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JUNE 1ST IS THE BEGINNING OF WINTER!

We look forward to 3 months of cold, rain, snow, cuddling near the warmth, reading lots of books, being gorgeously inward, drinking hot chocolate and wearing layers of thick clothing. It's a hard time too with the colds and sicknesses and sometimes depression. Look after your whānau and friends, get plenty of sleep, eat well and STAY WARM. There is plenty of debate around vaccinations at the moment. The film Vaxxed was shown at school a few weeks ago. You must make up your own mind over the flu and other vaccination jobs and read all the literature on it. While I would love to promulgate my perspective, this is a personal family decision that must be free of influence.

What a highly successful **OPEN DAY** we had last week. This was an experiment for us and it worked excellently. There was a constant flow of new visitors, the classes and whole school looked wonderful, the day was fine, we had all the pamphlets and teachers ready, yet the best advertisement for our school were the students - and particularly our class 12 guides. They showed each group around the school and new parents remarked how personable, honest and engaging our fine young guides were. Thank you class 12! As a result, we have the biggest number of new parents for the Special Character talk this afternoon, this year. Kei te pai e nga tamariki.

Another accolade worthy of praise and congratulations was from another school commenting on our students at last week's Cross Country zones run. Our class 5 and Te Reo teacher Pip Middleton was there -

Last Wednesday a selection of students from classes 4 to 7 took part in the Cross-Country Zones at Halswell Quarry, organised by the wonderful Jayne our PE coordinator. It was heart-warming to see our students' confidence to participate and to see the support they gave each other. It was noted by parents from other schools present that our children had wonderful manners; being polite, caring, welcoming and encouraging to not only members of our school but to children of other schools as well. All students did an amazing job, but a special shout out to **Lewis** from class 5 and **Kaspian** from class 7 who will go on to represent us at the Canterbury Zones.

Pip Middleton

Yesterday, classes 4 to 12 were treated to a concert of **HAWAIIAN HULA** by class 12 from the Honolulu Waldorf School who were visiting. We welcomed them with a rousing haka and mihi whakatau demonstrating the increasing bi-cultural depth we have in our school. Thanks to all the teachers and particularly Pip who supports all our tamariki in Te Ao Māori.

Friday is the close for our 0.5 **Classics teacher** position – please direct anyone with interest to our website for details.

Don't be late for school - go to bed early, wake in time and be at school at 8.40!!

Don't forget that the café is available for parents after you drop your tamariki off in the morning – it is in the warmth of the cooking room so you are safe from the howling wind and swirling mists!

Well done to the kindergarten – they survived another ERO visit and we now await their official findings - but we are pretty sure that the kinder is in very good hands!

Thomas Proctor

CALENDAR Wāfaka

Mon 5 June	Queens Birthday , school closed
Tue 6 June	Whitsun Festival (school only)
Tue 6 June	Kindergarten & Nursery Matariki Parent Evening, 7.30pm
Sat 10 June	'This War Is Not Inevitable' Play, 7.30pm, School Hall
Thur 15 June	Class 1 & 2 Lantern Festival (ppt 22 Jun)
Tue 20 June	Matariki/MidWinter Spiral Festival
Wed 21 June	Cross Country Canterbury Champs, Halswell Quarry, 10am-1pm
Thur 22 June	Kindergarten Mid Winter Festival , 5.15pm
Tue 27 - Thur 29 Jun	Lower School Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 7 July	Term 2 Ends

RAFFLE REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who has returned their raffle books.

Please feel gently reminded to keep selling your raffle tickets. If you've sold them all, please return the envelope with the money and the butts to the box in the office. If you can't sell any tickets please return your raffle book to the office! Remember to get your sold books in to the office by **JUNE 9th** to go in the special sellers draw.

Amazing prizes to be won.

Kia ora koutou,

The Lower School teachers have decided to offer two afternoons for interview times in week nine on the 26th and 27th June to accommodate more availability. The impact of this means that the Lower School will finish one day later in December. Lower School will finish at **3pm on Thursday 14th December** which is different to the advertised dates at the beginning of the year.

An online booking system will soon be available for parents to book interviews with their class teacher as a reflection from the reports which will be sent out in advance of the interview week.

Nga mihi

Brenda Warrander

For the College Principal Group

POLICE VETTING

From **July 1st** we will have to pay \$10 for each police vet we process.

We have had a great uptake of vetting from parents and caregivers so far, but more are always welcome.

If you think you may want to help on a class trip or camp, **we do need a vet to be done**. They take between 2 and 6 weeks to get a response, so leave plenty of time before camps etc. Each vet is current for 3 years.

The vetting involves filling out a simple form with your details, available at the school office. You must provide 2 forms of ID, one of them must be photographic e.g. a drivers license or passport and the office must view you to confirm. All going ok, we just get back a one line email stating "nothing to report"

EASY as that...before July means we do not have to pay this time!!

Carey Carey

College Principal Group Secretary

CLASS 1 FAIR CRAFTS

Class 1 crafters are meeting on Tuesday mornings (after drop off) in the cooking room to prepare items for the fair. All are Welcome. Contact Kara (027 360 8369) with any queries.

BOT Meefings 2017

Next meeting: **THUR 15 JUNE**
Board of Trustees meet at
6pm in the music room.
All welcome.

TERM DATES 2017

Term 2: Mon 1 May - Fri 7 Jul
Term 3: Mon 24 Jul - Fri 29 Sep
Term 4: Mon 16 Oct - Wed 13 Dec
Lower School Thur 14 Dec

FROM THE SCHOOL Ngā Pānuí o Te Kura

ATTENDANCE DUES AND DONATIONS

Thank you to all those families that have paid in full or by automatic payment to cover their attendance dues and proprietor contributions for 2017. Your financial contribution is important as it is used directly to support the unique, beneficial programmes that are only offered within a Steiner school. Parents/Caregivers, we NEED you to give your full support in order for us to be in a sound financial position to deliver on our philosophy and create a wholesome, healthy and well-resourced Special Character environment for our tamariki.

Remember there are TWO SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNTS:

Attendance Dues and Proprietor Contributions:

03 1598 0022419 00

Recoverables:

03 0855 0334196 00

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Email: admin@ch.steiner.school.nz or call 03 337 0514

COSTUMES NEEDED FOR US PLAY

The **12th Night** is fast approaching and we need some costumes. The theme is **1960s** so if you have anything that you aren't currently needing that resembles that era, then we would love to have them! Please drop them into the cooking room and I will collect them each morning. Please clearly label your garment with name and phone number if you would like it returned afterwards. Thankyou!

Rebecca and Emma



THIS WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE

A play for two actors

Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School auditorium

Saturday night, 10th June at 7.30pm

THIS WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE is a play written to mark the centenary of the birth of an idea that could yet change the world – Rudolf Steiner's *Threefold Social Organism*.

The *Threefold Social Organism* was first of all an idea that could have taken two years off the length of the First World War and made the Second World War impossible. It addressed people's vulnerability to political and economic events – something that is every bit as relevant today as it was in 1917.

By showing us what Steiner was attempting to do in 1917 and how the German ruling classes and general population received the idea, the play gives audiences an excellent summary of what this idea is and invites us to consider how it could exert an influence in the chaos of our time. In this production there is also much humour and warmth and you see Steiner in a way that he has never been portrayed before.

THIS WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE is written by Michael Burton who was a class teacher here, 1983-6. It is a play for two actors and will be performed by himself and English actor Ryan Kouroukis. Rod Green, who also taught at Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School is the play's director.

It is not suitable for children under fourteen but will appeal very much to all who care for the fate of the world and have hopes for world peace – not as a utopian dream but as something absolutely achievable.

THIS WAR IS NOT INEVITABLE asks for a koha of \$20 waged and \$15 unwaged. No reservations necessary.

(Further information: phone 09 963 2171 or 029 123 0717.)

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL - You must notify the office if your child will be absent.

- For **planned absences** (e.g. holidays during term time) email the College Principal Group (CPG) via admin@ch.steiner.school.nz or drop your letter in to the office **IN ADVANCE**.
- For **unplanned absences**, such as illness, you can leave a message on the absence line (ph 337 0514) or text **3255**. Start your message with CHRSS then leave a space and tell us your child's name, class **and the reason for absence**.
- If you receive a text from us about your child's absence, please respond **WITH A REASON**.

We are required by law to accurately record student absence, please remember to let the office know - Thanks!

COMMUNITY Hapori



WEBFAIR

Please support Clown Doctors NZ by taking part

We are one of several charities taking part in the inaugural Webfair Campaign - it's like Trademe but with all the proceeds going to local community groups. We are looking for companies and individuals to get on board and provide us with some items to auction off. This could be anything with great value, memorabilia or a unique service.

Please email: smile@clowndoctors.org.nz with Webfair as the subject line to let us know how you can help! The fair will open to the public on June 2nd, which is when you can also upload anything you'd like to sell and choose which community group the proceeds go to. Live bidding starts on June 25th. We would be really grateful for your support.
Keep smiling.

**Ko taku reo taku ohooho,
ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria**

My language is my awakening;
my language is the window to my soul.

The Christian Community - Movement for Religious Renewal



**Children - Adults - Families
A warm welcome to join**

2 - 4 June 2017

Our Christchurch congregation invites you to join us next weekend, for visiting priest Rev. Franziska Hesse's Talk; services for children & adults; studies; craft activities & our Whitsun Festival.

All at Hohepa Recreation Centre, 23 Barrington Street, Spreydon.

For more information on upcoming events, regular local study groups, future visits, festivals, retreats, Summer family camp etc.

contact Sigrid 03 3129 208/ sigridmusic@clear.net.nz;

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CHILDREN'S YOGA FOR 4-6 YEAR OLDS

Would your child be keen to learn **Imagination Yoga**? We have some spare spots at the Huntsbury Community Centre Class, **Tuesdays 3:30-4:15pm**.

Excellent for mind-body-social awareness, managing emotions, developing confidence and self-expression.

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