



Mānawātia a Matariki



NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 DATES

School

Thu 27th July 4:30pm Class Kea meeting – Kea classroom

Kindy

Governance

Mon 31st July 5:30pm Board meeting – Kea classroom

Thu 10^h August 6pm Proprietors meeting – Kea classroom

Other

Thu 27th July 3pm Clothes Swap stall – Playgroup room

Sat 29th July 10am to 2pm WORKING BEE

Tue 1st August 4pm Kaupapa Māori Impulse Group – Kea classroom

Wed 2nd August Anthroposophical Nursing Support Workshop #3

Tue 8th August 9am Craft Group meeting – Playgroup room

Wed 23rd August Anthroposophical Nursing Support Workshop #4

Every other Tuesday 9am Craft Group meeting in the Playgroup room.

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

term 3 has started with plenty of rain, mud and slippery slopes in the forest – enjoyed by many! The children have come back with plenty of energy, great holiday stories and a lot of energy and spirit, which they are ready to put back into their learning experiences.

Please make sure your child has spare clothing in their bag and check the bag at the end of the day – we have had plenty of muddy pants already!

Please read below a little more about our Matariki celebrations in school and what the children are learning.

Also keep an eye on the upcoming events: We hope to see many of you at the working bee this Saturday (details below) and at the anthroposophical nurse workshop with Brit (dates below).

Ngā mihi,

Anna Noble

Tumuaki/Principal

Matariki

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki

Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi

Mānawa maiea te Mātahi o te Tau.

Whano, whano

Haramai te toki ata huakirangi

Haumi e

Hui e

Tāiki e!

Celebrate the rising of Matariki

Celebrate the lord of the skies

Celebrate the new year

Unite, unite

And bring forth the dawn

Together

In union

We are one!

We would like to share how we celebrate Matariki in our community so you can share the learning with your children and all of us. Every star in the Matariki cluster is associated with a different quality and it is this quality that the children have been learning about and engaging with. While learning about the Matariki cluster is shared community wide, each class has been given one star to focus on so their learning and connection can be deepened by giving it time and space to grow and work with over the two weeks. We are seeing weaving, karakia, waiata, baking, food preparation, poetry, art and other activities happening across the school. We have

also been very lucky to have Danya Kerr come in to do kapa haka with the children and it has been lovely to see them, and the teachers, engage with the language, the music and her background knowledge, which she shares generously.



On Friday we will share our learning with each other in a school assembly and conclude with a sharing of food, prepared by our senior classes.

We would like to thank our community for engaging in their part of the Matariki celebrations, honouring the star of Pōhutukawa by remembering those that have passed in placing individually decorated stars on our kōwhai tree, and Hiwa-i-te-rangi, by making a wish for your child and our kura/kōhungahunga. We look forward to receiving many more of your wishes.

Ngā mihi o Matariki, te tau hou Māori!

School Board News – Meet Michelle McGrath



Tēnā koutou katoa, Ko Gailimh, Eireann ahau

Kei Ōtepoti tōku kāinga ināianeī.

Being a nurse from Ireland gave me the freedom to travel and work in many countries, I immigrated to Aotearoa 20 years ago. My partner, Mark Jackson is lucky enough to have grown up here. Between us we have 3 children, 2 of whom are 'Steiner kids'.

Joining the board is a way for me to contribute to the school as I am unavailable for working bees.

This is my first role in governance and I recommend it. The board is a great team who have the school, staff and children's best interests at heart. If you are curious how the board works, please join us for one of our monthly hui.

Ngā mihi,

Michelle

Clothes Swap Initiative

Kia ora koutou Steiner community, tomorrow Anna Delaney will be in the Playgroup room from 3pm until 3:45/4pm depending on how busy it is. If you have good clothing at home your children have grown out of that could benefit another family, please consider gifting for this cause. Winter clothing is particularly valuable, so thermal and merino clothing, jackets, boots, hats, etc.

If this picks up some traction, Anna is willing to hold a session every couple of weeks on a Thursday after school. So have a look through your clothing before then, and you can drop clothing to the office or bring it at the time. I can hold surplus clothing and bring it to each swap. Gift what you don't need, take what you need!

Out of School Care Programme

Our before and after school care programme is up and running and we have enjoyed welcoming new staff and children to the sessions in one of the new lower classrooms. We have spaces for new enrolments - either on a casual or permanent basis, so contact the office if you are interested. The available hours are Mon to Fri 8:15-8:45 and 3-4 and 4-5pm during term time.

Our two staff - Rose, and Eliza introduce themselves to you here:

Kia ora kotou.

Ko Eliza ahau.

I am pleased to have the opportunity introduce myself and return to be part of Rudolf Steiner whānau. My now grown up children both spent time at Steiner and enjoyed the quiet focused style of learning and the freedom of play. I enjoy art and storytelling activities, and look forward to the weather allowing for outdoor adventures.

I also look forward to finding out what your children enjoy doing as we learn more about each other.

Eliza McMillan



Kia ora,

My name is Rose and I am so excited to be a part of the Rudolf Steiner out of school care program!

I am from Waitati, and now live in Dunedin while I complete my study with Open Polytechnic.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all!

Rose Casey

Anthroposophic Home Nursing Support Workshops

Kia ora e te whānau, our Anthroposophic home nursing series will return next Wednesday, August 2nd from 6 to 8pm. Please come along and join our korero, the topic for this session will be supportive care for fevers. \$20 per session which can be paid as cash to Brit on the night or into the bank account 03-1726-0004961-00 Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago, please identify the payment as “nursing workshop”.

Working Bee this Saturday 29 July 10 am to 2pm

Please come along and connect with others in our school community as we address a few tasks around the school, kindergarten and playgroup. Your help for a couple of hours between 10am and 2pm would be appreciated. Tasks we have are:

1. Hanging cloths in kindergarten to help with acoustics. High works from rafters.
2. Setting up new compost bin on top field by veg bed
3. Resetting the roof on the small yurt
4. Stacking firewood for the octagonal classroom
5. Flowform

There are always gardening jobs available and extra cleaning jobs. Come prepared with clothes for all weathers, garden gloves etc. Step ladders would also be helpful.

If anyone knows which job interests them and would like to sign up to it now, then email the office. We look forward to seeing you.

Structure of Our School and Kindergarten

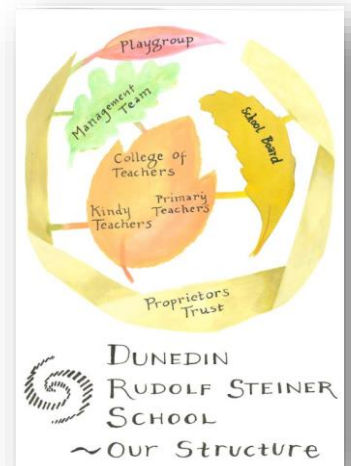
Sometimes our structure does not seem so straightforward as we have both a State Integrated Primary and Intermediate School, and also a kindergarten and playgroup. How are they all linked? What does the Board do, what does the Proprietors Trust do? What is the "College of Teachers"?

This little booklet on our website is a handy summary, worth a read.

<https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/information-and-forms.html>

The Board is the governing body for the Primary School, while the Proprietors Trust is both the governing body for the kindergarten and playgroup, and owns the land and buildings.

The Trust is a registered charity with the objective of furthering special character Steiner Education in Otago, and as such receives donations from parents and others which it uses to support both the School and Kindergarten.



KINDERGARTEN

Dear All,

Mānawatia a Matariki ki a koutou.

We are well into the swing of term three, and have our working bee coming up on Saturday. The main focus for the kindergarten is to get acoustic insulation back up in at least the Rata room.

We hold Pamala in our thoughts as she is away on leave, having just lost her mother last week. Joella is helping out in the Kōwhai room in the meantime.

******The children have been enjoying Matariki celebrations - as you read this, the children have probably just finished eating baked potatoes and hearing a Matariki story.

I have been struck at the way in which having Matariki as a public holiday is bringing about social change rapidly. It is deep nourishment for the soul to have a day that we collectively remember those who have passed, acknowledge what we are grateful for and set our sights on the year to come. The stars which were available for those who want them to hang on the remembrance tree outside the office have sparked conversations in the classroom.

Around the age of 5/6, children will naturally begin to ask questions around dying, as they begin to process the world and their own lives from a more aware level of consciousness. Children have been speaking freely and openly about those who passed in their families, and this normalisation around talking about death and new life is a boon for us all, as it strengthens our connection with our individual souls, and therefore, our shared humanity.

******On another note, if anyone has any suitable pots or pans etc. for use in the sandpit or with the outdoor kitchen, we would gratefully receive them. Ours are starting to look a little tired, and we could do with a refresh.

Ngā mihinui, *the Kindy teachers*

CRAFT GROUP

Hi crafters - dates for this term's meetings are every second Tuesday after drop off in the playgroup room, August 8th and 22nd, September 5th and 19th. We are making mice, knitted animals and felted balls. All are welcome, any level of ability, come for craft, conversation and a cuppa. See you there, Jen

enquiries: jenwigleypiano@gmail.com

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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Parks and Recreation Services: Dunedin City Council is currently asking Dunedin residents to give feedback on the current policies for our city's reserves. These policies guide the use, development, maintenance, protection and preservation of Dunedin's more than 300 natural areas which include parks, reserves, sports grounds and other green spaces. Have your say at www.dunedin.govt.nz/reserves-management-review
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Matariki harakeke weaving in our kura

