

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 DECEMBER	BOT MEETING	7.00PM
15 DECEMBER	EVENING MUSIC PERFORMANCE CANCELLED	PARENTS WELCOME TO FRIDAYS PERFORMANCE
16 DECEMBER	MUSIC PERFORMANCE FOR SCHOOL	2PM
19 DECEMBER	GRADUATION	11AM
20 DECEMBER	FINAL ASSEMBLY WITH CHRISTMAS PLAY	11AM
20 DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2011	FINISHING AT 2PM

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We have wonderful news to report to our community. As you know, we have had our tri-annual Education Review Office visit this week. The review team have been in the school over the last couple of days, reviewing all our processes and procedures with Marianne, spending time in all the classrooms and meeting with the staff, BOT and the community. Parents were given the opportunity to meet with team on Wednesday – only 1 grandparent took advantage of this opportunity – thankfully the ERO team took this as a sign that you are all incredibly happy with the school!

The ERO team met with the Board yesterday to give a verbal report of their preliminary findings. Whilst we will not receive the final report until the end of January, I can tell you that it was an exceptionally good report. Anyone reading the report will be very impressed by the endorsement that the ERO team has given us. You can all be assured that the school is doing an

incredible job of educating your children and there is no question that children learn very well with us.

The Board would like to acknowledge the fantastic work all the staff do – our wonderfully efficient school secretary, Monika; our caring teacher aides and our amazingly dedicated teachers. And of course, their leader, Marianne, who is the most wonderful principal we could possibly wish for. We know the staff have done a huge amount of work to prepare for ERO and to have our visit at the very end of the year was incredibly stressful for everyone. But now it is behind us and we can look forward to beginning the year with a bright future ahead of us.

I would also like to acknowledge my team, the BOT, who are so dedicated to their responsibility to govern the school.

We will definitely have a community celebration in the New Year so we can all come together to share in our success.

Richelle Whittaker, Chairperson



MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Piano and woodwind students will be giving short performances for the school next Friday (16th December) at 2 o'clock. The proposed evening performance on the Thursday has had to be cancelled, but parents are warmly invited to attend the Friday performance instead.



LIBRARY BOOKS

Please help your children bring back their library books as soon as possible. We need to undertake a stock-take at the end of the year and would appreciate all the books back. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check our Lost Property hanging up in front of the Playcircle room (admin block). All the forgotten t-shirts, sweaters, cardigans will be donated to charity at the end of term.

Pledge Forms 2012

THANK YOU to the parents who have handed in their Pledge Form for 2012. We have received 25% of the forms so far. Please complete your Pledge Form and hand it in the office ASAP.

It is important that we receive your pledge form to be able to plan the budget for next year and fund our special character curriculum that is not paid for by the Government. The continued growth and development of our school depends on your financial contributions.

Thanking you in advance,

Warwick Hutchinson
For Pledge Management Group

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.

Babysitter/Nanny

Responsible and experienced 23 year old female. Available 7 days a week, day or night. Reference available. Phone Cat on 027 4066 105.

Pick your own blueberries! Looking for an interesting family outing during the holidays? Come out to Blueberry Country and pick your own blueberries! At \$9.50 per kg, picking your own is a great new experience and provides blueberries at a price never to be beaten in supermarkets. Our cafes serve light refreshments and snacks, baked goods, and real fruit ice cream or frozen yoghurt. Open 7 days, 8am – 6pm. 397 Jary Road Ohaupo or 229 Central Road South Ngatea. Phone 07 823 6923 for info.

PLAYCIRCLE LIBRARY BOOKS

The following books need to be returned to our Parent library :

“A Guide to Child Health” by M. Glockler & W. Goeber (2 copies)
“Plug in Drug”

We would appreciate if these books are returned to us ASAP. Thank you.

Alison, Anna & Susan

HOUSE WANTED

We are a Steiner family moving from Wellington and looking for a house to rent in Hamilton. Please call Helleni Paora-Quirk on 021 807 997 or email: apq@email.com

WHAKAWHANAUNGARANGA

End of year shared kai & get together.

Te Puawai o te Iti Rearea welcome all Whanau and friends of the Waldorf community to come together before the end of year.

A hea? Sunday, 18th December 2011 @ 11am

I hea? Meet in courtyard entrance at Hamilton Gardens, Gate 1 main entrance.

He a ha? Bring picnic blankets, sports equipment, water bottles and shared kai (easy handling finger food)

HOUSE WANTED

We are a family of two adults and one child who will be starting in Class 2 next year. We are looking for a 2/3 bedroom house preferably rural/semi-rural with space for a garden.

If you can help in any way we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Neil or Debbie on 07 544 3738 or email korukaihua@slingshot.co.nz

A Steiner family dad in Tauranga is exploring options for week night board in Hamilton for next year. If you might be able to help, please phone Bill and Brigit on 07 576 3173.