



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Craft in the School

If you have any spare time and would like to come and support the fantastic work of the Parents Craft group you would be most welcome. They meet in the little Pole room underneath the class 5 room each Monday from 9.00am. If you would like to find out more about the work of this group please contact Jennifer Holdaway (Class 11 parent) on 972 3010 who I know would welcome your support.

Well done!

Congratulations to our debating team Johann Go, Jonas Henehan and Joshua McCauley who won last Wednesday's challenge against St Oran's College.

We have just completed a review of our student late arrival and absence procedures. A summary of the new procedures is set out below, while a fuller version of the procedures can be found in the Parent Handbook, which will be mailed to you soon.

LATE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Start Times

Upper School: 8.20am

Lower School: 8.55am

Late Cards

In order to allow students sufficient time to walk up to their classrooms pupils need to arrive at the school gate at least 5 minutes before the above start times.

Students who are passing the Office after the allowing times *must pick up a late card from the Office.*

Upper School: 8.15 am

Lower School: 8.50am

IMPORTANT DATES

11 May - 7.30 pm
Class 7 Parent Evening

13 May - 7.30pm
Class 12 Parent Evening

15 May - 7.30 pm
40 Hr Famine Concert

17 May - TEACHER ONLY DAY

NO SCHOOL

19 May - 7.30 pm Class 5
Parent Meeting

24 May - 7.30 pm
Class 3 Parent Meeting

1 June - 7.30 pm
Lower School Community Meeting

7 June Queens Birthday
Holiday

14 June - 7.30 pm
Class Representatives Meeting

17 June -
Mid Winter Festival

Parent Notes

If a pupil has a valid reason for being late, then the parent or caregiver must write a note stating the pupils name, class and reason. This note must be presented at the Office when the student is obtaining a late card.

STUDENT ABSENCE PROCEDURES

Notification of Absences

All notification of absences should be made to the *Office*, not to the pupil's teachers. (The Office staff will then advise the pupil's teachers).

When a child will not be at school for the day the parent or caregiver must advise the Office *before 9.00am* by;

- Leaving a message on the School's 24 hour answer phone (Press 1 for Absences Option)
- Texting **021 516 497**
- Delivering a note to or visiting the Office

Please state the name of the child, the class they are in and the reason for their absence.

Anticipated Long Term Absence

Applications should be made in writing to the *School Coordinator/Principal* for absences longer than two weeks, with as much notice as possible. An application should include the dates of the requested absence and the reasons for it, for example family circumstances.

DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Students must have a signed note from a parent or caregiver in order to be given permission to leave school during the day. The note needs to state pupil's name, and class and the reason they need to leave; eg dental appointment.

All students who wish to leave for an appointment need to *show the note to their teacher and then take the note to the Office*, where they will be 'signed out'. When students return from an appointment they are to 'sign in' at the Office.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

Karen Brice-Geard
School Coordinator/Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

New Entertainment Books are available for \$60.00. The School receives \$12.00 for each book sold. Please purchase from the Office.

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Lower School Community Survey

Last week a Lower School Community survey on National Standards in our school was emailed out to all Lower School parents and caregivers on our email lists. These forms require a recent version of Adobe Reader (which can be downloaded for free from <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>) in order to be able to fill them in and return them electronically. Unfortunately you cannot save your completed forms to your hard drive, but the entries that you make are communicated to the school when you click on "send via email" at the bottom of the form. If you would like you keep your own record of your responses, you will need to copy and paste them to another document before returning the form electronically.

If the option of returning your form electronically does not appeal, you can print the form out and bring it in to the Office. If you think your entries will exceed the spaces available, you will need to print the form out before filling it in, as only the words that are showing when you print will actually print out.

If this all seems like too much horseplay, or if you don't have a printer, you are welcome to come in and pick up a printed form from the Office.

We look forward to reading your responses!
Kind regards,
Robin Hinkley, on behalf of the Lower School.

Fancy Making a Trophy?

Is there anyone in the parent community who is interested in creating a fun, interesting and highly motivating trophy that can be awarded each term/year to the winners of lunchtime teacher vs student sports games? There's no budget for this, but you're encouraged to use recycled materials that might otherwise be thrown away. Please email me at robin.h@raphaelhouse.school.nz if you're keen!



Robin Hinkley
Lower School

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

* Wellington Speaking Union Intercollegiate Debating *

On Wednesday 28th April, Raphael House debated against St Oran's College in the Junior Certificate grade of Intercollegiate Debating for the Wellington region. Class 9 students, Johann Go, Jonas Henehan and Joshua McCauley, made a strong affirmative case for the moot that 'Dangerous dog breeds should be banned'. Raphael House won convincingly with a final score of 339-257 points. Johann Go was awarded best speaker of the debate and Jonas Henehan was awarded second speaker. Well done to all the boys for their hard work! Thanks also to Jake Smythe for returning to adjudicate for us and to Nathanael Walker-Hale for chairing the debate. Their next debate is an impromptu round and will be at St Oran's College on Wednesday 19th May.

* Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival *

On Tuesday 27th April, Class 11 & 12 students Laurel Andrews, Max Carran, Jenny Craig, John-Paul Denford, Ruby Harrison, Lee Moonan, Lera Protassova and Miriam Randall performed the wedding scene from *Much Ado About Nothing* in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. The Festival gives young people the opportunity to share their varied, weird and wonderful interpretations of Shakespeare's words and always results in an evening of high quality entertainment! This year our scene was student-directed with Callum Brunel taking up the challenge of directing his peers. The group gave a strong performance and I would like to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to the project, and for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Amelia Minogue

SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS DRAW- WEEK ENDING 9 MAY

NETBALL Team:	Vs:	Place:	Time:
Golden Lions (Primary 7) Class 5&6	Koraunui 2	New World 1	Sat 8th 3.30pm
Golden Lions (Primary 7) Class 5&6	Fernlea 1	NewWorld 7	Sat 8th 4.30pm
Raphael House (Collegiate 8) Class 7&8	HVHS 10	Wainui /Court 2	Sat 8th 12pm
Raphael House (Collegiate 5) Class 9 & 10	Chilton	SHC /Court 2	Sat 8th 12pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Guest Speaker Monday 10 May, 2010 Eurythmy Room

Arthur Zajonc (Professor of Physics at Amherst College) is in New Zealand for the first time in connection with the Anthroposophical Society to speak and take a three day meditation workshop at Tauhara. (already full) He will give two talks in Wellington.

The Turn From Science to Spirituality 7:30pm Sunday 9th May at Te Ra Waldorf School, 89 Poplar Avenue, Raumati South, Paraparaumu. Admission \$10.00 and \$5.00 unwaged

The Spiritual Significance of Friendship 7:30pm Monday 10th May at Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School, 27 Matuhi St, Tirohanga. Admission \$10.00 and \$5.00 unwaged

Biography

Arthur Zajonc is Professor of Physics at Amherst College. He has been a visiting professor and researcher at the Ecole Normale Superiore, the Max Planck Institute for Quantum Optics and other prestigious universities in the US and Europe. He has been a Fulbright professor to the University of Innsbruck where he studied the foundations of quantum physics. He was one of the founders of the Hartsbrook Waldorf School in Hadley, MA, and for eight years served as the General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in America and as Chair of the Collegium of the School of Spiritual Science in North America. He is currently the Director of the Academic Program at the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society which works nationally to promote the appropriate inclusion of meditation in higher education. Arthur Zajonc has worked on several occasions with the Dalai Lama concerning the philosophical, ethical and spiritual implications of modern science. He is the author of *Catching the Light: The Entwined History of Light and Mind*, the co-author of *The Quantum Challenge: Modern Research on the Foundation of Quantum Mechanics*, co-editor of *Goethe's Way of Science: A Phenomenology of Nature*, and editor of *The New Physics and Cosmology: Dialogues with the Dalai Lama*, and co-editor of *The Dalai Lama at MIT*.

PARENT CRAFT GROUP

Helper Wanted

Someone to periodically dye fabric for us. Usually straight forward tasks using bought dyes and if you are feeling adventurous, experimentation with natural colour is encouraged.

Contact Jennifer Holdaway 972 3010 or jenh@paradise.net.nz

The Craft Group meets on Mondays 8.30 - 11.45. All welcome. We are low on helpers this year and would love to see some new energy.



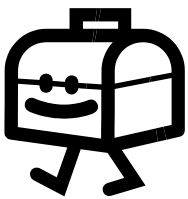


THE REVOLUTIONARY CAFE

Thursday mornings at the bus garage. Come along and have a coffee (or tea) for a \$ donation, chat with friends old and new, share ideas...

Quote of
the Week

"It is only when we love the world that we truly experience ourselves."
Rudolf Steiner



FRIDAY LUNCHES

Olivia and Lucy , Class 9 are selling school lunches on Fridays - Pasta \$3.00, Apple Crumble \$2.50 Raising money towards their German Exchanges.

STIRRING

For once you are encouraged to do some! Stirrers welcome on Thursday 13th May from 2:15 pm at the park beside Kindy to help stir Biodynamic Preparation 500 to apply around the school environs. Bring a container if you wish to take some for your garden.

Best wishes
Catharina Fisher



40 HOUR FAMINE NEWS

FILM NIGHT FOR THE 40 HOUR FAMINE

Dear parents,

For the first famine fundraiser, Jenny, Billie and Miriam of Class 11 organised a movie night last Friday, which was very successful. They raised just over \$200 and had a lot of fun!

Thank you for your support and please remember that you are welcome to contribute to the \$10,000 target the team has set for themselves. This equates to approximately \$80 per student in the Upper School.

Again thank you in advance for your support.

Phillip Robinson

CONCERT - 15 MAY 2010

7.30 PM

KNOX CHURCH, 574 HIGH STREET, LOWER HUTT

TICKETS - ADULTS \$10.00

CHILDREN \$5.00 (Under5's free)

FAMILY TICKETS (2 adults and 2 children) \$25.00

Hi everyone,

The famine has come around again. This year is going to be bigger affair and we are hoping to raise as much money as we can. This year we have decided to hold a concert in which people from our community will perform; all of the money raised will go to the 40 Hour Famine, for the people who really need our help.

At the concert there will be an interval with lots of delicious food and drinks. There will be art for sale with an African theme - the art is stunning and has been created by the students in our School.

This concert is a great event and we want everyone to come. Tickets will be sold at the Office or at the door.

Please come for a fantastic night full of amazing performers. We hope to see you there. Help support a great cause!

Miriam Randall, Billie Lloyd-Bain and Jenny Craig (Class 11)

The therapeutic initiative group

Dr. David Ritchie

**Friday 14 May
7.30pm**

**New Zealand Red Cross
31 Pretoria Street**

(also access via Bristol Square)

\$5 at the door

**“Building the whole Child,
Growing Resilience in our Children”**

Wellington Biodynamic Group

Seed saving and sowing

An autumn workshop with Dave Treadwell (of Eco Seeds)

Saturday 8th May at Pam & Bruce Adams' farm, 564 Moores Valley Road in Wainuiomata.

10.00 - 12.00 - Dave will give a talk and practical demonstration on seed saving and sowing - take a seedling punnet home with you.

12.00 - 1.00 - Lunch: soup and bread provided.

1.00 - 3.00 - For those who can stay after lunch we'll be helping Pam and Bruce out by stirring p500 and spreading it, and if there are enough people we'll put some p500 down for all of us for next year.

We will also have a look at the Cow Pat Pit we made last Spring.

Contributions for afternoon tea are welcome.

Please RSVP for catering to judyrandall@xtra.co.nz or 589 2323.

The Wellington Biodynamic Group

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 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.

WANTED: Cleaner 2 hours per week. Belmont Hills. Contact Victoria 565 - 4061

5 RHYTHMS DANCE: New class in Wellington. Sundays 25 April to 23 May and Friday's 30 April and 14th May. For more info see www.5rhythms.co.nz or phone Julie (Class 8 and 11 parent) on 565 3304.

WANTED: Tins for candle dipping. Approx 15 - 20 cm high and about 1-2 litres. Please leave at the Office. Thanks!
Paul Denford 589 1652



MASSAGE/BODY WORK: Treat your self to an intuitively constructed and individualized Massage / Bodywork Session that draws on Feldenkrais, Eastern and Western Massage, Reiki, and Muscle Balance Analysis. \$70 p/h (Quote the Bush Telegraph and get an introductory offer of \$50 p/h). Phone Keri Onyewu: 021349051, or Ashley Gibbs: 0212773022.

HOUSE FOR RENT: We are leaving Wellington so our lovely 3 bedroom house in Hill Road, Belmont Hills (close to Raphael House) is available to rent. Great views and large sunny section with well established organic vege garden. Suit keen gardener. Phone Suzanne on 565-4067.

HOUSE SITTING OPPORTUNITY: Lovely warm private 3 brm house in Normandale 10 minutes' drive or bushwalk down to school. Available from 9th June to the 8th July. Call 569 6164 or email Helena helena@wellingtoncreative.co.nz to view.

HOUSE FOR RENT: Three bedroom house in central Lower Hutt. Fenced, with deck, carport, storage shed. Easy care section. Rent \$395 per week. Chris Penman, Ph 566 4977 or cpenman@clear.net.nz



FREE TO GOOD HOME: 1 three wheel buggy/pram and 1 carry cot. Also we have five wonderful baby guinea pigs who need a new home. Please contact Brett Whincup at the bus garage or phone 577 2054.

GERMAN GARAGE SALE: Saturday, 8 May from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Ngaio Union Church, cnr Crofton Road and Kenya Street, Ngaio. Just grab a coffee and German cake and enjoy some European baby clothing, children's gear, toys and household items.

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