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Learning with head, heart and hands

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The might of thought grows firm
In union with the Spirit's birth,
It rays on senses' dull enticements
A shining clarity.
If soul abundance
Would be united with evolving worlds,
Then senses' revelation must
Receive the light of thinking.

Rudolf Steiner translated by Daisy Aldan

Photo by Mark Walrond

NEWSLETTER

2026 TERM 3

School	
Rāmere/Friday 28th Aug	5:30 to 6:30pm School disco
Rāmere/Friday 25th Sep	12:30pm School Spring festival
Kindergarten	
Rātū/Tuesday 1st Sep	5:30 - 6:30 Kindergarten Parent Evening
Rāapa/Wednesday 23rd Sep	Kindy Spring festival
Governance	
Rātū/Tuesday 25th Aug	5:30pm Proprietors meeting
Rātū/Tuesday 1st Sep	5:30pm Board meeting (term 3)
Other	
Rāhoroi/Saturday 15th Aug	3:30pm Community hui and ceilidh
Rāmere/Friday 4th Sept	2pm – 5pm Working Bee
Playgroup	Rāhina/Mondays and Rāapa/Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am
Craftgroup	Rātū/Tuesdays 9 to 11am

Kia ora e te whānau,

Week 4 already and finally, a snow day during term time! We hope you found some snow last Tuesday and enjoyed the forced slower pace of the day. It was lovely to hear about so many adventures the children had and I felt assured that the city was full of snow builds and children sledding on various vessels and in various places!

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in their backpack as this weather provides us with a muddy site, which should not stop the children from playing outside!

We hope you will come and warm up at our community hui and ceilidh dance this Saturday; starting at 3:30pm with an update on our strategic and property plan, followed by shared kai (please bring some finger food to share) until we finally get to dance at our ceilidh. It is a lovely way to spend time with the community and we welcome young and old to this gathering.

We hope to see many of you on Saturday!

Noho ora mai rā,

Kā mihi,

Anna Noble

Tumuaki

Special Character Thoughts: The Sanguine Temperament

by A Waldorf Journey

The Sanguine child is the air, the spring and the rising sun. It is the child that is excited to wake up in the morning. This child will try new things all the time, is happy to meet new people, wants to bring groups of friends together, try all the foods and give most things a try. This child lives in the moment and likes to be spontaneous.

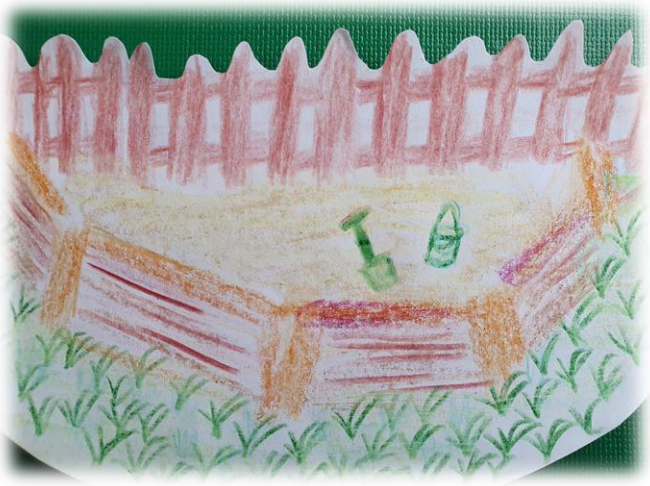
This comes with some challenges as a sanguine temperament finds it hard to finish projects as they have already moved on. Their love for exploration can mean that it is hard to send down roots, including in friendships. Their joy for life can mean that deeper emotions are ignored within themselves and others, which might make them fun to be around but not deeply trusted. The sanguine child brings people together through their pure enthusiasm of life and when they find a balance of temperaments as they grow

up, are often the ray of sunshine in the room that allows the other temperaments to connect with each other.

The sanguine child can be supported by clear structures, routines and expectations while at the same time allowing for many opportunities of creative expression, may it be in art, music, dance or drama. Guiding the building of deeper friendships is also of importance so they do not miss out on meaningful connections. As the sanguine child is in itself positive, it also responds best in an environment full of praise and encouragement.

Working Bee Friday 4th September

We have our Friday working bee scheduled for Friday 4th September. Please come along and help to make the school and kindergarten a better place!



We have a few jobs to do, but our main focus will be the Kindergarten sandpit. If there are any handy people out there who might have helpful suggestions for our planning, then please let Clare or a kindergarten teacher know.

Come and help us build a kindergarten sandpit on Friday 4th September from 2pm.

We will need help with digging posts into the ground, laying out sleepers and then shifting a load of sand!

So bring your wheelbarrows and shovels if you have them, or just yourselves!

Many hands make light work!

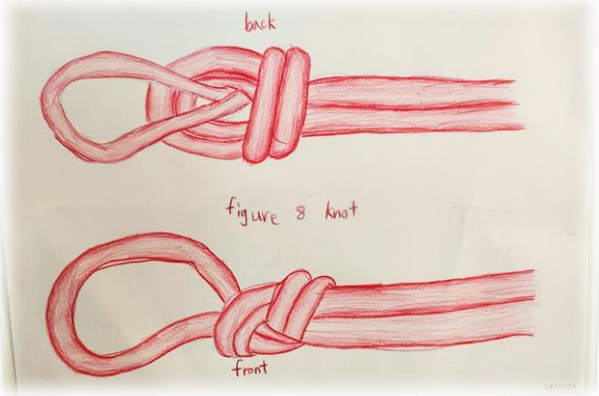
A Request from the Puppet Group

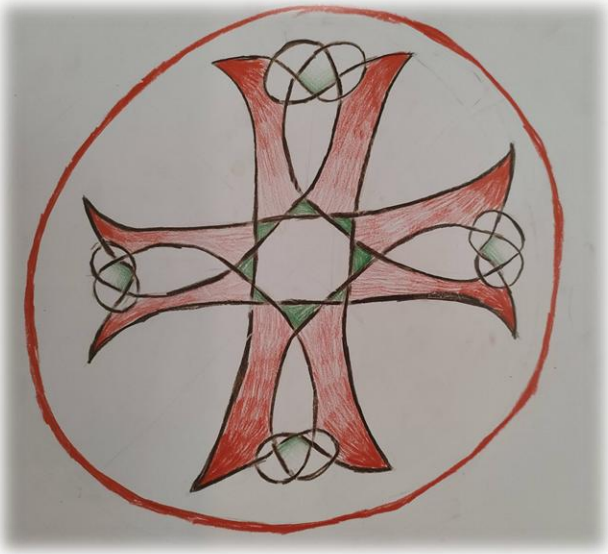
If you have some silk material at home that you are happy to give away, our puppet group would be very happy to make good use of it! Please contact Keren – kerense@gmail.com

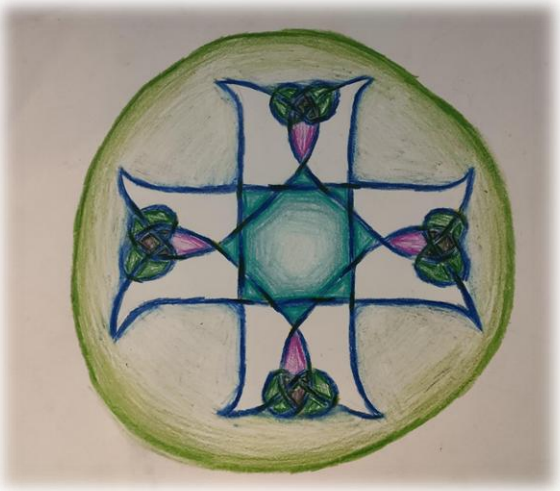
SCHOOL- CLASS KĀKĀPŌ

Kia ora koutou,

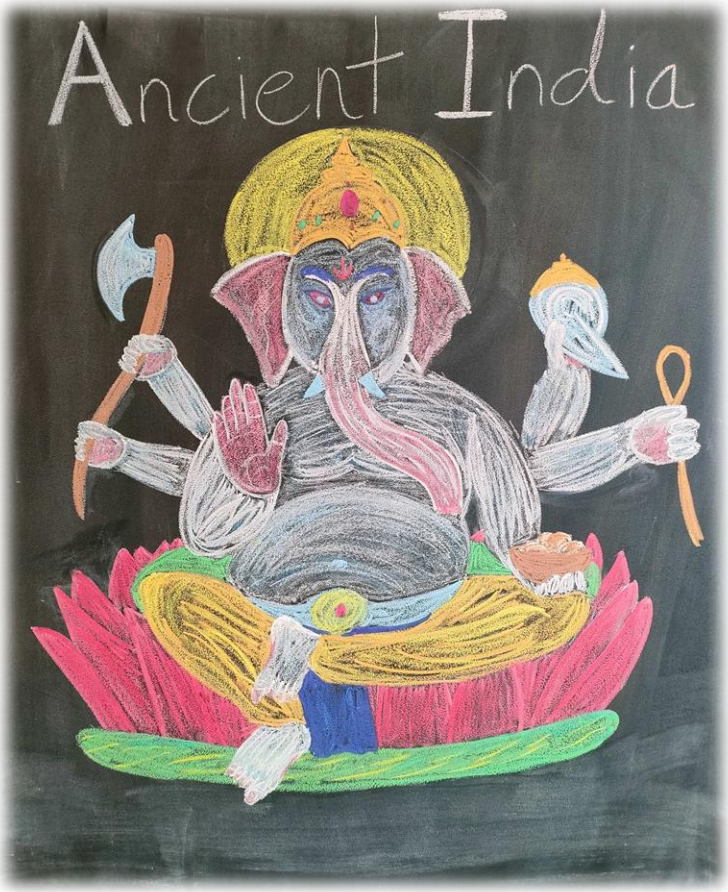
Class Kākāpō started term 3 off with a week of form drawing. The tasks were a mixture of classic woven forms and drawing knots. The class has been learning how to tie a range of knots over the year, and each new knot is also drawn during a form drawing Main Lesson.



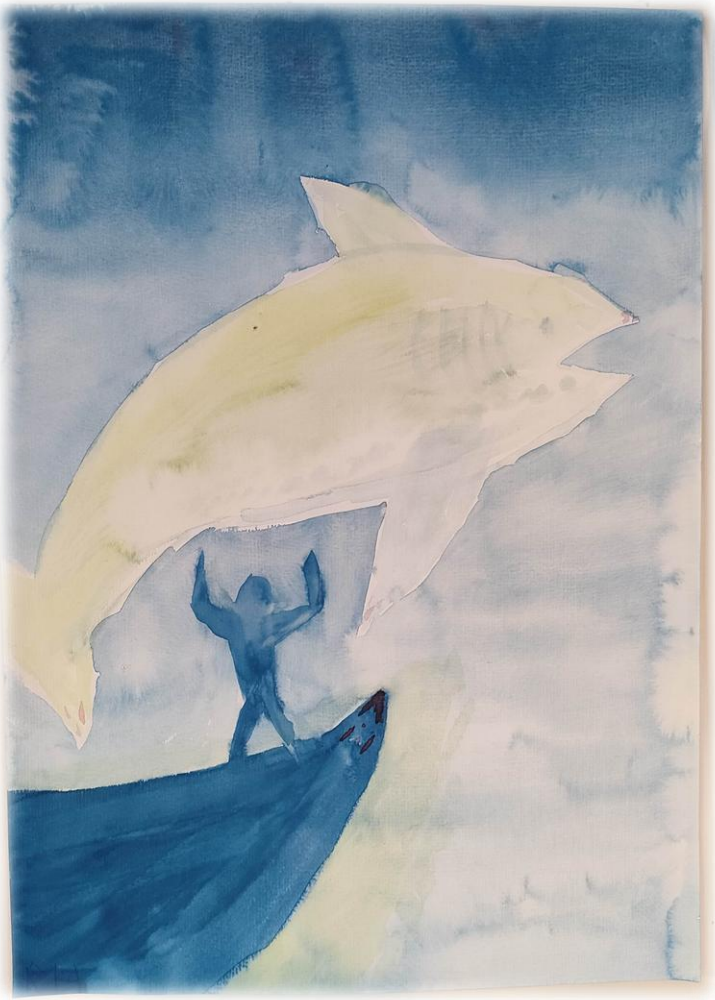




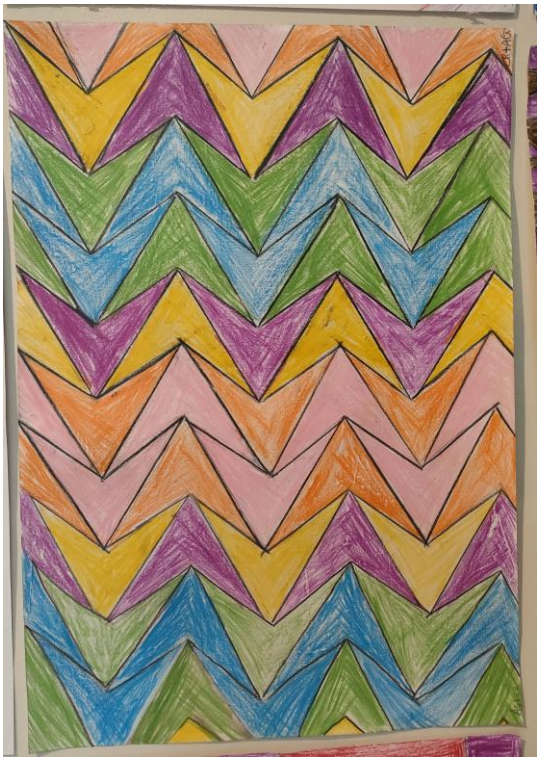
After form drawing, we started a Main Lesson on Ancient India. Ancient India is a vast topic full of numerous stories and traditions. The class have heard the story of Manu and Matsya ('God' in the form of a fish), and select stories about Vishnu and Shiva - including the story about how Ganesh got his elephant head.

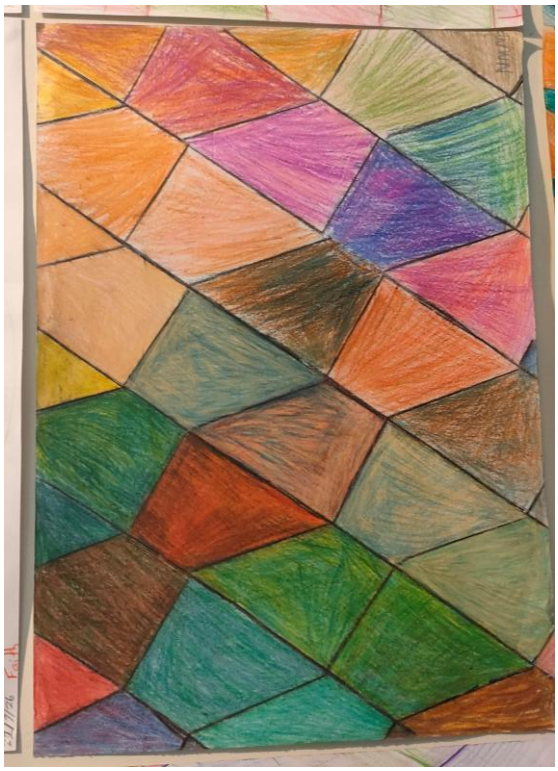


We have been exploring the traditional Indian practice of chanting Mantra during morning circle. Our pots, pans, and bowls have been doubling as drums, and the students have been taking turns leading the call and response.



In math, the students have been working in pairs to create tessellation artworks. This unit has seen the class members strengthening their understanding and working knowledge of angles and protractors.





Class Kākāpō has noticed signs that the world is dreaming of spring - buds swelling, and the first blossoms and flowers starting to appear. We recently planted broad beans, and there has even been some talk in class about the end-of-term Spring Festival.

Be Well, *James*

KINDERGARTEN

Winter tells us little bulbs to tuck our heads in so
Then we need not shake and shiver when the cold winds blow
Spring will come, with sun and shower
Soon to raise our heads
And then we'll grow and grow and grow
And pop right out of bed

We have been experiencing the full range of weather these last few weeks, with an exciting snow day last Tuesday and early spring bulbs in our garden! Our garden has been very muddy these last few weeks and plenty of spare clothes for all children is very much appreciated as we often need to change wet and muddy children, despite over pants and jackets! Socks are especially needed as we have no spare Kindy socks, if you have any spare Kindy clothes to return, please do.

We are planning an interesting parent evening for Tuesday 1st September 5:30 - 6:30 following on from our movement parent evening last term. This term we will focus on children's drawing as a developmental picture and the soul experience of wet-on-wet painting. The evening will include a practical element (painting) as well as a short talk on how we work with both colour and form in the kindergarten.

Warmly,

The Kindy Kaiako

PLAYGROUP

Ciara Dean is our facilitator for the Monday sessions and Miriam Marler facilitates 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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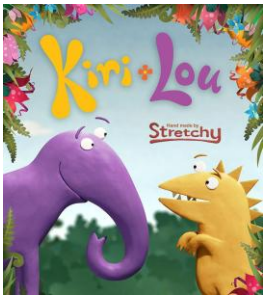
DSO: Kiri & Lou – A Family Concert



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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Term 3 Basketball programs start Sun, Aug 13 at the Edgar Centre
2degrees Girls Got Game: Y5-8 girls, $50 for 5 weeks, starts Sun, Aug 16, 9-10 AM.
https://membership.mygameday.app/regoform.cgi?formID=121638
BNZ Kiwi Hoops: Y1-6 kids, $50 for 5 weeks, starts Sun, Aug 16, 9-10 AM.
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Forest & Bird - Bird of the Year 2026: **The Royal Albatross Centre** is campaigning for the **Northern Royal Albatross (Toroa)** to take the crown and become the reigning 2026 champion. Would you spread the word and vote for the albatross please?