

*Dear parents, caregivers, students, friends and staff*

## ***CLASS 12 PROJECT PRESENTATIONS 2014***

*Stories that will energize and inspire you!*

*Friday 12 September*

*11.30am - 5.00pm Exhibition of Work*

*Saturday 13 September*

*9.00am Doors open for viewing Exhibition of Work*

*9.30am sharp - 6.00pm Project Presentations*

*Little Theatre, Lower Hutt*

*You are warmly invited to attend the Class 12 Project Presentations at the Little Theatre in Lower Hutt on Saturday 13 September - now only two weeks away!*

*The Class 12 projects are all about our students following their passions and experiencing self-empowerment in the process. The students choose their own projects and the choices they make inevitably lead them to meet the very things they need to meet in order to learn and grow.*

*This event is a very special opportunity to hear each of these young people share the knowledge they have gained on their year long journeys and the challenges and joys they have encountered along the way. I have no doubt their stories will energize and inspire you!*

*This year's student projects are as impressive and diverse as ever - learning New Zealand sign language, hosting a Ceilidh, building a sleep-out, restoring a classic car, building personal strength, surviving in the wild, capturing dance in art, hosting a French high tea, teaching Parkour, volunteering in Thailand, meeting the challenges of Outward Bound, writing and recording songs, learning to sail, teaching young people to play guitar, training for BMX, exploring body health through yoga and stretching, performing eurythmy, developing a clothing brand, producing a time-lapse film, researching and practicing veganism, illustrating a children's book and building a mobile home!*

*The **Presentations begin at 9.30am sharp** - everyone will need to be seated by this time. The attached poster gives the session times and the names of the students who will speak in each of the sessions. Out of respect for the students we ask that people do not enter once a session has begun or leave during a session. It will be possible for people to leave or join during the morning tea break from 11.00-11.30pm or afternoon tea break from 3.45-4.15pm if they are not able to stay for the entire morning or afternoon sessions.*

*At the end of each speech the student will invite questions from the audience. The students are being assessed on their speeches for their Steiner School Certificate qualification and good questions, which give the students an opportunity to elaborate on specific aspects of their work, will be much appreciated.*

*An **Exhibition** of the students' project work will be open to the school community and public in the foyer of the Little Theatre on **Friday 12 September from 11.30am - 5.00pm**. The students will be at their visual displays **until 3pm** to tell you about their projects and answer your questions. This will be the best opportunity to gain an in-depth appreciation of their visual work and research documents, as there is only limited time for this during the breaks on the Saturday when the presentations take place.*

*Food and drinks will be on sale on Saturday during the morning and afternoon tea breaks and over the one hour lunch break.*

*Entry is by **complimentary ticket**, which will be available from the school office from Monday 1 September. A green ticket is needed for the Morning Session from 9.30am-1.00pm and a yellow ticket for the Afternoon Session from 2.00-6.00pm. Room in the theatre is limited, so remember to pick up your tickets as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a seat. Don't forget to invite extended family as well.*

*This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole community to celebrate our Class 12 students. The younger students who attend gain great benefit from seeing what the senior students have achieved and many begin to think about what their own Class 12 Project might be. For parents who ask the question 'What is Steiner education all about and what does it foster in young people?' - this day is the answer!*

*My hope is that we will honour the Class 12 students' striving and achievement by filling the little Theatre to overflowing for this uplifting and not-to-be-missed community event.*

*Warm wishes*

*David Stephenson  
Deputy Principal /Upper School Coordinator*