

RAPHAEL HOUSE  
RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL  
BUSH TELEGRAPH

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

There has been a lovely pleasant hum in the playground over recent days, with the warm more settled weather allowing for really enjoyable morning teas and lunch times. The game of marbles has been re-introduced and many children are now playing enthusiastically. A number of other children are bringing their bikes and are extremely skilled on them. The Lower School classes have begun a three week swimming block on Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Class 9 is away on their camp this week to the Tongariro National Park. Next week Classes 8, 10, 11 and 12 will be away on their annual camps. Class 11 are walking the Abel Tasman Track, Class 12 will be enjoying the sunshine at Lake Waikaremoana, Class 10 will be enjoying the Wanganui River Trip, Class 8 are in the Wairarapa on an Adventure Cycle Camp.

We wish all our students and staff a safe trip and look forward to hearing about the great time they had on their return.

There will be members of our School Community who have had a connection with Emerson College in England over the years. Sadly, we have received notice of Emerson's closure. A letter for the Emerson Trust indicates that

- The College which was founded in the 1960s, has "enjoyed great success in providing anthroposophically inspired adult education to students from all over the world."
- Student numbers have dropped in recent years
- The College's financial base has been eroded to "such an extent, that we as Trustees, .. now need to focus on our legal responsibility to protect the creditors of the College."

- Losses of about £80,000 a month were being incurred.
- Consequently, "the Trustees of Emerson College Trust Limited have decided in their meeting on 12 February 2010 to close Emerson College in as orderly a manner as possible"
- The College will "continue trading to the end of the academic year in June 2010 and we hope that this is what will happen."
- The Trust is selling College assets quickly to allow continued trading for as long as possible.
- Additionally, the Trust "decided that it would not be correct to ask the Anthroposophical Society in Great Britain (ASGB) for financial support as (1) the original plan of ASGB buying the campus is not possible and (2) we cannot with enough confidence say that with ASGB's money we will succeed to turn the college to profit."

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In relaying this information to us, Matthew ter Borg, Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society Wellington Branch, comments: "This is a sad ending to an institution that has provided such valuable services to the Anthroposophical movement. However, in these times of change some ways of working come to an end and other ways will evolve. I was very encouraged by the discussions with the Youth representatives at a recent Council-initiated meeting, which I attended. Real alternatives are worked on by these young, enthu-

siastic and committed people. Let's all see how we can foster new initiatives."

Please remember Class 3 Parents Evening 24 February  
Mary Willow with 9 year old phase. Start time 7.30pm.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend

Karen Brice-Geard, School Coordinator

### UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

New Proprietors' Representative on the Board. Paul Kirby has resigned from the Board as a Proprietors' representative. I would like to thank Paul on behalf of the Board for his dedication and Contribution to the Board and the Curriculum Sub-Committee. He will certainly be missed by us.

The Rudolf Steiner School Trust (Wellington) has appointed Paul Denford as the new Proprietors' representative on the Board. Paul is one of the founders of Raphael House and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to the Board. A warm welcome to Paul!

Adrian von Aesch  
BoT Chair

### SITUATION VACANT BOARD SECRETARY

The Board of Trustees has a vacancy for the position of Secretary. This paid part-time position commences as soon as possible and the successful applicant needs to be available to attend monthly Board meetings (usually on Mondays from 7 - 9.30pm). Closing Date for applications 19 February 2010.

For a job description please contact Adrian von Aesch 04 299 0712 (evenings) or email [chair@raphaelhouse.school.nz](mailto:chair@raphaelhouse.school.nz). Please address applications to Chairperson, Raphael House Board of Trustees, 27 Matuhi St, Lower Hutt 5010.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORT

We have managed, with the speedy Lower School teachers' help, to get a Class 5 and 6 Touch team registered to Total Touch. They are called the Tigers. Tim Koelman from Class 11 has yet again, volunteered his enthusiastic service to coach the team. However, we do need a Manager whose role it is to make sure teams get to games, (games are always at the same place, Hutt Park on the same day (Friday), to keep the score and inform me of it at: [sport@raphaelhouse.school.nz](mailto:sport@raphaelhouse.school.nz). The Manager also needs to collect uniforms at the end of the season and give these back to Lower School Office.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you could take on this position. Phone 027 384 9247 or at School 569 5161 or [sport@raphaelhouse.school.nz](mailto:sport@raphaelhouse.school.nz)

Erica Kirby  
Sports Coordinator

## THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

The Christian Community is active in Wellington. Once a month a priest visits and we meet for a weekend of activities that include the Act of Consecration of Man, Gospel studies, religion lesson and service for the children, a shared evening meal and talk by the priest on a wide range of topics.

The upcoming dates for these gatherings are:

Friday 12 - Sunday 14 March

Thursday 1 - Sunday 4 April

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 May

A more detailed programme will be provided each month. You are most welcome to join us! For more information go to [www.thechristiancommunity.net](http://www.thechristiancommunity.net) or phone Christine Ross 566 7387

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

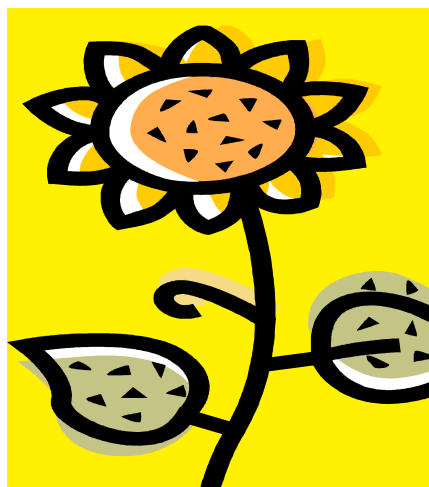
### NEW FAMILY WELCOME

There will be a welcome for the new families of our School on Wednesday 24 February, gathering at the Kindergarten. We will begin at 3.10pm with a quick walk through the School, followed by a shared afternoon tea in the Eurythmy Room. Please join us in bringing these new families into our community. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4 March at 7.30pm in the Heidi Worth Room. Please feel free to join us.

### REVOLUTIONARY CAFE-SITUATIONS VACANT

The founders of our wonderful social Thursday mornings are moving on to other things. If you have any interest in keeping this enterprise going, please consider volunteering to help run the cafe one or two Thursday mornings per term (or more of course). Please phone Catharina (589 0556), or see you on Thursday morning to talk about it.

### SUNFLOWER CAFE



We the Sunflower Cafe (run by the Dawn Trust), come to RHRSS on a Monday and Tuesday lunch time.. Come to the Eurythmy Room kitchen for a yummy lunch.

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| Chicken & Apricot Panini              | \$3.00 |
| Roast Veg Panini                      | \$3.00 |
| Rocket, Tomato, Feta Panini           | \$3.00 |
| Muffins and cakes/slices occasionally | \$1.50 |

## WHAT'S ON

### FROM THE GOLDEN AGE

A PROGRAMME OF MUSIC FROM THE 17TH Century to the present day. Presented by international Harpist Robin Ward. Wednesday 3 March @ 7.30pm. St John's Anglican Church, 18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville Wellington. Bookings & Enquiries 04 973 1729. Adults \$15/concession \$10/under 18 donation. [www.earlyharps.com](http://www.earlyharps.com)

### 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.

HOLIDAY HOME available for weekends and the Easter School holidays at Te Horo Beach on the Kapiti Coast. Discount for School families. Email [cpenman@clear.net.nz](mailto:cpenman@clear.net.nz) for photos and description or visit [www.bookabach.co.nz/Te\\_Horo\\_beachhouse](http://www.bookabach.co.nz/Te_Horo_beachhouse) Chris Penman Ph 566 4977

OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW ABOUT THE HORN OF AFRICA. Jackson St Petone, Opposite Subway. This Saturday, 20 February we will be at the Petone Rotary fair, offering Traditional food & drink, Eritrean - Ethiopian - Sudanese. Discounted prices for the School Staff and students of Raphael House

CULTURED Wendy & Conrad Adams have opened a lovely shop at 185 Jackson Street, Petone (opp BNZ/Video Ezy). NZ artisan buffalo, goat, sheep and even cow cheeses. Ripe Fair Trade organic coffee, Zany Zeus milk, Biofarm and Piako yoghurts, salami, pancetta, (Bella Olea) olive oil, Plenty of nice bits and pieces to go with cheese and coffee. Pop in and say "weloveRaphaelHouse" for an instant \$2 off your first hot drink. Tues-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-4

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