

21ST FEBRUARY 2018



WEDNESDAY WINDOW

COMING EVENTS

Tues 27 Feb	Kindergarten Parent Evening 6.30pm
Thurs 8 th March	Eurhythmy Performance (more details to follow – koha donation)
Fri 9 th March	School Photos
Fri 30 th March	Good Friday No school or Kindergarten
Mon 2 nd April	Easter Monday No school or Kindergarten
Tues 3 rd April	Easter Tuesday No school or Kindergarten

KIA ORA WHANAU

The 2018 Board of Trustees year began earlier this week with our first meeting of the year. For those of you who are new to the school the Board has responsibility at a governance level for all the compliance and legal aspects of the school as dictated by our status as a state integrated school, while the Principal has responsibility for all operational matters.

Thank you to those who sent in your feedback via the Parent Survey at the end of last year. It is very important for the BoT to hear from our parent community and we received some excellent feedback, both

positive and constructive. At our first meeting we considered the results of the survey and used these as the basis for making our 2018 Annual Improvement Plan. We were delighted to see that overall there is a high level of satisfaction for what the school is delivering currently. Equally gratifying though, was the confirmation that the Board's vision for the school which, it shares with the College of teachers is also strongly shared within the parent community.

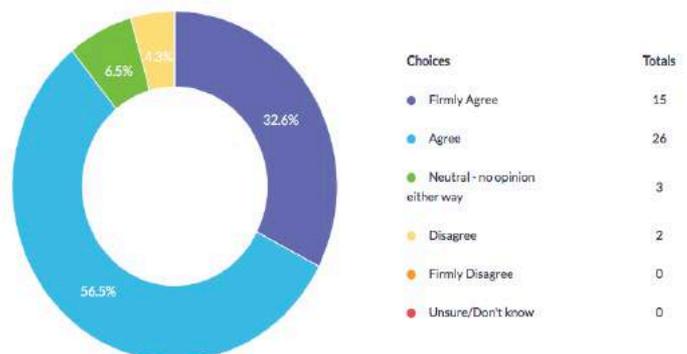
So as a result of your feedback we have ratified a new plan for the year which includes setting targets and goals for developing stronger parent partnership, more streamlined communication via further development of the schools website, further development of our teachers' ability to implement our He reo Puawai curriculum and increased outdoor classroom experiences for all children. This year we are also looking forward to progressing the development of the Amphitheatre within the context of the overall joint strategic plan for the development of the school shared between the BoT and the WST.

If you are interested in seeing the Parent Survey Report in its entirety you can find it on the schools website at; <http://waldorftga.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/survey-reports-lisa-analysis.pdf> you can also find our Charter and Annual Plan at; <http://waldorftga.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2018-Annual-Plan-Charter.pdf> as well as the minutes from our monthly meetings should you be interested. Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who is interested in attending a Board meeting to do so. Just call the office and let them know in advance so as we can be sure to be able to accommodate you. Look out for Board meeting dates on the website calendar and in this newsletter.

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Lisa Hickling
(for the Board of Trustees)

Q25 GENERAL Overall I am happy with what is happening at our school
Multiple Choice



KIA ORA FROM THE KINDERGARTEN

Once upon a time, a little blonde girl began her journey with us in Kotahi. Each morning she let her father go and then played happily with her many friends, who she was later to travel through the school with. She had many adventures with Fran and her classmates until she left Tauranga Waldorf School at the end of Class 7. She went into the wide world of Secondary School and Work.

And just when we wanted someone who knew our ways to help out with the little children in Kotahi, we were delighted that she applied for the position and was the very best applicant and we welcome her as part of our Kindergarten Team. Suzanne

Hello!

My name is Siobhan McGrath and I am a graduate student from Waldorf. After completing 5 years at Mount Maunganui College I am extremely excited to be re-joining the Waldorf community, this time as a part of the team in the Rose Ring Kindergarten.

I recently discovered my passion for early childcare when I left school and began working in a childcare center in Papamoa.

During the next year I will be working alongside Simone in the Kotahi Kindergarten and I am so excited to be learning more about my passion in an environment that I know and love. I cannot wait to establish the relationships that I know bloom within the Waldorf community. I have only recently become interested in Early Childhood, but I couldn't think of a better way to continue my learning and experiences than alongside the teachers I have known my entire life. I am so grateful for this opportunity and cannot wait to get to know everyone. Siobhan



KIA ORA FROM THE OFFICE... Just a few reminders



School Photos: If you haven't already started using our events calendar on the website, please have a look and you can download the events into your own calendars. An important date to note is **Friday 9th March 2018** – this is when school photographs will be taken. Hair brushed and best smiles please! Envelopes should have come home with your children this week, if not check with your class teacher (Class 6 your envelopes will come home with siblings or will be handed out next week). If you'd like a photo of your children together, sibling photograph envelopes are in the office, if you want one, please call in. Please have photo

orders returned by Monday 5th March at the latest. Please also ensure you have the correct payment included in your envelope as we will not be able to give change from the office. (Payments accepted are cash, cheque or credit card details)

Sports Payments: These are now due, thanks to many of you who have already paid! Payments can be made by cash, cheque or eftpos in the office or if it is easier for you please pay Direct Credit into the School account Tauranga Waldorf School ASB Account No 12 3146 0227252 00 quoting your child's name and sport as references.

Class 5 Fundraising: As an explanation to those of you that are new to the school, and our Class 1 families, each year Class 5 undertake fundraising for their camps. One of the services they offer is a Friday lunch option which is currently a Sausage Sizzle. Children should bring cash to school on Friday morning to place orders for Sausages \$2 (vege option available), Juicies \$2 or Cake \$1. Please remember to bring cash on Friday mornings to place an order. Class 5 are also seeking help from families, if anyone has a service or product they would consider generously donating for their upcoming fundraising Raffle, all offers would be greatly appreciated. Please call Ang Harris 027 226 2032.

Absences: Please remember to call in, text or email your absences by 9.00am. It really speeds the morning attendance process up not having to chase parents and if you've been up all night with a sick child the last thing you want is a call or text from the office. Thanks for your help with this.

Whooping Cough: Please be vigilant with suspected symptoms and take your child to the Doctor if you think they may have it. Our Public Health Nurse Abby McCulloch can provide lots of helpful information 0800 935 554