



WELCOME BACK TO RAPHAELI

From teaching and learning separately, we've come back this term so ready to appreciate each other in our actual school setting. Class 7s led the way last term, dipping their toes into the adjusted environment of being together wearing masks and keeping a little bit apart. They were then joined by Class 3 and Class 6. Now all age groups are returning.

We can be truly grateful for this, at times challenging, property. The space it affords the children, and yes – the wind! – make it an exceptionally healthy venue for learning. The latest recommendation has stated that good air circulation is a crucial element for maintaining health.

We still face a situation of many unknowns where we have to adapt to shifts and changes as they come. But growing resilience and keeping a balance are two key goals of this way of educating the humane human being.

Some adaptations have already been effected within the structure of the school. The Kindergarten and Playgroup children will join together for the moment in the Kindergarten classrooms. There, the familiar presence of Nobesuthu and Maria will reassure the children in helping keep the healthy rhythms and activities of learning. From 12 to 12:45 each day Class 1 teacher, Wilmie, will be joining them to take the older children for story time and to offer extended activities in preparation for Class 1 next year.

Meanwhile, Class 1 children during that time will have a selection of activities with other teachers:- hand-work with Class 4 and 2 teachers, Tinashe and Jessica, Eurythmy with Class 3 teacher, Yvette, and gardening with Class 7 teacher, Rhian.

To bring you up to date with other recent adjustments, Wilmie has taken on the role of College Chairperson and Jessica and Class 6 teacher, Gesina, join her as teacher representatives on the Board of Trustees. The parent representatives are Otto Olivier (with boys in Classes 1 and 4), Johann Kruger (with a daughter in Class 6) and Lee-Anne Oldacre (with a daughter in Class 3). Rain Martin as Guardian member remains as Board Chairperson.

On behalf of the College of Teachers, Board of Trustees, Administration and all the ground staff we wish to thank all our amazing Waldorf parents for the tremendous effort that you have made to pay school fees during lockdown. We know that it has been very difficult and that you have faced unprecedented challenges in your businesses and work environment. Thank you also to the parents that have worked so hard to support the children with online schooling.

Kind Regards from the College of Teachers.

