

# 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.
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11 MAY	CLASS 6/7 MEETING	3.15PM
11 MAY	PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING	3.15PM AT SCHOOL
<b>16 MAY</b>	<b>MEDIAEVAL CARNIVAL</b>	

*Dear Parents and Waldorf Community!*

*During the last two weeks we have had several inquiries about our school and at this stage we can welcome at least two new families into our community.*

*Whilst having conversations with these new families several things became apparent. These families are looking for something special for their children, a nurturing curriculum which embraces the whole child and I know that Waldorf Education offers this. If you came to David Ritchie's talk on Friday night you will have heard about the different stages of child development and how our curriculum supports this development. I also talk to these parents about what they can do at home to support their children and how important it is that what happens at home mirrors school life. All parents are always welcome to come and talk to us teachers if there are questions about these things.*

*I would like to focus on a few topics during the forthcoming newsletters and today I would like to take a look at school lunches:*

**A healthy lunch** for your children consists of fresh and wholesome food and should not contain ANY pre-packed and processed items. All these food items contain additives which are harmful to children; they can actually have an immediate impact on the attention span. Growing children's bodies need the best fuel possible to become strong and resilient and to supply the endless energy that they need. Be creative! As a rule of thumb: The less processed the better (apples are better than fruit rolls, wholegrain bread is better than white bread, and beware of additives, flavourants and colourings!)

*I would like to encourage you to make a particular effort to put only wholesome food in your children's lunchboxes, because you can make a difference to your child's health and learning.*

*Have a relaxing weekend  
Marianne Inkrot*

## A warm welcome to the new families:

Meredith & Jay Harlow with Draupadi in Class 5 & Narayan in Class 6  
Wendy with Georgina in Class 2

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



**SCRAP METAL BIN** available for parents to drop off any scrap metal for recycling e.g. old iron, steel, fridges, stoves etc.



There will be a **LARGE bin** on the school grounds (behind school) until 14<sup>th</sup> May - so please use this opportunity and bring all of your scrap metal to us. Please contact Monika at the office or Paul on 855 9444 for more information.

### Lost Property

We have **heaps** of lost property left over from last term - an assortment of clothing and shoes. Could you please collect it from the front of the Playcircle room (near the office); otherwise we will donate the items to a charity.

## CLASSROOM CORNER

### CLASS 1

Having completed our main lesson on Numbers, which was a wonderful journey of moving from the whole to the parts and learning to write the symbols so essential to our future understanding of maths, we have moved on to learning the lower case letters. We have unveiled all the letters of the alphabet on our wall as we have also now completed the vowels.

Pencil crayons were issued to the children along with their first writing practice books and we are learning to craft our letters in preparation for writing. The children will tell you that I am very fussy about how they write these letters and they understand the importance of how we sit at our desks whilst we practice. Our second Fairy Tale block will form the foundation of our lessons.

Watching little fingers grapple with wooden needles and wool yesterday as we ventured into the realm of knitting was a wonderful experience for me. To see that 'aha' moment dawn as they understood the process is such a thrill! Proficiency on the recorders is growing daily, increased dexterity and motor skill control is evident in many of our morning circle activities and our walls are adorned with beautiful paintings. We are a settled and harmonious group. What a journey!

*Mynda Mansfield*

### CLASS 2

Class 2 are thoroughly enjoying the Animal Stories main lesson we began at the start of the term. We have been looking at the animals around the school environment, and have had special visits from a weta and four guinea pigs thanks to Holly in Class six.

This week we went on a trip to the Kiwi House and learnt so much about all the different birds and reptiles. We were lucky to see three Tuis flying overhead as we ate our lunch, and as the adults enjoyed the sunshine, the children played in the leaves! A walk ended our day and some very excited children squealed with delight as they ran, rolled and slid down some steep muddy banks.

*Sharon*

#### **CLASS 4**

Class 4 have been using their measuring, compass and artistic skills (plus a lot of patience and perseverance!) to create a variety of interesting geometrical designs. Come and have a look! They are on the back wall of our classroom.

*Meredith*

#### **CLASS 6&7**

The beginning of Term 2 saw class 6 finishing off their main lesson on the Geography of the S.W. Pacific. Much was learnt about the contrasting places that exist in the region as well as beginning to learn valuable research and writing skills for projects. They are now busy with The Rise of Christianity and Islam and this is proving to be quite an eye-opener for many of the students. Class 7 meanwhile has been extending their Human Development main lesson and have been very industrious with the making of some moccasins.

In a couple of weeks both classes will join together for the rest of the term to study Acoustics and Optics and Commercial Maths.

In English the class is working on creative story writing and we have had an in depth look at the planning and crafting of the story that goes on before really getting into the writing. I am looking forward to reading them when they are finished as I have seen some great beginnings so far. Maths has focussed on decimals (cl 6) and linear equations (cl 7) so far, but is now moving into algebraic number patterns which then will step into graphing.

Next Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> May) we will have another try at a **class meeting** after school. This week's scheduled time was obviously not a good day for anyone - apart from me! Important issues to discuss are the Medieval Carnival preparations and some fundraising planning for this year's ski trip.

I would like to welcome Narayanto to class 6. He has had a good first couple of days and has settled in easily and made new friends. I'm sure he will bring new talents and strengths to the class which we welcome. There have been other interested people visiting the class this week too, so maybe it is a growth period for the class.

*Carl Saunders*

**Class 6/7 Parent Teacher Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 3:15pm (until about 4:00pm)**

#### **NETBALL**

The class 4/5 team played netball yesterday at Minogue Park and were fabulous!! They worked extremely well together as a team displaying some great passing, defending and shooting skills to win their very first game 9 – 0. Well done girls!

*Sharon*

#### **PE**

We are taking part in 'Jump Rope For Heart' this year to raise money for the Heart Foundation. It is a fabulous way to get fit, improve coordination and work together as a school. The children will be practicing their skipping and trying out some new tricks!! You may want to have a go at some of them yourself – they are quite challenging! Your child will be coming home with a sponsorship form to raise funds. Please assist them in any way you can. There are rewards from the Heart Foundation for most funds raised.

*Sharon*

## FROM THE PARENT ASSOCIATION

### MEDIAEVAL CARNIVAL ~ Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010

We have confirmed that the Waikato Mediaeval Society will be present at our Carnival for re-enactments so don't miss out and come along this year. We will even have five knights in full armour!

**!!!!!!IMPORTANT!!!!!!**

**Please drop off all donations for Raffles to the office next week.**

This includes any unwanted items.

Please remember that parents are expected to:

- Help out on their class stall
- Bring a non-perishable item for the dry goods raffle
- Provide a cake for the cake stall and/or café
- Set up and pack away their stall
- Dress in Mediaeval costume



Does anyone know of any buskers that would like to 'busk' for the Carnival? Please invite them along!

### Costume Hire



Family \$20  
Adult \$10  
Children \$5  
Bond \$20



Join in the fun and hire a costume for the occasion  
All proceeds go back into the school.

Wardrobe Opening Hours at School Hall  
**Wednesday to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May:**  
9am to 10am and 3pm - 4pm

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### Parents Association Meeting

Lets do the final check-in for Medieval Carnival

All parents welcome  
**Join us at 3:15pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
Lavender Room at the School

### **WANTED**

#### **Working Oven/Stove for our staffroom**

If anyone has a stove (with oven) they no longer need or know of one we could use - please let the office know. Thank you.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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## Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School

### **PRINCIPAL – FACULTY CHAIR**

We seek an experienced leader to guide our integrated school through a period of growth. Our site in Maia, on the Dunedin Harbour, houses two kindergartens, playgroups, and a full primary school offering a full Steiner curriculum to classes 1-7.

The position is for a teaching Principal, with a primary faculty of 3 other teachers and a school roll of around 40. The successful applicant will:

- Be passionate and knowledgeable about Steiner education.
- Be experienced and skilled in school management.
- Have a sound knowledge of current standards in curriculum and assessment.
- Be committed to student achievement and helping students to reach their full human potential.
- Have leadership experience and be comfortable with leading in a small school environment.
- Possess the skills to enable the school to grow
- Have excellent communication skills to build effective relationships with our school's community.

An information pack is available from:

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Applications close 15 June.  
Start date negotiable.