



Raphael House, Rudolf Steiner School

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A reminder that Monday, 10 August we will have a Teacher Only Day. The Teachers will be working together on the curriculum and the framework for renewing our School's curriculum. The School will remain open. If your child needs to come to School, we will arrange for their supervision. Please let your teacher know if your child/student needs to attend School on that day.

Community Meeting. Thank you to all those who attended the Community Meeting last Wednesday evening. The Board of Trustees, Trust and College of Teachers clarified structures, their roles and responsibilities and relationships between the different groups within the School. It was very useful to be able to have a large part of the meeting for questions and discussions together as a community. The intention is to hold another Community Meeting scheduled for Term 4. The School will be in a better position to provide a further report on the finances, along with an update of the ongoing initiatives that are being implemented in regard to the School's Action Plan.

School Concert - 18 August. Preparations are continuing for the School Concert. We are very much looking forward to the presentations from Classes 1 through to Class 12.

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

Tena koutou

Kia ora and thank you all for your participation in and the many positive responses to Te wiki O Te Reo Maori (Maori language week) at our School. Particular thanks from our group to the fabulous team of the Revolutionary Café and those who helped in any way or form to contribute to make this a very special week. We hope many of you will continue to use the Kupu (words) and phrases and the waiata you learnt during this week. The colourful signs will remain up around the School a bit longer.

Article about Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori

Initially written for Salient, the student magazine of Victoria University, by Danica Waiti, Senior Analyst, Te Puni Kokiri (Ministry of Maori Development). Te Puni Kokiri supports Maori Language Week because we acknowledge the inextricable link between Maori language and culture. The advantages of knowing ones culture and language significantly impact on one's overall wellbeing. It is important that Maori people value Te Reo Maori. It is also important that non Maori people value Te Reo Maori. Maori Language Week is one initiative that aims to raise the status of Te Reo Maori amongst Maori and non Maori.

Within Aotearoa, Te Reo Maori is a minority language. Only around 4% of the population can speak Te Reo (this also includes the small number of non Maori speakers). Over time, Te Reo Maori has shifted from its place as the primary language of communication within Maori whanau. Maori language revitalisation efforts are primarily targeted at regenerating Te Reo Maori within Maori whanau but literature tells us that there is a component that requires support from non Maori. And this is where the ideas behind Maori Language Week come into play.

Minority languages offer suffer from the lack of value placed upon them by non-speakers. Often the economic benefits of knowing a minority language are seen as non existent, especially when compared with international languages such as Chinese or French for example. Sometimes minority languages are viewed as obsolete and of little use. For Maori people however, Te Reo Maori represents identity, culture and whakapapa. And for many Maori, this provides the motivation they need to value, learn and use Te Reo Maori. More and more Maori are coming on board. Data from our 2006 Survey on the health of the Maori language showed us that more Maori are improving their Maori language proficiency and using their language skills, particularly in their homes. For those of us working towards Maori language revitalisation, this is good news.

For people who are not Maori, the motivation to value, let alone, learn and use Te Reo Maori, may not be so obvious. But it is important. If one of the goals is for Maori people to use their Reo Maori wherever they are, then we need to create a positive linguistic environment. What does this look like? Well, perhaps if I'm in the supermarket speaking Maori to my children I will be complimented rather than scowled at (this has happened). Or maybe when someone is greeted on the phone with a "kia ora" they won't get frightened and hung up. A positive linguistic environment is an Aotearoa where people accept Te Reo Maori as a language of New Zealand. No one bats an eyelid.

Our linguistic landscape is changing and so are people's attitudes. Data from our 2006 survey on attitudes, values and beliefs towards the Maori language showed us that attitudes from Maori and non Maori are becoming more positive. Maori Language Week helps to put the message out there to Maori and non Maori to be proud, to accept, to use, to embrace Te Reo Maori.

Kia kaha koutou!

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Naku noa

PARENTS TEACHERS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

If you wish to contact the PTFA Committee, please contact one of the Committee members directly or email ptfacommittee @gmail.com. Catharina, Denny and Marie are often around school, feel free to approach them.

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Our next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Thursday 13 August in the Heidi Werth Room. Observers from the community are welcome to attend. Dawn Bielak has resigned from the PTFA committee. This leaves two vacancies. The committee has invited Denny MacArthur and Richard Hale to fill these vacancies. They are the two remaining candidates from the recent election. As per clause 5.5 of the constitution, Denny and Richard shall be deemed co-opted to the committee 21 days after this public notification, unless 10% or more of the members of the Association call for the by-election of a new committee member. Minutes of committee meetings and other information will be available in a folder in the Parent Library, located in the Lower School Office.

SPORTS INFORMATION

NETBALL- SATURDAY

U/S Raphael House 1 No games this week

U/S Raphael House 2

U/S Raphael House Ravens Draw not published till later in the week.

L/S Raphael House 1 VS Hutt J @ NW 7 2pm

FOOTBALL- SATURDAY

U/S Raphael House 1 VS Aotea 1 @ Aotea 9am

BASKETBALL- TUESDAY 11 August

U/S Raphael House 1 VS Upper Hutt @ Upper Hutt 6:30pm

L/S Raphael House 1 The second season commences on the 19th of August.

HOCKEY- THURSDAY 13 August

Raphael House Senior Boys VS Aotea @ Fraser Park 5:30pm

FROM THE OFFICE

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Mischa Orbons from Taruna College will be visiting Wellington from Monday 24 August, 2009 - Friday 11 September. As part of the training in Steiner Education she will complete a three week teaching Practicum. We urgently require accommodation for Mischa during her stay with us. If you are able to assist, please contact Wendy Daals at school on 569 5161 ex 203.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ni hao! Bonjour! Guten Tag! Konnichi wa! Buenos días!

International Language Week is coming up in Week 5 (17 - 21 August). All schools over Aotearoa New Zealand will be celebrating the cultural and linguistic diversity of their communities and showcasing some special activities during International languages Week. The Language teachers at Raphael House have also organised some special event, and would like to invite the students, parents and teachers to come along.

We are going to present the detailed programme next week (Week 4) in the Bush Telegraph. We are looking forward to celebrating this special occasion with students, teachers and parents.
Claudia and Erica

FUNRAZOR 4 CANCER

I'm shaving my hair off for Child Cancer Foundation on the 21st August. I'm seeking sponsorship and my goal is \$1000. Please make a difference and donate on www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/oliviace/ or Ph: Olivia C-E (04) 529 8685 or Email: short.livi@gmail.com. I will be posting before and after pictures on the website as well. Thanks
Olivia (Cl 8)

THUMBS UP

BUY YOUR AUGUST THUMBS UP TO PETONE ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS FROM THE LOWER OFFICE. Pay just \$5 for a Thumbs UP to Petone Entertainment ticket and you will get a package of give aways and discounts worth heaps of money, go into a raffle draw for a prize worth over \$400 and support Thumbs UP, a service for young disabled people located in Petone (which several of ex-Raphael Class students attend).

The August ticket contains some great prizes and discounts from Hang Dog Climbing Centre, SKYCITY Cinemas, Café Zilli, First Choice Restaurant, Revive Coffee Shop, Caffiend, La Bella Italia grocery shop, Strike Entertainment Centre, Knives, Forks and Fingers, Backstage Bar and Bands, and Video Easy. Have a look at the flyer on the kindergarten bulletin board or window of the office for more details, and please buy a ticket from Fiona in the office. Thank you Rose Chadwick, phone 569 6975.

CLASS 12 PROJECT IPHONOLOGY APPS

For my Class 12 project I've been programming applications (programmes) for iPhone and iPod Touch devices. For the last year, I've been teaching myself how to programme. It's taken a long time to learn, and I've just recently finished making my first application, one that makes the user's finger a magnet, effecting metal stars on screen. Last week I submitted the application to Apple's iTunes online store, and now I'm just waiting upon Apple to accept or decline it.

Robert Patchett

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

6 Books left

The Entertainment Books are back and we have 6 left of our last allocation for 2009. 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.nz

Your purchase of an Entertainment Book contributes to the School's fundraising, as well as offering a wonderful range of benefits! This covers vouchers for restaurants, cafes, cinemas, leisure activities, travel and accommodation. Fine and Contemporary Dining, Casual Restaurant and Family Dining, Informal Dining and Takeaway, Arts, Sports and Attractions, Retail, Travel, Leisure and Accommodation.

A PERSONAL THANK YOU

Having re-entered Raphael House recently in my transformation from parent and School doctor to Trustee, I want to say how very impressed and grateful I am for the wonderful work of so many groups and individuals in the School. Thank you all for your positive and voluntary work. When I look at the 'diary' in the last Bush Telegraph it is amazing to see all the activities that are happening, the achievements of our current and past pupils and the great programme that the Adult Education group has organized to help inform and encourage the wider community.

We are a great School community with incredible potential to be realized in this world.

Thank you. René de Monchy

RONDANE PLACE PATHWAY EXIT

We have been contacted by a new resident on whose property the pathway from Atahu St/Pomare Rd exits.

While he realises this has been a "customary usage" path, he is advising that he wishes to close the egress point as he has privacy and security concerns. He also wants to avoid any public confrontations on the property with his dog.

He will be erecting signs at both ends of the path advising people that the thoroughfare no longer exists. You may wish to let your neighbours know. (Seems like a great opportunity for a neighbourhood project to cut a new track!!)

AIR BENEATH THEIR WINGS

Independent Youth Colleges. An Anthroposophical response to the global financial crisis. Sunday, 16th August 2009. Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School, Auckland. Intensive one day workshop with Dr. Christopher Houghton Budd. For more information, registration and payment details. Please email Judith Cunningham: kosmein@xtra.co.nz

GLOBAL ECONOMY AND THE MICHAEL AGE

Rudolf Steiner and the Global Financial Crisis. Friday 14th and Saturday 15th August. Seminar with Christopher Houghton Budd. Venue: Lopdell House, Titirangi. Cost: \$200.00. For more information, registration and payment details, please email Judith Cunningham: kosmein@xtra.co.nz

A MOMENT WITH MONY AT THE GATE

She walks with Herman, her son, to the gate,
We wave from a distance, one of us will wait.
A quiet smile as she holds the door wide,
Bags on hooks, boots beside.
Chatting to children as slippers go on,
There is laughter, sometimes tears, though not for long.
Hugs and kisses as into class they go,
Some go fast, some slow.
We meet in the garden or by the gate,
Talk of things till one of us is late.
In the afternoon we have more time spare,
To laugh and chat, plan and share.
Our children appear, full of happiness and fun,
Get bags, lunch boxes, and away they run.
To the swings they rush and play games for a while,
Some of us must go, some watch and smile.
Cooking for others, quietly supporting us all,
Family always first, her Hermans Big and Small.
Making Easter eggs, biking in the rain,
Walking through bush, to get his foot right again.
For a year we all met, twice most days,
Watching our children blossom in their ways.
Thankful to have met, talked and played,
Wishing so much she could have stayed.
Her love, quiet devotion and caring heart,
Touched us all from the start.
Thank you Mony for all those kind things,
Your Soul we know will have strong, graceful wings.
He walks with Herman, his Dad, to the gate,
We smile and wave, one of us will wait.

Clare K3 Parent

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