

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 FEBRUARY	WAITANGI DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
7 FEBRUARY	CLASS 1 PARENT EVENING	7PM
7 FEBRUARY	CLASS 2 PARENT EVENING	7PM
8 FEBRUARY	CLASS 3 PARENT EVENING	5.30PM
8 FEBRUARY	CLASS 4 PARENT EVENING	5.30PM
8 FEBRUARY	CLASS 5 PARENT EVENING	6.30PM
9 FEBRUARY	CLASS 6/7 PARENT EVEING	7.30PM
22 FEBRUARY	BOT MEETING	7.00PM
2 MARCH	COMMUNITY PICNIC	DETAILS LATER

*Dear Waikato Waldorf School Community
Kia ora te Whanau*

A very warm welcome back to all of you; especially to all the new Whanau! I hope you all had a relaxing break and a good beginning in 2012. We had a great start back to school yesterday. In a beautiful ceremony the school community welcomed 25 excited children (and parents) into class 1, it was very touching and uplifting for all of us.

We also welcome two new teachers to our school, Michaela Phillips who is the Class 5 teacher and Jade Powell who is the teacher for Class 1. The BOT and the faculty feel very fortunate that Michaela and Jade found us (and we them!) and we are looking forward to working with them. Both teachers will introduce themselves to you in one of the next newsletters.

Tasha Murtagh has started a new journey, she will be teaching in Dubai for the next two years. She has been a very valued and cherished member of our school for the last 6 years and we will miss her great energy, her open mind and her joyful and positive attitude. Our best wishes accompany her on her new endeavours, I am sure she will come to visit often.

Mynda Mansfield is on a 5 months study leave in South Africa, she will be back at the end of June. The children will have Eurythmy lessons with Bevis Stevens, a highly qualified Eurythmist. For this term the lessons are planned during week 5 to 10.

Please note that all our Class parent meetings are scheduled for the coming week. Exciting things like swimming are happening very soon in the term. Also the meetings give you the opportunity to get to know your child's teacher and ask any questions you might have.

On a personal note: I am very happy to share that Peter Spiller and I got married during the holidays and that I have changed my surname to Spiller. I feel very blessed!

Enjoy the long weekend!

Aroha nui

Marianne Spiller

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Happy New Year to you all! Welcome to all our new families. Welcome to our 2 new teachers, Michaela and Jade. We know you will all have a wonderful journey with our very special community.

With a large Class 1 starting this year we can see the benefit of the investment the Proprietor's Trust has made in the kindergartens. This ensures that in the future all our classes will be full; giving us a strong foundation from which a high school will grow.

We will be having a Community Picnic on March 2nd to celebrate our community, welcome our new families and reunion with families who have left the school. We will start at 5pm with a BYO picnic as well as a variety show and music by jam! The Board have agreed to make an exception to the alcohol ban on school grounds for the occasion so you can enjoy a wine with your picnic. So mark the date in your calendar, spread the word and keep an eye out in the flier for more details.

There is some very exciting work being planned for our playground upgrade so you will see a lot of development around the grounds over the coming year. We will share more details with you once they are finalised.

The Board of Trustees meet every month on the 4th Wednesday in the staff room. These meetings are open to the community so I invite you to visit if you are interested in how the school is governed. Our next meeting is on the 22 February at 7pm. Please let me know if you would like to join us. If you would like to discuss anything with me you can call me on 0274898030.

Have a wonderful year.

Richelle Whittaker
BoT Chairperson

URGENT

Pledge Forms 2012

THANK YOU to the parents who have handed in their Pledge Form for 2012.

We have received 40% of the forms so far. Please complete your Pledge Form and hand it in the office by Friday 10th February the latest. If you have mislaid your form please call Monika in the office.

It is important that we receive your pledge form to be able to plan the budget for next year and fund our special character curriculum that is not paid for by the Government. The continued growth and development of our school depends on your financial contributions.

Thanking you in advance,

Warwick Hutchinson
For Pledge Management Group

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

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.

The Hamilton Roller Skating Club are running the following sessions this term in their newly enclosed Facility on Melville Park

The following are all the Public Sessions we are running this term starting with the Sunday Morning Session this Sunday.

Sunday Morning 10 a.m. to Noon Mums and Dads skate free kids \$2.00 each \$2.00 for all Hire Skates

Monday 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Learn to Skate Class including skate hire \$25.00 per term, or \$3.00 per night starting 6.2.12.

Tuesday 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Speed skating \$2.00 each

Thursday 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Speeds skating \$2.00 each

Thursday Night Twilight Skate 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. \$3.00 each \$1.00 skate hire.

A great way to get out there and get active with your kids we are a lot cheaper than the Ice Rink that was operating in Garden place!!!!!!

If you would like any further information please ring Kathy Moody on 8552523 or Pearl Best on 8474527

Kids Yoga Classes at 394 Grey St, Hamilton

Workshop 3, 'Sun Salute Studio'

\$6 per class (\$50 for 10)

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