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## REJOICE THIS HARVEST TIDE

“REJOICE THIS HARVEST TIDE”, begins the words to our Harvest Festival song and so we should REJOICE. Rejoice that our school can gift the harvest of food to those who would otherwise be without a meal this evening. Rejoice that we can all, as the guest from the Salvation Army said, “we can become the agents of change towards a better life for others. Thank you to everyone who brought food to the harvest. And how proud we can be of our class 7 students who welcomed everyone so warmly in Te Reo and spoke so beautifully about the community of goodness we call be part of, kei te e nga tamariki! The St Michael play the Lower school performed today is about overcoming the dragon within us, and given the terrible events during this term, may the words of AROHA ring in our hearts towards others.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the students’ wellbeing and learning this term. This includes the gardeners, caretaker, parents, teacher aides, office staff, teachers and our co-managers. We are a great team!

This is something our American guest, Stephen Sagarin noted in his visit to us. During his walks through the school, talking to teachers and parents and he constantly reflected to me the sense of unity and optimism he felt from everyone. So, tino pai koutou! (Well done everyone). One other little gem from him was his description of students’ growth (referencing Steiner) which is the ‘unformed rebel within’, i.e. how can we nurture the vibrancy of childhood into the rebel who changes the world? I loved that, ‘Unformed’ to me equals wide ranging interest and ‘rebel’, equals being a creative thinker, doer and carer for others and the world.

A big thanks to Pauline Hayes who came to us from Hastings to cover English while Graham was sick. And all the BEST BEST BEST to our Kate Lord (CI 4) and to Jennie Gough (Office) both of whom are taking time to go on maternity leave next term! May there be great celebrations for you and your whānau. Welcome to Stacy McCormack who is taking CI 4 for the next year and to Lucrece Eden who you will meet in the office – a big welcome to you both! We say thank you to Peter Oliver for his service as the Upper school Dean and this position is now going to be held by Paris Bronte next term. We cannot thank Peter adequately for his high level of dedication to the wellbeing of high school students and with the inevitable challenges of behaviour outcomes (often called detentions). We wish Paris all the best for her mahi (work) ... kia kaha.

Finally, a big, big thanks to the insuppressibly Shirley for her support and counselling work over these weeks. You’ve been wonderful thanks Shirley.

Our stance on computers is growing amongst educators – another ‘high performing’ Australian school has banned Ipads for pencil, paper and, for goodness sake, hard copy books! Distraction, focus, memory and retention are reduced, because of Ipads.

To read more about this see the following article

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/digital-living/111691580/major-distraction-australian-primary-school-dumps-ipads-returns-to-paper-textbooks>

There is great concern about the very high use of digital devices in every work, social and free moment of life; which has led to two of our ex-pupils to create what they call the ‘**boringphone**’ that frees you up to a life of interacting with the world! - check this out on boringphone.com

Thomas Proctor

## CALENDAR Wātaka

<b>Mon 29 Apr</b>	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
<b>Tue 30 Apr</b>	<b>TERM 2 BEGINS</b>
Thurs 02 May	Cross Country - Classes 4-7 at Hansen Park - 1:45-2:45pm
Thurs 02 May	BOT Meeting 6pm - Music Room
Thurs 09 May	Careers Expo, 1.30 - 3.30pm, Class 10 (Class 12 optional)
Thur 16 May	LS Winter Sport Begins
Thur 16 May	Class 1 and 2 Lantern Festival
Thur 23 May	Kindergarten Lantern Festival
Thurs 30 May	Class 3 Play
Tue 4 - Fri 7 June	Class 9 Work Experience
<b>Mon 06 June</b>	Queen's Birthday

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you have missed out and would still like to order after the 12 April, please contact Glyn:  
Photos can be viewed at: [www.m4photography.co.nz/steiner](http://www.m4photography.co.nz/steiner)  
You can also contact our photographer Glyn Davies through the same website.

## BOT ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP

Two new Board Members need to be elected from the Parent community

The nomination forms will be posted to all parents Mid May

You can nominate yourself or any other parents.

Thank you to Anne Holden and Chris Walker for serving faithfully on the BOT

## TERM DATES 2019

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

## DONATIONS FOR THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

A huge thank you to everyone who put a donation in, we have raised **\$265.10** which has been sent to the community.

MAHA NGA MIHI

## 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](mailto: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 let the office know - Thanks!**

## FROM THE SCHOOL Ngā Pānuī o Te Kura

### **SPORTS UPDATE FOR TERM 1**

We have had such a fantastic term of sport in both the upper and lower schools. The lower school started the school year walking down to Waltham Outdoor Pool for their swimming lessons. This was followed by the swimming sports day that saw such an awesome turn out of students swimming with a variety of swimming abilities and it was amazing to see the support amongst the students for their peers.

A special thanks to some class 10 students for coming down and helping assist with games!

South zones swimming held at Jellie park followed, we had Koto, Aurielle, Lucca, William, Lucas, Briar, Ciaran, Meya, Yosias, Dylan, Blake, Grace, Hineatea, Elsie, Sian, Evie, Ben, Cassian, Sasha, Ella-Rose, Max and Harvey who all represented our school, biggest turn out I have been told! Canterbury champs were after that and were held at Selwyn aquatic centre where 2 of our students got into the finals and 1 placed on the podium! Congratulations to Aurielle for your placing, William for getting into the first also to Lucca, Lucas and Meya for representing our school. I hope you all are proud, a special thanks to Krissy for facilitating these athletes on the day.

Classes 5/6 and 7 have been getting ready for Winter sport for next term. All students are now in teams for netball hockey and football. We have been practicing Thursday afternoons and class 7 has been showing great leadership towards our class 5 students now entering the Winter sports season! Cross country is at the start of next term and is looking to be a great event! Rudolf Steiner is organizing the South zone event out at Nga puna wai in Halswell, so we are looking forward to sending some students as representatives.

Upper school sport has been humming along with summer surfing, croquet, three futsal teams and two indoor netball teams. The surfers had a great run with the weather. The croquet students had fun learning their new skills, to wrap up the term they played in a tournament versing Cashmere and Ao Tawhiti. One of our teams has gotten into the Canterbury croquet championships held in September. Futsal and netball went well with a few wins and a few losses! Shout out to the class 8 netball players who did extremely well to learn how to play netball just this term.

Next term is the start of Winter sports with Hockey, football, netball and badminton being offered

An extra massive thank you to all the parents and teachers involved in sport for term one,  
we couldn't do it without you!

Arohanui Paris

### **HELP FOR VICTIMS OF THE TERROR ATTACKS:**

If you want to help families and to find out what items are needed, you can email Vicki-Ann Parker from Gifts of Love on: [giftsofloveandstrength@gmail.com](mailto:giftsofloveandstrength@gmail.com) and then you can drop donations directly to Entire Electrical, Unit 9/19 Nga Mahi Rd.

If no one is at the Warehouse, drop it upstairs at the Office. Many thanks!

### **DISABILITY PARKS**

Please leave the disability parks in Hansen Park free if you don't have a mobility sticker. There are people within our community who need these parks and there are not many disability parks available.

Disability access to the school is limited and these parks are essential.

**PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE**

### **SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHOIR – STARTING IN TERM 2!**

Come enjoy an hour of evening singing with Vanya. We will be singing songs from around the world and working towards the Waldorf 100 celebration in September.

Songs will be taught in an easy to learn style – all abilities and ages welcome.

**Starting on the 30<sup>th</sup> April from 7-8pm at school in the music room.**

For further information contact Vanya at: [vanyah@ch.steiner.school.nz](mailto:vanyah@ch.steiner.school.nz)

## COMMUNITY Hapori

### Introduction to Compassionate Communication Workshops

Based on Marshall Rosenberg's Nonviolent Communication (NVC)

Facilitated by Meagan Rutherford - [nvc.org.nz](http://nvc.org.nz)

*"We cannot meet all of our needs all of the time,  
but all of our needs matter"*

NVC offers a way of communicating out of an awareness of the universal needs/values that we all share. It is in our nature to be compassionate, however many of us have been educated to think and communicate in terms of what is 'right, wrong, good, or bad', which often leads to disconnection, misunderstandings and conflict.

In these workshops learn to:

- 'see' events and behaviour with different eyes
- welcome and translate judgement, criticism and blame
- understand emotion and what it is telling us
- connect to needs/values – what really matters here?
- listen with empathy, find creative solutions that move life forward

Come to one, or other, or both workshops dependent on your level of interest and NVC experience. Note that completing both days is equivalent to an NVC Foundation training.

**One day workshop (Introduction Day) - May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 9am-5pm**

**Follow up/Extension day – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 10am-5pm**

**Venue:** Chch Rudolf Steiner School, 19 Ombersley Tce, Opawa

**Cost:** Sliding scale \$80 to \$120 p/day, or \$160 to \$240 for both days (\$50 deposit requested)

**Payment details:** M J Rutherford, Kiwibank, 38 9002 0290049 04 (Ref. May/June NVC)

**For more information, or to register please contact:**

Meagan 021 1694361, [meagan.rutherford@gmail.com](mailto:meagan.rutherford@gmail.com) or

Mariele 027 2026660, [mareiles@ch.steiner.school.nz](mailto:mareiles@ch.steiner.school.nz)

**Titiro whakamuri hei ārahi i ngā  
uaratanga kei te kimihia.**

Look to the past for guidance  
and seek out what is needed.

**WANTED TO RENT:** House wanted for rent for Steiner family. 3 bedrooms, fireplace preferred, long term.  
Please call or text 021 0267 8625

**Room available:** Large sunny room to rent in Woolston with Steiner family. Fire place and large backyard. Close to bus routes for town and beaches. Please call or text Cara Borthwick on: 021 124 0963

#### PNY WANTED

A family is looking for a pony for riding Approx 12hh-13hh, for our 7 year old who is in class 1. I am a knowledgeable pony and horse mum and am happy to negotiate costs. I am also able to do hoof trims myself if needed as I still have my tools. Needing two rides a week approx 40mins to an hour per ride. I am happy to work out a rugging schedule if pony is not too far also. We are located near the school but happy to travel. My two children know how to behave with equine and other animals and are not loud children. Warmly, Paschal Suggate  
0210 254 0108



#### LYTTELTON RUGBY CLUB

We are looking for some new members to join our great, family friendly club. All ages from 5 to 12 years, boys and girls. All new members will receive a gear bag, beanie, socks, mouth guard and a jacket.

Subs are \$40 for 1 child, \$60 for two or more children from the same family if paid before 18th May. Otherwise \$45 for 1 child and \$80 for a family.

If you are interested in joining our club, please contact Linda on 027 385 9392 or you can register on line at

[www.sporty.co.nz/lytteltonrugby](http://www.sporty.co.nz/lytteltonrugby)

We would love to hear from you

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