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The end of the year is fast approaching!

Again, a **huge thanks to the parent community** for the wonderful FAIR. The children will be the winners from all your efforts. Teacher aides will get the largest portion of funding, with the moveable classroom and upper school computing upgrades using the remainder. The students are very fortunate to have Lesley (LS) and Rosalie (US) to organize our teacher aides - this has to be the best we can give our students who have extra learning needs.

We are the national Steiner school leaders in innovative classroom design with teachers from around the country coming to see the Steiner modern learning environment called the moveable classroom. It's been so successful we are extending this into class 2 as it offers so much more flexibility with learning spaces, more dynamism between expansive movement and learning focus, a multi-use of furniture as balancing beams, slides, building structures, desks, circle time and small group learning areas. The lower school are now investigating the best modern learning furniture arrangements for our older students.

We have a great team looking after our upper school students next year, and one that our new class 8 will enjoy immensely! As noted last week, we are doubling our focus on computer learning in class 8 and 9, and will be spending money on a revamp of the upper school computers. **Jayne** will be teaching digital technologies and will continue as sports coordinator. **Graham** and **Rosalie** will be our English teachers, **Emma** continues as our drama teacher, **Gritt**, **Pascal** and **John** make up our maths department, **Sarah**, **Katrina**, **Maxine** and **Pascal** carry the sciences, **Rebecca and Neville** continue the arts world (visual and photography), **Hugo** keeps the music department alive with his band of itinerants, **Alan** continues the marvels of technology, **Sam** is teaching social studies and classics, **Peter** carries class 8 for the first half of the year and teachers health with Jayne, **Al is back** taking PE and Māori (look out for some early morning PE classes), **Kathie** is continuing cooking and **Mareile** is our counsellor. **Maxine** is the upper school coordinator, co-principal and NZQA interface, **Rebecca** academic dean, **Peter** is upper school dean, **Rosalie** is upper school SENCO and she and **Angelika Frank Alexander** look after our international students.

A big acknowledgement of Hugo, Emma, Sam and Annabelle who have been with us for their first year. All have made big impacts upon the quality of our upper school. We bid a sad farewell to Annabelle as she comes to the end of her year relieving for Al. Annabelle's passion for PE, her commitment as a sponsor for class 11 and her health teaching have all been impressive. We thank her so much for her energy this year - kia ora e Annabelle and best wishes for next year.

Book in December 2nd and 3rd to see the impressive class 12 projects. We are running the presentations in the weekend for the first time to make them more accessible for whānau. See the programme in the next pages!

The pageant is also coming up on Monday December 11th. Please note that this is a **compulsory lower school function**. Last year a few parents may not have understood this and a few classes missed some students. Please note it in your diaries.

Class 3 returned from the Henderson farm trip very excited and thrilled by their farming camp. This was their first ever camp and thanks to the parents and Benjamin. It is close to 30 years that Ian Henderson has been hosting our class students in Scargill! What a service to us. Our huge and warm thanks to him.

Thomas Proctor

CALENDAR Wātaka

Tue 21 - 24 Nov	Class 5 Olympics Camp
Mon 27 Nov -1 Dec	Class 10 Surveying Camp, Okains Bay
Mon 4 - 8 Dec	Class 7 Camp
Wed 6 Dec	Canterbury Athletic Champs, Ashburton Domain, 8am-5pm
Fri 8 Dec	School café closes for the year
Mon 11 Dec	Pageant / Carols Evening
Tue 12 Dec	Class 12 Graduation Evening
Wed 13 Dec	Kindergarten & Nursery Advent Festival 11.45am
Wed 13 Dec	Class 12 Farewell / US Final Assembly
Wed 13 Dec	Upper School, Kindergarten & Nursery - Term 4 Ends
Thur 14 Dec	Lower School - Term 4 Ends
Mon 29 Jan 2018	Term 1 Starts

RUDOLF STEINER BOT MID-TERM ELECTIONS.

At close of nominations on Friday 17th November there were 3 nominations for the 3 vacant positions. I therefore declare the following people on the Board of Trustees:

Tony Oskam

Susi Haberstock

Mark Lewis.

Returning Officer

Carey Carey

NCEA DERIVED GRADE GUIDELINES

The overriding principles for the derived grade are:

- Fairness to the applicant and to all other candidates. The derived grade is based upon authentic pre-existing standard-specific evidence that has been quality assured.

Applications must refer to events of a medical or non-medical nature that:

- Have clearly had an effect on the candidate during the examination, prevented the candidate from attending the examination.
- Candidates suffering a temporary illness, trauma or other serious event should be encouraged to sit the examination where ever possible.
- **Independent professional evidence** is required confirming the temporary illness, trauma or other serious event that impaired preparation, performance or attendance on the day of the examination, was beyond the candidate's control, and/or made it impossible for them to sit the examination.
- For events occurring in the period immediately prior to the examination. The applicant must clearly demonstrate that effective preparation was not possible in the **week** before the examinations and provide evidence that they were under continuous and well-documented care by a registered professional. Schools should discuss this with their School Relationship Manager, if necessary.
- The temporary illness, trauma or other serious event must be of a significant nature.

If you feel your child requires a derived grade please pick up an application form from the School Office. This includes a medical form which must be filled in by a doctor or hospital on the day of the NCEA examination. Please be aware that there are strict criteria that apply to derived grades and that the student's Practice exam result must be moderated to qualify for a derived grade.

If you have further questions please contact Maxine Ude Shankar (Principal Nominee) via the office. 03 337 0514.

BOT Meetings 2017

Next meeting: **THUR 7 DEC**
Board of Trustees meet at 6pm in the
music room. All welcome.

TERM DATES 2017 / 2018

Term 4: Ends Wed 13 Dec (US & Kinder/Nursery)
Ends **Thur 14 Dec (LS)**

2018:

Term 1: Begins Mon 29 Jan - Fri 13 Apr

Class 12 PROJECT TIMETABLE

SATURDAY DEC 2		
9.00	Arrive and set up	Subject:
9.30	RENATA	PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT
10.00	EMMA	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH the QUEEN SCOUTS AWARDS
10.30	DAISY	HOW MEMORY WORKS
11.00	BREAK	
11.30	FINN	AGRICULTURE – THE PRESENT DILEMMAS
12.00	LEONARDO	How do we harness the energy beyond CONTROL
12.30- 1.30	LUNCH	
1.30	LILITH	HOW A CAR WORKS
2.00	MATTHEW	MAKING A COMPUTER
2.30		An unannounced video clip
SUNDAY DEC 3		
9.30	Arrive and set up	Subject:
10.00	LULU	AUTISM – how it affects lives and ways to shine the genius in it
10.30	PRIYA	DEATH - what happens to us?
11.00	DHAUMYA	VOLUNTEERING
11.30	BREAK	
12.00	MOMO	GUITAR MAKING
12.30	LIAM	FILM MAKING
1pm	SHAKARA	100 STRANGERS PROJECT



CALLING ALL OLD MOBILE PHONES

Help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways

It would be great if you could have one last rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into school any unwanted mobile phones before the end of term.

Phones collected help our school gain valuable rewards. It is also of benefit to the environment by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have to the school office.

FROM THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

If anyone has any outstanding reimbursement requests please fill out the reimbursement form, which can be found in the CA tray in the office and remember, YOU MUST staple the original receipts to the form, no receipts, no reimbursement. **Please have these in to us by Weds 22nd November** - Don't forget to provide a bank acc# on the form for us to be able to direct credit the reimbursement to you. WE NO LONGER DEAL WITH CHEQUES.

Thanks.

CLASS 7 FUNDRAISER - THIS SATURDAY

Class 7 is fundraising for camp by having a CARWASH this Saturday the 25th November at the St Martins New World supermarket carpark between 1-4pm. Please support us by having your car washed, waxed and dried for \$10.

COMMUNITY Hapori

SPIRIT OF THE WORD COURSES 2018 –

at Rudolf Steiner Centre Hastings

New 5-Day Introductory Course 7th – 12th January 2018

New Three Week Orientation Course: 7th – 26th January 2018

EARLY BIRD ENROLMENT CLOSES: 15th December 2017.

Please see our Introductory Course poster on:

<https://spiritofthewordschool.wordpress.com>

For Professional Development, for teachers and others, we recommend the full 'Orientation Course', where possible.

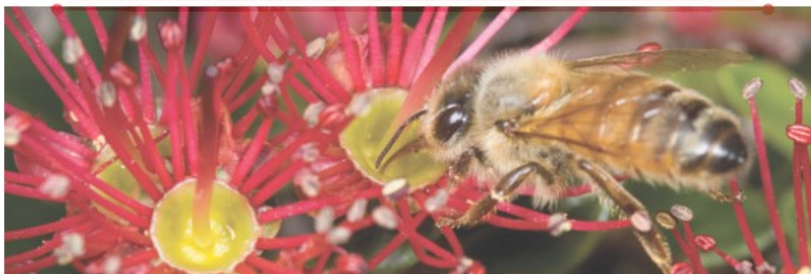
Contact: T – 06 8577113;

E – spiritofthewordschool@gmail.com

He rangi tā Matawhāiti, he rangi tā Matawhānui.

The person with a narrow vision sees a narrow horizon,
the person with a wide vision sees a wide horizon.

Bees in NZ cannot survive without us and we cannot survive without the bees



'Trees for Bees NZ' and Sumner Community Garden warmly invite you to a presentation:

THE 'ABC' OF FLOWERS AND BEES

With Botanist and Pollination Biologist

Dr Linda Newstrom-Lloyd

leader of the Trees for Bees NZ programme

Honey bees all around the world are in decline because of Varroa mite infestations, pesticide misuse and other threats. With habitat degradation taking away flowers which supply nectar and pollen, their essential food, bees need OUR HELP. In this important talk, Linda will explain what we can do to help bees find sources of nectar and pollen all year round and how we can plant our gardens and open spaces to be Bee Friendly.

SUNDAY
26th
November
4-5pm

Matuku
Takotako:
Sumner
Community
Centre



Gold coin donation appreciated

Contact: kanewbery@gmail.com
Facebook: Sumner Community Gardens

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

CHCH BOYS HIGH, ROLLESTON, LINCOLN, PAPANUI, WESTBURN

- For ages five to 13 – junior & senior groups
- Sport and physical activity based
- Structured, safe and affordable
- Enthusiastic, fully trained staff
- All activities and excursions included in cost
- OSCAR approved; WINZ subsidies available
- 8am starts & single day bookings now available

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