



Parent Pledge & Special Character Commitment Form

To be completed annually by every family

Although Proprietors of State integrated schools are legally permitted to charge and collect compulsory attendance dues, the Waldorf Schools (Bay of Plenty) Trust is committed to operating with free gifting as our funding source. This special character commitment expresses the Waldorf/ Steiner ethic of social transformation, re-imagining money and elevating it beyond the purchase and contract relationship, to foster social and spiritual realities. At a practical level the special character approach to funding and finance also allows the schools proprietor to meet their objective of ensuring that there are no barriers to a child, whose parents truly seek a Waldorf education, receiving one.

To this end, our Trust operates a parent contribution system that accepts and welcomes donations of both money and/or deeds. Parents are invited to make these donations to the extent that they feel able and because any and all donation amounts are gratefully received, because there is no specificity of destination or tagging of these funds in advance; because no service is offered or denied, on the basis of what is received or not, and because no formal follow up action is taken when intended contributions are not forthcoming, all financial donations are deemed to be eligible to attract tax refunds.

You will find in the pages to follow both a contribution form and a special character reconfirmation form, which when signed will confirm your intention to continue to support your child's enrolment as well as the ways you can contribute to ensuring a quality Waldorf education for all the tamariki of our community,

We look forward to receiving both forms back from you in the next weeks.

Geraldine Myers

Chair
Waldorf School's (BOP) Trust

FULL PLEDGE POLICY AVAILABLE FOR PERUSAL AT OFFICE



Recommended Donation Amount needed to maintain our current level of special character



Kindergarten children depending on days School children always 5 days	Weekly payments 52 payments Starting January	Fortnightly 26 payments Starting January	Termly payments payable in week 2 each term	Amount Per annum Payable by 31st March
Kindergarten 2/3 days per week	\$36.30 per week	\$72.70 per fortnight	\$472.50 per term	\$1,890 per year
Kindergarten 4 days per week	\$48.10 per week	\$96.20 per fortnight	\$625 per term	\$2,500 per year
1st Child 5 days Kindy or School	\$67.30 per week	\$134.60 per fortnight	\$875 per term	\$3,500 per year
Family pledge for 2 children	\$115.40 per week	\$230.80 per fortnight	\$1,500 per term	\$6,000 per year
Family pledge for 3 children	\$153.80 per week	\$307.60 per fortnight	\$2,000 per term	\$8,000 per year
Family pledge for 4+ children	\$192.30 per week	\$384.60 per fortnight	\$2,500 per term	\$10,000 per year
Reminder	If you pay your pledge before 31st March you can claim your tax rebate early			

If you have any questions or difficulties filling in the pledge form or calculating your family's contribution, please contact our Pledge Manager at pledges@waldorftga.nz who will be able to assist you and discuss options with you:



Cut off and keep for your records

My total donation for the _____ school year ending 31st December will be: Amount \$ _____

Payments	Tax Rebate	Other
\$ _____	\$ _____	_____

Account details for Direct Transfers:

Account Name:	Waldorf Schools (BOP) Trust
Account Number:	02 0466 0057252 18
Particulars Code	Children's Family Name Pledge
Reference:	Family name followed by Initials of person paying

Kindergarten / School Family Pledge



Name of parent/caregivers _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Name of second parent _____

(If you have an agreed donation sharing arrangement)

Address _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Child's Last Name	First Name	Kindergarten / Class
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

My total donation for the _____ school year ending 31st December will be: Amount \$ _____

Payments \$ _____ Other (eg Deeds or Board fees) \$ _____

For monetary payments please further indicate

Annual Payments	Termly Payments	Fortnightly Payments	Weekly Payments
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Name/address in which your tax donation receipt should be issued

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Code: Pledge
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Special Character Re- Commitment Form

Child/ren's Name/s: _____

To confirm my child/ren's continued enrolment in the school in the next 12 months and my commitment to supporting the delivery of a Waldorf education for all tamariki of the community, I re-confirm my relationship to and preference for the school's special character and acknowledge the following:

I understand that my child/ren will receive a Waldorf education adapted by the College of Teachers to take into account the school's place in the Bay of Plenty, its time context as a school in the 21 century, its status as a NZ state integrated full primary school and its multi-cultural community built on the bi-cultural foundation of Aotearoa NZ.

I commit to actively engaging with and striving to become informed about the culture and philosophy of the Tauranga Waldorf School and while learning about it, to respect and uphold this Special Character.

I undertake to support and uphold the school's policy framework including protocols about communication, rules and guidelines and support my child/rens education by recognizing the adverse developmental impact inherent in exposing children to the range of electronic media and cellular communication technologies.

I accept and will meet all seven of the core parent expectations:

1. To develop and sustain positive relationships with all class teachers, co-workers and the College of Teachers as a whole, using and supporting others to uphold the schools communication protocols and pathways.
2. To attend both class parent evenings (usually one per term) as well as teacher-parent interviews as scheduled or required and in the event of being unable to attend, will submit an apology prior to the meeting/interview to the teacher.
3. To read the school newsletter and any class or office communications as a means of being informed about parent meetings and other important school events.
4. To respond to requests from my child/ren's class liaison parent regarding class activities (working bees, outings, camps)
5. To support the school festivals , ensuring that children are dressed as requested and set up to meet requirements of attendance, behavior and participation.
6. To participate in helping make the annual Fair and Open Day and other school and class fundraising initiatives a success.
7. To demonstrate my special character preference for Waldorf education, and my intention to support my child/ren and all children of the community to receive a Waldorf education, with the support of the Waldorf Schools Trust, I commit to an annual pledged contribution identifying money and/or deeds which I intend to contribute over the next year.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

