



# Te Kura o Rudolf Steiner Otautahi Rudolf Steiner School

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With much sadness we wish to remember and celebrate the life of **Mira Reil**, an ex-pupil of our school, who passed away last week from cancer. Mira was 22 years old, full of vibrancy and life, positivity and freshness. To her parents, Thomas and Christine and brother Jerome, who graduated two years ago, our warmest encompassing love for these painful days and the years ahead.

They will hold a memorial service at Rapaki Beach at 12 noon on Saturday and invite all those who feel moved to come. Please bring a cup and a bottle of water. If you wish to contribute something in words or music please ring Thomas Reil– phone number from the office.

Our thoughts of sympathy and love to our dear **Charlie Cremen** whose sister died on Sunday of cancer. Charlie was leading the Classes 8 & 9 camp to Temple Basin this week but our wonderfully dedicated team of teachers worked all weekend to rearrange everything.

The newsletter this week is a transcript of a short opening address of two class 12 students to the Upper school assembly. This is a result of a 2 day leadership and 'vision creating' camp the class had at the beginning of the year.

#### *A Message of Success.*

*This week the Upper School assembly was themed 'success'; successes of the past, present and future. We would like to elaborate on a number of Kiwi icons and what kind of qualities they have and how we can use the skills they have used to get to where they are in our up and coming school year.*

*To reinforce how we can all succeed, here are some inspirational kiwi names and what qualities they had at their peak of success.*

- ◆ *New Zealand film director Peter Jackson made his own success in the production of the Lord the Rings trilogy using his creativity and vision.*
- ◆ *Multisport and triathlon athlete Steve Gurney was successful in his sporting career by winning the Speight's Coast to Coast 9 times. This man had endurance, perseverance and determination.*
- ◆ *Mountaineer Edmund Hillary achieved his goals at the summit of Mount Everest and showing an outstanding level of initiative by daring to go where no one else had before.*
- ◆ *Splitting the atom, Rutherford wasn't afraid to experiment and showed great patience in the time it took for him to make his experiment a success.*
- ◆ *Comedian, entertainer and actor Billy T James made a household name for himself by humouring the nation. He was known for being a man who enjoyed life.*

*These qualities: perseverance, creativity, vision, determination, inspiration, initiative and enjoying what you are doing are all key traits for a successful year.*

*For Class 8 it is the beginning of the 'high school years' and for us (Class 12) it is our last. Every year is different and there are successes and challenges waiting for all of us. We would like to reinforce the idea of setting goals for yourself to achieve this year, whether sports related, art related or to do with your academic achievement. Realise the importance of encouragement and support among classmates and peers and acknowledge your class mates and friends for their hard work and achievements.*

*Continued overleaf*

**What do I do if my child is going to be absent from school?**

**If you are running late...**and your child arrives in class **after 8:45am** the office needs to know. Please send your child to class **via the office**, or drop in yourself and let us know they have arrived. **All students** who come to and leave school outside the normal hours need to check in with the office.

**Unwell or unexpected other absence...**Text 3255 and start message with CHRSS then leave a space and then type the message.

Or email

[reception@ch.steiner.school.nz](mailto:reception@ch.steiner.school.nz)

Clearly stating your child's **full name**, what **class** they are in. Say that they are **unwell** or **reason for unexpected absence**

**You know your child/ren will be away...**

Write to the College Principals Group (CPG) **in advance**, requesting leave...  
PO Box 19944, Christchurch 8241  
or email  
[admin@ch.steiner.school.nz](mailto:admin@ch.steiner.school.nz)  
[ch.steiner.school.nzadmin@ch.steiner.school.nz](mailto:ch.steiner.school.nzadmin@ch.steiner.school.nz)

Clearly write your child/ren's **full name**, **class**, **date/s** of proposed absence, and the **reason** why. The CPG meet every Wednesday at noon, all correspondence must be received prior to this. Your response will be sent in writing on the following Friday.

**Appointment...**

Send a **note** with them to school, clearly write their **full name**, **class**, and **time** they will be absent. They need to take it to **the office** and **tell their teacher** also. Alternatively you could phone.

Students sign/out at the office when leaving for any reason.

**The school office can pass on URGENT MESSAGES ONLY to your child during the day**

Within our school we are all aware of the number of athletes in all the high school classes. We have cyclists, kayakers, soccer/netball/hockey players, swimmers and runners who all participate competitively or not in these varied sports. As the seniors in the school we would like to recognise these students for their athletic accomplishments big or small.

As Edmund Hillary said "People do not try to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things."

Rachel McCoy and Sam Forbes

Class 12

Camps this week:

Class 6 to Mt Somers

Class 7 to Okains Bay

Class 8 & 9 to Temple Basin

We wish them all great fun and safety.

The Lower school is in much need of a **Secretary for 5 hours per week**.

Tasks range from typing to organising a bus for a class trip or laminating material. We are keen to have someone who knows and supports the school, can work with the teachers and deal with confidential matters when they arise. If you are interested please get a job description from the office. Please write to the CPG with a short C.V. and letter.

There is a need for a **5 hour per week laboratory assistant** in the Upper school. Please talk to Ashley if you are interested.

We also have a need for a **teacher aide in the Upper school for 7 hours per week** working on a one to one basis or with small groups of students in the classroom supporting students requiring literacy support.

## CALENDAR

22-26 February

Class 6 Camp

23-26 February

Class 7,8 and 9 Camps

Thursday 1 April

End of Term 1

Monday 19 April

Beginning of Term 2



**Ka mate kāinga tahi,  
ka ora kāinga rua**

When one home is gone it is replaced by another.

Two means of achieving an objective

## FROM THE SCHOOL

**New Zealand's biggest art movement is coming to our school**

**The Real Art Roadshow  
Friday 26 Feb open to parents 3:30 to 4:00**

**It's massive, it's mobile and it's making its way to our school. The RealArt Roadshow is New Zealand's largest travelling art exhibition, not to mention the country's most unusual art gallery.**

**The exhibition is housed in a huge truck that literally unfolds to form a 64 square metre display pavilion.**

**This truck, come mobile art gallery, is visiting our school, which gives us the rare opportunity to get up close and eyeball over 60 pieces of original art by a cross-section of New Zealand artists, both famous and emerging.**

**Best of all, it's FREE,**

**To find out more go to [www.realartroadshow.co.nz](http://www.realartroadshow.co.nz)**

## *Chopping for Charity*

*In memory of Mira Reil, a former student of the Rudolf Steiner School who recently passed away, Freya, Helene and Rochelle from Class 12 are going to cut their hair to raise money to donate to the Cancer Society.*

*Be sure to come along at 2:30 on 26 February in THE HALL to show your support.*

*Any donations will be greatly appreciated!*

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY!**

**Bikes are not to be ridden within the school grounds. Please wheel scooters and bikes.**

**Also: Adults Please remember when biking to wear your cycle helmet. It is a legality and so important that we adults model this. Thank you - Shirley for the colleagues.**

### **CLASS 4'S PRE-LOVED CLOTHING AND TOY SALE!**

**Friday 12 March 8:30 till 3:30 in Hansens Park. ]**

**Donations of clean un-torn items gladly received and can be dropped outside Class 4 or at 10 Ford Road**

### **Missing Book**

**Last year I was using a Parent Library book "Knitted Animals" in class 2. This book has disappeared. If you have seen it please let me know or return it for me to the Parent Library between Frances and Ellens kindly.**

**With thanks, Colleen**

## FROM THE WIDER COMMUNITY

### DOLL MAKING WORKSHOP

We are starting this year with a workshop aimed at parents/caregivers who would like to learn how to make a "Waldorf" doll. We will make a simple doll suitable for a baby/toddler that has a flannelette body. All materials are supplied but please bring a sewing needle, sharp scissors, pins with head, tape measure and a doll making needle.

When: Tuesday 9 March and Tuesday 16 March from 7pm to 9 pm at Spindlewood

Cost \$25

### NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP

In this workshop we will cover the basics of needle felting and will make an Easter egg which we will decorate. This is a 2 hour workshop and all materials are supplied but please bring scissors.

When: 15 March from 10am to 12noon

Cost: \$15

For more information or to enrol please contact Marjan at Spindlewood, 4 Beckford Road. Ph/fax 3318510 or email at [spindlewood@clear.net.nz](mailto:spindlewood@clear.net.nz)

**Craft Group** Come to the Craft Group in the whanau/common room.

Every Friday during term time from 12 till 3pm

BYO cup for a hot cuppa.

Contact Fleur 376 4552 or Viv 03 314 6006 for more info.

### Children's Artwork Display Frames: Waldorf

**Inspired** Handcrafted locally using untreated sustainable pine - Eco friendly -100% Natural oil finish - 100% Recycled, acid -free cardboard backing. Easy to change with each new masterpiece created. **\$65.00** To order contact Tony on 328-7787 or [pizi@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pizi@xtra.co.nz)

**FAIRY LIGHTS** Are you missing some? After the Wizard of Oz production last year I collected my fairy lights which I lent AND someone else's!! Only discovered this at Christmas time—are they yours? If so please phone Shelley 3321420

### Family Constellation Workshop 6/7 March 2010 (Sat/ Sat 9.30 – 5pm)

Want to make changes in your life?

Experience and learn about this unique way to deal with relationship/ family issues that has been popular and very effective with many people in Europe for over 20 years! Other family members do not need to be there. The need for self disclosure is minimal. You can benefit by just observing other people's constellations.

Please contact Heike (also for private sessions) on 9813629 / 0272275969 or [mccahon@paradise.net.nz](mailto:mccahon@paradise.net.nz) or

[www.familyconstellations.co.nz](http://www.familyconstellations.co.nz)

Cost: \$ 130/ 170 unwaged/waged

### Iron Ridge Quarry Sculpture Park Raymond Herber Sculpture

Ideal place to bring the family for a picnic.

Open each Sunday  
10am- 5pm

Also take bookings for organised groups.

Adults \$10, under 16 free

Tea and Coffee available

Sign posted from the Mud House

North of Amberley

Contact Raymond and Sue

(03) 314 9198

[www.raymondherber.com](http://www.raymondherber.com)

### THE ANIMAL HEALTH CLINIC

**NATURAL, DRUG FREE, &  
NON-INVASIVE ANIMAL HEALTH  
CARE**

Becky Hadfield Animal Naturopath.

New Clinic Open From 'AT The Vets',

St Martins.

To make an appointment Ph 0800-214909 or visit

[www.thenaturalanimalhealthclinic.co.nz](http://www.thenaturalanimalhealthclinic.co.nz) for details

50% Fee Discount till end of March 2010 for all Steiner Families.

### SECOND HAND FLUTE WANTED

for Class 4 student. Please call 021 2135968 or 3299285 if you have one for sale. Thank you, Ann Charlotte

**FLUTES WANTED** Some parents from class 3 are wanting to buy second hand diatonic Choroï flutes for their children. If you don't require yours any more, please contact Babs on 322 9119.

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