

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Thursday 21 st May 7.30pm	Kindy parent Information Evening	Thursday 14 May 7.15pm At school	BOT
Sunday 24 th May 10am – 4pm	Whole School Working Bee		
Thursday 28 May 12.30pm	St Michael's Chorale City library		

FROM THE OFFICE

Whole School Community Work Bee

Preparing to be warm! Sunday 24th May, 10-4

Jobs:

- Repairing Brenda's Yurt's leaking plastic cover. We will need 2-3 ladders, tools to undo tension ropes and 4 people who like climbing trees. A large sheet of heavy see-through plastic is also needed.
- Forming pathways and laying down mulch along the fence line
- Trenching. Spades, rakes, wheelbarrows and strong arms needed.
- A trailer load of gravel to be picked up Saturday am and delivered.
- Cleaning the outside of the yurts of moulds, dirt etc. Wet brooms, cloths, gloves and buckets needed.
- Clean out of Lee's yellow cloak room. Store items in basement and tidy up so access is possible in both places. Need gloves, cleaning cloths, inside broom, dustpan.
- Kindy: General clean up of windows and sills for the nursery room. Move hooks and put up new ones in the kindy cloakroom. If any families would like to go to the Aramoana Beach to pick up shells then the kindy would love to have some for the floor of their adobe hut.
- Tea makers and goody bakers always welcome!

Please phone Chris 473 6088 if you can help with any items needed, and if you intend to attend write your name down on the sheet in the office.

Sausage sizzle

Hot lunch this Thursday: Class 5 will be frying sausages and fund raising. Order forms coming home today. Money can be sent on the day.

Thank you A big thank you to all the St Michael's Chorale children and their families who ventured out in dismal conditions yesterday to support our Home Birth Midwives Collective Launch and Mother's Day celebration. You really helped to warm the occasion. Some of you feature in the page 2 photo of the event in today's ODT. There were a couple of jackets and a basket tray that were left behind that we have put in the lost property in the office. Thanks so much, from Tracy, Cecil and the rest of our home birth midwives collective.

Bicycle raffle

A few people have yet to return their tickets which are needed back at the office urgently. Expect a phone call.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday's bus trip to the ice rink and all the skating were great fun by all accounts. Thank you Marie and Junko for your able assistance at ice-skating last Friday. Children should not leave musical instruments in the yurt over the weekend as we cannot guarantee their security.

Class 3/4 are finishing their maths main lesson on Mass this week. They had a wonderful lesson with Chris on Thursday learning to measure mass with David's fine jeweller's scales. They begin an English lesson next week with Jocelyn where the focus will be on spelling and punctuation.

Children need gumboots, big coats, gloves and woolly hats for the arctic weather!

We wish Brenda a very happy holiday as she leaves for Europe on Saturday until the start of Term 3. We welcome Jocelyn who is coming in to take her class from next week.

KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY NEWS

The Rata Room opened in Term 4, 2008, with 5 children and now we have 14 and growing. To keep the quality environment and service for you and the children we have made a maximum limit of 16 children in the Rata Room and 19 in the Kowhai Room. We continue to have at least two teachers in each room. The playgroup numbers are quickly increasing, Cecil and Nick having started an off-site playgroup in Waitati. As the Kowhai Room children leave to go to school next year their places will be taken by Rata Room children and playgroup children when ready will move into the Rata Room so it is wonderful for the growth of our school to have an enthusiastic playgroup.

Colin has made us a magnificent new table for the Rata Room to cope with the growing numbers.

Afternoon sessions:

The kindergarten can accommodate up to 16 children in the afternoons. However, we do need to be assured that your child is ready for afternoons, that they will not be too tired, that they will sit and do craft activities when they happen and that your child does not require a high level of individual teacher attention. Afternoon space for your child is therefore a very individual matter which you should discuss first with your child's teacher.

Please remember to send extra food with your children if they are staying until 3pm so they have enough for afternoon tea.

Please remember to send fruit for shared morning tea on Thursdays and Fridays.

We now have a lovely new stainless steel urn in the Rata Room so there is hot water ready "on tap". Thank you, Clare!

The kindergarten children have been introduced to knucklebones and seem quite fascinated to try. No doubt you will hear requests from them to make knucklebones for them from your soup bones so they can practise!

Brenda has donated a revolving compost maker which is very useful and the children are enjoying the challenging exercise of turning the handle. Thank you, Brenda!

We have just begun harvesting our potatoes and sunflowers from the Kindergarten edible garden. Thank you, Liselle, for planting those with us. We will enjoy adding the potatoes to our vegetable soup on Tuesdays.

Wishing you all a happy week
Rennie

Kindy Parent Information Night

7.30pm, Thursday, 21st May

To answer general questions about the Steiner kindergarten and to inform parents of how it runs.

Kindergarten Management Committee met last week. We discussed the increasing numbers in each room and also discussed playground plans. The aims are to provide safe climbing opportunities, especially for the older children, and to improve some aspects – such as the slide. We also plan to have fruit trees and vegetable gardens that are easier to work.

Your kindergarten parent reps are Norman Dunroy (Malin's Dad), Kirsten McAuley (Louis' Mum) and Pamala Walrond (Lucas's Mum). Please talk to them if you have issues you want to discuss.

Kindergarten parent teacher interviews.

These will be available in the week beginning 15th June. Lists will go up so you can take a 20 minute slot with Lea-Ann or Violet. If you feel you have enough communication with your child's teacher you may decide you do not need to make use of the slot.

PLAYGROUP

Our Friday session is now full and has a waiting list!

Our Waitati group meeting on Wednesdays at 10-12 is very successful and we are still looking to start up an afternoon session. Contact Nick (478 0411) if you have any questions.

Thank you to all those who came to help at the doll making bee on Saturday, and thank you to Junko and Izumi for the Kete they have made.

CRAFT GROUP

Thank you to Motoko, Junko and Liqin Chen for all the beautiful crafts they have made at home for the display. If you would like to take some jobs home, please ask Marie 471 2181.

There is an opportunity for the craft group to have a stall to sell our craft at the midwinter carnival this year (Saturday 20th June from 4pm to 9pm). Please contact Izumi (472 8598) if you would like to help with this.

White silk has been requested and is now available for sale by the square meter from the display.

Please note in your calendar a special candle making workshop coming up next month. An invitation to hand out is at the end of this newsletter.

Tuesday 19 th May	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Town Hall	Felt Needle Book with Janine – Part 2. Bring an embroidery needle for stitching, scissors, the felt you made at the last workshop and your lunch.
Sunday 7 th June	11am to 3pm	Candle dipping workshop with Junko, Emmeline, Izumi and Marie Bring your friends and family. Children under supervision welcome. Come for 1 hour or the whole session. Bring your lunch.

You are invited to an

Organic Beeswax Candle Making Workshop

Sunday 7th June 2008

10am to 3pm

Rudolf Steiner School

1 Fern Rd , Maia

Class 1

(follow the smell of the wax)

*Come along for the whole session bringing your lunch
or pop in for a couple of hours, and listen to classical music
while you dip candles. Bring friends, bring family.*

Children over 4 years old are welcome – under parental supervision.

Bringing younger children is not recommended.

For more information call Marie 471 2181