

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

30 MAY	WHANAU MEETING	2.30PM
2 & 3 JUNE	MID – TERM BREAK	SCHOOL CLOSED
6 JUNE	QUEENS' BIRTHDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
7 JUNE	HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE TALK	7PM AT SCHOOL
11 JUNE SATURDAY	COMMUNITY ECO HUT WORKING BEE	10AM – 3PM
14 JUNE	MATARIKI (DETAILS LATER)	
25 JUNE	DOLL MAKING WORKSHOP	10AM PLAYCIRCLE ROOM

Dear Community, Kia ora te whanau!

The bad weather period has finally arrived – just holding off long enough until after our Magic Carnival. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for this wet and cold weather. Please pick them up from their classrooms on rainy days.

***Congratulations to Ruth Wagstaff** who has finished her Masters of Education with Honours, a very proud moment for her. It is well deserved and earned through her industrious work. As a school we are thrilled because her research was done at our school. Please read Ruth's article further on in the flier.*

I also wish to congratulate teachers and students on a great Main Lesson Exhibition today, such beautiful ML work and art in all classes. Well done everybody.

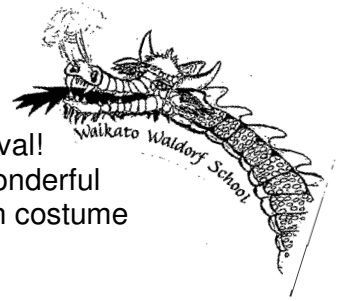
Our thoughts and prayer are with the Adams-Ashford family, who have their youngest child at Starship hospital. We wish them all the very best and hope the little boy will recover fully soon.

*Just a reminder that **school is closed on Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June** for our mid-term break. Enjoy a fabulous long weekend over Queens Birthday.*

Aroha nui!

Marianne

Thank you!! to everyone who worked on stalls, on set up, on pack up, behind the scenes and in front at our Medieval Carnival! What a marvellous day we had – sun shining, happy faces – a wonderful showcase for our little school. Amazing to see so many people in costume this year. Nice work!



We took over \$14 000 on the day. That is a huge amount of profit! We are only a small school and to be able to generate that sort of cash in one fundraising effort is fantastic. There are some expenses to come out and that \$14k includes the float we started with, but I expect the amount to be in the area of \$12 000. That is something to be extremely proud of.

These events take a lot of hard work and planning and we strive to get everything done right - but quite frankly it's a mammoth task to cover everything – ***we need your help.*** **How?** Now is the time to get your feedback to us....the good the bad and the ugly! We need to hear everything. Did you miss something that we didn't do this year? Was there something new that you particularly liked? Was there anything that was a huge disappointment? Did you think something was outstanding this year? We need this info to improve on next year's carnival and of course to take into consideration when planning for Advent.

There are some jams and chutneys left over that are for sale in the office (thanks for selling these Monika) and don't forget to get your costumes back in.

Thank you all again
Vanessa
On behalf of the Parents Assoc.

Exploring the Waldorf High School experience

Tuesday 7th June 2011
7pm

In the school hall

Guest speaker: Mark Thornton

From Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School who have completed this process.

All welcome

Please bring a plate for supper

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training session
with the
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The lucky winner will receive their training session with the Silver Fern at their school during September.

Show that teachers count



It's nomination time for parents, secondary student councils, boards of trustees, management committees, and community organisations as they consider the outstanding teachers and leaders in their school or centre who positively influence learning and performance. Nominations have opened for the 2011-2012 round of the National Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Awards, with the theme, Teachers Count.

Nominate online at www.neita.co.nz

WHANAU MEETING

I would like to invite parents interested in forming a Whanau group to a meeting in the Playcircle Room on

Monday 30th May at 2.30pm

We are interested in hearing your thoughts about Maori education in our school, and how you may be able to support the development of our current and future programmes. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Laurene Williams
(Maori Teacher)

FROM RUTH WAGSTAFF

Dear Friends, I would like to share with you my good news. Last year the Ministry of Education awarded me a study leave by and I was able to write a thesis based on the Rites of Passage main lesson and Wilderness Camp done with Class 7. This week I received the results of that thesis. I have qualified to graduate with a Master of Education (Honours) from the University of Waikato!

The study is likely to generate positive interest in Steiner education as an outcome. Here is a quote from the examiners report:

This study has the potential to make a positive contribution to the research literature and open up new possibilities. To my knowledge, there are very few research studies situated in Steiner schools in New Zealand and in this sense alone, this project is more than worthwhile. In addition linking outdoor education with the arts via notions of holistic practice is innovative and the insights gained from this study are likely to generate a great deal of interest among educators.

To finish with a quote from my Acknowledgements page in the thesis:

To the children who were at the heart of this study and all of the adult participants who willingly consented to participate, generously giving their time in the interviews, my deepest gratitude. Their candour and co-operation was invaluable.

Ruth Wagstaff

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Car-Pooling

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