

THE BAY OF ISLANDS WALDORF EDUCATION TRUST

NEWSLETTER

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BOIWET VISION:

**All Children are Respected and Supported in their Own
Developmental Needs**

BOIWET news

The Bay of Islands Waldorf Education Trust held their AGM on Saturday 22nd May. It was a productive meeting with two new trustees elected, Jasmine Beagle and Vicki Penfold. Vicki has also taken on the role of secretary, which is gratefully welcomed. Michael Drayton will continue as chair and Tony Achtzehner as treasurer. Fabienne Ussher resigned, as her family will be leaving the area at the end of the year, as did Richard Frohlich, who has work commitments.

With the AGM behind us another administration year is under way. The focus for BOIWET this year will be the kindergarten but we mustn't lose sight of our other activities. For example, the

playgroup is the first experience many families have of Steiner education. While the kindergarten will open the doors to more families and offer this education to many children, having well-run playgroups and home-based care activities to offer will help welcome them in to our community and give children a warm and loving place to be.

To realise our goal of a kindergarten next year BOIWET will have to carry out some serious fund raising. We have been given some very good advice from our Trust's whanau. Some keys to success with funding bodies are to be able to demonstrate well-organised accounting systems and clear evidence of demand and support. One thing this means is that we need a long list of active, paid-up Trust members. We, as a board, haven't taken membership registration

very seriously in the past but we need to change that. Memberships will be renewed each year on 1 August. Membership fees are modest (but donations are open-ended). Please fill out and return the membership form on this newsletter and help us tick off one small step forwards.

The next BOIWET meeting will be on Tuesday 17th August at 7.30 at Pukewhau

Current Trustees are:
Michael Drayton, chair
Vicki Penfold, secretary
Tony Achtzehner, treasurer
Marty Robinson
Barbara Tan
Jasmine Beagle



BOIWET Membership Application 2010

Name(s) _____ Date:/...../.....
Mailing Address: _____
Town: _____
Phone / Fax _____
E-mail _____ Signature (s) _____

New member Renewing membership Friend (please tick)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$20.00 per family FRIEND of BOIWET \$100 per family

Enclosed is: \$ _____ membership donation
\$ _____ donation to the kindergarten fund
Total: \$ _____ (receipt requested: YES / NO)

Please make cheques payable to :- **Bay of Islands Waldorf Education Trust** and mail to:
63 Waiare Rd RD1 Okaihau or alternatively bank in our bank account 06 0350 0083184 00

Office use only: Date received: _____ Receipt sent: yes / no Membership number: _____

Upcoming Events

Home nursing Seminar

BOIWET is very pleased to be able to bring an anthroposophical nurse from Auckland, Nicole Adams, up to Kerikeri for a weekend homenursing seminar. Participants will learn how to care for in particular sick children using treatments such as compresses, baths and natural medicines. This is a wonderful opportunity, and for BOIWET members the cost for the weekend is only \$15 (non-members \$50), thanks to funding from COGS. This is another great reason to renew your membership!

The seminar will be held on the weekend of 21-22 August. For more information see the attached registration form, or call Olivia on 401 9915.

Fundraising

The Trust is planning to have a stall at the Waimate North Show, to fundraise by selling beautiful dolls and toys, along with any other items, such as cakes, jams and chutneys. This is also an opportunity for us to advertise and promote Steiner/Waldorf education and our kindergarten plans.

The craft group has already begun making knitted toys for this stall. We need more people to help with this, whether you are an accomplished sewer, knitter or new to it, there is sure to be something you can contribute! Speak to Alice (4059382) or come along to the craft group, the next meeting is on Tuesday 17th August from 7-9pm, at Jane's (4078182).

Spring Equinox

We will be celebrating the Spring Equinox with a spring clean up at the playground at Kerikeri Organic on the 25th September followed by a barbeque and drinks.

Bring tools and clothing to prepare the childrens' garden area, build a shade-sail over the sandpit area, fence the area off from the marauding cows and perhaps get stuck into developing the community garden area (depending on the numbers of members who turn up).

Call Marty on 407 8650 to register your participation.

Housekeeping....

On a house keeping note, it is now well into winter with rain, long shadows and not such good drying which means that with the number of cars driving to and from the Hall the drive way is getting a hammering.

Please drive slowly as speed destroys metal roads, especially on slopes with new metal, and avoid driving through puddles.

With your help we can minimise the costs associated with road maintenance. Thanks!

Kindergarten News

Vicki, Olivia and Michael met recently with the Board of Trustees at Oromahoe School to present a proposal to have a kindergarten at their school. This was met with interest by the board members, who have given us a number of conditions that they would like to see if this were to go ahead. It is now up to us to consider if it is worthwhile for us.

Whatever is decided, we will need to survey the wider community to find out what the need and preference is for a Steiner kindergarten. We also need to raise funds. These are the two focuses for the kindergarten committee now which we will be working on in the coming months. Please help us by spreading the word about the kindergarten and letting us know your preferences. You can also help by ticking the donation box on your membership form and donating whatever you can to our kindergarten fund. Another way to help is by making crafts for our stall at the Waimate North Show. Together, we can build a wonderful nurturing kindergarten for many children. Thank you for all your efforts!



Together we can make great things happen.

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BOIWET Membership Application 2010-2011

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (please circle)

- * Playgroup * Parenting Group * Rudolf Steiner Study Group
- * Waldorf-Steiner home-schooling group * Craft Group
- * Kindergarten Working Committee * BOIWET Trustee
- * Fundraising

