



Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

The Class 12 Project Presentations are next week. Do remember to come along on Saturday 19 September, to the Lower Hutt Little Theatre. On Friday afternoon the students work will be on display in the foyer of the Little Theatre. Tickets are available from the School Lower Office, there are limited number of seats. Admission is by Koha.

Our third Community Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 14 October at 7.00pm in the Eurythmy Room. Please mark this important date in your diaries.

We wish to congratulate the following students who took part in the recent National Bank Junior Mathematics Nationwide Competition. In the Final results, our students have excelled:

Josh McCauley in the top 15%

Olivia Clarke- Edwards and Natalie Ruddleston in the top 30%

Finn Sorger in the top 40%

Congratulations to all students who took part in this competition.

Secondary School's Hockey Tournament Level Three Competition. Raphael House has competed in this event since 2001 and this year, after 8 years of competing, we won the tournament! Our captains, Abe Winter-Beard, and Sam McAlpine, showed great leadership. To get to the final we beat Mahurani Secondary School, Naenae College, Wellington High School and St Pat's Silverstream. We beat Cambridge High School 2 - 1 with a very convincing victory! This will mean that the team will go up a level to Level 2 for 2010. The students stayed at Rathkeale College, Masterton who have sent the following message. "I would like you to pass on to the boys in the Hockey Team how well they left the Boarding House at Rathkeale. It is the first time the staff haven't had to have a huge clean up. All the staff had to do was vacuum the place. Also the Kitchen Ladies in the canteen have said they were very polite and it was a pleasure to have

them". Take a bow, team - Well done!

Jayden Campbell has completed his 'marathon run' from Taupo to Wellington over 365km as his Class 12 project. Wonderful achievement Jayden!, he raised \$4,500 for the Child Cancer Foundation. Look out for Jayden's article in this issue of the Bush Telegraph. Congratulations!

Term Dates for 2010 We have published the term dates for 2010 in this week's Bush Telegraph and also on the School website.

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

GREETINGS FROM THE PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of committee meetings and other information are available in a folder in the Parent Library, located in Lower School Office. If you would like to attend a meeting you are more than welcome to come and observe. Our scheduled meetings are: Thursdays; October 1, October 29, December 3 and 4 February. This information is also available on the School website. 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 any donations may be used for this purpose. You may make donations by contacting any of the members listed below. There are several ways in which you may contact the PTFA: by contacting one of the committee directly, or by email to: 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		

Catherina Fisher

ADULT EDUCATION

Parenting Skills for the Transition from Childhood to Adolescence.
Mary Willow - Thursday 17 September, 7.30pm Eurythmy Room.

This is an especially suitable follow-up to Dr Michael Sargent's talk regarding the changing consciousness, behaviour and needs of the child. No enrolment necessary.

Cost \$5.00

FUNDRAISING NEWS - GARAGE SALE

The Garage Sale last Saturday was a great success, netting over \$1,100. Book sales made \$214 for the Library, and general sales of other goods fetched \$960. Thanks to everyone who generously donated goods, and special thanks to the helpers: Tess, Amanda, Sean, Glen, Bruce, Magrita, Godfrey, Hetty, and to Terry for the canopy, Damien for the coffee stall, James for the lemonade stall, and the Upper School artists for the signs. From a very full Bus Garage to a small pile of remaining cartons, we sold a lot of items! We may run another Garage Sale early next term, so watch this space.

CONCERT

The Concert series needs to be postponed due to timing, so we will look to schedule this for next year and give the wider Community plenty of notice for each event. If you have experience in organising events like this, or would like to be involved, please contact the Fundraising Group.

TERM DATES 2010

TERM 1:	Tuesday 2 February - Thursday 1 April - 12.30pm
HOLIDAYS:	Waitangi Day Saturday 6 February Good Friday 2 April Easter Monday 5 April & Tue 6 April ANZAC Day Sunday 25 April
FESTIVALS:	Easter Festival Thursday 1 April for classes 1-12 Easter Festival Thursday 1 April for Kindergarten
TERM 2:	Monday 19 April - Friday 25 June
HOLIDAY:	Queen's Birthday Monday 7 June Monday 17 May - Teacher Only Day
FESTIVALS:	School's Birthday: 11 June Mid-Winter Festival date to be confirmed Kolisco Conference 10 - 14 July for staff
TERM 3:	Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September
TERM 4:	Monday 11 October - Friday 17 December
HOLIDAY:	Monday 25 October (Labour Day)
FESTIVALS:	Kindergarten Advent Spiral, * to be confirmed

Tena koutou

Maori Language Day is Monday 14 September.

Maori Language Day marks the date in 1972 when a petition calling for courses in Maori language and culture to be offered in New Zealand schools was presented at Parliament. That petition was an important step in the eventual foundation of the Maori Language Commission and to the recognition of Maori as an official language of New Zealand. The day grew to a week in 1975 with the inception of Maori Language Week. Later, celebrations of that week were moved from September to July in order to fit in better with the school year.

Maori Language Day has become an opportunity for people to encourage others to use reo Maori and to promote it. The Maori Language Week Awards, which are held annually on this day, celebrate and encourage all those who get out there and give reo Maori a go.

The media, businesses, government and community organisations, schools and libraries are able to enter the awards by showing how they supported reo Maori during Maori Language Week.

For more information about the history and use of reo Maori read about the "History of the Maori Language" at <http://www.korero.maori.nz/forlearners/history/index.html>.

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

FROM THE OFFICE

If you wish to receive a hard copy of the Bush Telegraph please contact Fiona in the Lower Office. If you wish to receive it by email please email Fiona: fiona.d@raphaelhouse.school.nz

We wish to congratulate Rose ter Borg who has just completed her BSC degree at Victoria University of Wellington. Rose was a student at Raphael House from 1998-2003. Her specialist interest is Marine Biology and she is now studying for her Masters. Rose has recently received two scholarships, a VUW Graduate's award and a Dr S G Mascall Award, to support her ongoing studies.

RAPHAEL HOUSE RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
DECLARATION OF STUDENT ELECTION RESULTS

Nominations closed at 12 noon, 4 September, 2009.

Only 1 nomination was received. - Ruby Harrison

I hereby declare Ruby Harrison duly elected as Student Representative for September 2009 - September 2010.

Wendy Daals, Returning Officer

YEAR 7 AND EARLY CHILDHOOD VISION SCREENING
THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 2009

Jackie Jennings, the Vision and Hearing Technician will be visiting our School as part of the Regional Public Health vision screening programme for Year 7 and Early Childhood children on Thursday 17 September, 2009.

- Vision - Children will be advised of results at the time of testing. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- Colour- Vision - This is to identify boys with an inherited colour defect. If there is any difficulty with the colour-vision test you will be notified by mail.
- Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check by Regional Health Service.

NON CONSENT

- Please notify Wendy on 569 5161 ext 203 or your child's class teacher if you do not agree to your child being screened.

This screening is NOT a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please consult your optometrist. Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie Jennings, Vision Hearing Technician, on 04 570 9186.

RAPHAEL HOUSE SPRING FESTIVAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Thursday 24 September we will be celebrating our Raphaël Spring Festival. This year we will begin our celebrations with a whole school assembly in the morning, followed by:

Kindergarten, C1,2,3: Maypole dancing, picnic and kite flying on green outside kindergarten.

The children will be making garlands for this event so we ask if they could bring some spring flowers on Wednesday 23rd.

From 1:45 onwards parents are invited to join the Festival for an 'afternoon fruit' picnic, folk dancing and kite flying. We ask that parents please supervise your children after the picnic.

Classes 4,5,6,7: Beach clean up and kite flying at Petone beach and Hikoikoi Reserve.

Parents are welcome to come and help clean up, have lunch and fly kites. Please meet your children at the reserve as seats are limited on the buses.

12:00 Beach clean up

12:40 Lunch

1:15 Kite flying

Buses will leave School at 11:45am and depart Hikoikoi Reserve at 2:30pm. Please inform class teachers on the permission slip if you plan to take your child home from the reserve.

Please ensure your children bring lunch, raincoats, adequate footwear and drinking water.

Upper School classes will be offered a range of activities and workshops based on a 'healing' theme.

Please wear your most special spring clothes, so flowery dresses, lots of green and spring colours. We look forward to celebrating this day with you.

Spring greetings
The Festival Group

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEAS AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AS CLASS 10 ARE AWAY 14-18 SEPTEMBER.

HOCKEY REPORT: WINNERS OF THE OLYMPIC STICK TOURNAMENT, CARTERTON.

How do you sum up the excitement, the teamsmanship, the fun, the atmosphere, the tension, and the elation of the tournament? How about a photo of the winners with their medals? Us.



Back Row: Ken, Jack, Thomas, Sheng, Eddie, Sam, Reuben, George, Fraser, Margie
Front Row: Josh, Abe, Jake, Connor, Ben, Denzel.

14 teams from South Auckland, Hamilton, Cambridge, Rotorua, as well as a number of local teams, competed in Carterton last week. We were by far the smallest school represented and have played the season in a lower grade than many of the teams, but in a David and Goliath set of trials, we emerged winners, beating Cambridge HS in the final, 2-1.

We stayed in Rugby House at Rathkeale College, just north of Masterton, in great dorms and on a beautiful campus complete with an outdoor Greek Theatre. The food was great and we were made very welcome, it was quiet, we could practise on their large turf (oh envy!) and the team had a great week together. Margie MacAlpine was a magnificent manager and Ken was the coach of a team which has worked well during the season.

The first game on the Monday was rained off at half time as a powerful southerly storm came through and the turf flooded. At that point, despite battling hard, Raphaël House was 1-3 down to Mahurangi. Not looking promising, especially as Denzel came from the field early on with a broken bone in his hand. The second half was played at

8.30 on the Tuesday morning and with an early rise, good breakfast, and thorough warm up, we took the field, only to have another goal scored against us. However, from then on, it was one-way traffic and we scored 5 goals to snatch an upset win. The Monday afternoon game saw us loose to John Paul College who were strong and fast. It was hard to produce the same level of play twice in the one day. But from that, to convincingly defeating the lowly ranked Naenae team on the Tuesday afternoon, we were through to the quarter-finals and met Wellington HS. The game was a straight-forward win, but John Paul College were beaten in their game leaving the competition wide open and a new life for us.

So on to the semi against St. Patrick's, Silverstream, and this tightly contested game was a 2 all draw at full time requiring the game to go to penalty strokes for a result, we dominated with 3 goals to their 1, not even needing our last two strokers to have their go. Not a great way to take a win or lose, but we were not complaining.

In the final we were supported by many schools against Cambridge HS, but especially Wellington HS, they entertained, were vociferous in their support and helped us to a clean and decisive victory, 2-1. This win is a first for Raphael House. The first win of a National Tournament. Our School name will be added to those other schools on the Olympic Stick, alongside the names of the New Zealand Team which won the 1976 Olympic Gold Medal.

Outstanding in the team were chief goal scorer Sam MacAlpine, whose speed and dribbling skill left many scrambling to contain him, and Abe Winter-Beard, whose commitment and relentless perseverance on top of his increasingly strong skills meant that on attack and defence we were fantastically competitive. But the whole team grew in its repertoire of skills and implementation of structure to achieve a better balance, and our defence really started to come of age.

And for the final two games we had a number of parents and family members to give us that extra boost. Thanks, it was great to have you all there.

And now for the local competition semi-final on Thursday against Onslow College at NHS 1 at 6pm. Win that and we will be in the final next week. Ken Isaac

ITEMS NEEDED FOR LITTLE PEOPLE'S ROOM

Planning is well advanced for the Little People's Room at Raphael House's annual Toy Craft and Food Festival. We need your help in providing items to allow us to decorate this room in accordance with our theme. Please give generously, better too much than not enough and we will endeavour to return everything promptly. Please label everything clearly.

- Cloth's/sheets/rugs/blankets in dark earthy colours (lots of browns, orange, green)
- Miniature furniture - puppet beds/cradles/cots/chairs/tables/china etc
- Christmas lights (only the natural 'white' lights - no colours)
- Baskets in all sizes (cane/flax/wood)

If you can help with any of these items please email Lucette @alama.co.nz or phone 586 9292 (before 9.30 p.m.) so we can liaise re pickup and appropriate care instructions for the item etc.

BILLETS REQUIRED FOR NURSE'S CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER

Are you able to offer B&B to Anthroposophical nurses who will be attending a conference on Friday 30 October/Saturday 31 October Lower Hutt locations preferred. If you are able to offer free B&B that would be appreciated, or at a small charge of \$10 - \$15.00. If you are able to support the Nurses work in this way please contact Rachel Clarke (Wgtn committee): smorganics @quicksilver.net.nz. to offer your help.

TOY, CRAFT AND FOOD FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2009, 10am

This year's Raphael House "Toy, Craft and Food Festival"

Busking: We would like to invite applications from buskers. The Busking proceeds will belong to the busker.

A form will be in the Lower Office. There will be appointed places with 30 minute time slots. Please put your name and talent against the time/s you would like to perform. We especially would like busking up the Zig Zag from 10am to 12pm. Have fun!

Chris Penman, for the Trust Fundraising Group, fundraising @raphaelhouse.school.nz.

SPORTS WEEK 8

LOWER SCHOOL BASKETBALL - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Raphael House Ravens vs. HIS Celtics - Walter Nash Stadium 6:50pm

MORE FANTASTIC NEWS!

Congratulations again, to the Upper School Hockey team who won the tournament in the Wairarapa!! Well done boys! And a huge thank you to Ken Isaac, the teams coach, and Margie McAlpine, their manager, for all the awesome work you did with the team!

NETBALL

Another fantastic season for the college teams. Our top team came runner up in Coll 4 after a hard fought final lost by one goal (heartbreak!). However, they played with heart, discipline and excellent sportswomanship, which to me, is more important than winning. The second team came 4th in their grade. The teams had a challenging season with our players affected by flu, whooping cough and surgery! But they battled through to have some amazing results. I feel the success of the season is measured not in the official results but the fact the players improved out of sight; heaps of skills polished and perfected, new team plays invented and most importantly lots of team spirit. Big thanks to all the sideline supporters, and parents who supported their girls to get them to practices and games. Kia ora! Thanks to the team managers, Toni Weir and Ingrid Palmer. Thanks to Grace Tessier who organised the fundraising events to get more netball skirts for the teams. Unfortunately they are now in a very bad state of repair and are mostly held together with safety pins! So we are hopeful we can organise new skirts for next season.

Congratulations to Tessa who was selected for the Year 8 Hutt Valley rep side as a defender/mid courter. The team played 3 tournaments and were clear victors in all but one game. Also Congratulations also to Zephyr Kiddle-Rees and Jamie Boyd who were selected for the Silverpine year 7/8 rep side for the tournament in Levin. Well done. I understand the Class 6/7 team game third in their grade at the Taita Intermediate competition. Tino pai to mahi. Also I must mention that Freya Wall won the most outstanding player in the top team this year. Congratulations, and just to let you know how amazing this young women is, she missed only 2 goals in the whole game. An amazing (though completely expected) performance. Looking forward to next year.

Jo Llewellyn.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DEAR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

As you are all probably aware I have just completed my run from Taupo to Wellington, for Child Cancer. I have raised \$4,500 so far, and as I have put so much time and energy into this, it would mean the world to me if you took 5 minutes out of your busy day and quickly went onto my fundraising website and donated. If computers aren't your thing, then there is a donations jar in the Lower Office. [url:http//www.fundraiseonline/thelongmile/](http://www.fundraiseonline/thelongmile/)

Thank You, Jayden Campbell

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK WHAT A GREAT SUCCESS!

Assembly on Monday focussed on a 'language' theme. Class 5 performed wonderfully at both Lower & Upper School assemblies, singing and chanting in many different ancient languages. Thank you Class 5! The Lower School had a delightful assembly; each class performed something from a different country. Thank you Lower School for the special presentations! The Decoration in the Eurythmy foyer was done by Melanie and Ashley, thank you for your wonderful ideas! The Greeting Poster was filled in by students and staff with greetings in so many different languages.



The Quiz was successful. Classes 4, 5, 6 and 7 enjoyed the Language Quiz and all won a German badge with different saying on them like "lecker", "Wurst", "Tschüss". International Dress Up Day was colourful and mood changing with mostly the Lower School students and staff participating. Over \$200 was donated on this Day to the Pelangi Steiner School in Bali. Thank you everyone for your enthusiasm and participation. On Tuesday the Upper School had a very well known German Rap Singer-Artist Nico Suave, come and teach those who were learning German how to Rap in German. This was a real buzz for the students. Well done, Verena! International Lunch sold out in 10 minutes.

A big thank you to parents, staff and students for making and donating such great food! And thank you others for coming and buying it. Special thanks to class 5 for the superb help in the kitchen! Junko's Japanese curry sold again on Thursday while the Origami workshop was on. This was a great success as many, mostly Lower School Students, sat outside in the sun making hats and the like. Over \$300 was fundraised on Wednesday and Thursday for the Japan trip 2010.

The Haiku competition:

1 st and 2 nd Place
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The winds of the world
Flourishing, flowering us
Words, a sea of roots
Dali Class 12

Bending and weaving,
It rolls off my tongue like silk
Languages is gorgeous
Jenny Class 10

Thank you Lower and Upper School for celebrating this week with us. Without your support, inspiration and help we would have never had such a wonderful week!

Claudia, Erica and Verena

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.

BELMONT SECTION FOR SALE: Walk to school. 1474m2 with bush and great views. Plans and consents available. \$165,000 phone Victoria or Martin 565 4444 email Jaenecke @xtra.co.nz

GONE MISSING FROM OUTSIDE THE RAPHAEL CLASS: (Thursday 27 August) Black, Katmandu, down, puff jacket belonging to Jessica Tait. It is a beloved and expensive item. If anyone knows where it is, please return it to the class or inform one to the Raphael Class team. Thank you, Norbert Mulholland

LOOKING FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS: OR ONE-OFF, PART-TIME, FULL-TIME or casual work in your household or business? List your vacancy with Student Job Search free of charge at: www.sjs.co.nz. We will refer students that we think are right for you and your position - it's that easy!

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

CLASS 12 PROJECT PRESENTATIONS 2009

A Celebration for the Whole Community

Saturday 19 September

9.30 Exhibition of Work open for viewing

10.30am sharp - 5.45pm Project Presentations

You are warmly invited to attend the Class 12 Project Presentations at the Little Theatre on Saturday, 19 September - now only one and a half weeks away.

A student doing a Class 12 Project comes face to face with both the inner and outer realities of life. The students choose their own projects and the choices they make inevitably bring them to meet the very things they need to meet in order to learn and grow. There are times of challenge and moments of joy. These challenges and joys are the making of us - they extend and nourish us.

This event is a rare opportunity to hear each of these young people share, not only the knowledge they have gained on their year long journeys, but also the challenges and joys they have encountered along the way. I have no doubt their stories will enthuse and inspire you.

This year's student projects are as diverse as ever - prepare for adventures into happiness, music, photography, long distance running, survival, clothing design, graphic art, organic gardening, cell phone technology, poetry, English pronunciation, art, local and global action and climate change.

This is a chance for the whole community to celebrate our Class 12 students. The younger students who attend benefit greatly from seeing what the senior students have achieved and many begin to think about what their own Class 12 Project might be. For parents, the day provides an opportunity, like no other, to experience the wonderful initiative and creativity that Steiner education fosters in our young people.

My hope is that you will make every effort to be there, in order to honour our Class 12 students and to be part of building the community spirit which supports their striving and achievement.

Warm wishes

David Stephenson
Upper School Co-ordinator

Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School
invites you to the

CLASS 12 PROJECT PRESENTATIONS 2009

Little Theatre
Lower Hutt

Friday 18 September
11.15am - 5.00pm Exhibition of Work

Saturday 19 September
9.30-10.20am Exhibition of Work
10.30am sharp Project Presentations begin

Refreshments

Morning tea will be available for sale from 9.30am, while you browse the student's work exhibition. A light lunch and afternoon tea will also be available for sale during the breaks.

Complimentary Tickets

Admission to the presentations will be by complimentary tickets available from the Lower School Office from Thursday 10 September. If there are any tickets left after Friday, 18 September, they will be available from the ticket desk in the Little Theatre foyer from 9.30am on Saturday 19 September.

We are only allowed to have 320 people in the Theatre so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Sessions

The day has been divided into three sessions, with a different coloured ticket being required for entry into each session. The sessions will start promptly. Please show your support for the students by ensuring that you arrive on time for a session and by not leaving during it.

Session One
10.30am-12.15pm

Session Two
1.20-3.00pm

Session Three
3.45 – 5.45pm

Anna Sprenkeling
Ryan Baker
Rosie Herdman
Jayden Campbell
Luciana Howell-Kress
Freya Wall

Arlene von Aesch
Christopher Pitt
Alice Littlejohns
Brianna Forman
Robert Patchett
Lucia Sobiecki

Emma Brooky
Keisuke Tada
Dali Lu
Elwin Burger
Elli Yates
Jacob Smythe

THE PERFECT RECIPE

Take one ounce of wisdom,
Blend with two tablespoons of openness,
A cup of willingness
And a plateful of kindness.

Stir well, and watch it grow
You will have made the perfect recipe for creating a bountiful future for all life on this planet.

Protect the Earth
Protect our children's future

Know the facts about your diet

Our Diet - Leading to a Sustainable Future
Or Killing Our Planet?
Dr Aryan Tavakkoli MBBS FRACP

"It's not just about eating locally grown organic produce"

Wednesday 16 September, 7pm
Eurythmy Room
FREE LECTURE
All parents, teachers and upper school students invited