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Welcome again. It was lovely to see the mingling of parents, new families, and Upper and Lower school students at our WELCOME TO A GREAT YEAR party last Friday. Our Community Association members worked overtime to provide FREE LEMONADE and SAUSAGES for everyone; vegetarian, gluten free or meat. The queues were endless! Meanwhile, class 12 had students from class 1 to class 11 lining up for face painting (again, lines as far as the eye could see). All while our ex-pupils Lorenz (electric violin) and Thomas (drums) with their keyboardist, rocked (well, swayed) us with tango, gypsy and jazz numbers. The wind stopped, the sun shone and it was a lovely afternoon to welcome us all back to school...the place where we love to be - and so we should given what the wealthiest man in the world says about education!

Jack Ma is the founder of Alibaba (China), probably the biggest retail company in the world. His net worth is a staggering \$39 billion. He has been speaking about his perspective on the educational needs of the future given the imminent rise of AI (artificial intelligence) that will take millions of jobs away within the next decade. Students in the 21st century need to develop, he says (through the World Economic Forum), human skills that machines are incapable of – things like a values base, creativity, compassion, empathy, musicality, artistic and sporting skills – called the soft human skills. So you are in the right place for 21st century education. Nothing I have read on future education speaks of IT capability or social media connectivity, but all note that human capacities are the primary 'base line' for the world's future - so go Steiner education! Which, as you may know, is growing faster in Asia than anywhere in the world - they just can't get enough teachers! We have however, doubled our IT time in classes 8 and 9 in order to meet the Ministry's Digital Curriculum requirements – a compromise hammered out to keep the Lower school computing free.

Good academic results are also important for our students' futures. We have some excellent results from 2017 that illustrate how we can have the 'soft skills' in abundance whilst achieving very well in our academic teaching. In our lower school 2017:

Writing classes 4 – 7: 82.5% at or above

Maths class 3 – 7: 72.4% at or above

Upper School Literacy and Numeracy Pass Rate %				
Year	Achievement	Class 10 (yr 11)	Class 11 (yr 12)	Class 12 (yr 13)
2016	Literacy	70.8	90.0	100.0
2017	Literacy	72.7	100.0	100.0
2016	Numeracy	75.0	85.0	100.0
2017	Numeracy	86.4	100.0	94.1

NCEA	School Merit	National Merit	School Excellence	National Excellence
Level 2	28.6	27.1		
Level 3	36.5	28.1	18.2	15.6

Further to this, our Level 3 pass rate for 2017 was 73.3% compared with the national rate of 64.2%, and our UE 53.3% compared with the national rate of 47.1%

Well done to the students and teachers for their hard work.

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This Friday, let the Games begin – all of the Upper School are finishing school lessons early to play games together – organised and marshalled by class 12 and A1 – fun fun fun.

Class 6 have been writing poems about maths – well how do you that?!

Numbers scribbled across the board,
Oh help me Dear Lord!

Cries and groans all around the room,
The teacher thinks it's an awful tune.

Notebooks handed all around,
As we try not to feel so down.

Answers scribbled across the sheet
No wonder we were all dead meat!

"Maths is very fun", says the boy with the very big tum.

"Of course it is", the teacher says. "It's just like going through a very hard maze".

I finished my test, I think I've been blessed,
For most of my answers were frankly guessed.

"Well done, you've passed your test...so here's another one DO YOUR BEST!"

(P.S. We love maths)

Thanks to Spiral and Myfanwy from class 7.

Thomas Proctor

CALENDAR Wātaka

Wed 14 Feb	Class 1 Parent Evening
Thur 15 Feb	Class 3 Parent Evening
Mon 19 Feb	Class 2 Parent Evening
Fri 23 Feb	Class 7 Day Trip, Surf Life Saving
Mon 26 - Fri 2 Mar	Class Photo Week (US Friday during assembly time)
Mon 26 - Fri 2 Mar	BOOK WEEK
8 Mar	Classes 4-7 Swim Day, Waltham Pool, 12.30 - 2.30pm (ppd 15 Mar)
13 Mar	South Zone Swim Champs, Wharenui Pool, 9.45-11.45
30 Mar	Good Friday, School Closed
2 Apr	Easter Monday, School Closed
3 Apr	Easter Tuesday, School Closed
13 Apr	Term 1 Ends

MEDICINES AND ALLERGIES

Please inform your class teacher and **the office** if your child requires any kind of specific medical care. This includes any regular medicine for asthma, allergies etc. If your child has an individual action plan from their GP, please make sure the office has an up to date copy and any necessary medicines.

All office staff have current first aid certificates

WANTED CHOROI FLUTES

Class 3 would love to purchase any Choroï Flutes/Recorders that are in good condition. We will pay \$50 per instrument. Please email katel@ch.steiner.school.nz (Class 3 Teacher)

BOT Meefings 2018

Next meeting: Thur 22 Feb
Board of Trustees meet at 6pm in the
music room. All welcome.

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1:	Mon 29 Jan	Fri 13 Apr
Term 2:	Mon 30 Apr	Fri 6 Jul
Term 3:	Mon 23 Jul	Fri 28 Sep
Term 4:	Mon 15 Oct	Fri 14 Dec

From the Student Support Centre

Greetings from the Student Support Centre where we provide a confidential and readily available support service for students and caregivers from class 7 up. I am available this year Monday again all day, Wednesday morning and Thursdays all day. If you want to get in touch with me just arrange this via the school office, contact me directly on 3370514-240 or via my cell phone 027 202 6660.

I am looking forward to supporting you!

Mareile Stoppel

What happens in counselling?

In counselling students can talk about problems or concerns in a safe and confidential place with someone who will support them.

They can experience: trust and openness, being listened to, no blame, no judgement, support and encouragement to make good life choices. Students are welcome to bring a friend or make an arrangement to meet as a group. They can also come along to support a friend.

How can counselling help?

A counsellor can help you to:

- Improve how you feel about yourself
- Plan and set goals
- Think about things in a new way
- Reduce your stress
- Do things differently
- Get to know yourself better
- Open new options or directions for yourself
- Explore your thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Improve your relationships with friends and family

What about confidentiality?

School counsellors are bound by confidentiality. This means not telling anyone about private information without permission or knowledge unless there is a potentially dangerous and life threatening situation

BOOK WEEK (26 Feb - 2 Mar)

BOOK WEEK is coming! We are looking for a yurt or tipi for our 'read aloud' sessions. If you have one which we could borrow, please contact Angela in class 2 or email:

angelar@ch.steiner.school.nz



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!



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.

COMMUNITY Hapori

SPRING COLLECTIVE

Seasonal Organic Veggie Box \$35
<https://store.buckybox.com/spring-collective>
Christchurch

Spring Collective is an organic market garden run by 3 ex students of Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School

Whiria te tangata
Weave the people
together

\$10 **ECSTATIC DANCE**
transformative, intentional, free-form dance
EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT
in FEBRUARY 7 - 9pm
3rd Feb with **DJ TRILLION**
10th Feb and special guests
17th Feb
24th Feb **Opawa Church
Community Hall**

the OFFICIAL
CHCH
ECSTATIC
DANCE



'Let's play more...'
in CHCH

'Music Fun Foundation'
Playful & educational for Babies - School Children

Lessons on Instruments & Hire
Individual & group sessions for all ages

Teaching & learning
Based on Steiner Education

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JOYFUL SOUNDS MUSIC -
Nurturing healthy development

OPAWA AREA AFTER SCHOOL CARE/NANNY required.

We need some after school care 3 days a week (M,Tu,Th) for 5 and 7 yr olds from Term 2.

"Nanny" position in our home, includes household management childrens washing etc, and cooking evening meals. Additional hours available by mutual agreement.

Nanny quals not necessarily required, but good common sense and experience.

pH 0272430587



Enjoy dancing? Want functional fitness? Try Nia -

Blending Tai Chi, Aikido, dance, Yoga and other movement forms to promote holistic wellbeing.

Experience the joy of movement and the health benefits of attending a Nia class either:

Tuesday or Thursday, 1-2pm,

upstairs at The Mt Pleasant Community Centre (3 McCormacks Bay Rd).

First class free when this advert is mentioned. Phone Lucy for more info on 027 525 8844 or visit www.nianow.com

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Be sure to send this from the same email address you are subscribed from.

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