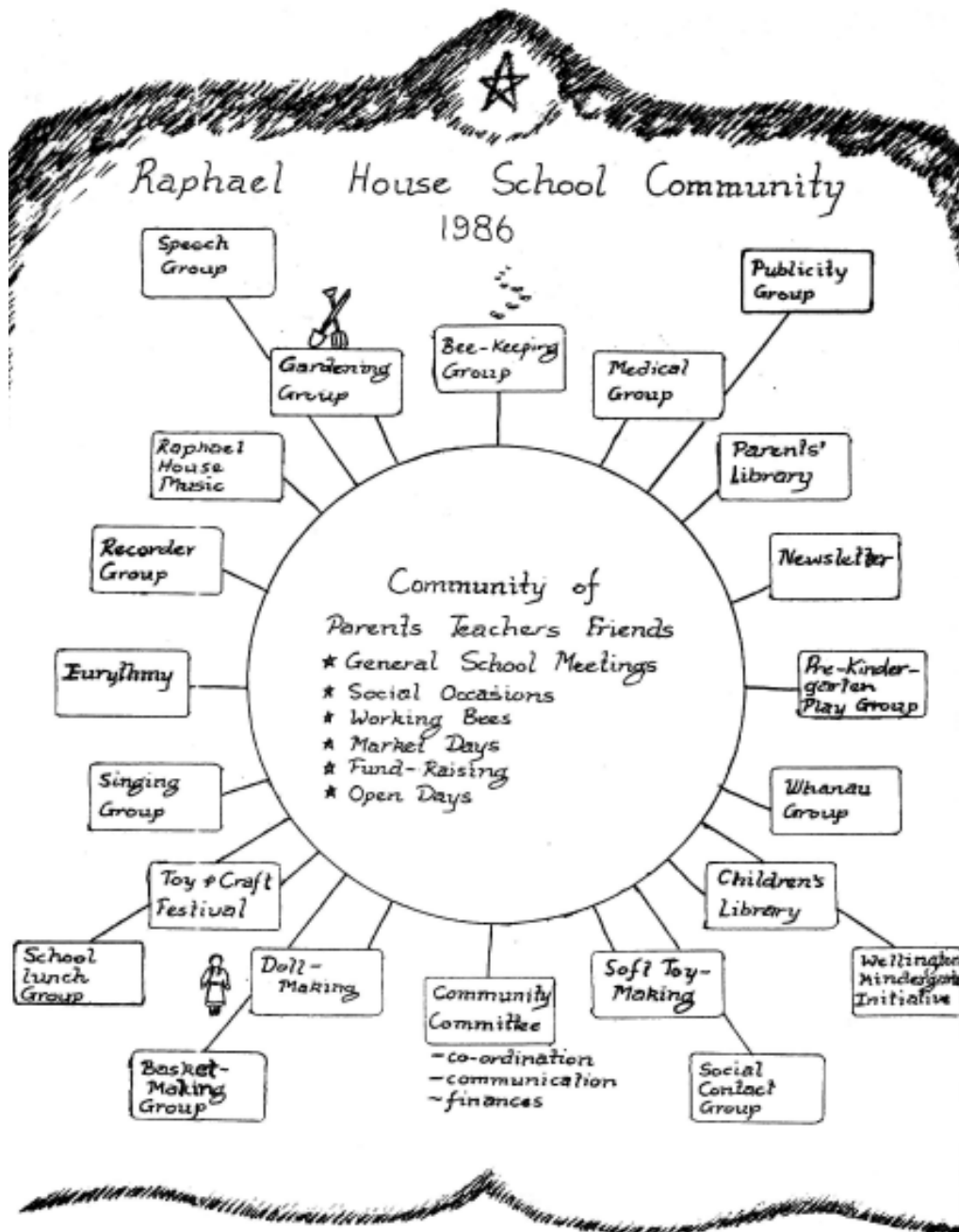


Raphael House

celebrating 25 years

1979 - 2004

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Raphael House is more than a school for children; it is a centre for learning and sharing, for adults and children alike. We have gone a long way towards consolidating not only the physical structure of the buildings, but also the inner growth and strength of the school community through cultural and artistic activities.

Activities this year ranged from mid-winter lectures and discussions, to short courses, to on-going groups that continue to meet regularly. Some groups combine their activities with fundraising, others meet purely for learning and enjoyment. Each has responded to a need, and made its own contribution to the life of the school. Linda Kennington Dec 1985

A Window on Raphael House as a Community: 1986

The School Association has traditionally been responsible for overseeing the social and small scale financial needs of the school, for co-ordinating the various groups within the school, and for liaison between the College of Teachers and the parents.

Singing Group, Eurythmy, Recorder Group, Raphael House Music, Speech Group

The Whanau Group meet once a month at our own homes and are working towards pre-European Maori tanga activity such as flax weaving and carving skills, using these as a means of learning the Maori language by using the correct terminology for the skills we are learning. Arohanui Whanau

Gardening Group, Bee-keeping Group, Publicity Group, Parents' Library, Newsletter

The Medical Group began as a group of conventionally trained nurses who felt there was more to medicine, and Rudolf Steiner's ideas had appeal and interest.. We commenced fortnightly during term time studying Anthroposophical Medicine by Victor Botty. When Rene de Monchy made the move to Wellington we were delighted and then about this time we commenced studying Rudolf Steiner's lectures to workers.. The composition of the group has now changed and is not entirely nurses.

Pre-kindergarten Play Group, Wellington Kindergarten Initiative, Children's Library

Market days are traditionally held on a Saturday morning. These have been held usually twice a term in the past, organised on a neighbourhood and a class basis (ie taking turns). The one held at the end of term one was a most successful and spontaneous gathering. An air of gaiety and music pervaded the grounds amidst the hustle and bustle of sales activity - the total amount raised was \$1,005.

Social Contact Group, Soft Toy-making, Community Committee, Doll-making

Gerald's Amazing Workshop - working bees are held in his big double-garage (also known as the schools' woodwork room). Making furniture for the school: desks, tables, classroom work-tables, kindergarten stools & tables. Also wooden toys for fundraising.

Basket-making, School-Lunch Group, Working Bees, Open Days, Fundraising

Toy Fair - It has been felt that it's the right time to move the annual Toy Fair from Turnbull House to the school itself. As part of this change we're expanding the successful Toy Fair into a 'one day' festival of things that make up the child's environment, & it will now be named the Toy and Craft Festival. Our present thinking is to use the whole school for displays, selling, puppets shows, morning and afternoon teas. Nov 22nd. Held for the first time at Raphael House, prepared for and participated in by many, it raised almost \$4000.

Cultural Weekend. 22, 23 Sept 'Because we want an informed parent body'

List of sessions: sculpture in clay; painting; painting with wool; biodynamic compost preparation; eurythmy; rock, bop & modern art is a spaghetti worth untangling; speech; bothmer gymnastics.

'Waldorf' educational experiences: arithmetic; rhythms; form drawing; kindergarten; stories; science. Raphael House Children's Concert - singing, music, a play & speech.

Records from the newsletters of 1986