



RAPHAEL HOUSE
RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends,

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to school. I trust you have all had an enjoyable and rejuvenating summer in spite of the somewhat dismal weather!

We have had a very positive start to the New School Year and we welcome Diana Marsh, our new Class 1 teacher, Robin Hinkley has returned from overseas and has taken the role of Class 5 teacher he will also carrying the role of Lower School Coordinator. Sarah Grandison will work alongside JoAnna Eikenbroek in the Upper School craft area and Diana-Grace Morris will be relieving in the Kindergarten while Julia Sherriff is away overseas on a well earned sabbatical. Julia will return to take up her kindergarten group at the beginning of Term 3.

Before School started with the children and students the teachers and staff had two days of In-Service together. Our focus was on music and singings for an hour and half each morning with Julian Raphael. We then focused on Sponsorship and mentoring, setting individual goals for the year and work on the draft Annual Plan. The areas of Kindergarten, Lower School and Upper School also had meetings together preparing for the children's return.

We wish to congratulate Phoebe Lippiett who was married in the School holidays; her new name is Phoebe Quinlivan. Erica Kirby will be the Sports Coordinator for 2010. We wish to acknowledge the contribution Phoebe made as Sports Coordinator in 2009.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.
Karen Brice-Geard

DATES TERM ONE - 2010

8 Feb - CI 3 & CI 10 Parent Evening
7.30pm

9 Feb - CI 5 Parent Evening 7.30pm

10 Feb - Upper School Photo ID
9.00am start.

10 - Feb - CI 6 Parent Evening 7.30pm

11 Feb - CI 12 Parent Evening 7.30pm

12 Feb - Whole School Photos

15 Feb - L/S Swimming programme
starts.

15 Feb - Kindergarten Parent Evening,
Eurythmy Room 7.30pm.

16 Feb - CI 1 Parent Evening 7.30pm

17 Feb - CI 2 Parent Evening 7.30pm

22 Feb - BOT meeting 7pm

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Welcome back to a new School year everyone, and a warm welcome to the many new students, their families and new staff members who have joined our School community this year. Thank you to all our teachers and administration staff who have worked hard to make sure the beginning of School is as smooth as possible for everyone. The first Term is always very busy for staff who have to settle children back into a routine after a long holiday.

Our first board meeting of the year will be on Monday 22 February at 7pm. Our focus will be on what needs to be done to make 2010 a successful year for Raphael House. This includes for example: updating the annual plan, enrolment processes, the new budget, resources needed and how to resolve outstanding issues.

The board is comprised of four parent representatives (Glen McCauley, Catherine Ross, Carolyn van Leuven and Toni Weir), three Trust reps (Paul Kirby, Chris Penman and myself), a student rep (Ruby Harrison), a staff rep (Philip Robinson) and the Principal (Karen Brice-Geard). Many thanks also to our board secretary, Wendy Adams, Chloe Kasoulides (Finance) and Ken Wilson (LSM) who also attend the meetings.

If you have any question about the board and how it works you can reach me on chair @raphaelhouse.school.nz<mailto:chair@raphaelhouse.school.nz

Adrian von Aesch
Chair

FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you to all parents who remembered to sign in at the beginning of term when you brought your children to school and accompanied them up the Zig Zag Track.

Please remember to sign in at the Lower Office when arriving at school, and sign out again on departure. This is a Ministry and a Civil Defence requirement.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 12 FEBRUARY 2010

Photo envelopes are being sent out this week. Each envelope/form is individually named so that you can complete the red box for class and/or individual photo for each child. Should you wish to have a family pack photo i.e. 2 or 3 children together from the same family and in different classes please fill out the blue section only. Spare forms are available from the Lower Office. Please return the envelopes to your class teacher or the Lower Office by Thursday 11 February.

STUDENT ID PHOTOS CLASSES 8-12

A universal card design is being introduced across Wellington by EYEDE our current supplier of student identification cards. This is to achieve consistency and make it easier for students to interact and transact with public transport providers and retailers every day. The universal card design will have the School name and logo, the student's details/photo and expiry date on it. From 2010 students can have a new card issued every two years.

The card will be available as either a standard card or a Snapper card depending on the student's

preference.

The costs of the Student Identification Cards for 2010 are as follows.

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| 1) | Standard Student Identification Card | \$10.00 each |
| 2) | Student Identification Card with Snapper component | \$15.00 each |

By having a Snapper card the student will be able to use it on all Wellington Regional Buses to pay for the cost of their travel.

The student ID photos for classes 8- 12 will be taken on the morning of Wednesday 10 February, 2010. Orders will only be placed for the students who have paid for their cards. Students who wish to have ID cards from Class 7 can also order cards. Please pay at the Lower Office by 10 February.

SCC UPDATE

Currently, we have 62% of our 266 SCC forms sent returned. There has been a theme of generous contributions in these returns, for which we are thankful. If parents want our planning to be effective then, obviously, we need to know what everyone's donation intentions are for 2010.

If you would like another form these are on our Website, at:

<http://www.raphaelhouse.school.nz/uploads/media/Pledgeform2010finalv03.doc>, or by contacting me (tel 576 2332, email: alan.c@rapahelhouse.school.nz)

Alan Chapman, Resource Manager

SCHOOL TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE

Students may be eligible for School transport if they are under 10 years old and live more than 3.2km from the nearest School, or they are 10 years old and over and live more than 4.8km from the nearest School, and they do not have access to public service transport.

The Ministry of Education application forms are available from the Lower Office. Please complete the form and send back to the LS Office so that they can be processed ASAP.

SCHOOL ANGELS

A huge thank you to the generous parents who, over the holiday period, have voluntarily worked at the School. Some of the contributions are obvious, such as the Kindergarten fencing, other less so. What you might not know about is the parent work to clean classrooms, sand desks, tidy the woodwork room and make equipment for the Sculpture Room. Additionally, parents have staffed the School's stall at the new Frank Kitts market. An important publicity opportunity.

Such contributions are very heartening and are an indication of the extra parent commitments that have helped build this School.

To those involved for this assistance, my grateful thanks.

Alan Chapman

Resource Manager

BUSH TELEGRAPH

Please advise Fiona in the Lower Office if you would like your Bush Telegraph brought home with your child each week. The other option is to receive it by email, if you require this option and are not currently receiving it, please contact: fiona.d@raphaelhouse.school.nz. Or go to the website and download your copy. www.raphaelhouse.school.nz. There are hard copies available in the Lower School available to collect on a Friday.

WHAT'S ON

THE AWAKENING OF EMPATHY

A workshop in the profound and powerful tools of Compassionate Communication. Compassionate Communication, or Non-Violent Communication (NVC) explores empathy in a profoundly heartfelt, authentic and also rigorous way. The facilitator, John Cunningham from the US, has thirteen years Waldorf teaching experience and ten years experience as an NVC trainer. He brings a deep Anthroposophical understanding to meet the illuminating insights of NVC and shares these with participants in an active, gentle, humorous and highly present way. Friday 13/2, 7:30pm - 9:30pm (please attend this session, it is part of the workshop). Saturday 14/2 - 9am to 5pm, Sunday 15/2 - 9am to 5pm. You may choose to attend Friday and Saturday only. Sliding scale: \$100.00 - \$200.00 Contact Sean O'Connor seanoconnor@xtra.co.nz, Ph: 5892 004

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.

DOUBLE ROOM AVAILABLE: A beautiful house in Korokoro, share with a Steiner family. Available now. \$140.00 per week plus bills. Contact Juliet on 569 1664 or jshell@clear.net.nz

BIKE LEFT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OVER XMAS. Please contact the office If you have left your Bike at school over the Christmas break, it is a Yellow SL 9000 Millazo

I URGENTLY REQUIRE AFTER SCHOOL CARE from 3pm to 5.30 every alternate week for my son Liam D'lima in Class 4. I will pay an agreeable rate for his care and provide anything he may need, food etc. Would really appreciate your help. Please contact Susan D'lima 566 2413 or 021 710501

PARELLI NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP DEMONSTRATION, Friday 19 February 6.30pm @ 73 Mangaroa Valley Road, Upper Hutt. Parelli students with their horses followed by Russell Higgins 3 Parelli Professional. Contact Sandra Gow: horse.savvy@xtra.co.nz or www.horse.savvy.co.nz Or Jo Radd 5648 424, Entry by Donation

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