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Kia ora koutou, dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends

Harvest Fair 2016

Thank you all for your fabulous contributions to the Harvest Fair. With your help it turned into a wonderful showcase for our vibrant, creative, energetic and welcoming community.

10th World Teachers' Conference

During the week following Easter I attended the 10th World Teacher Conference at the Goetheanum in Dornach (Basel), Switzerland.

These conferences are organised every four years, and this one was attended by 850 people from Steiner Waldorf institutions and organisations from almost 50 countries and all continents (except Antarctica).

The theme this year was "Overcoming Resistance: Courage for an Independent Spiritual Life". The "Resistance" refers to issues in many areas and on many levels: outer and inner, organisational, social, political. It was particularly exciting for me to see and hear that, world-wide, Waldorf education is meeting *and* moving with contemporary issues and realities, not the least of which is a heartening unfolding of cultural and regional relevance.

Throughout the five days of the conference there was a rich offering of workshops, keynote addresses and pedagogical contributions, too many to mention here. I attended workshops on governance and leadership issues ("Reinventing Responsibility"), management – decision making ("Courage For New Social Forms In The School Community") and contemporary Steiner Waldorf education ("Education Meeting Social Reality: Educating What Is Truly Human In All Of Us"). It was a privilege to connect through exchange and discussion to colleagues from across the world, and to get a picture of commonalities and diversity. The late-afternoon "Civic Engagement" contributions were particularly inspiring. To give you an idea of the calibre of these people, here is a brief bio of one of them:

Nesreen Bawari received the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour award for "outstanding commitment to the welfare of displaced and vulnerable persons in

Northern Iraq". The Arab League selected her as one of ten distinguished women in the Arab world. In May 2005, the World Economic Forum chose her as a Young Global Leader. She worked for the UN Human Resettlement Program in Dohuk, Iraq, as Head of Field Office (1997-98), then for the Kurdistan Regional Government as Minister of Reconstruction in Erbil, Iraq (1999-2003), and for the Iraqi government in Baghdad as Minister of Municipalities and Public Works. Currently she is the country representative for Iraq at the Friends of Waldorf Education NGO (2014 – present).

If you ever want to meet someone who has overcome incredible resistance and developed irrepressible resilience which enables her to live her life with courage, here is that person.

Other "Civic Engagement" contributors included Rolf Soiron, a Swiss industrialist and economist, and Daniele Ganser, the head of the Swiss Institute for Peace and Energy research (SIPER).

I am grateful to the Board for giving me time to attend this inspiring conference. There is no doubt that I have returned with many new ideas, and with fresh enthusiasm for Waldorf education in general and the Te Rā version in particular.

Health & Safety

We have re-drawn the playground boundaries, and on Tuesday we walked along this new (Eastern) boundary with each class, in turn. The children should now be very clear about where this boundary is, and have no doubt about our expectation that they keep within these. We have explained to them that we are happy to offer them our trust in this matter, and that it is now *their* turn to prove that this was justified, by keeping within these boundaries.

As parents you will appreciate that this is an important health & safety issue, and we ask that you support your children with this as well as the other health & safety measures that involve them: wearing shoes outside, not climbing any of the trees along the driveway, following instructions when using tools and equipment etc.

Nau mai, haere mai

- ≈ A few weeks ago we welcomed Meryn Hillman to Class 2. Meryn joined us from Raumati South School, but had already been a part of the community through big sister Millie who joined last year's Class 7.
- ≈ Welcome to Arun Foley who joined the Piwakawaka Kindergarten Group.

The End of an Era

At the end of this week Sue Hurst will step down from her role as Kindergarten Coordinator. While she will continue as the teacher of the Ruru Kindergarten Group on Fridays, she will nevertheless leave a big hole in our collegial Faculty round.

Sue has been with Te Rā (and including, as always, Te Rawhiti) since the *very beginning!!* This is spectacular longevity, and many cohorts of children and their families have been the beneficiaries of Sue's warm and committed care, while the Faculty has been blessed by Sue's generous collegiality and outrageous sense of humour. We wish Sue all the very best for her new endeavours (Mondays to Thursdays).

We wish you a restful holiday – enjoy the last of the warm sunshine and light-filled evenings.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī. Noho ora mai,

Andrea Sorger

for the College of Teachers (Andrea Sorger, Aleka Beaumont, Elien Hoffmans, Pavitra Murphy, Sue Hurst)

Diary of Dates

Thursday 14th April
& 15th April

Friday 15th April

Friday 29th April

Monday 2nd May

Friday 13th May

Monday 16th May

Two Day Silent Auction

Last Day Term 1

Information Afternoon 2:30pm

First Day Term 2

Interschool Mountain Biking

Whitsun Assembly

From the Office

Please remember to claim all property lent for the Fair from the office before the holidays.

Harvest Fair!!

2 Day Silent Auction Happening Now

We have a few really awesome items left to auction so have decided to set up a mini auction which will close Friday 3:15pm.

You can bid on items on the school driveway 2-3:15 TODAY (Thursday) and Friday OR you can bid from the comfort of your own home by calling the school office any time after 9:30am tomorrow.

We have even emailed you the list of items, the number and the reserves so you have all the info you need!!

It is absolutely worth a look! Especially with the holidays coming up!

Thank You

What a gorgeous fair we had! We really can't express how lucky we are to be involved in such a warm, inviting, fun school fair. The day itself was absolutely full of beaming smiles and children's laughter!

The effort, time and love that was put into the pre-Fair preparation, the set-up and of course the day itself was MASSIVE. Many thanks to all of you that really went that extra mile.

Not only have we had rave reviews from all over the wider community but it also looks like it was financially a huge success as well. We will inform you all of that once the numbers have been crunched.

Have a safe and relaxing holidays.

Much love

Marliesje, Tash and the Fair Group.

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the lucky raffle winners at our 2016 Harvest Fair.

In the major raffle the winners were:

1st prize - KiwiRail Travel Pass - Vicki Atkins (Lucas, Leo, Frankie and Marlow Shearer's Grandmother) 2nd prize - Disney on Ice tickets - Jim Maguire (Niamh and Abigail's Dad) 3rd prize - Children's party and bouncy castle at the Boundary Tap and Kitchen - Tessa K

Raffle for the delicious Food Hamper was won by Robyn Dalton (related to Teresa Dalton, Kindy mum)

Raffle for Doris' beautiful handmade doll went to Jenny Cliffe (Niamh and Abigail's Mum)

Well done everyone on the raffle tickets sold, this was a sterling effort this year - thank you people for making that a success ;-)

Thanks from Amanda

On behalf of myself and the school I wish to thank those who managed to harvest some goodies for the Harvest Fair so we could sell them at the produce stall.

We managed an array of foodstuffs like quinces, courgettes, pears, grapes, walnuts, feijoas, herbs, breads and plenty of preserves.

Well done, you clever gardeners, and thanks again!

Amanda (Class Six)



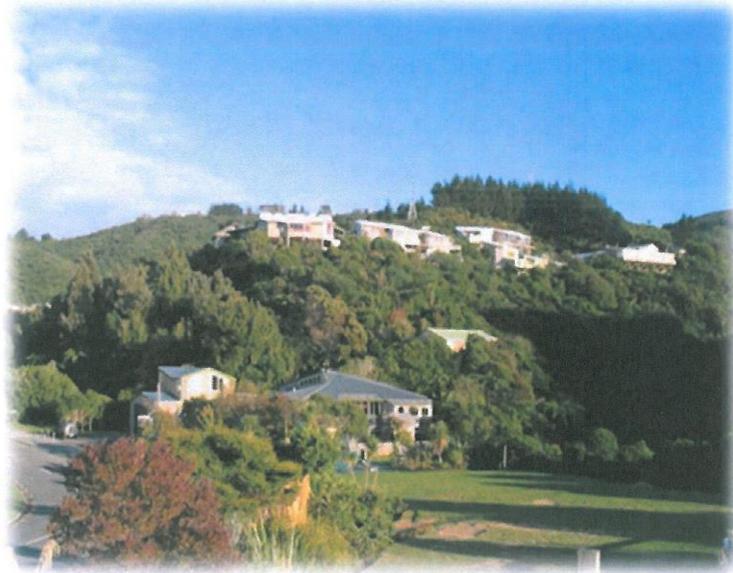
**Are you planning for your child to attend the Upper School at
Raphael House Rudolf Steiner School?**

Would you like to know more?

We are holding a Parent Information Session in the Te Ra School Hall on
Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 7.00pm.

This session will be hosted by our Upper School Coordinator and Deputy Principal,
David Stephenson and some of our Class 12 students.

If you have any questions regarding the enrolment process at Raphael House
please do get in touch with our Outreach Coordinator, Katie Musk.



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Community Notices and Advertising

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Alice in Wonderland

Southlands Car Museum, 20/21st May

Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk

Jennian Homes Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk, Sunday 8 May, Wellington Waterfront.

Run, walk or have a leisurely stroll with your Mum, daughter, sister or a group of girlfriends this Mother's Day. Nominate your primary school and they could win a share of \$50,000 Rebel Sport vouchers to purchase sport equipment. Register at <http://www.jennianmothersday.com>

Babysitter Available

Babysitter available. 15yr old Raph Student (ex Te Rā). Loads of experience. Raumati/Paekak/Paraparaumu area. Ph/txt Amber 0210 726 756

Still Wanted - House wanted to buy or rent in Raumati South or nearby

We are a NZ family of 5 from Wellington and Nelson returning after 5 years overseas and are looking forward to joining the Te Rā School and Te Rāwhiti Kindergarten community. We are arriving in early July 2016 and would like to find a house to rent or buy in the area. We are non-smokers, have no pets and are keen gardeners. Any recommendations would be very much appreciated!

Feel free to email me: isabel.challies@gmail.com

School Holiday Fun

Enjoy a fun filled day up at Lindale these holidays:

Check out our facebook page. Lindale Farm Park, Inflatable Kingdom and Laser War.

To Rent for 6 months

Fully furnished 2-3 bedroom cottage, Raumati Beach \$325 per week. 24 May - 23 November, 2016 (if possible). Heat pump, log burner, fenced garden, private sun deck, off street parking, quiet cul-de-sac, 10 min. walk to village and beach. Non-smokers, pets. neg. refs. required. Phone 9053576 or 02102382804.

Book now for April Farm Club

Farm Club is starting again these school holidays at the Kapiti Equestrian & Vaulting Centre in Waikanae.

Kids will ride horses, try vaulting, learn circus skills, learn about animal care, go on walks, swims or picnics, do crafts, and have heaps of fun. A school holiday programme for all girls and boys between 7-12 years. Monday to Friday, 18 - 29 April 2016
Weekdays: 9.00am - 3.00pm
\$45.00 per day
(book for a day, or for a whole week!)
5 to 7 year olds are welcome every Tuesday and Fridays
9.00 am - 12.00pm for only \$25
Book now: **04 902 6108** or email vaulting@kapitiequestrian.com

Have a Go at Hockey

If you would like to have a turn at hockey Kapiti Hockey is holding a fun tournament day on Saturday 16 April. Cost \$5 per player. No stick required but you will need a mouthguard and shinpads. Registration forms can be picked up from the school office.

Girls Basketball U13yrs Representative Trials

Represent Kapiti Region on the national stage! The first two dates for trials for the 2016 season are: Saturday 9th April 2016 and Saturday 16th April 2016 at KCDC Community Gym at Paraparaumu College Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu between 3.30pm - 5pm. To be eligible players MUST BE Under 13 as of 31 December 2016 All enquiries contact Michelle Scriven Ph 0210452508 or scrivs@paradise.net.nz www.kba.co.nz

Dance Workshop: Jazz, contemporary and hip hop.

Wednesday 20th April 9 - 3pm
Please book with Michelle on 293 7784.

Theatreworks: Blood Brothers

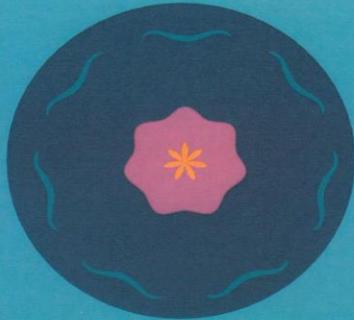
2nd week of school holiday (Tues - Fri)
Ages 7 upwards with an interest in drama and singing.
Places available book on 021 255 6156

House of Sound Music Academy school holiday programme

During the second week of school holidays, House of Sound would like to invite young creatives to come into the world of music - no previous experience needed.
5-7 year old age group includes making an instrument and creating a performance.
8+ year old group, learn song structure, learn drumming and rhythm and perform as a big group.
We would love to see a big attendance at this as we feel it is a great way to introduce and further young minds into the world of music!! Sign up today!! info@houseofsound.co.nz

THE ART OF MINDFULNESS COURSE

SUNDAYS 8th, 15th, 22nd
MAY 2016
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AN INTRODUCTION TO
MINDFULNESS THROUGH
CREATIVITY

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Location: Toi Pōneke, Abel Smith Street, Wellington
Sundays 8th, 15th, 22nd May: 9am – 12pm
To register visit: alamandria.co.nz

Waldorf Education on the Kapiti Coast

- ❖ How can we help young people develop a lifelong enthusiasm for learning and work?
- ❖ How can the way in which children are educated foster a healthy self-awareness? How can education help them understand the needs of peoples of all cultures and the needs of the environment?

All prospective school and kindergarten parents
are warmly invited to our

Information Afternoons 2:30pm

Friday, 29th April
Friday, 27th May

at Te Rā Waldorf School, 89 Poplar Ave, Raumati South
There will be plenty of opportunity for questions.
Or contact the office for an information pack.

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