

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

6 APRIL	UPPER SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (CL. 4-7)	2.00PM
6 APRIL	HIGH SCHOOL MEETING	3.15PM
7 APRIL	HIGH SCHOOL MEETING	6.30PM
7 APRIL	PARENT INFORMATION 'A JOURNEY THROUGH WAIKATO WALDORF SCHOOL'	7.00PM

Dear Community, Kia ora te whanau!

A big thank you for all your contributions to the Harvest Festival. Many of you brought food items and these were laid out in a beautiful display by Class 7 and Sue. Class 7 also arranged for these items to be sold after school and altogether raised \$80. Along with the remaining food items this money was donated to the Salvation Army Food Store in Hamilton.

Our fundraising efforts for Christchurch have added up to \$737.00 so far. All classes have also done letters and artwork for the children of the Christchurch Steiner School which we will send with our best wishes and loving thoughts.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Aroha nui!

Marianne



HIGH SCHOOL MEETING

A short meeting to survey support from the Waikato Waldorf community for development of a high school will be held on:

**Wednesday 6th April at 3.15pm and
Thursday 7th April at 6.30pm**

Contact Maree Smith 829 7424

Come and join us on a

Journey through Waikato Waldorf School



Thursday 7th April 2011 at 7pm

After a short introduction in the hall, class teachers will be taking you through their classrooms, starting with Class 1, and presenting work and curriculum content and speaking about its relevance for that specific age.

Supper will be served. The whole faculty looks forward to seeing you there!!!

CLASSROOM CORNER

Class 1

“Joy and happiness in living, a love of all existence, a power and energy for work, are the lifelong results of a right cultivation of the feeling for beauty and art.” —Rudolf Steiner

As described above, the Waldorf approach attempts to make education an art by stimulating a wholesome development of the child’s imagination and appreciation for beauty. In main lessons, the children use their imagination to draw aspects of the stories they have heard in block crayon, stick crayon and (later) colour pencil. Many of these drawings are teacher modelled and led as the child’s task is to develop skills that will be utilised in later grades as they move up the school; wax modelling takes elements from stories as themes; and wet-on-wet water colour painting in class one is all about experiencing the mood of the colours, in a variety of combinations, before moving on to object-based paintings. Many themes for painting come from the main lesson stories, or from seasonal or nature themes. Music and singing are integral aspects of morning circle and may be accompanied by movement as well. In class 1 recorder is learned and played mostly in the pentatonic scale.

The use of high quality materials for the children's art work cannot be underestimated even in class 1. By using the crayons, pencils and paints that we do, the children find it easier to both create and appreciate their (and others) artistic endeavours and this in turn touches the child on a soul level which can have both therapeutic and curative qualities.

Carl says: "Art is fun! Very few kids don't find some artistic form that they can get right into and gain something out of it. It is hard to get some of them to stop sometimes."

Carl

Class 2

From the cosmic symmetry of the heavenly bodies in the Solar system; to the magical symmetry of geometric forms; to the perfect symmetry in our own faces and bodies; to the exquisite symmetry in the forms of Nature, we explored the beauty and experienced the harmony and balance in the world of mirror image that is symmetry.

Using a wide variety of media we created a main lesson book that is testament to our enjoyment of the subject matter.

We can now play thirteen pieces on recorder. We sing Autumn and other songs with gusto. 'Die Kinder koennen ganz viele deutsche Woerter sprechen und Lieder singen'. Te Reo and Kapahaka are on hold until Laurene returns. We have just completed our beautiful and practical brightly-coloured felt recorder bags with finger-knitted drawstrings and today we proudly placed our recorders in their snug homes for the first time.

We will focus on short vowels and blends for the next two weeks (rather than start a new main lesson) and infuse our days with the themes of Autumn and Easter.

And the biggest and most exciting update: CLASS TWO CHILDREN ARE READING!!

At varying stages, to greater or lesser degree, all in their own good time. They are ALL so excited about this wondrous new skill that is emerging from within like a butterfly from a chrysalis.

Mynda Mansfield

Class 3

Class Three have enjoyed looking at a variety of clocks and other time pieces as part of the 'Time and Length' main lesson. They have been busy tracking the position of the sun in relation to the Earth and were very excited to discover the changing length and position of their own shadows which they recorded on the courts each hour.

They have also been captivated by the moon, observing the different shapes that can be seen during a complete moon cycle. Guessing the time it takes to complete certain activities and other methods of recording time have opened up various discussions, and the enthusiasm this has created has resulted in further 'study and investigations' at home!

We have also begun making a felted finger puppet and have been producing a series of beautiful 'rainbow paintings'.

The children are at a very interesting phase of development, 'stepping out' into the world and seeing themselves as separate individuals is a very big step for some children; emotions can be overwhelming. The steady rhythms and strong routines that our philosophy provides within the school day helps support them as does the curriculum content.

It is wonderful to watch them grow and see the light shining from their souls!

Sharon

Class 5

Class 5 had a very cultural start to the year which culminated in a dress up day, Indian cooking and fine feast! We loved the colour and vibrancy of the Indian world and the Hindu Gods. We have just closed a Main Lesson which involved the investigation of circle measurement, the concepts of degrees and angles and the use of compasses and protractors. This work paved the way for much geometrical artistic exploration.

Come and see.

Meredith

Class 6

We are just reaching the end of our Roman Legends Main Lesson. We have been learning all about Hannibal and the Carthaginians, Romulus and Remus and the formation of the city of Rome. We are looking forward to performing a short play (based on the latter story) at the Upper school assembly next week. We are just starting to plan our Roman Mosaics and may get them started this term. In class we have formed a republic of our own. The children voted for Consuls and Senators to take charge over them, and also created laws that they thought should be applied in our "city". This has provided a lot of fun and we are starting to get to grips with the need for laws and why they need to be upheld.

Next week we venture into a new Main Lesson, Geography of the SW Pacific. Fun times!

Rob

Fossil Poem

And there I lay for ever more
Encased in rock as cold as ice.
Many sights I have seen
Great ships sunken deep to the ocean's floor;
The colours of the sea horses bright as evermore.
Sunken deep within the sand
A rock, a rock as lovely and cold as me.
And there I lay under the cold and breezy sea
I the great fossil of the world
If thy read future be told.

By Catherine Smith

Class 7

Class 7 are busy finding out about the 'The Human Body' with a particular focus on health and nutrition. We've also taken time to see what it must be like to be responsible for something fragile 24/7. To this end, last week we cared for an egg. The class came up with some ingenious ideas to carry and entertain their eggs with varying degrees of success. Unfortunately we had some cracking accidents and some scrambled endings but one winner finished the five day challenge with an intact and nurtured egg. Well done Jasmine! We have been rehearsing our version of a beautiful lullaby 'Hush Thee My Dove' to perform at the Upper School Assembly.

This week we have had another challenge to see who can bring a bottle of water to school and drink it throughout the day, it's much harder than you think! Why don't you try it and see? We have also been measuring the salt and sugar content in foods and have been staggered by some of our findings. Did you know there are 7 teaspoons of sugar in a can of coke and 4.1g of salt in a slice of pizza? We are now planning and cooking a healthy meal for lunch this coming Monday. To end the term we are orienteering with Class 6 at Hamilton Gardens which should be great fun and hoping to complete a bush survival day with Shaun.

Sue

ECO HUT Working Bee

Last years class 7 did an amazing job at starting our new play hut for the school. We are aiming to complete the project by the end of the year but need your support. Making the clay mix and applying the adobe is time consuming and we are looking for adults to help this along.

So on **Saturday 9th April from 10am – 3pm** we will be busy continuing plastering the walls. If you have a spare hour please come and join us. We also need lots more newspaper to make the pulp for the adobe mix and could you please bring in any spare paper at the start of next week.

NETBALL

We are starting netball again! Come and join our friendly bunch we play every Friday after school, game starts between 3.15 and 3.30pm.

No experience necessary, just a pair of sneakers and lots of enthusiasm!

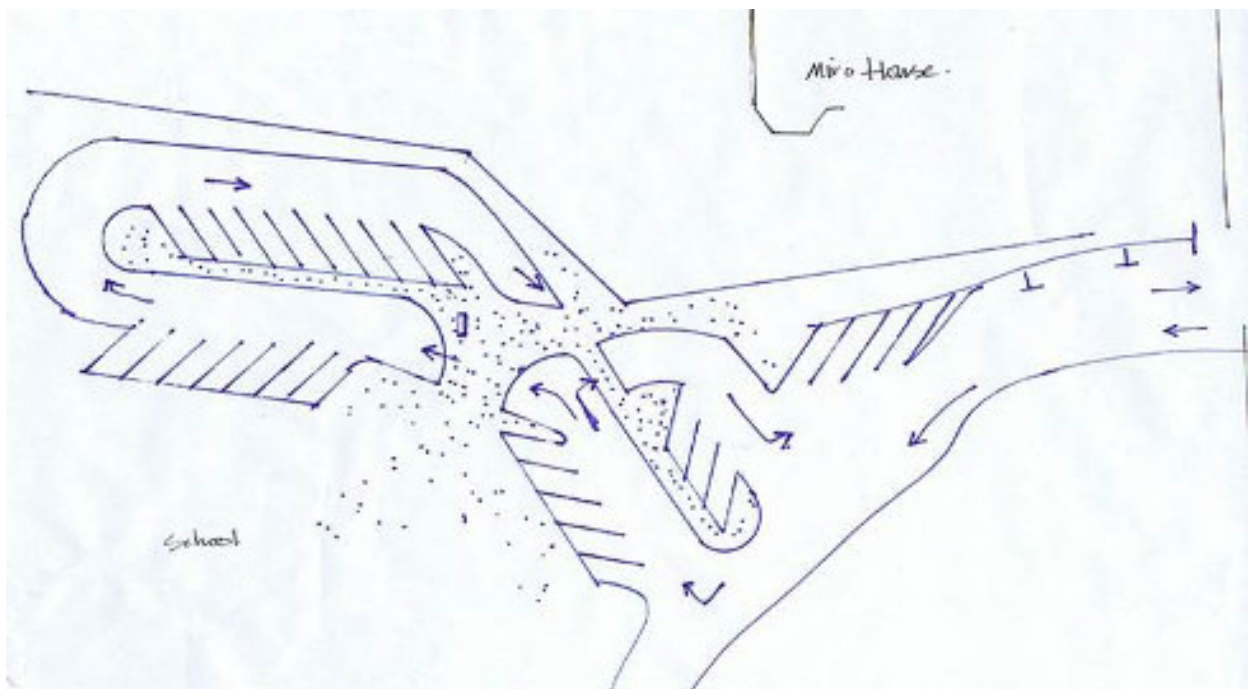
SWIMMING

Our swimming week was a success. Children gained some valuable skills and it was noticeable the improvement of both technique and confidence.

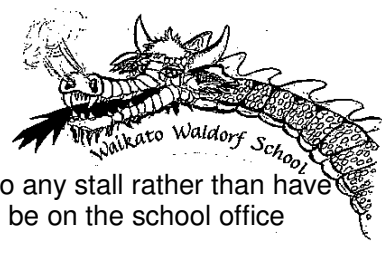
I urge parents to continue to build on these skills by either teaching your children yourself – (rivers, lakes and the beach are plentiful in New Zealand), or booking them into swimming lessons. The statistics for children who can swim to survive show that only 1 in 3 under ten year olds are competent in the water!!! It is an essential skill to have living in New Zealand.

NEW CAR PARK LAYOUT

Here is a sketch of the proposed car park layout. It is designed to have easy parking and backing out visibility. There is a wide footpath down the middle and raised area for footpath /road interface. Any comments please to Warwick Hutchinson, Proprietos Trust via school office.



MEDIEVAL CARNIVAL 22 MAY



We had some feedback last year that parents would prefer to sign up to any stall rather than have a class stall or two each. We have listened and the sign up sheets will be on the school office door from Monday.

What you need to do:

- Have a look at the sheets and see what stall you would like to be part of
- Sign up to that stall as co-ordinator or helper
- Start gathering a team and the bits needed to cover that stall

There are information sheets available on what is needed for each stall, there are also people to talk to who have run them before. Signing up to whatever it is you would like to do is a good way to meet parents from other classes too.

There are a few examples on the sheets already - I've put my name down to be banking co-ordinator and have organized two helpers. The sheets have been at kindy for a few days and I can see Sausage sizzle, Falafel and Crystals have also been filled in ☺ If you missed them while they were at kindy there is still plenty of time to sign up.

Keep watching this space for further Carnival updates.

Thanks
Vanessa

COMING SOON

Medieval COSTUME HIRE.

We have some costumes that will be hired out to the community for the carnival day. The costumes will be available to hire in the first weeks of the new term. Exact dates/times to follow.



***10 years of fun, mud and bikes for kids
March – May 2011, in 7 centres throughout NZ***

PO Box 7174, Wellington, fax; 04 3894754, info@kidsbikejams.co.nz

www.kidsbikejams.co.nz

Dear Principal / Teacher

The Jams is the **only national kid's mountain bike event** and we are celebrating its **10th birthday this year**. More than 26,000 children have participated over the last 9 years. And this year to celebrate **every child will receive a Meridian Energy water bottle, reflector band** and, when they finish their course a **special 10th birthday medal**.

The Jams are a **fun, participation based** mountain bike events for kids aged 5 – 13 years. They are **all about kids giving it a go** and getting a sense of achievement. **There are no place prizes, instead there are spot prizes** from Specialized and Meridian, **PLUS** there are skills areas for kids to play on.

Have bike, can do - courses are all off-road, on flat or rolling terrain, flash mountain bikes are not needed, kids just need a two wheeler with good brakes and a helmet.



WOOL Donation

The Kindergarten is looking for donations of wool to be knitted into slippers for our children. If you have any spare balls of 100%wool, please drop off to the kindy office.
Many thanks.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

These notices are published as a service to the school community. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor, and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Faculty.

Pathways to Manhood – April 17th – 22nd 2011

An Essentially Men Education Trust Programme Helping boys grow into good men

A five day outdoor programme of mentoring and role modelling that invests deeply in young men at an age when it is most needed. This connects them to a positive experience of being male that will resource them for their pathway into manhood over the next seven years. For boys 13 – 15 years old and their father or a significant man from their family/community.

Brochure and registration form available from: Essentially Men Education Trust 13 Maidstone St, Ponsonby Auckland **09 376 2386** essentiallymen@clear.net.nz www.essentiallymen.net

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

2 male rabbits, friendly boys need a new loving home. Phone Michelle 854 9400 or 027 424 7707

A WOMEN'S A CAPPELLA (unaccompanied) choir that rehearses on Wednesday evenings in Hamilton East is looking for new members.

We sing a range of broadly classical music, both sacred and secular, as well as arrangements of ethnic and folk music, and spirituals. You obviously need to be able to sing in tune, and previous experience in any sort of choir (school, church, community), and a basic understanding of music notation are an obvious advantage. There is no audition, and we're very understanding and kind to new members. We enjoy making the music and the contacts.

Please contact me if you're interested, or want more information or some encouragement Clive Lamdin, Ph: 856 8886 crl@waikato.ac.nz

FRASER-TECH JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB
- a family club.

Muster Day for both returning and new players

4 to 12 years old Both Boys & Girls are very welcome!!!

**Our Muster Day is on SUNDAY 3rd
APRIL 10:00 till 12.00am**

at our Clubrooms, corner of Norton Road and Mill St by the Mighty Waikato Stadium.

[You will need to bring a copy of your passport or Birth Certificate if you are a new player]

For further information please contact:

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*or CAMILLA JEFFERIS - Mob: 021 450 122 /
07 854 6277*

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**Hamilton City Libraries April School
Holiday Programme, Spend, Stash or Save**

In partnership with Judi Billcliff, Education Officer, Hamilton Budgeting Advisory Trust, Hamilton City Libraries are hosting a free school holiday programme for 8-12 year olds.

Spend, stash or save is a fun way to learn about money through drama, interactive games and activities.

There are three sessions all beginning at 10.30 am

Monday 18th April, St Andrews Library

Tuesday 19th April, Dinsdale Library

Wednesday 20th April, Chartwell Library

Spaces limited so bookings essential.

[Further information or to book online](#)

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE OF
MUSIC**

At the **Hamilton Community Centre of Music** you can select from a wide range of instruments. You may also choose to play in our many bands, orchestra, or join our children's choir. Our friendly and experienced tutors will help you develop your skills, and you can hire a selection of instruments from us at very competitive rates.

Classes start on Saturday 7th May.

**TERM 2 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW
BEING ACCEPTED**

For more details and to enrol online go to our website www.hccm.org.nz

Or phone : **07 838 4611**

