

THE FRIDAY FLIER

**KOTAHITANGA
WAIKATO WALDORF SCHOOL, KINDERGARTENS AND PLAYCIRCLES**



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Waikato Waldorf School provides an engaging education that affirms children as individuals.
The school's principles are based on the educational ideas of Rudolf Steiner.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

13 FEBRUARY	CLASS 6/7 MEETING (RE: FUTURE CL. 8)	7.00PM
20 – 27 FEB	SWIM SAFE @ MUNICIPAL POOL	NOT ON WEDNESDAY
22 FEBRUARY	BOT MEETING	7.00PM
2 MARCH	COMMUNITY PICNIC	DETAILS LATER

*Dear Waikato Waldorf School Community
Kia ora te Whanau*

Thank you all who attended the parent evenings this week. It is great that so many parents take up the opportunity to be informed and to connect with their child's teacher.

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents to arrive in time for the school day and also for meetings. I believe that being punctual for any appointment or job shows respect and consideration for others and I would like to believe that this certainly is a value within our school and community. Please remember schools starts at 8.50am sharp.

At the back of the flier you will find a copy of the new strategic plan which has been compiled by the BOT after much consultation last year. It covers the strategic goals for our school for the coming 5 years. Out of this plan derives the annual plan each year. You will find the annual plan for 2012 in next week's flier.

Both documents are also available in the parent library next to the office.

Enjoy a sunny weekend!

*Aroha nui
Marianne Spiller*

CLASS 6/7 MEETING

Following on from the discussions last year about the viability of a Class 8 there will be a meeting on Monday 13th February @ 7pm.

All Class 6 and 7 parents welcome.

Richelle Whittaker
BoT Chairperson

FROM THE OFFICE

I am currently updating our address directory. Please let me know ASAP if you had any changes in your address/phone or would like to add your mobile number. Thank you.

PLEDGE FORMS 2012

Now Overdue! We urgently need your Pledge Forms to be returned so we can budget for this year.

THANK YOU to the parents who have handed in their Pledge Form for 2012. We have received 50% of the forms so far. Please complete your Pledge Form and hand it in the office immediately. If you have mislaid your form please call Monika in the office. Thank you.

SWIMMING



Thank you very much to all of you who have handed in the permission forms for the swimming trips. We will not be able to take your child out of school if we do not have a signed form, so please can all forms be handed in to the class teacher by Monday 13th February. This also gives us time to organise transport.

Our swimming sports day is on Thursday 23rd February and the children are particularly looking forward to the adult/student race!! Please let me know if you are able to swim that day (we are there from 12.30 – 2.00) so we can organise the relay teams. Also if you have any large tyre rings and/or boogie boards that you wouldn't mind lending out for the swimming races/challenges please let me know.

***Thank you very much
Sharon***

PIANO LESSONS

Just a reminder that piano lessons are available at school. The cost is \$60 for 8 x 15-minute lessons, and I have a few places left.

Please contact Clive, ph 856 8886 or email crl@waikato.ac.nz .

I have decided to postpone starting lessons for Class 1 children until Term 2, so as to give the children time to settle in to their new routines, but if any Class 1 parents are interested, please let me know, and I'll make a note for next term.

Clive Lamdin

Learn to play a woodwind instrument!

Flute, clarinet, sax, recorder, theory & ear test tuition is available from a friendly, experienced and qualified teacher.

All enquiries from children and adults are welcome.

Individual lessons \$12.50 (15 mins) \$25 (30 mins).

Group lessons \$12.50.

Lessons are held at school on Thursdays lunchtime).

Contact cwallace@orcon.net.nz or phone Catherine on 850 4998



FUNDRAISING CLASS 2

As a class we have decided to start some fundraising for future events. We will have a **Car- Boot -Sale**, where you park your car for a small fee on the school parking area and sell your own items and keep your profit on **Saturday 24th March**.

So start clearing out these unwanted items from your shed, cupboards and toy box! We will advertise in local papers to attract the wider community to this. The parking fee will be \$15. The event will run from 8am to 12noon. We will have a sausage sizzle and bake sale at the same time. Car spaces are limited to around 20 or 25 so book yours early, parking spaces for the community only, but if some are left others can register as well, so let your friends know. Booking form in class 2 or office.

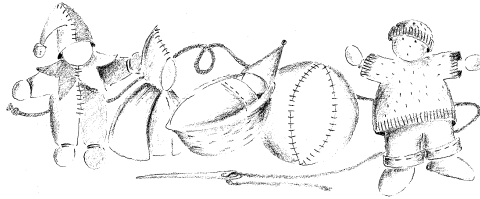
Mieke (Jelles mum, class 2) 021 171 3061

CRAFT

A new year has started and so has craft. We are meeting every Wednesday morning in the Playcircle room to make craft for our fundraising fairs.

Come along with needles and scissors. We have lots of fun and will teach you if your sewing skills are a bit rusty or still developing. If you like to make things for the school fair, but have no time to come on a Wednesday let me know and we can provide a pack with items to make at home.

I will be looking at organising another doll making course in June! Let me know if you are interested . Always popular and with places limited to 8 you need to register early. Another craft mentioned by some was to learn how to needle felt. Let me know and I can see what I can do.
Mieke (021 171 3061)



P.S. If you have any wool, fabric or other craft donations please contact me first before leaving it at the office. Our cupboards are filling up and we need to be selective in what we will need in the future.

TO THE WAIKATO WALDORF COMMUNITY

*Bede and I would like to pass on our heart felt thanks for the amazing generosity, love and support which were shown to us across the time of our son's death-Ben (a past pupil) in December. We felt incredibly blessed to be part of a community which extended their kindness to us in so many ways: flowers, meals, housework, gardening, prayers offers of accommodation and love....It was an incredibly vulnerable and emotional time for us and to have that support meant so much.
So thank you so much.*

Jane and Bede

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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SMART SWAP #2

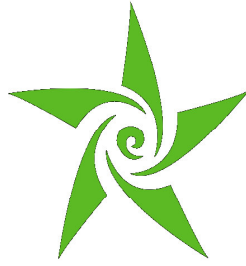
SNACKS

Potato chips, corn chips, crackers and dips can be very high in fat.

- Replace potato chips with rice crackers, pretzels or pita crisps
- Instead of creamy dips try hummus or salsa
- Instead of chips in your children's lunchbox try plain popcorn

Small packet chips = 6g fat or 1 tsp fat

1 cup plain popcorn = .3g fat or 1/8 tsp fat



Waikato Waldorf School

Strategic Plan

2012-2016

Strategic Goal 1

Waikato Waldorf School will be a full-capacity Waldorf School grounded on the educational philosophy of Rudolf Steiner

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To develop facilities and resources in the Primary and Intermediate School to deliver a rich curriculum.	To develop comprehensive parent education programme.	High School Development plan
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<p>In cooperation with the Proprietor's Trust, provision of or plans for all necessary facilities and resources-technology rooms (hard materials, pottery, soft materials, food), music, Maori, Eurythmy/ hall are ready</p> <p>All teachers undertake some specific Steiner training every year.</p> <p>All teachers have some bi-cultural training annually.</p> <p>Student Leadership is further developed</p> <p>All classes are full, ie 24 children, and there is a waiting list at all levels</p>	<p>The flier regularly contains information regarding curriculum</p> <p>Parents/caregivers are regularly invited for Main Lesson exhibitions and encouraged to access beautiful examples of Main Lesson artwork, craft and Main Lesson books in the teacher/parent library</p> <p>Talks of pedagogical interest given by external speakers are held regularly.</p> <p>Regular opportunities to learn about Steiner education is provided to all members of the community</p>	<p>Annually, the feasibility of a High School is reviewed</p>
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Strategic Goal 2

Waikato Waldorf School will ensure that all students are empowered to extend themselves to their natural capabilities

Key Performance Indicators

<p>To provide specific, ongoing professional development for all teachers</p>	<p>To ensure the curriculum makes links to aspects of Maoritanga.</p>	<p>To provide a variety of challenges to meet the needs of children with a range of abilities.</p>
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Key Performance Indicators

<p>Teachers improve their capability for critical reflection, generative thought and self appraisal.</p> <p>At least one external speaker addresses the staff each term.</p> <p>Teachers create, document and work towards development goals which will arise out of annual appraisal.</p> <p>Teachers will continuously develop their skills to teach at different levels of ability simultaneously.</p>	<p>The local curriculum contains explicit links to Te Ao Maaori.</p> <p>Te Reo Maaori syllabus is taught to all students.</p> <p>Whānau is part of the curriculum in all classes.</p> <p>There is no statistical difference in achievement between Maaori students and others in literacy and numeracy.</p>	<p>Targeted teaching will address individual children's needs.</p> <p>All Students with serious skill gaps receive appropriate learning support.</p> <p>All children show progress towards achieving National Standards at the end of Year 6.</p> <p>Extra lesson and other alternative learning support is available to all children who require it.</p>
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Strategic Goal 2

Waikato Waldorf School communicates well with all sectors of its immediate and wider community

2017-2020

<p>To promote effective communication between governance, management, staff, stakeholder groups and individual parents</p>	<p>To promote the school effectively.</p>	<p>To engage effectively with Te Ao Maaori & the Maori World</p>
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2017-2020 2017-2020 2017-2020

<p>A well-functioning class communication system is established.</p> <p>Stakeholder groups are regularly encouraged to contribute to the Friday Lier.</p> <p>Communication between the T and PT is regular.</p> <p>Representation on the T from Proprietor's Trust, Parent Association and Whanau group is encouraged verbal and/or written communication between the staff and the T is regular.</p> <p>Graduating students are acknowledged and celebrated, and regular communication with alumni is maintained</p>	<p>A marketing plan is implemented.</p> <p>Website is regularly updated.</p> <p>Regular talks are given to Playcircle and kindergarten parents.</p> <p>Promotional talks are given to groups in the wider community.</p> <p>The school is represented at local events in the wider community.</p>	<p>Reciprocal relationships with local Mana Whenua (local hapu).</p> <p>Reciprocal relationships with local ohanga Reo (preschool) and hura kaupapa Maaori (school) are developed.</p> <p>Maaori festivals are observed.</p>
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