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 September. Delegates from all the other Steiner Schools will be attending this meeting. We will once again ask if you are able to have a billet from Friday 4th. Please let Wendy Daals know if you are able to help.

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

The Scoping Report from Ken Wilson, the Ministry appointed Limited Statutory Manager for Finance and Personnel, has completed his initial scoping report for the Ministry of Education. A copy of the report can be downloaded from <http://www.raphaelhouse.school.nz/community-and-parents/community-reporting> by using your registered user class name.

Ken is now working with the Principal/School Co-ordinator and the Senior Management Team to examine the school finances, and lead them through the preparatory work required to set the School budget for the next 2 years.

PARENT TEACHER FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting will be at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 1 September, the venue is to be confirmed. All PTFA Members wishing to observe are most welcome, if you wish to speak please inform the chairperson at the commencement of the meeting and time will be given either then or at the end of the meeting.

We would like to inform you that we are starting off with a deficit due to establishment costs. The committee has agreed to repay, in stages, the debt which the Steering Group incurred in setting up the PTFA and that part of donations may be used for this purpose. PTFA members may make donations by online transfer into the Association's bank account if they wish.

Minutes of committee meetings and other information will be available in a folder in the Parent Library, located in Lower School Office. If you wish to contact the PTFA, please contact one of the committee directly or email [HYPERLINK "mailto:ptfacommittee@gmail.com"](mailto:ptfacommittee@gmail.com) Catharina, Denny and Marie are often around school, please feel free to approach them at any time.

Monica Brice	587 0336
Marie Deery	589 2020
Catharina Fisher	589 0556
Richard Hale	(04) 905 8492
Denny MacArthur	021 245 9792
Maarten Quivooy	977 0291
Winston Roberts	565 1948
Julian Thomson	565 3644
Succino Vermeltfoort	562 7977

Wishing you all a peaceful week.

TE ROPU TAUTOKO I TE KAUPAPA MAORI

TENA KOUTOU

Te Ropu is still very much in the planning stages. As an advisory support group we have needed to consider our role and the key questions we need to address. Our deepest thinking to date has revolved around developing our vision and strategy and determining what we should be doing. We have grappled with, "why it is a worthy endeavour, and "how we can ensure sustainability". We believe it is important to:

- o create a solid grounding
- o establish an infrastructure that links to what currently exists and is evolving
- o clarify the actions and initiatives necessary to full fill the vision
- o identify how these ideals can come to be.

The group will be shaping a more detailed plan at our next meeting and will explore connections and opportunities. Over the next few weeks we will share with you thoughts on why the journey is important for the wellbeing and future of the School. We welcome your ideas and questions in the process.

Our next hui is Wednesday 26 August 7 - 9 pm in the Heide Werth room, and you can contact us via the following group members:

Helen Emmerson: helen@emmersongroup.co.nz

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

Naku noa

Helen Emmerson

On behalf of Te Ropu Tautoko I Te Kaupapa Maori

FROM THE OFFICE

RAPHAEL HOUSE, RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nominations are hereby called for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Trustees from September 2009 - September 2010. Any student enrolled full time in Year 9 and above, under the age of 20, is eligible to stand for election and vote in the school election for a student representative. International students can vote but not stand for election.

Nomination forms are available from the Wendy Daals or Judie, the Upper School Administration Secretary. Nominations close at noon on Friday 4 September 2009.

VACANCY: SCHOOL CLEANER

Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School, Tirohanga, Lower Hutt. We are a state integrated school and are currently seeking to appoint a Cleaner to take over a recently vacated staff position. The expectation is that the successful applicant will have the ability to support the provision of an optimum standard of educational facilities. Hours are 25 hours/week, 44 weeks/per year. A Job Description and Application Form is available from Wendy Daals at: info@raphaelhouse.school.nz; tel 569 5161. Applications close at 5pm, Wednesday, 26 August, 2009.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS Last Orders

(Really, unsold books will be returned next week!

REMEMBER FATHER'S DAY For only \$55.00, purchase an Entertainment Book and let Dad take advantage of some great savings! Here are just a few of the many ways your Dad can save with the Entertainment Book, and how quickly the value adds up:

18 holes at Karori Golf Club, estimated Savings: \$40.00.

Purchase a case of great wine from some of New Zealand's best wineries, such as:

Babich, Kim Crawford, Matariki, Mills Reef Estimated Savings: \$100.00

Hire a trailer, clear the garden waste or move larger items from Hireace, Save \$30.00.

Bring out the 'petrol head' in him at Southward Car Museum, Est Savings: \$10.00

Stand out with a car groom from the Espresso Carwash, Cafe Est Savings: \$15.00

He can learn how to land a jet airliner with Flight Experience, Est Savings: \$35.00

If he's feeling romantic and impulsive, buy a gift from Silvermoon Est Savings: \$30.00

He can take you bowling at Strike Ent centre or Bowlarama, Est Savings: \$10.00

Enjoy the excitement of live sport at the Wellington Phoenix or the Vodafone

Wellington Lions, Estimated Savings: \$25.00

Remember 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

PARENTS LIBRARY - RENEWAL

Do you want to renew your books, but don't have time to come to School? Just send an email to "parentslibrary@raphaelhouse.school.nz" with your name, the name of the book(s) and the bar code number(s). You'll get an extra 3 weeks.

SPORTS INFORMATION

RAPHAEL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The Raphael House Cross Country will be held on Monday, 31 August. This event is for students in Classes 5-12 who are relatively fit and have some running experience. It takes approximately 45 minutes to walk the course.

The event will be held mostly on the School site but will also cross onto the subdivision adjacent to the School. Running is predominantly off road and quite hilly. There are only two points at which students are required to run on the footpath by a road. For safety purposes, there will be a 'walk through' in spell 2 on the day of the event. Furthermore, driveway access to the School will be closed off during the race and Class eight students, not participating in the race, will act as marshals.

Entry, consent forms and maps will be given to students who have expressed an interest in participating. If you are happy for your son/daughter to participate in this event please complete these forms and have them returned to me no later than 25 August, 2009. The gear that students will require on the day includes: adequate running footwear; shorts; t-shirt; water bottle; hat; sunscreen; raincoat and something warm to put on upon completion of the event.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Annette Terlau.

SPORTS DRAWS - WEEK 5 FINALS NETBALL- SATURDAY

TEAM	VS.	LOCATION	TIME
U/S Raphael House 1	HVHS 6	Court 1	11am
Finals			

U/S Raphael House 2 No game, they came fourth in their grade, well done team.

U/S Raphael House (Kapiti Team) See Cien, or check the Kapiti Netball website.

L/S Raphael House 1	Wainui Int. 2	Court 6	12pm
	Fergusson 5	Court 4	2pm

FOOTBALL- SATURDAY

U/S Raphael House 1	Well Col 3	Sladden	9am
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BASKETBALL

U/S Raphael House 1			
L/S Raphael House 1	ORLS Bulls	Walter Nash	4.10pm

HOCKEY- THURSDAY 20 August

Raphael House Senior Boys	-	NHS	4.30pm
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UPPER SCHOOL JUNIOR BOYS BASKETBALL.

The playoff (for 5th and 6th places) for our fabulous team eventuated in a 36-60 win to Raphael House on Tuesday evening. A great, energetic game, and wonderful ending to this basketball season for our boys. Thanks so much to Jo and Phil for your fantastic team management and support, and the Sunday evening telephone calls, and to Simon for his weekly refereeing.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DEMETER APPLES

Available Fridays after school in the carpark.

10kg bags of Pacific Rose or Granny Smiths. \$10.00

Reuben and Lizzie in Class 10 are fundraising for the Japanese Trip next year.

Reuben 972 3878

Lizzie 938 1306

SINGING LESSONS AND MUSIC GROUPS

I am offering individual singing lessons to students 11 yrs and above. I am also looking to start a couple of small music groups that will essentially sing together, however, sessions will also involve creating instrumental accompaniments. No prior music training necessary. 10 yrs and above. Individual singing lessons \$20 per half hour. Music group prices to be notified (dependant on numbers). If you are interested, please contact Jen Lyons on 563 5892.

GARAGE SALE - DONATED GOODS NEEDED

The fundraising Garage Sale on Saturday 5 Sept. Need lots of donated goods to help make it a success. Please look out any surplus kitchen items, toys, tools/hardware, books, clothes etc. that can be donated. Goods can be dropped off during school time at the Bus Garage in front of the School, or can be picked up on a weekend. Contact Amanda O'Connor on 589 2004, if you would like goods picked up. We also need a few volunteers to help on the Saturday morning to set up and help run things. Please contact us if you can assist. "fundraising@raphaelhouse.school.nz"

ADULT EDUCATION

The Four Temperaments: Sanguine, Melancholic, Phlegmatic & Choleric.

Presenter: Karen Bäucke Dates: Saturday 22 and Saturday 29 August. 1.00-5.00 pm
Heide Werth Room Phone: Sabine 565 1480 to enroll \$40.00.

These practical and developmental workshops look at the 4 temperaments.

Rudolf Steiner re-introduced us to and focuses on the temperaments in adults, by understanding our 'basic mood', how we walk through life, meet challenges and interact with others. Discover more about yourself and what makes you and others 'tick'. You will need to attend both workshops. Minimum 8 participants.

WHAT'S ON

LAST WEEKS!! LAST DAY SUNDAY 6 SEPT. ORIENTATE REIMAGINING
CUSTOMARY FORMS contemporary jewellery and artwork.

SPRING REES * KERRY ANN LEE * SARAK VONE SUM

Free at PATAKA Museum's Blue Pacific Gallery (Harvery Norman in Porirua). It's a great Gallery if you've never been there, do come and check out my work. Call/email for information or to be put on mailing list for future events.

Contact Spring 027 2160100 spring.rees@gmail.com

STUDY ORGANICS AND BIODYNAMICS IN THE SUMMER!

Next Intakes: October 2009

Taruna is proud to offer the Award-winning Certificate in Applied Organics and Biodynamics, an exciting and essential programme for anyone wishing to learn about and apply organics and biodynamic methods to their work on the land. It is NZQA-approved (student loans OK) and will bring profound changes to the way you farm and garden. This programme is for people who need training that fits in with their busy lives. Spread over 33 weeks, it is based on three intensive 8-day seminars, supported by home-based study specifically designed for application to your area of interest or property management. This programme is ideal for anyone seeking organic or biodynamic certification.

Taking 2009/2010 enrolments now

Intake 1: Friday 9 Oct

Intake 2: Friday 30 Oct

Taruna, PO Box 8103, Havelock North, 4157, New Zealand ph. 06 8777 174

YMCA CAMP KAITOKE

We have heaps of programmes available these holidays, Highlights: Camp of Rock, a music based programme where campers choose a musical focus, learn or work on their skill in that area, and put together a show. Camp Apprentice, based on The Apprentice TV show, campers design, create and market products. Both programmes also offer campers traditional camp activities, such as archery and canoeing. Camp of Rock 27 Sept-9 Oct, Camp Apprentice- 27 Sept-2 Oct, Y-Camp- 27 Sept-2 Oct, and 4 -9 Oct, Horsing Around 2- 4-9 Oct. For more information, please contact Emily on 04 526 7338 or emilyrobinson@ymca.org.nz

NATURAL HIGH. Singers Invited *Natural High* is a unique choir singing: Original Maori and English language songs, Celtic & gospel spirituals. We are about a year old as a choir and have performed at:

Sean O'Connor's CD release concert
Te Papa's Matariki Festival
Petone Baptist Church Annual Concert
The Korokoro Mid-Winter Festival
"Handmade Nation" film premiere at The Paramount

We have also recorded on the soon to be released track "Spirit of our Land" We rehearse in Korokoro, Monday nights at 7:30 in term time. A Koha for participation is invited. The director is Sean O'Connor, who adds uniqueness by using original compositions and arrangements for the choir. Contact Sean on 589 2004 or seanocconnor@xtra.co.nz.

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.

REMINDER: THUMBS UP TO PETONE

Entertainment Tickets for Sale at Raphael House Lower Office. Tickets are just \$5.00. Sample savings include up to \$16.00 at Hang Dog Climbing, \$7.00 at SKYCITY Cinemas, \$20.00 at Café Zilli, \$8.00 at Strike Entertainment, \$2.00 at Revive Coffee Shop, plus lots more. Buy a ticket and you also go into a raffle and support Thumbs UP service for young people with disabilities at the same time!
Thank you for your support.

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