



*My heart's desire strives blissfully  
To bear the light of the spirit  
Into the world's wintry night.  
Then seeds of soul may brightly root  
In the world's foundation  
And God's World resound in the senses' darkness,  
Illuminating all being.*

*Rudolf Steiner*



Class Kapowai lantern walk

## NEWSLETTER

### DIARY OF DATES

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	5 pm Twilight market
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 2
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Working Bee

**Playgroup**      [dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com)

Mondays and Wednesdays      9:30 to 11:30 am

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

It seems like a long term!!!

This week I want to focus on the proposed Twilight Market from 5 to 6:30 pm.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, the last evening of term 2.

We invite you to a Community gathering of the school families to an early evening of good cheer with a craft stall, snacks, candle dipping and tasty warm drinks all in the sparkly lit atmosphere of the school entrance and Kindy area (or downstairs if it is raining).

I have a small enthusiastic team and am reaching out to get more people helping with setting up this event and attending.

We haven't had a Fair for almost 2 years and after all the trials of Covid, it would be lovely to end the term on a cheerful note.

We need offers of help which we can respond to with small tasks to make this happen.

It is a trial run for something that could happen each year.

A series of stalls offering soup, dhal, waffles, hot fruit juice, hot chocolate, sausages on a stick, and similar as well as candle dipping, craft activities and fine crafts. All within the twilight lifted with Fairy lights.

It could be a lovely convivial moment in the school calendar starting this year.

PLEASE contact me through the Office or by email/ [principal@dunedinsteiner.nz](mailto:principal@dunedinsteiner.nz) if you can help in the preparation or stall holding on the day. We welcome your involvement and I'm sure it will be fun.

Below is a list of items you might be able to lend if you can't make it yourself.

- Waffle irons,
- Fairy lights
- Pastry cutter gingerbread shapes
- Large saucepans for soup
- Large vessels for hot drinks

Every little helps and makes the event more realisable.

I look forward to hearing from you.

In anticipation: many thanks for your support.

All the best for the rest of the term,

Kā mihi nui, *Pene*

## **Amended enrolment scheme**

We are happy to inform you that our scheme has now been amended – this shows how children's entrance into school is prioritised in cases where we have more applicants than places. The new priorities are:

- I. Children of permanent staff of the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School or the Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago.

- II. Children who are attending the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten and are siblings of students of the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School.
- III. Children who are attending the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten.
- IV. Children who are siblings of students of the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School or Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten.
- V. Children who are attending another ECE Steiner setting in Dunedin, with which The Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago has a memorandum of understanding

All children will come from families where there is a connection to the Steiner Special Character.

Thanks to everyone who helped in the process of drafting and providing feedback on this scheme, which will take effect from 25 July 2022. This will not affect those children who have already been offered places.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Reports

The teachers have completed the mid year reports which are about to be put into envelopes. We aim to get them to you by Friday so you can read them over the weekend and sign up for an interview in the final week.

The interview times are up in the office so please sign up. It is appreciated if you try to fill an early slot so the teachers don't have to wait through several gaps before a late appointment. Oh and please let us know if you can't make the appointment!!

**Please collect your report from the office anytime on Friday before or after school.**

It is school procedure that we don't give the reports to the children to take home.

Sorry if that is inconvenient: if you have a specific circumstance re collecting the report, let your class teacher know so we can see if we can solve it. Otherwise, they will be available for collection in the last week from the Office.

It is ideal to see the report before the interview.

I have enjoyed reading all the reports which, at mid year are a record of progress and achievement in the three core subjects. With the teacher having the long journey with your child, they get to know the pupil in the broadest sense, not just in their academic progress, all of which is commented on more fully in the end of year report.

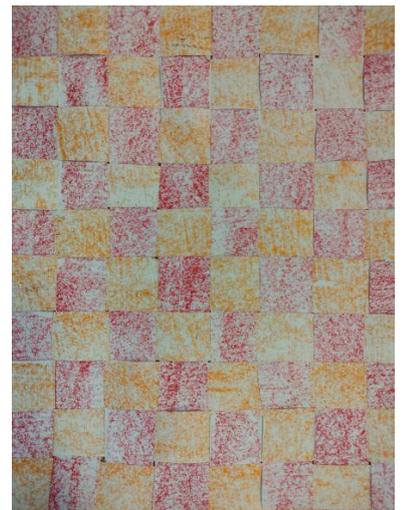
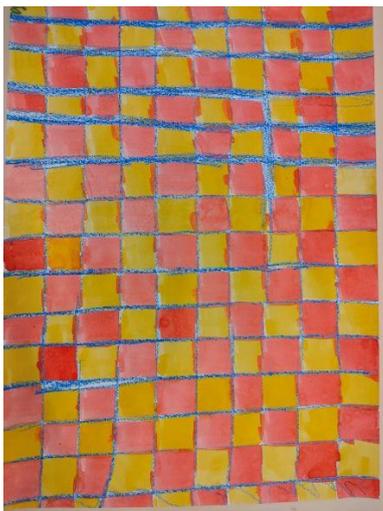
*Pene*

# CLASS KAPOWAI

Hello everyone,

Class Kapowai has been very busy these last few weeks. We have made our lanterns and gone for our lantern walk. We have worked on our weaving, as our main Matariki activity. We took part in the school pizza day. And all this on top of our normal day to day activities!

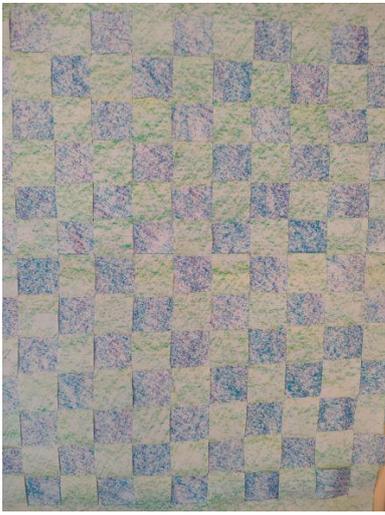
Our lantern walk was on Monday, which was a beautifully wet evening. Thankfully, only a small amount of water was falling from the sky. Most of the water was on the ground making it shiny and reflective. It is always very beautiful to see the lantern light reflecting and shining over the ground. Our main Matariki activity was weaving. We made paper strips and used them in two different ways. We also explored, through painting, the pattern we saw while weaving.



On top of all of these expected extras there has been the added complication of Covid. A lot of class members have been off for periods this term – including myself. I was off for two

weeks. While normal skill lessons continued, my two-week absence left the class a bit short on time for the Main Lessons I have planned. I had to consider which ones to keep, and which ones to make shorter.





I decided not to shorten the last Main Lesson of the term, as it is often a favourite of both students and parents.

We have just started our last Main Lesson for the term – ‘My Home’. In this Main Lesson, the students (and parents) are encouraged to take the chance to talk about their whānau, both at home, and further afield. The class 1 students get a chance to write their family members’ names. The class 2 students are writing a short paragraph about their chosen family members.

That’s all for now. Enjoy the holidays. *James*

## Cello Workshop News

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori

Our cello workshop fitted in perfectly with Matariki celebrations. This year all the planets are in perfect alignment with each other.

Our beginners were focused on aligning their fingers and bows on their cellos to play



through the 'Twinkle star variations.' We also attempted playing the Twinkle theme to the different rhythms of the Matariki star constellations. This is music in the making. It was extra fun that we could celebrate Ronan's birthday with a star cake.

Everyone said that "they enjoyed the experience of all playing together," whilst spending some time working on techniques through games, verses and waiata.

A posture game, I have named 'Tiger,' hit the top charts in popularity. This is a game to enhance posture and a great reminder that we use our whole body to play cello, not just our hands and arms.

The students all thought that the workshop was fun and a couple of parents have kindly offered to host the next one.

Parents, thank you so much for your support in assisting your child on their cello journey and for the fabulous turnout on Saturday. An almost full attendance, very lucky considering all the bugs around.

Thankyou too for the lovely food (literally went down very well with the tamariki) and for the generous donations given towards a new music stand. I am very happy to say that I am now able to purchase one during the holidays.

Both Beethoven and Shiniki Suzuki said:  
MUSIC CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

So keep up the fun time home play.

Many musical blessings,

*Jocelyn Amarantha*



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Whānau,

The Spiral last week was lovely - thank you to you all for respecting the reverence of the occasion. It is such a special ceremony that marks the solstice, giving us the light we need to carry within ourselves as we enter the deepest part of winter.

The children in the Kowhai and Rata rooms have been enjoying a poem:

“Look out, look out! Jack Frost is about  
He'll nip your ears and pinch your snout  
He'll chap your knees and make you sneeze  
Your fingers and your toes he'll freeze  
His magic makes the mountains grow  
He learnt it from his mother, Snow  
Yet he makes tiny glistening fronds on windowpanes  
And ice on ponds  
When out of school we dance and skip  
He's waiting there to pinch and nip  
Beware, beware  
Leave nothing bare  
When Jack Frost whistles through the air.”



Pamala is away until the end of the term following her father's passing last weekend; she is in our thoughts.

The Koru rooms has had a case of chicken pox, so please be on the lookout for any signs of illness in your child. The infectious period is 10-21 days before spots appear, so it is difficult.

Again, thank you for keeping your unwell child at home - we need to keep both children and staff as well as possible.

You will notice that we are advertising for a kindergarten teacher. This is because Alida has decided that it is not the right time for her to return from her parental leave and so we seek someone to take on the role. We would like to thank Alida for all her work she has done as a kindergarten teacher, especially in setting up the Koru Room for the younger children. She plays an invaluable role in playgroup and kindergarten, and we hope to continue to see her around in kindergarten sometimes, and in playgroup too.

It is almost the end of the term, and Kindergarten will be open during the holidays. This time, it will be overseen by Hannah Kelly, who will be assisted by Bex, Julie and Rachel Barrington.

Nga mihinui,

*Julie on behalf of the Kindergarten teachers*

## **Health and Safety Policy and Procedure review**

At least every three years, we review all of our policies and procedures to ensure they are up to date with legislation and best practice, and that they reflect our own best practice. The Kindergarten Health and Safety Policies and Procedures have just been reviewed and are now available for review by the kindergarten parent body. Please have a look on our website [Policies and Procedures kindergarten - DUNEDIN RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL \(dunedinsteiner.nz\)](https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/policies-and-procedures-kindergarten) or in the file in the office reception. Please provide your feedback to [admin@dunedinsteiner.nz](mailto:admin@dunedinsteiner.nz) by midday 6<sup>th</sup> July (Wednesday).

## **PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup is taking place from our school and kindergarten grounds in Maia.

We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Inquiries to [dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com)

Ngā mihi nui, *Miriam, Mikiah & Alida*

## **CRAFT GROUP**

Contact Jen at [jenwigleypiano@gmail.com](mailto:jenwigleypiano@gmail.com) with any enquiries

## 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](mailto: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

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**Upright piano:** Free to someone who can transport it. It was been used 1 year ago for lessons. In tune but not "concert pitch". Please contact Helen Thomlinson 022 0480 367 or 03 4766 247.

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**Hello!** I am a Steiner educated English boy coming out to New Zealand for the first time to travel and see your beautiful country. I would love to visit and/or stay with any Steiner family willing to welcome me and my friend, Ollie Denning. We are keen to make new friends and are very happy to help out in any way if appropriate. We both attended Ringwood Waldorf school in the UK, and share a passion for biking, both downhill and BMX. Do contact me if would like to meet! Thank you, Horatio Foster [myfanwyvickers@btinternet.com](mailto:myfanwyvickers@btinternet.com)

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### Kindergarten Teacher - 4 to 5 days a week

We are a well-established Steiner Kindergarten set on the Steiner School campus in Maia, Dunedin. We run three kindergarten rooms for children aged 3 to 6 years of age.

We seek a kindergarten teacher. The person will have Steiner experience or qualification. ECE qualification is preferred but not essential. A commitment to working with the special character is essential. This is a permanent position, working between 29 hours to 35.5 hours a week over 4 or 5 days. This is a term time only position but with the possibility of additional work if it suits. The position starts in August 2022. Please email [kindyheadteacher@dunedinsteiner.nz](mailto:kindyheadteacher@dunedinsteiner.nz) with a cover letter, CV and your completed application form. Applications close Friday 22 July 2022. An application form and job description can be downloaded from the School's website <https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/noticeboard.html>, or is available by request from the office at [office@dunedinsteiner.nz](mailto:office@dunedinsteiner.nz) Telephone: 03 471 2163

*As you can see from the Kindergarten News, this vacancy arises because Alida is not returning to this post from her parental leave.*