

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

20 SEPTEMBER	'A JOURNEY THROUGH WALDORF SCHOOL'	
21 SEPTEMBER	SPRING FESTIVAL	

Dear Community, Kia ora te whanau!

By Wednesday this week I had received 60 letters from parents in our community (school and kindergarten) who appealed to me and the BOT not to assess their children according to the National Standards Policy.

These letters were explicit about how much parents value the Steiner approach to education that their children receive at Waikato Waldorf School.

I wish to thank all of you for your initiative and for the genuine stories and encouraging comments in these letters about the professional and inspiring work that our teachers do. I take your concerns and valuable comments very seriously and I want you to know that they were all considered, along with parent letters from all the other Steiner schools in NZ, at a meeting that I attended in Wellington last Wednesday.

All Steiner schools in NZ have agreed on a joint approach to the National Standards Policy and we have forwarded this to the Federation of Steiner Schools in NZ. The Federation is also consulting with lawyers with regard to human rights and the Treaty of Waitangi. After the Federation meeting next weekend there will be a statement issued to all Steiner school parents about where we stand with regard to the National Standards Policy.

Again, thank you for your loud and explicit voice, it is heard and valued.

There will be an opportunity to speak to David Bennett, our local MP on Monday 29th August at 10.30am; he is visiting the school to catch up with teachers and the community. This is great chance to communicate your concerns and ask questions.

In the meantime, the faculty is working on refining our curriculum and special character, but most importantly, continuing to strive to meet Rudolf Steiner's mission to:

***“Receive the children in reverence.
Educate them with love.
Send them forth in freedom.”***

*Aroha nui
Marianne Inkrot*

CLASSROOM CORNER

CLASS 1

The class has just finished off its main lesson on Fairy Tales 3 and all of the children have found lots of improvement in aspects of their story retelling, story writing and looking further into how illustrations help to tell stories. Much of the painting we have worked on so far are colour exercises to bring out and experience the mood of each of the primary and secondary colours. In this ML we have just started to use paint to create scenes from stories and aren't they doing well! Come and check out our painting wall sometime.

As with most things in Waldorf education many aspects of the learning are experiential in nature. The arts are hugely important in this respect for it is here that we are creating. Combined with imagination, the stories really live in the children and become something strongly their own. The fact that many of the class do not want to stop the ML attests to just how deeply the learning penetrates at a soul level and engages the child.

Next week we begin a maths main lesson: The Four Processes 1. Something rather different to English, but I know that I'll see the same level of engagement and response from the class when they approach it from an artistic and kinaesthetic direction.

Carl

CLASS 2

As we enter the realm of Saints we immerse ourselves in stories of human beings with extraordinary qualities. People who renounced materialism and lives of comfort and plenty, in favour of assisting humanity in the relief of suffering and darkness. Men and women who achieved the consistent expression of divine qualities, having overcome and transcended their own difficult circumstances, sometimes at great personal sacrifice. These stories work deeply in the moral nature of the children and create examples of qualities that they inwardly wish to attain and emulate.

Out of this main lesson we are working towards the performance of a play about St. Francis and the Wolf. This includes the articulation of verse, the musical delivery of song (St. Francis' prayer: 'Make me a channel of thy Peace' has to be one of the most uplifting songs ever written); the imaginative faculties as we develop the stage scenes and the social graces as each child accepts their role.

And yesterday the children did their first piece of personal writing. The look on their faces when they realised that they had to rely totally on themselves was classic! But this quickly transformed to a look of self appreciation as they discovered that it was not as difficult as they thought it would be!

Mynda Mansfield

CLASS 3

Class Three have been extremely busy over the last four weeks weighing various items. They have estimated the weight of a range of objects and looked at how much liquid containers can hold - they have been extremely accurate in their measurements. They have found out the reason why 'pounds' has an abbreviation 'lb' – it comes from the roman word Libra (lb) which means the weight a man can comfortably hold in his hand.

The final week of the main lesson has involved a great deal of baking which everyone has thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Jody and De for helping out in the kitchen.

Class Three have also been working exceptionally hard on a piece of writing. They have drafted, proof-read, edited and published their 'story', using a favourite photograph as the stimulus. They will be presenting their work orally to parents today before it is displayed in the classroom. Well done Class Three – what fantastic effort!!!

Sharon

CLASS 5

Class 5 had a wonderful excursion to the Auckland Museum recently. It was exciting enough just to be on the steps of the museum overlooking Auckland city and to see a real live Mummy, let alone become archaeologists, excavating and interpreting real finds!

We are now in the Kingdom of the plants. Isn't it amazing how we can be Egyptian archaeologists one day and botanists the next! Soon we will become ancient Greek Olympians. What a wonderful curriculum.

Meredith

CLASS 6

We have been learning commercial maths for the last couple of weeks – percentages, interest, GST etc. Each of us has set up a business and we pay 'GST' to the class fundraising account as you may know.

Billy Cl. 6

The commercial maths lesson is almost at an end. We will shortly move onto some more science. In addition to this we have been doing some fantastic artwork; come and check out the classroom walls if you have time. Our Oamaru stone pieces are arriving this week and we will get stuck into that from next week. Also last Friday a team of Class 6/7 children went to Horsham Downs School and played a great game of soccer, eventually winning 3-1. Well done!

Rob

CLASS 7

Class 7 are completing their "Wish, Wonder and Surprise" Main Lesson, however we feel like we are at the start of something big! We have some very talented script writers (no easy task!) who are writing their own version of no sorry that's part of the surprise!!.

Not only that but they are creating their own string puppets and theatre to perform their final play. I have been really impressed with their skill and creativity and we shall continue our preparations for the rest of this term. We will inform you of the dates of the final performances nearer the time!

Next week we start our new mechanics main lesson "Levers and Pulleys" so don't be surprised if you see Class 7 engaged in some very interesting tasks around the school over the next few weeks!

Sue

JUMP ROPE REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who has handed in their sponsor form and money. Those who are still collecting please can you return your money and form to the office by Friday 2nd September. Thank you



YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Thank you for all the stickers – keep collecting – a few more weeks to go!!

CRAFT

Volunteers needed to sew veils!

Only basic machine sewing skills required. Let me know if you can help. We will dye the veils later in October.



The 2nd part of the Doll Making course will be on Saturday, 10th September from 10am – 2pm. If you cannot attend let me know and we try and plan an evening as well. Thanks.

Mieke (021 171 3061)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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KiwiSport netball
waikato

VENUE Waldorf Primary	Time/age Year 5-8 3.30 – 4.30
DATES Friday 9, 16 September	BRING Shoes & Drink Mum & Dad Welcomed

TO REGISTER text 021 629 514 or
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AGE Girls School Years 4 – 8 (8 – 12 years old)	BRING Plenty of Water, Trainers (football boots and shin pads if you have them)

TO REGISTER text 021 807 634 or
email football@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz

Email or text to register
Zoe Toombs 021 807 634
football@kiwisportwaikato.org.nz

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Parents against National Standards

The implementation of the National Standard Policy will affect our children. Thank you everyone who sent letters to Marianne voicing their wishes to be excluded from National Standards measuring and reporting; we got 63 letters out of 95!

David Bennett will be meeting with teachers at school on Monday, 29th August. Parents this is an opportunity to have a voice so please join us at Waikato Waldorf School at 10.45am to speak with David.

Wondering what this is all about? Watch this space for another parent info presentation soon.

Also visit www.protect.org.nz.

Anna Blackler
Kimberly Jackson

Netball Waikato Region Promotion

Win a Training Session with Silver Fern Laura Langman for your school or club!

In celebration of our Trust Waikato Team having their first game of the season against Western on September 4th we are running a promotion to encourage you all to come and support Trust Waikato!

The Primary School, Secondary School, or Netball Club that has the most supporters at the game will receive a training session from Silver Fern Laura Langman!

All you have to do is declare what school or netball club you are supporting when you enter the game. Entry forms will be at the door when you enter, so come along and invite your friends and family!

Tickets to the game are available via www.ticketek.co.nz or as door sales.

\$10 Adults

\$5 Children 13 and Under

\$25 Family Passes (2 adults, 2 children)

This is a great opportunity to see some live netball between 2 top sides at the brand new Claudelands Arena, so please come along on September 4th.

Curtain Raiser 9.30 am, Main game 11.30 am.

See you there!

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