



USH TELEGRAPH

RAPHAEL HOUSE RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, 25 February
Class 12 Camp

Monday, 26 February
Class 8,9,10, 11 Camp

Tuesday, 27 February
Class 4 CAmp

Wednesday, 28 February
Class 6 & 7 Parent Evening

Sunday, 4 March
Eurythmy Aotearoa

Tuesday, 6 March
Te Roopu Hui

Wednesday, 7 March
Class 1 Parent Evening

Kia ora koutou kura whanau,

Watching the kindergarten children play yesterday with the sun shining down I couldn't believe it is just week 4 of Term 1! All the new Kindergarten children have settled in so well into their new rooms and made new friends so easily that it is hard to tell the sun and star children apart. The reverence with which each child is received in their room and the detailed planning the Kindergarten teachers do before the start of the Term is clearly the force behind this magical transition.

Our new rhythm in the Kindergarten with all the children staying on until 2:45pm has been very well received by the tamariki. The longer stretch of play led by children inside and outside is giving the children the big out breath and is bringing them in ready for circle, lunch, "cushion time", and story.

Yummy lunch is being prepared by the Kindergarten team three days a week and multigrain crackers have joined the fruit platters for morning tea to provide the energy needed to sustain the play our tamariki need to focus on.

The children are getting really comfortable with the rhythm of cushion time as a deeply relaxing time to give their bodies a rest by closing their eyes for calming meditation and music, a much needed power recharge before engaging in the second round of afternoon play.

Friday forest days are another example of how quickly the star children have adapted to the rather challenging uphill walk and the physically demanding play of the pine forest. Even our pine forest play has been extended to include lunch in the forest and a rest time on mats with story and music.

Our Kindergarten children love collecting treasures in the forest and bringing them back with them and also need a bag to transport their lunch boxes and drink bottles and essential whittling tools (vege peelers). Our Friday team of teachers have been busy sourcing coffee sacks from friends and we now have a stash ready to be stitched into foraging bags. If you are skilled in the art of stitching bags or would like to learn, please get in touch with me; you don't have to be a current Kindergarten parent to take part in this sewing project for our tamariki.

We also need volunteers to help tidy up our Kai Mara (food garden) area near the old office building. Please leave your name with Katie Musk at the office if you are



interested in being part of the food garden group with your contact details and availability (days and time), we will soon have a jobs list that you can tick off and help with as you wait for your child to come down from the zig zag at the end of the school day or a short spell of de-weeding if you can spare the time after dropping off children in the morning would be wonderful too.

He waka eke noa
We are all in this together

Juvena Jalal
Kindergarten Manager

PTFA NEWS

JUVENA JALAL

A warm welcome to all the new parents and whanau who have joined our community in 2018. The Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) committee members are looking forward to meeting you at the community events led and supported by the PTFA through the year.

Meet the Committee-

Brett Whincup - Class 2 and 3 Parent
Monica Brice - Class 9, 10 and 11 Parent
Tracey Williamson - Class 3 and Kindergarten Parent
Juvena Jalal - Class 7 and 4 Parent
Andree Reynolds - Class 12 Parent
Tim Webster - Class 7 and 8 Parent
Tana Lyons - Class 7 Teacher (and ex- school parent)

We started off our community events calendar for 2018 with the Powhiri and are looking forward seeing you at the Community Egg Decorating and afternoon tea on Saturday 24 March, 2-3:30pm at the Heidi Werth Room. We hope that being an afternoon activity, your family will be done with the morning rush of sports and music lessons and be able to join us for egg decorating. Children of all ages welcome, bring your own egg or pay a koha and get a pre blown egg to decorate on the day.

All PTFA meetings are open to our parent community to attend, our meetings are held in the Heidi Werth room from 7:30-9pm on scheduled dates on the school calendar.

The PFTA committee will also be hosting a social "adults only" gathering on 7 April from 7 to 10 pm to meet and connect with all the parents who volunteer their time and energy to our kura and strengthen the social fabric of Raphael House in various roles as members of Board of Trustees, Proprietors Trust, Class Reps, Te Ropu, Parent Craft and Woodwork Group and the TCFF (Toy Craft and Food Festival) team.

A big thank you to all the parents who worked hard through most of last year crafting amazing toys and decorations, those who turned up at the working bee and made Raphael House look amazing on the day of the Toy



Craft and Food Festival and those who worked hard on the day doing multiple shifts in different rooms and cooked and baked the night before. The Toy Craft and Food Festival couldn't have been the success that it was without you Arohanui.

The TCFF funds are disbursed through a clear process guided by the key objectives of the PTFA constitution. Last years funds were used to support a number of special character aspects of our curriculum, such as the Class 1 "movable classroom" furniture, the "outdoor classroom" to be used by all areas of the school, kindergarten to upper school, the mosaic near the office, and ATV helmets to keep our children safe when they go for their farm experience camp.

This years TCFF funding areas will be determined by the proposals sent through by the college of teachers

to the PTFA committee by the end of term 1 and only those that meet our criteria and funding capacity will be approved and the parent community will be notified through the BT in term 2.

OUTREACH NEWS

KATIE MUSK

A warm welcome back to Bella Dowling to Class 9!

WHĀNAU KAPAHAKA

RANGI AND OUR WHĀNAU KAPAHAKA

Kia ora whānau,

We are excited to invite you all to our first kapahaka hui/gathering for the year at 3.15-5.30pm, Tuesday 27 February in the Eurythmy room.

All our tamariki of all ages and their whānau are welcome. Whether you are a beginner, fluent in Te Reo Maori or curious to explore and experience what kapahaka is, please come along. It's an opportunity and a fun way to spend time with existing and new families while learning some Te Reo Maori and waiata/singing.

The format is as follows:

- 3.15-4.15: We will share some kai and enjoy some korero with one another.
- 4.15-5.30pm: Learning waiata.

What to bring:

Your lovely selves, a willingness to learn and have lots of fun, and a shared plate.

We will send more information about upcoming kapahaka activities and dates over the next few weeks.

If you have any questions please email Rangi Halbert: rangi.h@raphaelhouse.school.nz

We look forward to seeing you all next week.



WEETBIX TRYATHALON KAT DOWNS AND LYNETTE TOWNSEND

Hi parents of children in classes 1-8.

The Weetbix TRYathlon is fast approaching with the enrolment deadline set for 8 March. To find out all about the TRYathlon and to register go to the website: <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hutt-city/>

Please note that you will need to register your child yourself, or if a team (two children) choose one parent to enter both children. When you enter make sure you select Raphael House Rudolf Steiner Area School and also tick the 'link to school' box.

The emphasis for the event is on participation and a good fun day.

On the day we will have a special gazebo set up as a base for our school. Here you can leave your stuff and or hang out while you wait. If you have any questions please contact either Lynette Townsend Lynettet@outlook.com 021 148 0137 or Kat Downs katlizdowns@gmail.com 027 486 7900

COME CELEBRATE EURYTHMY SUE PEGLAR

Where do we come from? How do we get here?

On Sunday 4th March you may find out!

The Aotearoa Eurythmy Ensemble with members from Norway, Ireland, America, Holland, Italy, Germany, Australia and New Zealand have spent the last year investigating these ideas of loss, and discovery, destruction and creation.

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In March the group will be touring the North island with "Kua Timata"- it is begun" a programme exploring the themes of journeys, finding a new place to be, a new place to call home through the music of Alexander Scriabin, the poetry of young New Zealanders and a Maori legend "Te Ikaroa - the story of the stars".

Tickets available at the door. Cash sales only – see you there!

KUA TIMATA TE IKAROA

**A Story of the Stars
Music, poems & humour**

**Performed by
Aotearoa Eurythmy Ensemble**



Photo Bob Zuur

**Public Performance
Little Theatre, Lower Hutt
7.30PM 4th March 2018**

**Door charges \$20 adults
\$15 children**

WOODWORK CLUB 2018

Come along to the Raphael House Woodwork Club and make yourself a tin can guitar!

This term we are concentrating on making tin can guitars. All materials and equipment will be provided. There is a maximum of 12 participants, and the cost is \$45.

If this sounds like you, just email clare.g@raphaelhouse.school.nz to secure your place. Classes start on the 13 March.

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LAND NEEDED

I'm looking for some land to rent, somewhere peaceful where I can park my tiny house and live in it. Ideally I would like a lovely outlook, accessible, quiet, and close to school would be perfect. If you can help, please txt me on 027 563 0019. Thank you. Katie. here do we come from? How do we get here?

AU PAIR NEEDED

We're looking for an au pair to come and stay with us from mid April to mid October and look after our girls, aged 6 and 11. Must have drivers license, speak French fluently (we'd like someone who would talk to the girls in French), be fun and responsible! :) Based in Johnsonville. Please contact Vera on 027 765 8700.

WOMAD TICKETS AVAILABLE

Is there anyone out there thinking about going to WOMAD but yet to buy their tickets?! I have an adult ticket (includes free child) and a youth ticket and a family camping ticket

which I am no longer able to use. I am very, very hopeful to on-sell these tickets. They are available at the early-bird prices! I have checked with WOMAD to confirm that I can on sell and as the tickets are not personalised, it is allowed. Please get in touch 022 130 3360 – Thank you! Katie.

QUALIFIED NANNY SEEKING WORK

Energetic and caring nanny looking for a family, very flexible and responsible. Please call or text 027 4718394 / Renee for more info. References available.

BELMONT MUDSLIDE

Belmont Scout Group Mudslide - A free community event Saturday 24th February 10am to 2pm

Belmont Scouts are holding their annual mudslide at Belmont Domain (at the southern end of Norfolk Street)

Come along to have fun, get wet (bring a towel and change of clothes) and see scouting in action.

Enjoy a BBQ sausage (\$2) after your slide.

PRIDE ENTERTAINMENT BIRTHDAY PARTY PLANNERS

Everyday is a Party!



ARE YOU
INTERESTED
IN HAVING AN
ORGANISED
THEME PARTY
FOR YOUR
LITTLE ONE
AT HOME?

STRESS FREE
INTERACTIVE AND FUN
SHARE THE MEMORIES
FOR AGES 4-17
ACROSS TOWN
ACROSS THE COUNTRY

15% OFF
FOR WILD CARD
HOLDERS

NO MESS
NO STRESS
ENJOY!



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