

21st March 2018



WEDNESDAY WINDOW

COMING EVENTS

27th March – Rescheduled date. Special Character Meeting 9:10am. All welcome.

29 March – Kindergarten Easter Festival

April 3rd – School Closed. Kindergarten Open

April 11th – Founders Meeting

April 13th – End of Term 1. School ends 1pm

KIA ORA WHANAU

It's not at all uncommon for the children to say, 'why do we have to do eurythmy' and 'what is eurythmy anyway?' Those of you who took up the opportunity to take part in some of the adult eurythmy classes offered last year, will know that this secret ingredient of Waldorf education is many, many things.

Firstly it's an activity that is challenging socially and so a perfect fit for an education where we aim to develop individuals who can learn together and from each other. Cognitively it's challenging too, offering opportunities for developing advanced spatial awareness so important for maths.

Physically it offers a great deal too- the body geography & fine motor control needed for reading, balance, dexterity and coordination.

So eurythmy is both a curative/ healing art form as well as a developmental/ pedagogical one. But as we saw last week when we were visited by the Eurythmy Aoteaoroa ensemble who presented *Kua timata* investigating, discovery, destruction and creation, it can be more too. Some of the pieces made the children laugh out loud, some had them spellbound.

For those of you heard reports that it was stupid and rubbish, I am happy to tell you that the ensemble themselves spoke with such warmth and gratitude of your children, commenting that of the six performances to date, our school provided the most appreciative and open audience. An ability to manage negative emotions such as boredom or disinterest without acting out and distracting others, is a skill which will take any person far and it does my heart good to think together we are helping our kids develop this!

On another note, it also occurred to me that this particular eurythmy experience was a perfect example of yet another secret ingredient of Steiner Waldorf education and that is some thing we call rich or integrated curriculum. I say this because one of the pieces performed was *Te Ikaroa* – the Maori creation story of how the Stars came to be. Waldorf education is known as a pedagogy of place, race and time and continues to be shaped and developed.

In this last fortnight we've been blessed with a number of visitors who have felt moved to reflect back to us our quality, as a school. We hosted staff and trustees from Matakana Island school, wanting to understand what we are doing that results in equitable outcomes for boys and Maori. We had a visit from Merivale school wanting to understand the kaupapa and wairua of our play and schooling environment for the same reason and a visit from a Lead teacher from Waldorf Community of Learning who exclaimed over the children's reverence in and for our shared assembly.

Seeing ourselves and the results of our mission *to educate our young, together*, through the eyes of others, has found me counting my blessings lately and giving thanks for the partnership of you parents. Your children do you great credit.

Thank you, Mary T-J



KIA ORA FROM CRAFT GROUP

This year we are re-establishing the parent craft circle, so please join us this Friday in the Cowshed from 9am – 12pm. This term Craft Group will be creating a craft for your Easter Table that you can take home with you. These craft groups are held every Friday and aimed to learn, support and educate each other about Waldorf Education and Crafts. Each week we will be joined by a Kindergarten teacher for half an hour if you have any questions please bring them along. This Friday's craft: Blowing eggs

Join us for a cuppa and a fun morning of crafting, all levels of crafting are welcome there is something for everyone to enjoy. Children are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Billie 0223003729



KIA ORA FROM CLASS 5

Below is a list of Class 5 fundraising activities. Class 5 parents and students are responsible for all money raised, so please give orders and payment directly to Class 5, in order to avoid confusion. The office cannot accept any money or orders on their behalf. We do not hold enough cash in the office to give any change.

Preloved Clothes Sale

Class 5 is having a clothing sale on the 10th of June. If you have anything you want to donate, please leave it in the Whare and let either Tania or Caroline know. 0275750188. Thanks for your support.

Remember Friday lunches!

Locally made, preservative free, all meat sausages \$2

Vegetarian sausages \$2

Cake (GF/non GF) \$1

Juicies \$2

Limited Edition M Collections: Class 5 Fundraising Body Butters

Get a great present for Mother's day, at a great price and support Class 5 in the process.

200g glass jars of M Collections lavish body butter in two scents. Summertime and Rest and Restore. The choice is yours.

Preorders taken by your friendly Class 5-er from 19th March 2018

Delivery the week prior to Mother's Day.

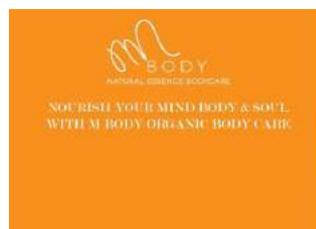
\$15 per pot. RRP \$25+

Summer Time

A super hydrating blend of Organic Coconut, Shea Butter whipped' with active Manuka honey infused with pure essential oils of Tangerine & Mango. Designed to melt into your skin to replenish and hydrate those extremely dry area, leaves your skin feeling rehydrated and silky smooth.

Rest and Restore

A signature blend to M Body - our very own Whipped Butter Oil, A super hydrating blend of Organic Coconut oil, shea butter 'whipped' with active Manuka honey and infused with pure essential oils of Rose, Grapefruit and Vanilla Bean oils. Designed to melt into your skin to replenish and hydrate those extremely dry areas, leaves your skin feeling rehydrated and silky smooth.



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