



In wintry depths of night  
The majesty of heaven is so close to me,  
Because my heart's new power and might  
Makes real and full of substance all the  
things I see.  
There flames in me, again all ice and frost,  
all rain and sleet,  
The leaping, dancing fire-forces of my  
heart to give me light and heat.

**Michael Hedley Burton**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **DIARY OF DATES**

Every Wednesday	2:30 pm Fair meeting – staff room
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	2 pm Kindy open afternoon for prospective families
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10 am to 2 pm Working Bee -school and Kindergarten
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	5:30 pm Proprietors meeting
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7 pm Proprietors Annual General Meeting
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	5:30 to 7 pm Kindergarten parents' meeting

### **PLAYGROUP TIMES (353 PINE HILL ROAD)**

Mondays 10 to 12 pm	Mixed age children
Wednesdays 10 to 12 pm	Mixed age children

Greetings to everyone on a warm bright return to school as we embark on our spring term.

Firstly, I want to introduce a new face to our staff. Julie Ladbrook joins us for Thursdays and Fridays as Principal release teacher of class 7.

Julie is a highly skilled teacher with specialisation in Literacy. She is particularly experienced in teaching Intermediate pupils.

Julie and her husband are new to Dunedin, recently returned to NZ after some years in Dubai. We look forward to making her time with us as enjoyable and worthwhile as possible.

While not trained as a Waldorf teacher, during her studies Julie did a research assignment on Steiner Education and visited Raphael House in Lower Hutt as her resource. She maintained an interest and now, newly arrived, the fixed term, part time situation is a perfect fit. I look forward to working with her and I am sure the students will benefit from her expertise.

We are excited to see the building starting to take shape and expect the momentum will only grow.

We have a target of November as completion date and hope to have a blessing ceremony before the end of the year. We apologise for the inconvenience in drop off and pick up.

We closed last term with school reports in the new mid-year format and I welcome any reflections from you. The teachers were pleased to interview a large proportion of the parents in their classes and found the opportunities such meetings provide as, I hope, did the parents.

Looking ahead, this term we will be having a visit from ERO as a progress assessment in terms of our undertaking to fulfil their requirements from the 2017/8 visit and assessment. We have been working on these requirements, keeping in touch with ERO and following guidelines in relation to those requirements. We welcome this visit as a confirmation of progress. It will be an in-house procedure, which informs the next steps.

We are hopeful that the outcome leads on to the formal visit in due course, probably in term 4.

Finally, you will see that we are changing the date of the Working Bee to the second Saturday of the term. I hope this works well for those who decided to make term 3 one of their workday terms.

Although the weather is unseasonably warm, children need to come prepared for cold snaps. They need to have their outside play, which is not appealing or beneficial, if they are cold.

Please make sure they come with coats and outdoor gumboots or similar.

Good wishes for the new term.

*Pene Johnstone*

## **Working Bee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August**

Please save the date of our next working bee, Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August from 10 am to 2 pm. Come and join us for a couple of hours for some social time and community work with fellow parents and teachers.

## **Board of Trustees – Meet Danny Fridberg**

I am the father to two school girls – Tamari in class four and Yasmin in class one.

In my daytime job, I'm working as a learning and teaching specialist at Otago Polytechnic.

I've been serving on the BoT in the last three years, following closely the growth and development of this wonderful community. This has not come without ongoing challenges and tasks, which, as a member of the governance body, I would like to see through to their successful addressing and completion.

I'd like to keep contributing to our school and provide its staff the support they require, to grow happy and successful children in our school.

Yours, *Danny*

## **Proprietors Annual General Meeting 2019**

We would like to invite you to the AGM 2019, everybody welcome to come and hear the report about the progress in the last year, ask questions, make suggestions to improve the running of the school.

Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago aka Proprietors Trust DRSS

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2019, 7pm, DRSS 1 Fern Rd, Maia

Agenda

1. Minutes of last AGM
2. Financial statements and appointment of auditor
3. Annual report 2018/2019
4. New Members
5. Plan for 2019/2020
6. Miscellaneous

See you there! *Gabriela Stuedemann*- Proprietors Chair

## **Financial contributions to school and kindergarten**

Your contributions enable us to provide Steiner education. Thank you to everyone who faithfully makes their contribution, which forms 20% of our normal operating

income. These donations allow us to pay for the land and buildings and also the additional teaching staff which we employ to allow us to deliver the Steiner curriculum.

2019 is a very significant year for us financially, as we have started the building work and the associated fundraising. It is very exciting to see walls going up, but at the same time we must not lose sight of what we need to keep the normal life of the school ticking over. Thank you to everyone who lets this happen – staff, parents, children, trustees and other supporters alike. Without financial resources, we would not be here.

As always, I welcome your questions or comments.

*Clare*

**School, kindergarten & playgroup combined budgets**

For 2019	\$
<b>Operating budget</b>	
Ministry funding	709,667
Parent donations	171,075
Fair	12,000
Other income	1,600
Total income	894,342
Teaching salaries	636,344
Teaching materials	29,780
Professional development	9,000
Property costs	78,068
Administrative salaries	79,750
Fundraising, promotion	21,400
General costs	26,188
Total costs	880,530
Predicted surplus	13,812
<b>3 year capital budget</b>	
Classroom building costs	
Kindergarten/ staffroom extension	327,994
Primary classroom block	900,000
	1,227,994
Fundraising income	
Donations	727,994
Sale of land	500,000
	1,227,994

## Weleda Orders

Christine Schlegel will be placing an order with Weleda. If you wish to purchase any items, please let Christine know by next Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. Her email address is [gibbonics@gmail.com](mailto:gibbonics@gmail.com)

## Lost and Found

Please come and check the lost and found basket in the office.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Policy and procedure review

Thank you to those who sent us feedback on the Curriculum, and the teaching of Te Reo and Tikanga Māori policies.

### End of Term Two Events

Towards the end of last term we've had a cello concert and a hangi to close the Matariki celebrations in school. Here we share a few shots of the events.







## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 3! We will be starting parent/teacher catch up chats from week 3, so please look out for the timeslot list outside your child's room.



Our teaching and learning focus for this term is physical exploration, with a focus on offering opportunities for physical exploration and extending capabilities, including, skipping, stilt walking, climbing, swinging, balancing.

Links to Te Whariki:

**Strand    Goal        Learning Outcomes**

<b>Exploration</b>	Gain confidence and control of their bodies	Moving confidently and challenging themselves physically
	Their Play is valued as meaningful learning, and the importance of spontaneous play is recognised.	Playing, imagining, inventing and experimenting.
<b>Wellbeing</b>	They are kept safe from harm	Keeping themselves and others safe from harm.

We will be having a parent evening on August 26, with a focus on weaving in preparation for the School Fair. Please come along, and learn to weave a Tipare/Crown.

On that note, we need parent Fair reps for each room. Please talk to your child's teacher. Term 3 is all about the buzz in anticipation of the fair. Think about how you and your fellow class parents might be able to get involved!

Love,            *the Kindy Teachers.*

## **PLAYGROUP**

All our playgroup sessions are now at Pinehill for mixed age groups on a Monday and Wednesday 10 - 12. For any further information about any of our playgroups please feel free to get in touch.

*Bex and Alida*    [dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com)

## **CRAFT GROUP**

We now have regular craft group sessions weekly on Thursdays, 12.30 - 2.30pm at Sharyn's place 6 Robin Lane, St. Leonards. Come along, learn something new, help with fair preparation and join in the fun.

Craft group funds are used to support school projects, please make payments to Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago 03-1726-0004961-05

## 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



Event taking place on George Street from 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July. The event will feature art installations, interactive sound and light displays, face painting, musicians and performers such as Rainbow Rosalind. The event will take place on George Street, between St Andrew and Hanover Streets, the Albion Place laneway and inside the malls. The street will be transformed throughout the day by the installations and performers, and visitors will be mesmerized as the lights come to life until 9pm each night. This event will trial the preliminary concept for George St, as part of the Central City Plan, allowing us to experience what the block between St Andrew Street and Hanover Street will be like as a vibrant 'shared space.'

Dunedin Library Craft, fun and games for primary/intermediate age kids. Held at 4pm on the 2nd Floor, City Library every second Thursday. THURSDAY 1 AUGUST Cosmic creations THURSDAY 15 AUGUST Going potty THURSDAY 29 AUGUST Father's Day THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER Inspired by Fifi THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER Masks **FREE**

**Vacancy: Lead Kindergarten Teacher-Full-time permanent position.** Do you love early childhood education? We have a wonderful opportunity for a registered early childhood teacher on Waiheke Island. Phone calls are welcome to ask more about this role or about living on Waiheke Island. Please call Bronwyn Harvey on +64 211 789 833. An information pack and application form can be obtained by contacting Bronwyn Harvey, Waiheke Island Rudolf Steiner Education Trust: [wise.trustchair@gmail.com](mailto:wise.trustchair@gmail.com). A letter of application and CV must accompany the application form. Applications close Sunday 11 August 2019.

**Professional Development for Early Childhood Teachers and Carers.** Taruna College is offering you learning opportunities that will refresh and deepen your understanding of the child, aged birth to three years. **Spirited Childhood**, creating a Korowai of care will allow you to re-imagine and re-enliven your practice as a professional, bringing new eyes to what is important and addressing real and contemporary issues that surround the young child, which they bring into our centres. There are two foundation workshops which integrate insights from Simplicity Parenting and draw on practices from Rudolf Steiner. This will be followed by a series of workshops that explore specific interest topics. • Seminar One - Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August 2019 • Seminar Two - Friday 8 and Saturday 9 November 2019. Cost: \$395 each Seminar. Registration can be completed online <http://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/spirited-childhood/> email [info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz) or call 06 8777174

**2019 Student Film Premiere** will be held on Saturday 27 July at 7:30pm in the Regent Theatre. Tickets are only \$10 each (plus booking fee) – so be in quick to secure yours today!

The premiere, which has become a Dunedin institution, showcases films at the Regent Theatre produced by the University of Otago's Centre for Science Communication's Master of Science Communication (Science and Natural History) Filmmaking programme. This year, five students will premiere their 25-minute films titled:

- Fairy Steps: Helping Ella to walk by Samantha Smyrke
- Paw and Claw: Finding a balance between pets and wildlife by Tegan Good
- The Silent Invader: Can it be stopped? by Berenice Mathieu
- Evolving Evolution: How species carve their own path by Summer Gleeson
- Hooked: Science, sculpture and the sea by Lana Young

The Master of Science Communication (Science and Natural History) Filmmaking programme is one of the world's premier courses in Science and Natural History Filmmaking. Taught in association with NHNZ, an industry leader in the production of factual films, our film stream has produced more award-winning filmmakers and films than all of the others combined.