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Kia ora koutou me te kura o Rudolf Steiner Otautahi!

This is the LAST newsletter of the year, the 2nd to last week of the school year and the last few days of class 12's life as students in our school. Like no other year, this one has rushed by with such speed that I need a holiday to realise it has gone and finished. We began in summer with the pages of the new year fresh and unwritten, we bathed in the beauty of our tremendous autumn, celebrated the harvest, the colour, the crisp nights, winter with its short, cold days, the upper school drama triumph, the sports and music, 48 hr films, national maths challenges, our international students, visits from Australian Steiner schools (and one from Hawaii), an international conference guest, and then the thawing of SPRING and our festival in the grey clouds and consequent wet weeks. Throughout the year our students put on plays, went on camps, learned wonderful things about the world, amazed us with their youthful literacy, their handwork focus and surveying skills. They spoke passionately at assemblies, played in the huge orchestral concert, laughed and ran their hardest in interschool sports and zones and felt part of a class family. Where there were tears, bullying or resentment, teachers, management, parents and counsellors worked hard to find restoration and student realisation of the hurt caused. Hopefully many grew towards a new awareness of others' well-being. Then came the FAIR, which signalled the celebratory run up to this busy end of the year - class shifts, clean ups, the pageant, graduation, last assemblies, secret Santa, gifts to the teacher, shared class lunches and then finally next Thursday, all done until 2018.

My huge thanks to our teachers, who try everyday to bring inspiration to our students and strive to make our Steiner education real and living. A huge thanks to every parent who supports our school as we work to bring a deeper life to growing and learning and who have helped in any way to make our students' experiences wonderful ones - thank you, thank you. Thanks to the Board of Trustees and our Proprietors who faithfully meet every month to hold an over view of our school - the Proprietors for the special character and the Board on policies and smooth management. But most of all a huge 'kia ora' to those students who tried their best in any area at all. Striving towards NCEA or tying your shoelaces or being graceful in eurythmy, this is what learning and growing is all about and I hope the balanced, full education our class 12 students leave with, lives in their souls for many years to come.

Congratulations to the class 12 students who presented their year projects to the school last weekend. They demonstrated the mental veracity, the moral thinking, the humour, personal honesty, presentational poise and earnestness that we are proud of in our graduating students. From brain function of psychopaths or the mysteries of memory, the experience and explanation of autism, what happens after death to constructing a guitar over 10 months, the students acquitted themselves with mana. If you ever need to satisfy yourself about the quality of Steiner graduates in their thinking, soul and practical capabilities, this was the event to see it. Well done to you class 12.

PAGEANT - NEXT MONDAY, 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there and sharing Christmas together. Do remember it is a compulsory event for the lower school.

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It has been a remarkable time in education at a national level. This year, 5 Steiner schools formed a Community of Learning and began collaborating on learning strategies in a way we never have before. We have had to shift our management process to accommodate a new principal paradigm. Congratulations to Angela Romein for her appointment as the national Steiner Across Schools (CoL) literacy teacher. It has been a huge transformation of our work and will continue to be so. Congratulations also to Angelika Frank-Alexander for becoming the chair of the Federation and Martin Gastinger for joining as a director. We have fought the promulgated digital curriculum and won in the lower school, and will double our IT in classes 8 and 9 in 2018. We are seeing off National Standards with the new government, and look forward to a review of the electronic emphasis in all primary schools (!).

AUT Masters papers - if anyone is interested in the FREE masters papers (year one, on Steiner Education) beginning next year, do contact me.

We have had new teachers in the upper school this year – Emma, Annbelle, Hugo, and Sam, and have been thrilled with their youthful enthusiasm. The moveable classroom (class 1) trial was very successful and we will develop that further in class 2. We have a wonderfully strong kindergarten and lower school staff for next year (congratulations to Pip for class 1) and we watch with great interest the year long reflection in the upper school towards a 21st century Steiner education – what is it, what should it look like, what are the boundaries of a spiritual aspiration and a digital BYOD environment?

There is a lot to look forward to while we reflect on the year that has zoomed past (and wonder what our families would like for Christmas!). We must thank Tim and all the support staff in the office and the very important Teacher Aides who are amazing - and a sad farewell to Erwin after all these years! There have been humps in the year, there have been many joys, frustrations and celebrations. In the end, like the Christmas spirit, the spirit of goodwill towards all people is the relationship that grows us inwardly and as a community. Te tangata, te tangata, te tangata and the aroha that flows between us becomes the essence of why we strive as humans in our lovely community. CHRISTMAS GOODWILL to you ALL!

Thomas Proctor

CALENDAR Wātaka

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 6.30pm
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

From The Board of Trustees

Hi all. Another year has gone and another class is leaving on their journey into the wider world . The Board would like to thank the whole school community for their efforts during the year. Teachers have given their all and parents have contributed in many areas. A special thanks also to the students of the school because they are why we are here and we are proud of them all. Enjoy the break and have a great Christmas. See you all next year.

Wayne Martin (Chair – Board of Trustees)

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)**
Term 1: Begins Mon 29 Jan - Fri 13 Apr

FROM THE SCHOOL Ngā Pānuī o Te Kura

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing emergency dental appointments at the **Hornby, Northcote, Woolston and Aranui** Community Dental Clinics on the **19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd December** and from the Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic on:

Tuesday, 9th January – Friday, 12th January 2018 (inclusive)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

New Year Clinic Openings

An emergency dental service will also be offered from **Hillmorton** and **Northcote** Community Dental Clinics on the following dates: **Monday, 15th January 2018 – 19th January 2018 (inclusive)**

and

Monday, 22nd January 2018 – 26th January 2018 (inclusive)

You can phone and make an appointment for these clinics by ringing **0800 846 983**

SYMPHONY ON SKIS

Rudolf Steiner School
Christchurch
FRIDAY
22/12/17



Class 2 Fundraiser: Movie Night

Come and finish the year with some snow! Friday 22nd of December 2017 at 5:30pm at the school hall. Tickets Adults \$18, Children/Students \$15, available at Bivouac (Tower Junction), online at eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/symphony-on-skis-christchurch-screening-tickets-40168244300?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing> or doorsales on the night.



CLASS 11 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Thursday 7th December 3pm

Lower School hard court



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.

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**. **PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL BY 9am**.
- 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!

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Ngā mihi mō te Kirihimete

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas



The Christian Community Movement for Religious Renewal

Celebrating together the festival of Advent

Held at Hohepa, 23 Barrington St, Spreydon
Sundays at 11 am, 10th, 17th & 24th Dec 2017

Please bring a plate for a simple, shared lunch

- * Summer Camp 9th-13th January 2018
'In Conversation with Nature'
- * priest visits throughout the year, with talks / services for children & adults / studies in Christchurch and NZ wide

More details about The Christian Community available at:

www.thechristiancommunity.net

CELLO FOR SALE

We are selling a 1/2 cello in excellent condition. \$550 ono.

Pictures on Trade me, anna2004 is our user name.

We are also looking to buy a 3/4 cello if anyone is selling?

Please contact: Lucy 027 2262446.

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:

<https://spiritofthewordschool.wordpress.com>

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

Contact: T – 06 8577113;

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