

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

14, 16-18 MARCH	SWIM SAFE WEEK	
15 MARCH	PROPRIETORS TRUST MEETING	MIRO HOUSE 7.00PM
21 MARCH	AUTUMN FESTIVAL	
23 MARCH	BOT MEETING	STAFFROOM 7.00PM
TO BE CONFIRMED	PARENT INFORMATION 'A JOURNEY THROUGH WAIKATO WALDORF SCHOOL'	

Dear Parents and Waldorf Community!

This morning was the first main lesson exhibition of the year and It was great to see interested parents walking with us from classroom to classroom. Entering each room, I felt as if I was transported into a different world and I am very pleased with such beautiful art, craft and bookwork produced by the students of all ages. Well done everybody!

Please let me explain a little bit more about the importance of main lesson:

In all Waldorf Schools, the school day begins with a long, uninterrupted lesson. One subject is the focus; the class deals with it in-depth each morning for three to four weeks at a time. This long main lesson, which runs until morning tea, allows the teacher to develop a wide variety of activities around the subject at hand. At the beginning of the lesson, lively rhythmic activities get the circulation going and bring children together as a group; they recite poems connected with the main lesson, practice tongue twisters, work on a piece of drama to exercise speech, and work with concentration exercises using body movements. Further in the lesson the teacher invites all sort of activities connected with the subject and the children create a beautiful artistic record of it all in the form of a main lesson book. In this way the whole child is involved with heart, head and hand.

All students participate in all basic subjects regardless of their special aptitudes or interests. The purpose of studying a subject is not to make a student into a professional mathematician, historian, or biologist, but to awaken and educate capacities that every human being needs. Naturally, one student is more gifted in maths and another in science or history, but the mathematician needs the humanities, and the historian needs math and

science. This also awakens new interests in students, giving them an experience they would not have chosen otherwise.

Through the main lesson curriculum, which acknowledges the age and developmental stage of the child, the teachers lay the groundwork for a gradual progression of knowledge that deepens and widens over the years and provides new learning experiences.

The goal is that each subject studied should contribute to the development of a well-balanced individual who is free to make choices in their adult life.

Please find an overview of all main lesson subjects in the back of the flier.

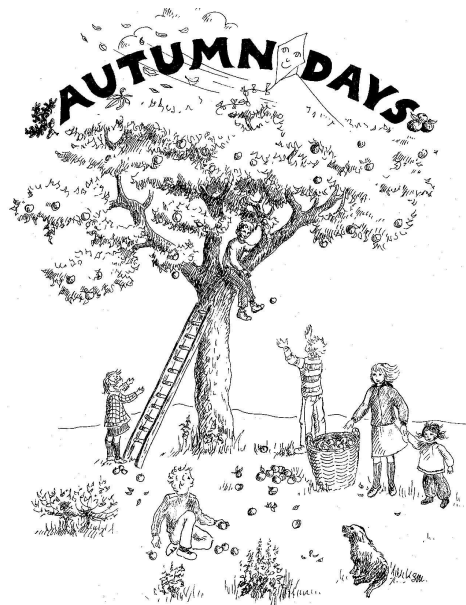
You are very welcome to join us for ML exhibitions if you can.

Have a sunny weekend!

Aroha nui
Marianne

Ngahuru / Autumn Festival

Monday 21st March 2011



This week classes 1, 2 and 3 have harvested apples from the school grounds. The apples will be placed in the office. They are on offer for any parents to take home to do some baking for the Autumn Festival as a contribution to the shared lunch.

Ngahuru / Autumn Festival Flier will be send out early next week with more information.



REMINDER! SWIMMING WEEK 14TH, 16TH-18TH MARCH Classes 1 - 5

Children will need to bring togs, towel, goggles (if they wear them), sunscreen, sunhat, water bottle and packed lunch with them to the pool. The cost of the swimming for each child is \$3.00 a day which totals \$12.00 for the week.

In order for us to take the children off the school premises we need permission from the parent/guardian. **Please complete and sign the permission slip.**

Brian Tracey - Parent's Talk The Incarnating Child

Brian has over 25 years of experience in Waldorf Education, including 18 years as a class teacher at a Steiner School. He currently is a Programme Director at Taruna College, a centre for Adult Education in the work of Rudolf Steiner.

Wednesday 16th March 7:30pm
Tui Whare (Kowhai Childcare)
All welcome!

FROM THE OFFICE

With this week's flier we also send out our Telephone and Address Directory. Please respect this information as confidential to the Waikato Waldorf Community. Please keep in a safe place for further reference.

VEGE BOXES

We have located another sustainable grower of organically grown spray free veggies who is able to deliver to our school. Delivery day: Thursday \$25/box. For further information see flier in the office.

CHRISTCHURCH QUAKE DONATION

Well done to all of Class 7 for their fundraising efforts for Christchurch. A dedicated group of students and parents turned up last Saturday and after school on Tuesday and raised just over \$280. Well done to all of Class 3 children and parents for their Bake Stall last week. The total amount raised was \$278.

Thank you for your kind donation and support.

TERM DATES 2011

Term 1	3 February – 15 April
Term 2	2 May – 15 July (2 & 3 June Mid-term break)
Term 3	1 August – 7 October
Term 4	25 October – 20 December

Main Lessons

Term	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7
I	Lines	Irish Enchantment Tales 1	Hebrew Myths and Legends 1	Norse Myths 1	Indian Mythology	Geology	Nutrition and Hygiene
	Fairy Tales 1	Symmetry	Length and Time	My Forebears	Geometric Designs	Roman Legends	Amazement Creative Writing
	Seasonal Festival 1 Autumn				Ancient Sumeria	Geography of the S.W. Pacific	Pacific Exploration
II	Fairy Tales 2	Irish Enchantment Tales 2	Farmers and Foresters	Fundamental Fraction	Osiris/Isis Myths	Acoustics and Optics	Levers, Pulleys, Gears and Ramps
	The Numbers	Number Patterns	Hebrew Myths and Legends 2	Norse Myths 2	New Zealand Case Studies	Roman Empire	The Age of Discovery
	Seasonal Festival 2 Winter	Maori Animal Stories	Mass	A Sense of Place	Number Secrets	Commercial Maths	Algebraic Linear Equations
III	Counting Pattern		Capacity	Animal Specialities	Botany	Statics, Magnetism and Heat	Volume and Solid Geometry
	Russian Tales Fairy Tales 3	Regrouping	Hebrew Myths and Legends 3	Maori Hero Legends	Ancient Greece	Rise of Christianity and Islam	Combustion
	Seasonal Festival 3 Spring	Celtic Saints	Gardeners / Orchardists	Geometric Patterns			Perspective Drawing
IV	The Four Processes	Pacific Nature Tales	Fishers	Geometric Patterns	Percentage	Proof and Practical Geometry	Integers
	Seasonal Festival 3 Summer	Irish Enchantment Tales 3	Money	Norse Myths 3	Greek Legends/History	Biography of New Zealanders	Earning a Living
			Dwellings	Basic Decimals		Crusades and Medieval world	Celestial Motion