

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

7 OCTOBER	LAST DAY OF TERM 3	
24 OCTOBER	LABOUR DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
25 OCTOBER	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4	
19 & 20 TH NOV 26 & 27 TH NOV	 WORKING BEE	- DETAILS LATER -

Dear Community, Kia ora te whanau!

Last day of Term 3, and what a busy term it has been! I am sure all teachers will enjoy a little breather before the last term of 2011 kicks off.

We are preparing for the ERO visit in Week 7 of Term 4. All teachers have been working very hard to ensure that their paperwork is complete and I wish to acknowledge the great stamina and effort with which this awesome team pulls together and supports each other. I also wish to thank Karlo for his work; he has gone far beyond his duties as a reliever.

There are many big and small jobs to be done around the school. Please support us with our working bees! I invite you to offer your skills; Ted te Bogt is organising things and it would be great if you got in contact with him (0272424697) to offer your services.

*At the back of the flier you will find a community survey to inspire our strategic plan for the next 5 years. Your input and feedback matter a lot!!!! The survey can be completed online - please read the details. Thank you!!!!
Enjoy a great Spring break!*

Aroha nui

Marianne Inkrot

MOWERS NEEDED

A group of parents look after the mowing of the landscaped area around the Flying Fox, and now that the growing season is with us again we need a few more willing parents to help. That way we can keep the job at a very manageable level.

If you have a mower or weedeater, and can spare one hour (yes, seriously) on one Saturday morning a month, please contact Clive - ph 856 8886 or email crl@waikato.ac.nz

Thanks,
Clive

The next Parent's Association meeting will be on Wednesday 19th October, 7pm, at Melanie's house – 11 Aldershot Place. We will be planning for the Advent Fair. All Welcome!

Craft Group

Thanks to all of you who have offered to sew veils for us. It has shared the workload around. We could also use help with dye-ing, either the 1st or 2nd week after the holidays. Let me know.

To the doll makers: Last date to get together for help with your doll is Saturday 29th October from 10am to 2pm. Hope to see you then. Mieke (021 171 3061)

Landing Strip for Souls

Weekend workshop with Ken Smith

11th 12th & 13th November 2011

From their inception the Steiner/Waldorf Schools worldwide have carried at their core a curriculum and teaching practice that assists the incarnating child to fully arrive in the world.

At the same time Rudolf Steiner initiated an artistic impulse in architecture, painting, sculpture and movement intended to acknowledge and support the fullness of the human being.

The arts are at the heart of both the teaching and the design of the school environment to support the child's inner processes of growth and development.

Friday 11th November

Introductory talk - the essentials of a school environment that supports the incarnating process of the child.

Saturday 12th November

A sense of Place -The Individuality of the School. The microcosmic school site in the macrocosmic landscape.

Sunday 13th November

Archetypal Processes -The journey through the School. Phases of Childhood and places for development. Plant formation as a guide to form development.

Friday night \$5pp open to community
Weekend course costs \$40 with a shared lunch for each day.

Course runs from 9am until 3:30

Places for this course are limited

For further information please contact Maree Smith 8297424 or marees@orcon.net.nz

WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT

Last Tuesday four teams from our school went to Southwell School to take part in the Fairfield School's Cluster winter sports tournament. Our two netball teams and two soccer teams all played between 4 and 6 games each in their pool games. It was such an honour to take these children out and watch them give over 100 percent effort in every game they played. They showed such determination, commitment and perseverance along with excellent sportsmanship.

The soccer team captained by Harry Carrington got through to the semi-finals and played an excellent game against Hukanui. Harry who was goal-keeper saved numerous shots at goal with the final score being 2-0 to Hukanui.

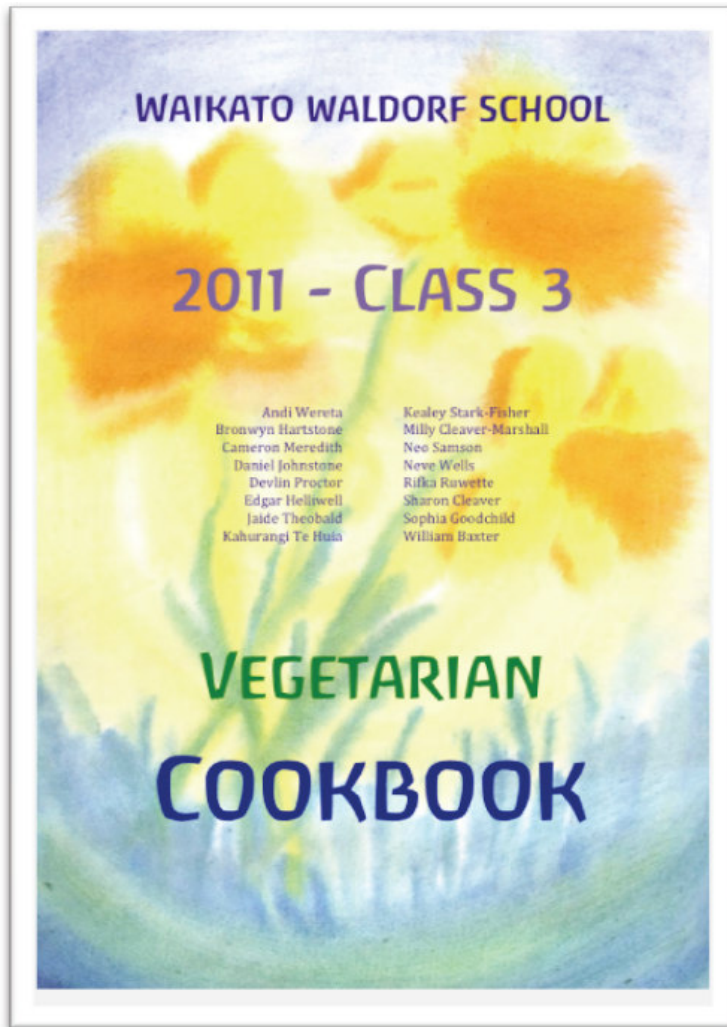
The netball team captained by Mia Wells came very close to a semi-final place. They worked very hard and their teamwork was a credit to them.

The soccer team captained by Shaun Hartstone played some fantastic soccer, with great tackling skills.

The netball team captained by Briar Simpson was a pleasure to watch and scored some fabulous goals.

Well done to Edgar Helliwell and Kahurangi Te Huia from class 3, and all the children from class 4 and 5 who played some amazing games of soccer and netball!!





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Our Daughter in class 4 is keen on **learning the drums**. As drum kits are quite expensive we would prefer to borrow (or rent) a kit for a term or two to be sure she is dedicated. If anyone has a drum kit we could borrow please contact Paula or Terry Playle on 849 5364.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Waikato Waldorf School Board of Trustees is currently developing its Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. We are seeking feedback from our community about what we should be focussing on over the next 5 years. Please follow the link below to complete a short online survey. Alternatively you can complete the survey below and return to the office by October 25. NB. Only one response per family. Thank you for your contribution to making our school a great place for children to learn.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DBWJ9PHNP>

Waikato Waldorf School Strategic Planning 2012-2016

1. What classes are your child/en in at present? Circle
Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Class 5 Class 6 Class 7
2. What ethnicity do your children identify as? Circle
NZ Pakeha Maori Asian Other (specify)
3. What does the school currently do well?
4. Over the next 5 years the following goals have been identified. What do you think we will need to do to achieve these goals?

Strategic Goal 1. – Waikato Waldorf School will be a full capacity Waldorf School based on the educational principals of Rudolf Steiner

Strategic Goal 2. – Waikato Waldorf School will ensure that all students are empowered to extend themselves to their maximum capabilities.

Strategic Goal 3. – Waikato Waldorf School will communicate well with all sectors of its immediate and wider community.

Strategic Goal 4. – Waikato Waldorf School will be a safe, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sustainable place which encourages learning and fosters pride in the school.

5. Is there anything else you would like to be considered in the development of the 5 year strategic plan?

Thank you for completing the survey – your feedback is appreciated.

Regards,

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