Education
Dunedin Rudolf Steiner
Learning with head, heart and hands

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Within the depths of winter
True nature of the Spirit waxes warm,
It grants to cosmic sheen
Through force of heart, the weight of presence,
Defying cosmic cold the flame of soul
In core of Man is growing strong.

Rudolf Steiner translated by Daisy Aldan

NEWSLETTER

2026 TERM 3

School

Rāmere/Friday 28th Aug	School disco
Rāmere/Friday 25th Sep	12:30pm School Spring festival

Kindergarten

Rāapa/Wednesday 23rd Sep – Kindy Spring festival

Governance

Rātū/Tuesday 11th Aug	5:30pm Board meeting (term 3)
Rātū/Tuesday 25th Aug	5:30pm Proprietors meeting

Other

Rāhoroi/Saturday 1st Aug	10am to 1pm Joint hui -all welcome- lower classroom
Rāpare/Thursday 6th Aug	9:30am OPEN DAY school and kindy
Rāhoroi/Saturday 15th Aug	3:30pm Community hui and ceilidh

Playgroup	Rāhina/Mondays and Rāapa/Wednesdays	9:30 to 11:30 am
Craftgroup	Rātū/Tuesday	9 to 11am

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to term 3 – how quickly this year is flying by!

We welcome Tigh as our new teacher aide, primarily in class Kiokio and also kindergarten and class Kākāpō.

This term will be full of community events and we do hope that you are able to attend a few, whether you want to be part of the future planning of the school (Joint Hui on the 1st of August), or learn about what the outcome of the thinking of the Joint Hui was (Community Hui 15th of August), join us for some community dancing (Ceilidh on the 15th of August) or be part of kindergarten (spring festival) and school activities (disco and spring festival) - we are sure there will be something for everyone to join!

All our tamariki have settled well into school and kindergarten and it is lovely to see them bouncing into their classes and engaging with their work in the mornings.

We are looking forward to another term and experience the light returning as we work our way into spring over the term.

Kā mihi,

Anna Noble

Tumuaki

Special Character Thoughts: The Temperaments

This term we will be exploring the four temperaments; the sanguine, choleric, melancholic and phlegmatic child. Each temperament comes with its own characteristics and ways of being in the world and it falls to the parents, teachers and other adults in the child's life to understand and work with the child accordingly. This work is particularly important in the early years for a child's life as it is in about the 10th year when the temperaments even out and become less distinguishable. Until then, all four temperaments are present in the child but one is usually more prominent than the other three.

Recognising a child's temperament allows us to relate to them in a way, that allows the child to feel held so they can access the work in an environment and with an approach that they understand. This includes understanding which temperaments work well together, how learning should be presented to be accessible to the child and how to speak to the child's temperament through the arts and with the emotional background.

Te Rā o Tumeke Tumuaki - a day to celebrate our Principal.

Today, Rāapa / Wednesday is Te Rā o Tumeke Tumuaki - a day to celebrate our Principal. As the Personnel portfolio holder for the school Board, I have the joyful role of saying a huge thank-you, on behalf of the Board, to Anna for steering our beautiful ship.

Anna always has the best interests of the tamariki at heart. With everything in education always changing, I'm sure being a principal is a challenging job—yet her door is always open, and she always has a smile for us all. Tēnā rawa atu koe.

Kā kite, *Michelle*

Review of Policies and Procedures

Every policy and procedure area at school and kindergarten is regularly reviewed, to ensure they are still current and reflect best practice. We invite you all to review the draft procedures on our website or in the office reception.

The area we are currently reviewing is under "Legislation" and includes Privacy, Attendance, Records retention, Copyright, Stand downs and Protected Disclosures.

Please have a look and give your feedback by 10th August. The website page is https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/school-policies-and-procedures.html

And https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/kindergarten-policies-and-procedures.html

If you have any questions, then please email Clare - admin@dunedinsteiner.nz

Weleda order

We do an order with Weleda once a term. This is a bulk order, which is also a little fundraiser for the school. We only put a small margin on so item cost less than the recommended retail prices (RRP), which makes them cheaper than in the shops.

There is also a little selection available in the craft shop. Check it out!

There has been a pricing update, if you wish to know more you can contact Xaviera (xavieratrebley@gmail.com), Heath's mum, who organises these orders for us all.

Orders can be sent to Xaviera's email address until **Saturday 1st August.**

Wet Felting Workshop

During the holidays we've had a wet felting workshop taught by Junko. We all had a lot of fun and enjoyed turning felt into beautiful creations. Thank you to Junko for her patience and support and to Miho for organising the event.

SCHOOL- KIOKIO PĀNUI

Kia ora koutou!

We have had a beautiful start to term three in class Kiokio, keeping the fire stoked and enjoying these crisp winter days.

We are doing a Form Drawing main lesson and are enjoying exploring variations of spirals through the story of a kōwhai seed and its journey to germination. We are going to start propagating some this week and will be nurturing them over the term.

We have also been exploring the classroom and school through measurement – looking at ancient modes and how this has shifted over time to standard forms of measurement.

The garden is flourishing with cauliflower and we are currently brainstorming for recipes we might make with them all – any ideas/recipes kōreromai!

On Monday the 3rd of August we are doing our Lantern walk through the Woodhaugh Gardens. The lanterns are coming along beautifully and excitement is building as they are nearing completion.

Kia mahana whānau mā! *Bec*

KINDERGARTEN

A very warm welcome to Term 3, it has been lovely to have all the children back at kindergarten feeling well rested and ready for the new term. We would like to warmly welcome a few new children and their whānau to our kindergarten community; Julia in the Koru room and her sister Jean in the Kōwhai room, Aila has recently joined the Rata room with Max soon to be joining us next week. As the children are settling back into the new term it seemed a good time to share some thoughts about the importance of rhythm and how we work with this in the kindergarten.

At kindergarten rhythm is seen as crucial for protecting the life forces (etheric) of the child, which could be considered as similar to the concept of mauri, the child's energetic life force. Secure daily, weekly, monthly rhythms and smooth transitions with a comfortable flow between, harmonise the physiological needs and learning processes of children. As teachers we strive to find a continuous balance between breathing in and breathing out throughout the session. Breathing out being times of free imaginative play and movement while breathing in are times for more restful activities like morning tea and listening to a story. Daily, weekly, monthly and seasonal rhythms are an essential part of our early childhood curriculum and provide children with a sense of security and connection with the world. Increasing rhythm at home is one of the best ways to both simplify and calm home life for children.

Warmly,

The Kindy Kaiako

PLAYGROUP

Ciara Dean is our new facilitator for the Monday sessions and Miriam Marler continues to facilitate our playgroup sessions on Wednesdays. The sessions run from 9:30 to 11:30am. You can contact playgroup by emailing playgroup@dunedinsteiner.nz

CRAFTGROUP

We meet on Tuesdays after drop-off in the playgroup room. If you have some spare time and enjoy handwork, join us for a lovely social time. Thanks, Miho-0211294323

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community notices in our newsletter will normally appear for one week only and may be edited to accommodate space. If you wish to place a notice please email your notice to office@dunedinsteiner.nz. We charge $10 for an advert and need ads in by the Monday prior to the Wednesday publication date. You can pay by direct internet banking to 03-0903-0437318-00 **Disclaimer: This space is open to advertisers and the school does not make any guarantees or endorsement on their behalf**.

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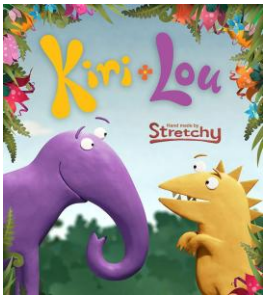
DSO: Kiri & Lou – A Family Concert
Join Liv Tennet, the voice of Kiri, and the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra for a delightful live concert featuring the much-loved songs from the award-winning New Zealand series Kiri & Lou. A wonderful musical adventure for tamariki and their grown-ups.Saturday 15 August | 2pm & 3.30pm
More information here.



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City Choir: The Reluctant Dragon- A Dramatic Family Musical Entertainment
At Otago Boys High School, 2 Arthur St. Saturday 8 August 2026 4:00pm and 7:30 pm
Tickets and more information here.

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R.I.P. Josh Brunt: We were very sorry to hear that Joshua Brunt passed away as a result of a motorbike accident in Australia. Joshua's siblings came through our school and kindergarten and the whole family was very much a part of our community. We send our heartfelt condolences to the family. There is a Give-a-little page for Josh Brunt's family to help them with funeral expenses. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. https://gofund.me/0a4d27bae

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A holistic child centered curriculum
Seamlessly providing for playgroup, kindy, primary and intermediate years
Open Day August 6th
School Tour 9:30am
Kindergarten Talk 10:45
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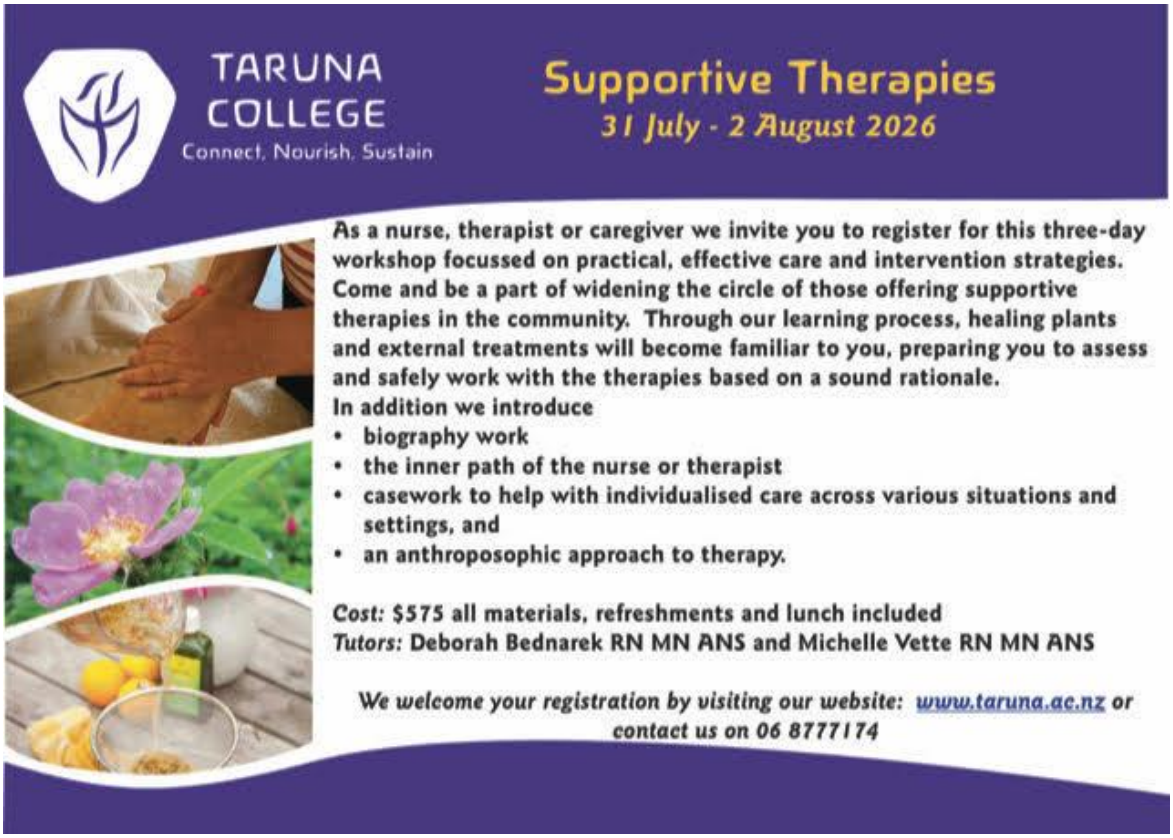
TARUNA COLLEGE
Connect, Nourish, Sustain
Supportive Therapies
31 July - 2 August 2026
As a nurse, therapist or caregiver we invite you to register for this three-day workshop focussed on practical, effective care and intervention strategies. Come and be a part of widening the circle of those offering supportive therapies in the community. Through our learning process, healing plants and external treatments will become familiar to you, preparing you to assess and safely work with the therapies based on a sound rationale.
In addition we introduce
• biography work
• the inner path of the nurse or therapist
• casework to help with individualised care across various situations and settings, and
• an anthroposophic approach to therapy.
Cost: $575 all materials, refreshments and lunch included
Tutors: Deborah Bednarek RN MN ANS and Michelle Vette RN MN ANS
We welcome your registration by visiting our website: www.taruna.ac.nz or contact us on 06 8777174