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The end of the year is speedily closing in. Your child is about to shed another classroom and move forward to the next exciting adventure of their lives...And what an exciting year next year will be with our 100-year celebration looming, and the many new stories and challenges ahead.

We look forward to the final 2 weeks of the year with various classes away on day trips, all the exciting classroom shifting in the lower school, the **class 12 project presentations** on Thur 6th Dec, **Carol Evening** on Monday 10th Dec, the **class 12 graduation** on Tue 11th followed by their **farewell assembly** on Wed 12th. And then the bigger farewells we will have for the staff.

We are coming to the end of an era in our school that began with **Robin Mackenzie - Suggate** in the kindergarten in the 1970s. Robin was followed by **Frances Ritchie** in 1980. **Anke van Wely** is a relative new comer by these standards, but we can all agree 18 years is a huge commitment! What a gift and treasure these three dedicated and passionate Steiner kindergarten teachers have given to our children. Almost every child you can name (many who are in their mid-forties) will remember **Robin, Frances or Anke** – remember their soft, dulcet singing, their stories, finger games, the gentle swirl of frocks around murmuring imaginative play, the festivals, cutting apples and discovering the star in the apple's middle - finding the wonder and joy in a child's world of unhurried fun and inner order. Ngā mihi nui to our taongas of childhood! We, every teacher through the years, every parent and child through the years, thank you with gratitude. Ex-pupil parents have organised an afternoon tea on December 5th to acknowledge this passing era and we invite anyone who wishes to join us in this celebratory salutation.

We are also fare-welling another giant contributor in our history – **John Suggate** who farewells the school at the end of this year after 34 years. John was and has been for years, integral in the high school's small beginnings and present blossoming. John's sharp intellect (he is a maths teacher after all) and commitment to shining a light on the non-physical world through numbers and phenomena has been his leitmotif, his guiding principle for our high school. His passion for computing saw our school as the leader in all schools a decade ago. This he has carried for so many years I can't remember, and with a passion for finding integrity amidst a cyber materialism that engulfs the industry. He was the early principal of the school following integration and has recently focussed on growing a Foundations course for new teachers and now he is completing his last equation, knowing really, that in the bigger mathematical world, there is no final answer to the ultimate maths problems...We thank you too John for your huge, huge gift to our Christchurch school. Kia kaha and so many thanks to you.

Looking forward, to our great delight the youth that Robin and Frances brought to the kindergarten in the 80's is being replicated in our new teachers – **Anjelica**, and **Rosie**, and we welcome back **Julie**, and **Genevieve** from maternity leave. In high school maths we welcome **Griff** full time, **Kiefer** and **Pascal**. We will have the best music department of all time and, we have appointed **Jess Dixon**, an Australian Steiner drama teacher with a huge dramatic portfolio, to take over from Emma next year.

Congratulations can't wait until next week when we announce the teacher to take over for **Kate Lord** who is HAVING A BABY next May. We all whooped with pleasure for her...but then a week later another announcement rang through the office that **Jennie** is also having a baby within a week of Kate's. CONGRATULATIONS Jennie!

And who is the class 1 teacher next year? – This, I'm afraid, will need to wait until next week along with the new kindy teacher and the class 4 teacher from term 2 onwards...

I shall leave you with this quote by Julius Caesar "...events of importance are the result of trivial causes".

Thomas Proctor

CALENDAR Wāfaka

Thu 22 Nov	Class 4 Parent Evening, 7:30pm
Mon 26 Nov - Fri 30 Nov	Class 10 Camp
Tue 27 - Thur 29 Nov	Class 5 Camp, Staveley
Wed 5 - Fri 7 Dec	Class 4 Camp, Quail Island
Thur 6 Dec	Class 5 & 6 Day Trip, Rāpaki Marae
Fri 7 Dec	Class 3 Play
Mon 10 Dec	Carols Evening
Wed 12 Dec	Class 12 Graduation Assembly and Farewell
Thur 13 Dec	Nursery & Kindergarten End of Year/Advent Celebration, 11.45am
Fri 14 Dec	Classes 1-5 end of year outing 10am onwards
Fri 14 Dec	Term 4 Ends
Wed 30 Jan	Term 1 Starts

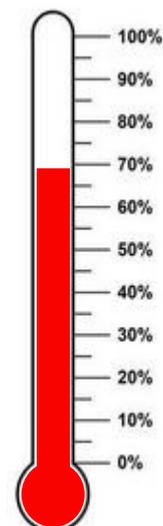
TERM DATES 2018/2019

Term 4:	Mon 15 Oct - Fri 14 Dec
Term 1 2019	Wed 30 Jan - Fri 12 Apr
Term 2 Teacher only day	Mon 29 April
Term 2 2019	Tue 30 Apr - Fri 5 Jul
Term 3 Teacher only day	Mon 22 July
Term 3 2019	Tue 23 Jul - Fri 27 Sep
Term 4 2019	Mon 14 Oct - Wed 11 Dec

Have you paid your School Contribution Request?

Only **69%** of contributions have been paid as of 6 November. There are only 3 weeks of school left! **These contributions are crucial in maintaining our special character.** Including: (but not limited to)

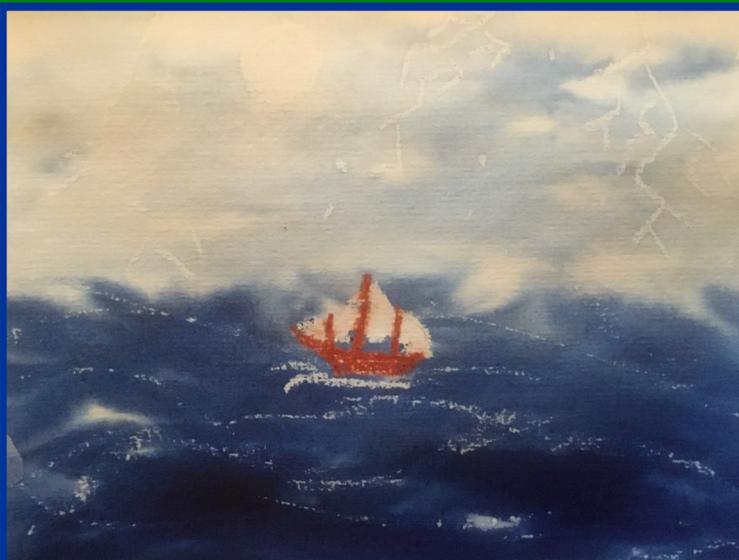
- Strings
- Swimming
- Day Trips
- Camp Accommodation
- Mainlesson Books



POETRY BOOK FOR SALE

Jennifer Lewis, a student from Class 12 has written and self-published a 100-page poetry book as of November 9th! Since January she has worked tirelessly to create 'If Only Roses Were Red' as her Class 12 Project, and will be giving her project talk and selling/signing copies for \$20 on December 6th at 8pm. Aimed at youth and adults (12+) who have gone through difficult times, she believes that if we, as youth, simply feel understood and that we are not alone, we can begin to heal and open up, like a rose.

Email: ifonlyroseswerered@gmail.com
to buy a copy!



Picture by Samantha (Class 4), created as a thank-you card to Cansail for sponsoring our sailing trip on the Fox 2.

FROM THE SCHOOL Ngā Pānuī o Te Kura

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER VACANCY

Part time, Long-term relieving (LTR), to start 28/01/2019, FTTE up to: 0.6 (Teacher on leave)

We invite applicants for a kindergarten co-teaching position. This is a combination of registered teaching duties and early childhood teaching of 20 hours per week. Suitable applicants will ideally be Steiner early childhood trained or have experience in a Steiner kindergarten setting. We are seeking an applicant with a warm positive attitude who has a capacity to work with a mixed-age group of 4 to 6-year-olds, is able to collaborate with a co-teacher effectively and work well with parents. Application form and job description available on our website:

<https://www.ch.steiner.school.nz/contact-us/vacancies/>

Closes this Friday, November 23rd

CLASS 6 POETRY

How To Fish

Sit
Cast
Wait
Wait wait
Wait and...wait
Wait and...
Pull...yay

By Elsie

How To Start a Manual Car

Put your foot on the clutch
Shift it into neutral
Put the key into the ignition
Turn the key
Wait for the starter motor to
kick in
Put it into first or reverse

Drive away
By Casper

How to be Me

Chuck on a peaked cap
Pull on some labeled hoodie
Slide on some cheap shoes
Put on an obnoxiously high
pitched laugh
Slip into an overly confident
personality.
Settle in, and you're pretty
much set.

By Wren

CLASS 1 FUNDRAISER

Dried Turkish Apricots - preservative free.
\$7/kg Email Jenny at peasandcarrots@hotmail.com
for details and order form.

STEINER SCHOOL COMMUNITY MARKET

19 Ombersley Tce,
Every Sunday 10am - 1pm
Email: market@ch.steiner.school.nz

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL -

You must notify the office of ALL absences.

- For **planned absences** e.g. **holidays during term time**, email the College Principal Group (CPG): admin@ch.steiner.school.nz or drop your letter in to the office at least **2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**
- For **unplanned absences**, such as **illness**, or **medical appointments** you can leave a message on the absence line (**ph 337 0514**) or text **3255. Start message with CHRSS** then leave a space and tell us your child's name, class **and the reason for absence. PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL BY 9am.**
- If you receive a text from us about your child's absence, please respond **WITH A REASON. We are required by law to accurately record student absence, please remember to let the office know - Thanks!**

ENVIRO CLUB NEWS - ORAL WASTE RECYCLING:

Once again we are collecting items of oral waste to be sent off for recycling. Empty toothpaste tubes, floss containers, toothbrushes etc are all welcome! There is a hungry box in the office into which you may deposit the waste. It will be recycled into garden furniture!

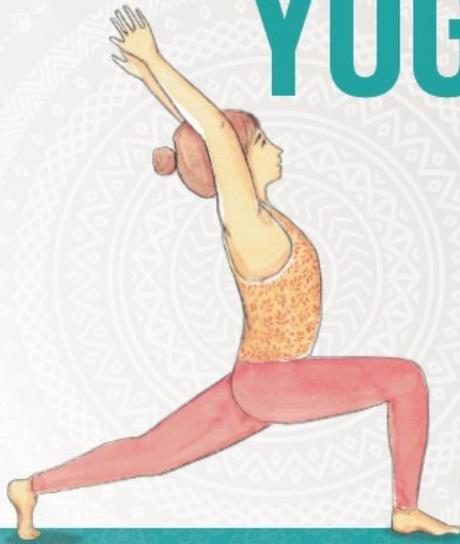


CLASS 1 YOGA FUNDRAISER

Come and enjoy a peaceful and energising pre-Christmas Yoga class (1.5 hours), taught by Anna de Zeeuw, followed by coffee/chai and delicious treats. Held at the Steiner School hall and grounds, **10am Sat 1st December.** Suitable for teens, adults, beginners and those with yoga experience. Bring a yoga mat and blanket, cost **\$25** (bring cash on the day for payment, thank you). Register with Anna be email: anna@pureyoga.co.nz
Be great to see you there!

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Wednesdays 5.30pm
75 minutes
\$20 yoga & dinner
Vinyasa style class

YIN YANG

Saturdays 10am
60 minutes
\$15 yoga & tea
Relax, find balance

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@satyayogadana

All classes are mixed level, appropriate for beginners to experienced.
For more information or to book, contact Danakell on 0204 166 8465.

MASSEY UNIVERSITY CHILDHOOD ASTHMA STUDY (CHRISTCHURCH)

Massey University is conducting a study looking at different types of **asthma in children** aged **14-18yrs**. The aim of the study is to improve our understanding of childhood asthma, which will lead to better asthma treatment options. If you have a **14-18 year old that has asthma**, we would be grateful if you consider taking part. The study initially involves completing a postal questionnaire. On the basis of this questionnaire, we may then ask if your child can visit Christchurch Hospital for a clinical assessment. This will involve a number of tests. If you would like to take part, or want further information about the study and the tests involved, please contact:

Jean Feary McKenzie

05 08 ASTHMA or asthma@massey.ac.nz

Kia ū ki te pai.
Cleave to that which is good.

LOOKING FOR HONEST BUILDER

Steiner family is looking for trustworthy, honest builder with ethical principles. Design/plans are already done. Recommendations based on personal experiences are most welcome. If you have someone in mind, please share it with us! Thank you, István & Gabriella
martinisti@protonmail.ch | 022 617 09 06

COMMUNITY BOOTMARKET & THORRINGTON SCHOOL KIDS MARKET.

Saturday 24th November, 10am-2pm

Come along and join in the fantastic fun and entertainment at Thorrington School, 22a Colombo St. There will be live music, a huge variety of stalls, games and activities, food, coffee and much, much more! If you would like to book a \$25 bootmarket site please email: bootmarket@thorrington.ac.nz

HOUSE & GARDEN SITTER WANTED

Looking for a single person or couple to house-sit in St. Martins from 20th December till 10th January, and look after rabbits and water private sunny garden.
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