



RAPHAEL HOUSE  
RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL  
BUSHTELEGRAPH

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

All the Upper School classes are safely back from their respective camps and the reports from the teachers and students indicate they have all had a fantastic time. Thank you to the many parents who attended the different camps and supported both students and teachers.

### NATIONAL STANDARDS

As you will be aware the National Standards debate continues in the media. From the start of 2010, all NZ schools are required to assess their students against the National Standards. The National Standards show what all New Zealand children are expected to be able to do in reading, writing and mathematics in Years 1 – 8 (kindergarten to Class 7). The view of the Federation of Rudolf Steiner Waldorf Schools is that National Standards are contrary to a Waldorf approach and methodology.

The Federation of Steiner Schools has been proactive in consultation to ensure our position is carried to the Ministry. The Ministry has been very open to meeting with us and we have begun dialogue with members of the senior team managing the implementation of National Standards. We are taking the approach of working towards being able to protect our Special Character, while meeting our regulatory requirements.

We will keep you updated on progress with the negotiations.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend

Karen Brice-Geard

### IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1

Tuesday 9 March

Class 4 Parent Evening 7.30pm

Wednesday 10 March

Upper School Athletics Day  
Class 7 Parent Evening 7.30pm

Thursday 11 March

Postponement day for US Athletics

Monday 15 March

Class 3 Camp Kaitoke

~~22 March~~

BOT Meeting 7pm

Thursday 1 April

Easter Festival School finishes at  
12.30pm

Monday 19 April

BOT meeting HWR 7.00pm

Wednesday 28 April

Class 5 Parent Evening

Thursday 29 April

## FROM THE OFFICE

Please return your PINK STUDENT INFORMATION 2010 form which was sent home 2 weeks ago, (1 per family) return to the Lower Office ASAP. 100% return rate is expected. If you did not get one, please collect it from the Lower Office. This form ensures the Safety of your child, in an Civil Defence emergency.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR SPORT

Thank you to those children who had a good look around their homes and found sports uniforms and returned them to School last week. There are some still missing. We desperately need children to have a good look around their homes to find RHRSS Sports Uniforms. At present we do not have enough uniforms to send our teams out to play sport in. All uniforms can be dropped off at the Lower School Office.

Thank you

Erica Kirby  
Sports Coordinator

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

If any parent out there is interested in Mountain Biking and would like to hear about events going on for all ages (but with emphasis on school children), then I'd like to forward you some great emails I am receiving about events such as Makara Peak Mtb Bike Park touring, Mountain Bike Film Festival info, track making info etc.

It would be great to offer this to students at Raphael House and I would be happy to promote it if there was someone who would manage something such as a 'Mountain Bike Club'. Let me know of your interest Sport@raphaelhouse.school.nz

## WINTER SPORTS

Already, there are some Junior Netball teams up and practicing which is great to see. Some good volunteering going on. Keep me informed as to what you need earlier rather than later as I may need time to help, such as balls and uniforms, court bookings.

We have Class 5 playing Touchm, yeah! And a number of Class 5 students who have come up to the Upper School to tell me they want to play Basketball. I hope we can get a coach for them. Jo Llewellyn has yet again volunteered to manage them.

It looks like: Netball, Football, Basketball and Hockey will be this winters lineup. I hope we get loads of interest from the students.

Thanks everyone

Erica Kirby  
Sports Coordinator

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dear Community

The Festival Group are gearing up for the Michaelmas Harvest Festival on Friday 19 March. This year we are dedicating almost the whole day to celebrating this Festival instead of spreading it over two days as in previous years.

We will begin with a whole School Harvest Assembly at 10.30am. We encourage students to bring contributions for the harvest table. Class teachers will be collecting the produce in the week prior to the festival. Following this Classes 1-7 will gather on the Lower Court for the opening ceremony and the 'Games of Courage' will begin. The Lower School will be gathering for a shared lunch of soup and bread at 12.30 outside the Eurythmy Room.

The games will then continue until 2.30 when the day will conclude with a closing ceremony. The Class teachers will farewell their students at 2.55pm as per usual. We need 14 parent helpers to assist with supervising the games on the day. Please email Melanie Treadgold (melanie.t@raphaelhouse.school.nz) if you are able to assist. Please make sure your children have sun hats, wet weather gear, sturdy shoes, and a change of clothes. With courage and autumn abundance, we welcome this change of season.

Kia kaha, Ashley Gibbs and Melanie Treadgold for the Festival Group.

### MISSING FILE

There is a bookshelf  
Where are the stories?  
Hiding away from  
eyes that see  
Great Father Storyteller  
He calls from the sky  
"Come out stories, come out now,  
The children are waiting  
For words to unfold  
And be filled with wonder from stories of old!"

I have lent my personal file of Steiner Kindergarten stories to someone in need. If this notice jogs your memory, please return to Tessa's place at  
13 Laery Street, Alicetown A.S.A.P.  
Thank you Julie Coldwell (586 1237)

## OTHER WALDORF COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christian Community Wellington program [www.thechristiancommunity.net](http://www.thechristiancommunity.net). Opportunities for visits and meetings: Kevin Coffey 021 0241 6614

Friday 12 March

3.15pm Religion lesson for School Children (at Leonie's Kindergarten)

Saturday 13 March

8.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

9.30 am Study Group: John 6: 1-15

6.00 pm Shared dinner followed by an open talk

7:30 pm "The Mystery of the 'I AM', the journey from self to Selfhood"

Sunday 14 March

9.30 am Family gathering & The Sunday Service for Children (children aged 7-14 & their

### BIOGRAPHICAL COUNSELLING

Biographical Counselling is inspired by the indications given by Rudolf Steiner and seeks to expand your experience and insight of now, amidst influences from your past together with what is coming towards you from your destiny. By shining a light of consciousness on your past experiences, you can be freed to participate more fully in your life today.

After training with Margi Matthews and the Biography and Social Development Trust, Forest Row, UK, from 2002 - 2006 I set up a private practice in Ringwood, Hampshire (UK) and gained my Diploma. Having returned to New Zealand I am now available in the Lower Hutt and Kapiti areas for Biographical Counselling. The purpose of these sessions could be to look at your biography or to explore a question or an issue that is presenting itself to you at this time.

Sessions may be scheduled weekly or fortnightly and are usually for one hour. My hourly fee is in the range of \$50.00 - \$65.00. Please contact me if you are interested or would like more information. Judy Frost-Evans 021-112 1244 home: 04-239 8346 e-mail: judytravelling@hotmail.com

### CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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My name is Danielle, I am 17 and in Cass 11, looking for work. If anyone needs a helping hand around the home, cooking, cleaning, gardening or with the children, please call me.

I am available after School and on Sundays.

Telephone: 587 0336

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