

Parent Panui March 5 2021

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Adult Education Workshop

Monday, 22 March 2021, at 7pm

@ Raphael House

[The 12 Senses](#)

Experiential workshop exploring our senses as described by Rudolf Steiner:

Sense of touch ☒ Life sense ☒ Sense of self-movement ☒ Sense of balance ☒ Smell ☒ Taste ☒ Sight ☒
Temperature sense ☒ Hearing ☒ Speech sense ☒ Concept sense ☒ Ego Sense

Come and join us for an evening of fun, coming together as a community, and learning about the Special Character of our school! Entrance is free.

Please RSVP to Fabienne (text 021 179 2103)

Camps

Class 3 return from their three-day adventure in Kaitoke this afternoon and Class 7 return from a week of sailing in Whanganui. We have been receiving lovely feedback from both camps and look forward to catching up with all of the stories when the students are back at school on Monday.

Easter

A couple of things to note with Easter being in term time this year.

Usually, Term 1 at Raphael house finishes at lunchtime on the last day which has been because of the Easter Festival happening that day. We will maintain this tradition with the Easter Festival and will be finishing at lunchtime on the Thursday before Easter - that is Thursday April 1. Hopefully that early finish will allow buses to get home before the traffic builds too much. We will be doing the full day on the last day of term.

Easter Tuesday is on the School Calendar as a holiday. This is a real thing for schools! Somewhere in New Zealand legislation from the past when Easter was in the middle of the term Easter Tuesday was always a

school holiday and it still is. All schools must remain closed on the Tuesday after Easter Monday. This is not a school choice.

Movin' March - Māehe Manawa Ora

A Greater Wellington initiative to celebrate walking and wheeling to school during the month of March. Students can collect a 'passport' from the Office and collect stamps each time they walk or ride to and from school. Once 10 stamps have been collected, your child will receive a small planet friendly gift. Check in with Marcelly in the Office should you have any questions.

PTFA Working Bee

Everyone is welcome at the first Working Bee of 2021! Saturday 27 March, 9am – 1pm. This is a combined event with Easter Egg and Stone decorating just in time for Easter. Please see the attached flyer for detailed information. A wonderful opportunity to connect with the community and contribute to the beautification of the school entrance.

Sad news

Christine Williams, mother of Angelique (C11) and son Shayn, sadly passed on Thursday 25 February after a time of illness and was farewelled this week at the Rangiatea Church in Waikanae.

Christine was a MWDI life coach for wahine Māori and her manaakitanga extended to any initiatives that support rangatahi and community connecting to their whakapapa. This has been a key focus for Christine in recent years, so that her children grow their connection to their tūpuna and their marae going forward.

Me te new ko kōpū ka rere e te pae - your beauty is like Venus rising above the horizon.

Spotlight on Staff Members

Every week we are going to spotlight a different staff member. This week our focus is on some of our new staff

Claire Folster

Kia ora, I'm Claire and I am the new Class 7 teacher. Like Tegan, I am a beginning teacher this year. I am from Palmerston North but went to university in Wellington. After I finished my Teaching qualification, I spent 2 years teaching English in Japan at two different High Schools. Outside of school I love to do many different crafts – sewing and knitting primarily but also crochet and patchwork. Recently I have also been learning pottery and making some very wonky but charming bowls on the wheel.

I am loving the wonderful community we have here at Raphael House and am looking forward to experiencing all the different things we do here throughout the year!

Laura Lopez

Kia ora tatou, even though I am not new to the school, I am a new teacher in Pohutukawa Kindergarten this year. I have worked as a Teacher Aide and Teacher Assistant with Julia at the kindergarten for the last

six years, while my girls were little and as I completed my teacher training. Prior to teaching I worked in the care sector for many years, with people with disabilities and with asylum seekers and refugees.

I am the oldest of six children and I was born in Argentina, so Spanish is my mother tongue! I am also a mum at the school, with both my girls in the Lower School.

I love working at the kindergarten, to see the world through the eyes of a child always fills me with awe and humility. It is such a privilege and a responsibility to work with young children! Of all the things I've done, it is my favourite job. I love that my day to day is filled with songs, stories, the smell of freshly baked buns, time in nature, imagination, wonder, aroha and...crafting! I love crafting!

Swimming and Lifesaving Club

Swimming will not go-ahead during Level 2 so is cancelled for this evening.

Vacancy at the Steiner Cottage

Please see the attached advertisement if of interest.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi

Karyn, Grant, Irene and Katie on behalf of all kaimahi