



RAPHAEL HOUSE
RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL
BUSH TELEGRAPH

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Last Friday we celebrated the Autumn/Michael Day with a wonderful whole School assembly including singing and a fabulous story from Ray Shore.

The Lower School classes spent the rest of the day taking part in challenging games and then shared a wonderful and much appreciated lunch prepared by parent helpers. Classes 10 and 11 helped with the games, the weather was sunny and warm and a great day was had by one and all. A big thank you and acknowledgement to the Festival Group, who have spent many hours preparing and organising this wonderful day. Thank you also to the many parent helpers who came and supported this event. Easter Festival. On Thursday morning the whole School will be involved in celebrating Easter. The children in the Kindergarten and classes of the Lower School will be making Easter baskets, painting eggs in preparing for the festival day next week.

Next week will be the last week of Term, before the Easter holidays. School will finish at 12.30 on Thursday, 1 April.

This will be the last Bush Telegraph for Term 1, due to the shorter week.

Term 2 begins on Monday 19 April.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful Easter.

Karen Brice-Geard

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DATES:

TERM 1: Finish 1 April 12.30pm

TERM 2: DATES 19 April - 25 June

TERM 3: Dates 19 July - 24 September

TERM 4: Dates 11 Oct - 17 December

**Thursday 1 April
Easter Festival**

NOTE: School finishes at 12.30pm

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the Board meeting on Monday, 22 March we welcomed Judie Fishenden as our new Board Secretary. "Welcome 'on board', Judie! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous secretary, Wendy Adams, for her dedication and high standard of work. Thank you Wendy!

The Board signed off two policies that have been under review: the Complaints Policy, which has already been tested in draft form, and the Enrolment Policy. Policies are governance statements and do not contain detailed procedures or processes. As previously communicated, a review of the Enrolment Policy's procedures and processes is currently underway. Both revised policies will be made available on our website once the publication process is completed.

A review of the Raphael House Upper School curriculum and qualification is underway. The Curriculum Sub-committee is interested to hear from anyone wanting to join in and assist the review process. Please contact the convenor, Philip Robinson directly if you would like to help (at phillip.r@raphaelhouse.school.nz).

The Board received a request for additional Upper School classroom space from the Principal. There are many pressure points but some of the most acute and pressing issues include:

- Upper School drama cannot be adequately accommodated.
- The Laboratory is too small to accommodate our current class sizes.
- The Laboratory is not available for many timetabled science lessons.
- Rooms are being used for classes which do not fit their purpose. E.g. the Laboratory or Handwork Room being used for other subject lessons.

The above issues could be alleviated by the provision of two new classroom spaces. One of these classrooms would need to be large (i.e. at least as big as Class 8's room), in order to accommodate drama classes. As a minimum, the second classroom would need to accommodate a half class. The request was discussed and the Board expressed its support for a speedy resolution. The matter was referred to the Rudolf Steiner School Trust (The Proprietors), whose responsibility it is to provide the property and building with a request to treat this with the highest priority.

Nominations for the parent (and staff) representatives on the Board of Trustees are now open and close at midday on Friday 23 April. Do you, or does someone you know, have the enthusiasm, skills and experience to become a trustee? Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election as parent representatives; please consider it. Everyone on the School roll should have received an Election Nomination Form in the mail. If you haven't, please contact the Lower Office. If you have any questions about the board you may contact me at chair@raphaelhouse.school.nz.

Adrian von Aesch, Chair Board of Trustees

FROM THE OFFICE

If you are a new family to RHRSS, please come to the Lower Office and collect your Parent Handbook folder from Fiona.

VACANCY

The Rudolf Steiner School Trust (RSST) is seeking an Administration Officer. This position would work closely with the Trust's mandate groups to provide administrative support.

The ideal person for this position would be self managing, able to work to tight budgets and time frames, have an understanding of a special character integrated school, be a creative problem solver, able to remain focused, great people skills, great communicator and a good sense of humour.

For a job description please go to: www.raphaelhouse.school.nz. Applications close Wednesday 31 March 2010. Please send your application to chloe.k@raphaelhouse.school.nz.

TRADE DIRECTORY 'WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT'

When you choose shops, suppliers and professionals from those listed in the Trade Directory you will be raising funds for the School Trust, who's purpose is to provide buildings and resources to maintain the special character of the School.

To ensure that your purchase does qualify you must tell the shopkeeper or service provider that you are using the Trade Directory. This is the agreement we have made with all participants. We have an understanding with all those listed on the Trade Directory that a donation amounting to an agreed amount will be made to the School at regular intervals. If you wish your business to be advertised to our School Community, please contact Fiona at the Lower Office, before Tuesday 30 March.

NEW ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS will be available next week. \$60

The School receives \$12/book sold. For early orders, call Alan (576 2332)

WELLINGTON SPEAKING UNION INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATING

On Friday 19 March, Raphael House debated against Hutt Valley High School in the Junior Certificate grade of Intercollegiate Debating for the Wellington region. Class 9 students, Johann Go, Jonas Henehan and Nathanael Walker-Hale made a strong negative case against the moot that 'homework is a necessary element of learning'. In the end, HVHS won by six points with a close final score of 321- 315 points. Johann Go was awarded best speaker of the debate for his style and accomplished delivery. Well done to all the boys for their hard work, it is great to see Raphael House back out there in debating circles. Their next debate will be at Raphael House on Wednesday, 28 April. We will keep you posted on the Team's progress.

Shirley-Anne Thornbury & Amelia Minogue

PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The PTFA'S new Chairperson has been elected. Congratulations, Denny MacArthur.

There will be a shared lunch in the park on the last day of term, Thursday 1 April, please join us. The 'Friday Cafe' will be there selling all sorts, even hot cross buns and the 'Revolutionary Cafe' will be up and running for all those coffee drinkers, (tea will also be available). We look forward to seeing lots of you there with food, drink and a blanket to sit on!

We wish you a restful and heartfelt holiday over Easter time.
Monica on behalf of the PTFA

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY EASTER PROGRAMME

Services are held in the Eurythmy Room at RHRSS

Maundy Thursday 1 April (There is no religious instruction for children today)

5pm	Set Up
6pm	Shared Meal at the Eurythmy Room
7.30pm	Study of the Gospel for Thursday and Good Friday
8.45pm	Close of Day Service with Sermon

Good Friday 2 April

10.30am	The Act of Consecration of Man (Good Friday)
3.00pm	At the Hour of Death - Service with Readings and Music

Saturday 3 April

10.30am	The Act of Consecration Man
11.20am	Morning Tea
11.30am	Helga Sudbrack will introduce herself

Easter Sunday 4 April

6.30am	Meet at the Eurythmy Hall to proceed up the hill to greet the Sun!
7.30am	Shared Breakfast at the Eurythmy Hall
8.30am	Family Gathering then...
8.50am	The Easter Service for Children (7-14yrs with parents)
10.00am	The Act of Consecration of Man
11.00am	Morning Tea

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOT CROSS BUNS FOR SALE: At the Revolutionary Cafe, Thursday 1 April

PARENT LIBRARY

After the holidays the Parent Library will be open every morning from 8.45am-9.30am. Also we will be selling crafts and have a display of the beautiful Lyra pencils and art supplies that are available from Hetty Vink (just up Tirohanga Road). So if you're having your coffee at the Revolutionary Cafe, just pop in the library to have a browse.

Magrita Freie, for the Parent Library

40 HOUR FAMINE

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

This year's 40 hour famine is coming up, 21-23 May and it's going to be bigger and better than ever before. Billie, Jenny and I (Miriam) spent last weekend at a world vision student leadership camp. Now we are full to the brim with enthusiasm and motivation for 2010's best Famine ever!

We will be holding a 40 hour challenge of fun and games on the weekend of the 28-30 May for the Upper School Students. There will be competitions, races and lots of team work, entry fee of \$30. but the money can be from the famine book donations. (This will be explained to the students in the Upper School next Monday. We are aiming to beat last years (6200 worth of funds), raising \$10,000. for those who desperately need our help. We know that this can easily be done when we have the whole community behind us ready to support what we are doing. So please, get on board and help save lives!!!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

3-10 MAY

Famine books will be handed out. Start sponsoring and encouraging your child/ren to approach neighbours, friends, relations. www.worldvision.org.nz get on line yourself or through your child/ren to make a cool profile where you can be sponsored by credit card. There's lots of prizes up for grabs. Being on line is great for overseas relations and friends who can sponsor you, it's very easy to keep trace of the money.

21-23 MAY

The official Famine weekend. Get into it and have sleepovers with friends who are also participating, it can be so much fun when you're together

28-30 MAY

The 40 Hour Challenge of fun and games! Keep this weekend free of all other commitments. It's going to be great, don't miss it.

12 JULY

All Famine books must be handed in by this date. Very important. **ALL BOOKS MUST BE BACK**

Tena koutou

Our work for 2010

At the end of 2009, we reviewed our work and considered what things were most positive. We then set priorities for 2010 reflective of our mandate, "to ensure meaningful learning experiences for all students which acknowledge the land, the people and te Tiriti o Waitangi".

Our priorities for 2010 are:

- To consolidate and enlarge the events of last year

Term 1 celebrate Waitangi Day (this year missed)

Term 2 celebrate Matariki during the week of 14 June and hold a Waiata evening

Term 3 hold a pihikete- biscuit exchange for Maori language week and a Waiata evening

Term 4 hold a pihikete- biscuit exchange for Maori language day.

- To also support the curriculum where we can to foster age appropriate learning of things Maori.
- To also provide some learning within the adult education programme.

This journey is for all of us, and everyone is welcome to join our ropu tautoko, we look forward to your contributions!

Our next hui will be after the holidays, and the dates will be published in the Bush Telegraph. You are all most welcome.

Nau mai, haere mai.

Helen Emmerson on behalf of Te Ropu
Na matou noa, na te Ropu i te Kaupapa Maori

THE STORYTELLER IN THE COMMUNITY

We are very pleased to be able to give preliminary notice that Ashley Ramsden and Sue Hollingsworth have agreed to come to New Zealand in February/March 2011 to offer the course "The Storyteller in the Community".

This course will take place over five consecutive weeks (Mondays to Fridays) and will be a distilled version of the three month residential course usually presented at Emerson College in the UK. (<http://www.schoolofstorytelling.com>). Details of costs, venue, timetable and how to register are expected to be available by May 2010. Places will be limited (16-18) and early expressions of interest are now being invited. No previous experience of storytelling is required.

Ashley Ramsden

Ashley founded the School of Storytelling in 1994. His unique methods of teaching voice and the skills of the storyteller have received international acclaim. He runs workshops, tours with his one-man-shows including; A Christmas Carol, The Amazing Adventures of the Hodja Nasrud'din, The Titanic and Tistou of the Green Thumbs amongst others and is a speaker of sacred poetry. www.ashleyramsden.com

Sue Hollingsworth MBA

Sue has been a member of the Faculty of the School of Storytelling since 1999. As well as performing and teaching, she is the Director of Story matters Ltd., a consultancy which takes storytelling into the world of business. She also enjoys working with story in the environment, with woman's groups and biographical storytelling.

This is a unique opportunity to work with Ashley and Sue. Enquiries or expressions of interest to Judy or John Frost-Evans Home: 04-239 8346.
Judy's Mobile: 021-1121 244 E-mail: judytravelling@hotmail.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.

FOR SALE: Toyota Estima Van, 1992, very good condition with only 90,000k mileage. \$6000.00 see trade me 269585173. + Kids Bikes 4-5 year of age, 6 - 7 and 10 year old sizes.
Contact Fiona Baxter @ 565 3169

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A LOVING HOUSE FOR OUR BLACK LAB x 'Tara' she is a friendly dog used to lots of children, hugs and walks.

Please ring Monica 587 0336 if you would like to meet her

PILATES WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE: Body and change your life! (Believe me, I am living proof), Petone classes held Mondays and Tuesdays 6.15-7.15pm and 7.30 - 8.30pm. All levels welcome. Call Juliet on 569 1664 or email jshell@clear.net.nz. www.danz.org.nz/julietshelley.php

DOUBLE ROOM AVAILABLE in gorgeous Korokoro Steiner home. Quiet, peaceful, warm, 10 minutes walk to Petone Station, shops and beach. Suit professional person or student. Call Juliet on 569 1664, email jshell@clear.net.nz

I'M A 26 YR OLD ON MY TRAVELS FROM YORKSHIRE in the UK, I am currently house-sitting on the Kapiti Coast for a Waldorf class teacher as I am involved in the Te Ra Steiner School. I am available to housesit somewhere closer to Wellington from mid April onwards for one month or two, or a week. I'm more than willing and would take great care of whatever was entrusted to me. Please contact selina-horn@email.com or 0044 776368 1855)

I HAVE MISPLACED A LARGE OVEN TRAY which was left up against the Kindergarten fence several weeks ago. If anyone knows of its whereabouts please could you contact me.
Thanks Monica 587 0336

HOUSE FOR RENT. Three bedroom house in central Lower Hutt. Fenced, with deck, carport, storage shed. Easy care section. No smokers, no dogs. Rent \$410 per week.
Chris Penman, Ph 566 4977 or cpenman@clear.net.nz

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 for photos and description or visit www.bookabach.co.nz/Te_Horo_beachhouse

EASTER BUNNIES: We have two white, 6 months old bunnies to give away for Easter. They have a beautiful nature and would love to stay together as they are brothers!
Please contact Karen Bäucke on 565 3331

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**You never know
What you've got.....**

til it's gone



A DELICATE BALANCE ~ the Truth

**is a documentary which investigates the connections
between food, health and climate change.**

<http://adelicatebalance.com.au/>

Movie Viewing

Saturday 20th March, 2-4 pm

Saturday 22nd May, 2-3 pm

Saturday 19th June, 2-4 pm

Wellington Library, Mezzanine Floor Meeting Room

Includes intro & Q&A session after film

Entry to film free, *plus* FREE Snacks

FREE DVDs

FREE information