

# THE FRIDAY FLIER

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KOTAHITANGA

Waikato Waldorf School, Kindergartens and Play Circle



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Kia ora e te whānau

I hope you and your friends and whanau are all well after the challenges of Cyclone Gabrielle.

The pictures of devastation around the country this week have made me truly appreciate just how fortunate we have been in our area. Our friends at Taikura Steiner School in Hawke's Bay have been closed for most of this week, and at the time of writing are unsure as to when they will reopen. Our hearts go out to the whole Taikura community for what lies ahead in the coming weeks.

Our school came through relatively unscathed, with one small tree succumbing to the rain and strong winds and a few cracked branches here and there. We called in our arborist on Wednesday morning - Tim Newton of Greenfootprint - and he managed to make the trees safe again, particularly the favourite Magnolia climbing tree outside the hall which had a bit of a 'short back and sides'. There were certainly some happy faces when the news spread that tree-climbing was back on!



Thank you to all who attended their child's class parent meeting in the last couple of weeks. These meetings are an important part of how we operate as a Waldorf school, particularly in Term 1 when the class teachers cover the impulse of each class and set the scene for the year ahead. The parent-teacher relationship is something we value strongly and your support at these meetings is very much appreciated. Please catch up with your child's class teacher if you weren't able to make it along.

Finally today, thank you for your patience in the school carpark while we wait for the painting to be completed. We are pushing to get it done as soon as possible and appreciate you taking extra care in the meantime. A gentle reminder that the three spaces directly in front of the office are for drop off only – if you need to leave your car please park on Barrington Drive or in one of the other car parks on the perimeter of the car park.

Thanks all, have a great weekend.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

1-3 March	Class 4	Pirongia Camp
13 March	Class 6 and 7	Science Roadshow trip
17 March	Class 6	Caving Trip
22 March	Class 7	Maritime Museum visit
<b>26 March</b>	<b>MEDIEVAL CARNIVAL</b>	
27 March	Teacher Only Day – School closed	
28-29 March	Classes 1-7	Parent Interviews – times tbc
28-31 March	Class 8 and 9	Camp
4 April	Autumn Festival	
6 April	Last day of term 2pm finish	

Note: Term 2 starts on April 27th

### Drop off in the morning

Students are to be dropped off after 8.30am. There is no teacher supervision until 8.30am.

We have a before school care program which required pre booking, so if you need to drop your child off before this time please arrange to do so by emailing Nicky at [basc@waikatowaldorf.school.nz](mailto:basc@waikatowaldorf.school.nz).

### Pick up at the end of the day

Similarly, there is no supervision for your children at the end of school beyond 3pm. Monika and myself can monitor children waiting to be collected on the deck outside the office. Students must wait in this area only rather than play elsewhere.

If you are unable to collect your children by 3.15pm each day please arrange to book them into after school care by using the email above.

**If you know you are going to be late please call Monika on 07 855 8710.**

### “Orientation Week 2023”

The focus for the first week of High School was whakawhānaunatanga/ getting to know each other.

Introductions and interesting things about each other were mixed with finding new classrooms and discovering new timetables. We also had the opportunity to participate in a team building day – “Scavenger Hunt” at the Hamilton Gardens. The weather spectacularly co-operated and the day was enjoyed by students and staff alike.



Weeks Two and Three have had everyone trying to remember their timetable and when lessons start and end, as well as experiencing some interesting lessons. In the CL9 Main Lesson, students discovered electrostatic charge with a plasma ball and the “magic” of a fluorescent bulb!



# Class 6 (Year 7) Vision Screening

Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 9am

## Year 7 Vision Screening Information Sheet

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the vision check is to identify previously undetected vision defects.

The check that is carried out is long distance vision tests on all Year 7 students.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, they should let the school know.

This will not be a complete vision examination, but a simple screening test. When an unsatisfactory result is obtained, it will be necessary for the Technician to obtain personal details i.e.; home address and date of birth, and parents/caregivers will be asked to seek further advice.

Our Service may share health information gathered in this way with other Health Professionals involved in the student's care.

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER THIS TERM!**  
Please order by 22 February.

## Waikato Waldorf T-Shirts

Save yourself time shopping for a plain coloured T-shirt for your child.

We have T-shirts, beautifully embroidered with our school logo, which are available to purchase at school. They come in a range of colours and sizes. The price for a child-size shirt with school logo as seen in the picture is \$20 (or 3 for \$55) and \$22 for adult size T-shirts (or 3 for \$60).

**Please place your order in the office now!**

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# WAIKATO WALDORF COMMUNITY

PRESENTS



## MEDIEVAL CARNIVAL

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
10am – 3pm

85 Barrington Drive, Rototuna  
Access & Parking on Te Manatu Drive

\* Medieval Village \* Games \*  
\* Coffee \* Craft \* Food \*  
\* Live Entertainment \*

Bring your own cup, plate, cutlery  
Zero Waste Event



# Parent Association Notice Board

I hope everyone is beginning to feel the brewing excitement of Medieval Carnival! There is only 5 weeks to go, how can you get involved?

**Your Class Stalls!** Talk to the other parents in your class and get organised. Fill up those timeslots and make sure your supplies are ready to go! Consider finding your stall box and any equipment from the PA shed before Carnival weekend.

## Crafting!

- Class 2 and 5 parents you are making craft for the Children's Shop. Class 7 you are making items for the Lucky Dip. Here is a Pinterest board we have created to get you started. [Children's Shop Ideas](#) Need some motivation? Come and join one of craft and cake evenings! Bring your supplies and we will feed you!
- Kindy/Miro House parents you are making flax fish – approx. 25 per household. Come along to the craft and cake evenings, you'll have them done in one night! If you prefer to do them at home here is video tutorial: [Flax Fish Tutorial](#)
- The Craft Group Needs You! They love to see beginners and new faces, and for those who have the skill but not the time they can give you kits to take away. Put it in your calendar... Wednesday 9am to 11am in the school hall.


**Working Bee!** The day we make sure the school looks extra amazing and perform any maintenance/repairs to Carnival equipment and signs. The date for your calendars is **Sunday 12th March from 10am to 2pm.**

- **Firewood** – Every year we try to provide our Medieval Campers with plenty of firewood for their fires. If you have any to donate, please contact Jo or Hollie.
- **Entertainment** – We have one more timeslot for a band or singer to perform at carnival. If you or anyone you know would like this opportunity please contact Jo.
- **Woodwork Stall** – We are looking for a woodwork craftsperson who would like to make and sell at carnival. Please contact Jo or Hollie with any offers/leads.

If you have gardening gloves, weed bags, buckets, sponges etc please bring them.

## We are looking for:

Thank you for reading this far, please join our Parent Community Facebook page for more regular updates. Any queries or offers of help to Hollie: 0210469580 or Jo: 021774110.

 **Waikato Waldorf School Parent Community**

This is our Facebook group for past, present and future parents of our school community and would love for you to join. Please find us at the above name and invite more parents once you are a group member!

Here we will communicate with you about up-coming events such as Advent, Medieval Carnival, School Fundraisers and shout out for help when we need it.

You will also be able to find information about the craft and woodworking groups, and other parent driven initiatives.

Please don't worry if you are not a Facebook user, everything will also be posted into the Friday Flyer.

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## CRAFT GROUP



All levels of experience welcome so come and learn!  
Just bring yourself, we even have tea



Every Wednesday 9am – 11am  
School Hall

Proceeds from Craft Shop go straight back to our  
community. Get involved and have fun!

Contact Marion: 027 280 8683  
Facebook: Waikato Waldorf Craft Group

## Pre-Carnival Working Bee!

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

10am – 2pm

We need all hands on deck to get everything looking it's best for carnival day. This will certainly include weed pulling, path sweeping, pruning, castle wall cleaning, maybe even a bit of sign painting.

Come prepared, bring your gloves, outdoor equipment, sunhat, sunscreen, water bottle, favourite snacks. Give whatever time you can spare, we appreciate it.

This is a community day; kids can tag along with reminders to be safe and stick to the playground/hall. You know them best.

See you there!

## Craft and Cake Evenings!

Don't like to craft alone? Need some motivation to get started?

Come along to Miro House Kindergarten on one of the evenings below and we will provide the treats and chatter. Just bring yourself and your crafting supplies!

Come for an hour or the whole thing.

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 6 – 9pm
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 6 – 9pm

Everyone is welcome but we especially encourage those parents from kindy (flax fish), Class 2 and Class 5 (Children's Shop), and Class 7 (Lucky Dip) to come along.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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### Earth Stewards Urban Farm – Customer Relations Person

Earth Stewards Urban Farm is situated between the Waikato Waldorf School and Kowhai Tui Childcare. We are wanting to employ a **Customer Relations Person**, responsible for customer service, My Earth Box administration and social media.

The person needs to have strong communication skills, IT and social media skills. Flexible working hours and 16 to 24 hours per week.

For further information, contact Warwick on 0274764084 or [earthstewardsnz@gmail.com](mailto:earthstewardsnz@gmail.com)