

THE FRIDAY FLIER

KOTA HITANGA 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

12 AUGUST	JUMP ROPE	
18 AUGUST	COMMUNITY MEETING	7.00PM SCHOOL HALL
20 AUGUST	GENERAL WORKING BEE (DETAILS LATER)	
20 SEPTEMBER	'A JOURNEY THROUGH WALDORF SCHOOL'	
21 SEPTEMBER	SPRING FESTIVAL	

**PLEASE check the Important Dates each week and diarise them as appropriate.
We do try to keep our Community informed and this is the best way to stay up-to-date.
THANK YOU ALL for your ongoing efforts!**



Dear Community, Kia ora te whanau!

Welcome back to Term3!

Hopefully you had a good break and enjoyed some special time with your children. The faculty started the term with a very special visitor: Florian Osswald, leader of the pedagogical section at the Goetheanum in Switzerland. Florian has over 30 years of Waldorf teaching experience and he gave us a very enthusiastic talk, with wonderful examples of inspirational teaching. His humour and down to earth attitude reminded us of what it means to be a Waldorf teacher. What a great way to start the term!

If you read the letter about the national standards which came with the last flier you will remember that Dee Whitby (Principal of Michael Park School in Auckland) has offered to talk to the community. Dee has worked hard over the last year to familiarise herself with the National Standards, what impact they might have on our education, and how we could work with them while upholding and protecting our

special character. She will work with our teachers and will lead a parent information evening on

Thursday, 18th August at 7.00pm (school hall)

I sincerely hope to see many of you there! Bring a plate for supper afterwards.

Enjoy a great weekend!

Aroha nui

Marianne Inkrot

ADULT EURYTHMY

Eurythmy for Adults continues this term, starting on **Friday August 12th** from 8.50am to 9.50am and each consecutive Friday for seven weeks.

“This Art Form teaches absolute awareness of Being, and body language. It is an Expression of energy in motion, come to life through Poetry, Prose, Dramatic works and Music. Eurythmy works on a deep level with our Emotions. It stimulates the Body, Mind and Spirit, enabling us to meet the challenges of modern life. In this way Eurythmy is not only a Performing Art and Educational Tool, but a Therapy as well.”

Come and experience challenging, fun and soul-stirring movement.

Enquiries 858 4549 or 021965400

Mynda Mansfield

Nau mai haere mai!

***The next Maori whanau hui is on Wednesday 10 August, 3.30pm at school.
Everyone warmly welcome.***

The proposed agenda is as follows:

- *Solidify our Vision and purpose for the whanau group*
- *Select roles for the whanau group.*
- *Naming the Whanau group*
- *BOT rep*
- *Newsletter contributions*
- *How we can connect to Maori whanau groups in other Steiner schools*

If you cannot make the hui but are interested in receiving the minutes please send your email address to poitahu@gmail.com to go on the contact list.

HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY

Thank you to those families who returned the high school surveys last term. We had 55% response rate to the survey. However, this is not enough of a community response to gauge the level of support and planning for a possible future high school.

Please could you take the time to complete the survey (pick up from the office) and return it by 18th August. We need as many returns as possible.

If you would find it easier to complete the survey on line please email me marees@orcon.net.nz

Kind Regards

Maree Smith

MESSAGE FROM KOWHAI / TUI WHARE CHILDCARE CENTRE



Dear Parents/ Whānāu

Kowhai Childcare has recently been awarded an Envirofund grant from the Hamilton City Council. This fund is allocated to organisations who wish to encourage sound environmental improvement in Hamilton and contribute to the sustainability of the city. Kowhai Childcare was lucky enough to be granted the funds for a native tree grove out of hundreds of applications!!!! The application is based on a native tree grove in the grounds surrounding Tui Whare, with the intention of allowing our children to experience the

natural environment. It will also provide a magical place to play with paths throughout it, and a big picnic area in the middle.

Planting this grove will be a HUGE job and we need as much help as possible, so we are planning a working bee on Saturday the 6TH August in addition to the play date to plant out the new trees - all 250 of them!!! so come along with the family and a shovel and give us a hand. This is a neat opportunity for families to participate in a memorable occasion that our future generations will be able to enjoy.

As a thank you to all the helpers we will provide a yummy homemade soup and buns for lunch.

If anyone has any queries or large logs that they would be happy to donate to be used as seating in the picnic area please speak to Sally at Tui Whare or Janet at Kowhai Whare.

Saturday 6th August - keep this date Free!!!

***Many Thanks
Kowhai Childcare Environment Committee***

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.

Hi, My name is Rebecca Ayson. I am an ex student of Waikato Waldorf School. I am 16 years old and I am looking for work baby sitting. I am available after school, on weekends and nights. I love playing with kids and have had lots of experience looking after young children. Referees are available on request. Phone me on 0273785617, or 8247322.

ART AFTER STEINER

Calling all Waikato Waldorf School graduates: A program of drawing, painting, sculpture, stone carving and pottery will be held over three sessions. Participants ideally require a Waldorf background but consideration will be given to students interested in Waldorf inspired art.

Adults keen to participate are also welcome.

Duration: 1.5 – 2Hr/session for 3 consecutive Thursdays

Cost: \$40ea for all 3 sessions. Numbers limited to 12

Contact: Reservations, Questions to Steve Smith 07 8297424

steves@orcon.net.nz, kensmithsculpture@farmside.co.nz

<http://reearthsculpturestudio.wordpress.com/>

GO, GROW, GLOW!

Just like a car needs the right type of petrol, our bodies need the right type of food for it to function to the best of its ability.



Over this term we will look at what types of 'fuel' we need to eat for great health and what foods will help us GO, GROW and GLOW.

