



"Every assembly, every performance, weather eurythmy, gymnastics or music, brings a transformation of mood. The shadows recede, the light breaks through."

Emil Molt

(co-founder of the first Waldorf school)



## NEWSLETTER

### TERM 3 DATES

#### Governance

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> August                      6pm Proprietors meeting – Kea classroom

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> September              5:30pm Board meeting – Kea classroom

#### Other

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> August                      10am to 12pm Joint hui – all welcome

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> August                      3pm Waiata – Playgroup room – all welcome

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> August                      9am Craft Group meeting – Playgroup room

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> August                      6-8pm Anthroposophical Nursing Support Workshop #3

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

**Playgroup** is on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

It has been a very wet two weeks and this unfortunately means that our top field has not had the same amount of ball playing, running and general activity on it, as the children would like – it is just too muddy. However, they have moved into the forest, onto the court and have found many ways to make use of the less muddy spaces in

the school grounds. The general feeling is that we are all ready for a little bit more sunshine to warm the bodies and souls.

In the classroom, however, the start of the term has been filled with matariki celebrations and learning and some beautiful voices, learning and performing kapa haka. The assembly at the end of last week was a very special event with the children sharing their work, singing and food. It was particularly nice to have the tuākana children from our kindergarten join the school for this occasion and share some food with each other.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the working bee. A lot of jobs were completed and it is very nice to walk past the garden beds, knowing that they are ready for spring planting for the classes and the harakeke, seeing it looks a lot lighter and will be creating the surroundings for the flow form soon, let alone the kindergarten ceiling, which has softened the feeling and sound in the room. It was a great opportunity to connect with each other and I heard plenty of laughter and chatter all over the school. Thank you!

## Matariki

Thank you for everyone who participated in the matariki community celebrations – it has been heart-warming to see. If you would like to take your star home, please do so by the end of this week, as we will take them off the tree then.

The box for the wishes for your child or the school is still sitting in the office – if you would still like to make a wish, the box will be there until this Friday.







All our classes are working on performances and we are hoping to share them with you at the end of the term. Please keep an eye out for more information on this as this will be a great event with amazing talent and a chance for the community to come together.

Please also have a look at the invitations for different initiatives – if you are interested in any of them, please let us know.

Ngā mihi, *Anna Noble*

Tumuaki/Principal

## Invitations:

### Marketing Group

We are looking at starting our marketing group. The group's work will be around how to communicate our values and our special character and how we reach the right people in our wider community that are yet to hear about our special character and how it may fit with their own beliefs. If you would like to be part of this group that will develop our strategy moving forward, please get in touch.

## ERO

As part of our three-year partnership with ERO (Educational Review Office), the ERO representative is interested in getting to know our community better and would like to meet some parents. This is an informal chat about your experiences at our kura and will take place on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of August at 2:30pm for 30min maximum. If you are interested to be involved, please let us know in the office. We are looking for 3-4 parents.

## The Proprietors Trust is Seeking New Members

Our Trust which safeguards our Steiner special character, owns the land and buildings and governs the kindergarten, is looking for new Trustees to join them.

Do you have a keen interest in seeing the whole school thrive, can you provide some sound judgement to our Trust affairs?

The Trust meets monthly in term time. Current and former trustees have enjoyed the insights and collegueship that this role provides. Get in touch via the office or contact a current Trustee, such as Jenny Wigley, Kussi Hurtado or Lenka Blass if you are interested. You would also be welcome to come along as a visitor to our meeting this Thursday at 6pm at the school (Lower classroom).

Jenny - [jenwigleypiano@gmail.com](mailto:jenwigleypiano@gmail.com) or [lenka.blass@gmx.de](mailto:lenka.blass@gmx.de)

## Waiata Group

**Come and sing! Learn some waiata with us.**

From Tuesday 15 August we are starting a waiata group to sing some waiata with the community. Nau mai, haere mai. We will start singing at 3pm in the playgroup room - come in through the deck. We plan to finish at 3.30. All welcome including instrumentalists!

## Out of School Care Programme

Rose, Eliza and the children have been enjoying a varied programme of activities over the week. Tuesday seems to be a day of food - such as baking scones and making cream, while Wednesdays will be more in the outdoor environment and Thursday being craft based.





We are open 5 days a week during term time and enrolments are creeping up, especially with the opportunity of subsidised places for families who would qualify for an OSCAR subsidy. Ask at the office if you are interested to join on a permanent or casual basis.

## **Anthroposophic Home Nursing Support Workshops**

Kia ora e te whānau, the Anthroposophic home nursing session that was booked for last Wednesday was cancelled and will now take place on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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”.

## **SCHOOL NEWS – Class kea**

Kia ora e te whānau,

Class Kea has been busy so far this term. We began with a week full of activities and celebration around Matariki. Our class focused on Tupuānuku, the star of food that grows from the ground, and Waitī, the star of freshwater. For this, we made kumara, carrot, and celery soup that we shared with the school community, did some harakeke weaving of ika and whetū, and wrote poems about how we celebrate Matariki.







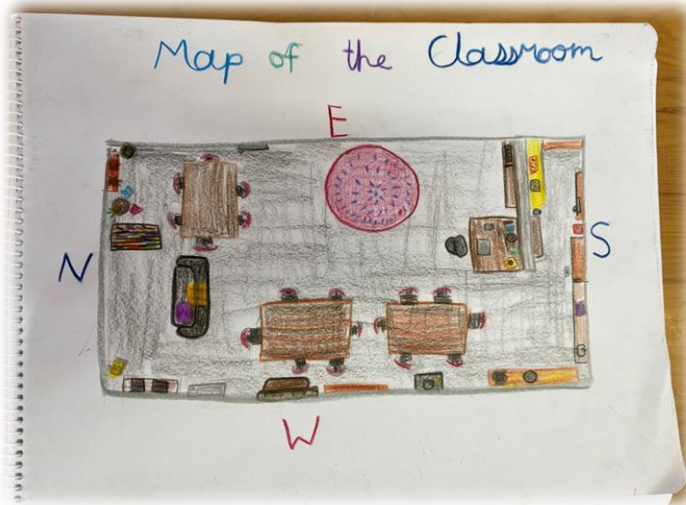
We are now working on a new main lesson, Local Geography. In this main lesson we are looking at the whole and parts of our local surroundings. Using a compass rose, a legend, and a birds-eye view the students have been mapping themselves at their desks, the





classroom, the school grounds, the school neighbourhood, their way to school, and Dunedin.

The school neighbourhood being a favourite as we first walked all the streets on the day it snowed! are gradually expanding our awareness and connectedness of our local environment as we work through this main lesson.



Class Kea is also starting practice on our class play, *The Tricksters*. This is a very exciting endeavour, and we look forward to sharing it.

All my very best to you all,

Emily for Class Kea

## KINDERGARTEN

Dear All,

I recently read this article about discipline the Waldorf way and thought I'd share. It is a worthwhile read. Here is a little teaser. Click on the link for the full article.

**“Discipline the Waldorf Way** *by Panjee Tapales*

There's a myth about Waldorf Education and discipline. I've read some comments saying Waldorf kids are not disciplined and are allowed to do what they want. My experience has been the opposite, and I cannot say enough how grateful I am to Bella Tan, from whom I was fortunate to learn everything I know about

discipline. She showed us, with very little words, just how to do this effectively. Here's what I learned: ..."

<https://waldorfmom.net/parenting/discipline-the-waldorf-way/>

Ngā mihinui, Julie

## CRAFT GROUP

Hi crafters - dates for this term's meetings are every second Tuesday after drop off in the playgroup room, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. 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

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## 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* **Disclaimer: This space is open to advertisers and the school does not make any guarantees or endorsement on their behalf.**

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**ORC BUS: Remember to register your free Bee Card today.** All travel concessions on buses are only available with REGISTERED Bee Cards. So, if you are aged 5+ and have an unregistered Bee Card, you will pay \$3 per bus trip. We invite you to pop into an ORC office or a Bee Card retailer to pick up a free Bee Card before 30 September, or ask your bus driver for one - and remember to register it by going online here: <https://beecard.co.nz/> 5–12 years with Bee Card — FREE fares with a REGISTERED Bee Card  
If you're aged 5–12 years, you travel free on the bus. You must have registered your Bee Card online and must tag on and tag off. 13–18 years with Bee Card — 60c fares with a REGISTERED Bee Card  
If you're aged 13–18 years, you pay 60c per trip on the bus. You must have registered your Bee Card online and remember to tag on and tag off.

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**Anglican Family Care is still looking for people to provide short-term and respite care** for children and young people, as part of our support of families in Dunedin. Can you help? If you require more information, or have any questions, please contact me on 03 477 0801. Thank you, together, with your support, we will continue to make a difference in our community. Rose Scott, Caregiver Liaison Social Worker.