



KOWHAI TUI CHILDCARE CENTRE

A home away from home

12th February 2019

A Warm Waldorf Welcome to 2019 with us!

*"My eyes take pleasure in the shining sun's
bright glow; so, my soul, be glad also at
spirit that indwells all, as the invisible sun
that shines lovingly to every human being."*

- Rudolf Steiner

We are so delighted to welcome some new families to our centre these last four weeks. We look forward to sharing the Waldorf life of our centre with you.

The sun has been shining with such intensity lately as expected at this time of year. We are having regular water play to provide the children with some relief from the heat. We also have water readily available all day to them. Please ensure you have a spare set of clothes for your children and a sunhat with a wide brim is necessary everyday.

You will have noticed that our fence is finished and our road frontage looks a little fresher. A bonus from this situation is that a new area of small bush has been created and made accessible to our children which is a cooler space to spend time in on hot summer days. A few of our families use the driveway through to school and back for access to Kowhai and Tui during the week which is awesome. Please be aware that after hours and on weekends this access is not available and the property is private. This is due to the unfortunate events of having items stolen from the residents property along the driveway and also the clearing of fruit from the trees in our community garden. Thank you for respecting this.

Medieval Carnival is fast approaching. PTO for more information on how you can help. It has been lovely to acknowledge our families with a FREE week of fees who are recommending us to others and having friends and family enrol with us. I am pleased to say we will continue this offer to you for February.

Aroha nui,
Justine, Genine, Cheryl, Stephanie, Laura, Brooke,
Georgia, Rebecca, Victoria, Cai and Yvonne.



Kowhai Tui Waldorf Childcare



Coming Up!

- ⇒ Feb 14th: MOE Audit
- ⇒ Feb 26th: Kowhai Tui Childcare Parent's Meeting
- ⇒ March 7th: Journey through Waikato Waldorf School
- ⇒ March 12th 6:30pm: Parent Evening & Carnival Organisation
- ⇒ March 20th: Harvest Celebration.
- ⇒ March 31st: Medieval Carnival.
- ⇒ April 19th & 22nd: Good Friday and Easter Monday. Centre Closed.

Our Community Medieval Carnival is fast approaching. This is our biggest Fundraising event of the year and brings close to 4,000 people into our community on the day. Kowhai and Tui directly benefit from the funds raised and thus far 2018 takings have helped us pay for Cheryl and Brooke's Steiner Course for this year. Our Centre runs the Nacho Food Stall which is coordinated by Justine our Cook. We will soon be asking for volunteers to assist on serving on the day for an hour and for offerings of Nacho (vegetarian) mix to be made up. The community is always keen for helpers in all areas from set up on Saturday and pack down on Sunday afternoon. I personally have been heavily involved for the last ten years and as intense as the weekend is for the organisers it is also one of the most rewarding and fun experiences for all and the best way to meet new people and really create a sense of belonging within this very extraordinary community. Either ask myself or Justine or parents on the PA who have children with us, Miriam's Mum Hollie mrsh.beall@gmail.com or Bella's Mum Jo. At our March Parent Evening on the 12th we will be discussing this further.

Thank you so much in advance!

**Waikato Waldorf
Medieval Carnival
Sun 31st March
10am—3pm**



As mentioned in a previous newsletter, this year marks 100 years of Waldorf Education and in light of it being Rudolf Steiner's 158th birthday next week, I feel it is appropriate to share more on this incredible being whom guides the philosophy of Kowhai Tui Childcare.

Modern Anthroposophy is the creation of Rudolf Steiner who was a philosopher, a spiritual scientist and teacher, a Christian mystic, an educator, an esotericist, an artist and an initiate. Steiner was a person with enormous gifts, many of which he put aside in order to mastering the university disciplines.

Anthroposophy literally means "the wisdom of the human being." Anthroposophy comprises of, among other things—a theory of how we see the world, a practical path of inner development and a series of descriptions of human development in terms of thinking, feeling and willing. There are more than 360 volumes of Steiner's writings and lectures. He was a Renaissance man who seemed to know and have spoken about everything. (Words extracted from 'What is Anthroposophy? Three Perspectives on Self-Knowledge.')



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We invite you to

*A Journey Through
Waikato Waldorf School*

*Thursday 7 March 2019
at 6.30pm*

Everyone welcome!

If you are interested in learning about our curriculum - this is for you. After a short introduction, our class teachers will take you through their classrooms to present curriculum content and examples, and will explain its relevance for the specific age of the child.

The whole faculty looks forward to seeing you there!!!

(Adults only please)

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