



Dawn and dusk by a Class 2 pupil

*Time is not measured by the years that you live  
But by the deeds that you do and the joy that you give-  
And each day as it comes brings a chance to each one  
To love to the fullest, leaving nothing undone  
That would brighten the life or lighten the load  
Of some weary traveler lost on Life's Road-  
So what does it matter how long we may live  
If as long as we live we unselfishly give."*

*Helen Steiner Rice*

## NEWSLETTER

### DIARY OF DATES

Every Wednesday

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sep

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> Sep

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

2:30 pm Fair meeting – staff room

6:30 pm BoT meeting

5:30 to 7 pm Kindergarten parents' meeting

2 pm Kindy Introductory Talk for prospective families

5:30 pm Proprietors meeting

10 am – 1 pm Joint meeting - staff, BoT and Props

6:30 pm BoT meeting

FAIR day

### PLAYGROUP TIMES (353 PINE HILL ROAD)

Mondays 10 to 12 pm

Mixed age children

Wednesdays 10 to 12 pm

Mixed age children

Kia ora koutou,

The dominant event this week has been the visit to the school by ERO.

You may be aware that the BoT, Clare, myself and the College of Teachers have been working on the points and concerns raised in the 2017 visit. We have had help from ERO advisers as we work through the requirements for change.

This week ERO came to assess our progress in addressing and resolving any actions that had been identified as needing work.

They spoke with children from the older, senior classes, the teachers and the BoT. We will hear the outcome of the visit in due course.

Our goal is to have the next ERO visit before the end of the year and to achieve a good judgement of our performance. After that we shall be in a better position to negotiate on the roll cap increase we are asking for.

On another level we are happy to celebrate the opening of the grand staircase between the yurt and the Octagon classroom. A big thank you to Justin who performed this considerable feat, even having to smash and dislodge resident rocks that he uncovered on the way. Thank you also to the parents who came and gave him some help over the weekend.

We have had a routine H&S walk around the school, identifying possible hazards and dealing to them. Please don't hesitate to let the Office, Stefan Roesch C1&2 dad or Justin our caretaker know if you notice something that might be a hazard.

*Pene Johnstone*

## **Kindergarten and School for Younger Siblings**

Please remember to place your younger children in the expression of interest list for the kindergarten and school. It is never too soon. We have children born in 2019 in the list.

## **SCHOOL NEWS - Class Kereru**

We have been embracing the winter chill with stories of King Winter and his snow palace, making snowflakes to decorate our windows and paintings of the dawn and dusk we still enjoy before and after school.

This term we have started off with a 'Virtue pick of the week' and throughout the week we do role plays and look for virtue acknowledgements. So far we've had generosity, detachment and truthfulness.

The past few Team Tuesday's have been lots of fun doing drama with Class Kahikatea and the themes and stories James weaves together!





Sharyn is our welcome teacher aide. She has been helping the older girls with some literacy extension:

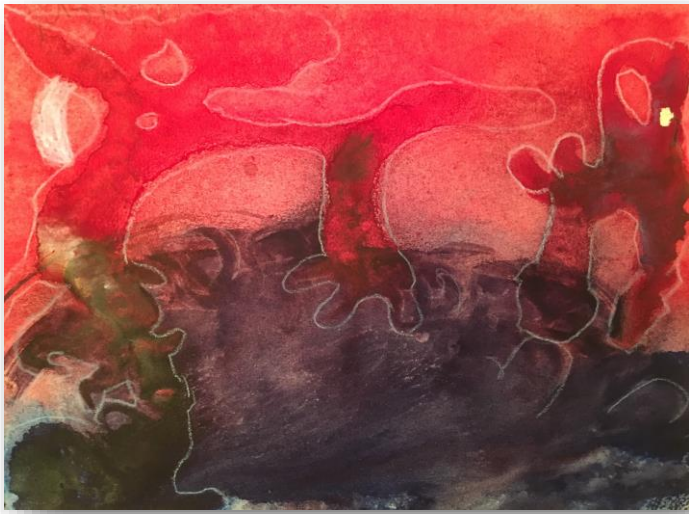


We have wonderful parents who regularly come in to help with painting, reading etc. and the children thoroughly enjoy the extra input:





We have produced dawn and dusk paintings with creative imaginings.



Last week Class Kereru earned 10 snowflakes for whole class great work and decided on a crazy hair and pyjama day as our celebration.

*Trisha and class Kereru*

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Whānau,

The Kindergarten staff have recently reviewed the Kindergarten philosophy statement. Below is our new philosophy statement - if you have any questions, comments or feedback, there is a consultation form available at the office.

What looks like a fairly simple piece of writing has taken us several months to put together, as it involved dissecting our previous one line by line and making sure that there was indeed a common understanding. Thank you to all everyone who answered questions and completed the survey related to this earlier in the year.

### **Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten Philosophy statement**

The Kindergarten Programme is based on the understanding of child development derived from the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner known as Anthroposophy. Steiner Waldorf pedagogy holds at its centre the question of what it means to be human, and strives to recognise the unique developmental pathway of each child.

At the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten we protect the children's right to an unhurried childhood. Through self-directed play children are able to meet the world at their own pace.

Self-directed imaginative play is the child's primary focus. Natural resources, the teacher's guiding presence, and a harmonious daily rhythm provide an environment where creative free play can flourish.

The seasons guide us through the year and are reflected in the stories, songs, festivals and natural environment of the kindergarten.

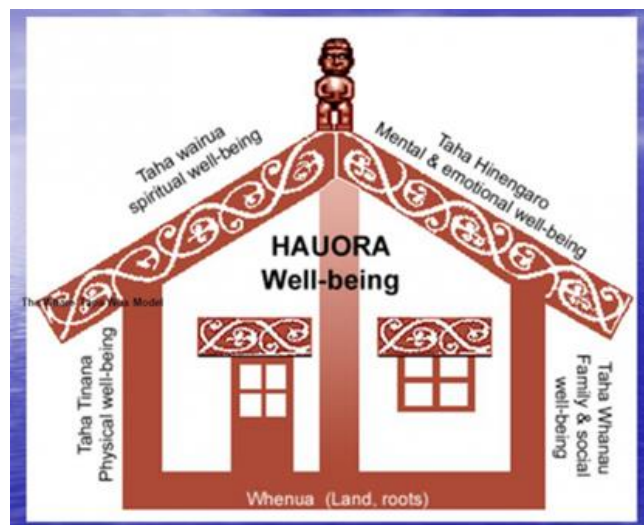
Teaching and learning are supported by the arts through singing, storytelling, poems, drawing and painting.



Human development can be thought of in terms of cognitive (hinengaro), physical (tinana), emotional (whatumanawa), spiritual (wairua), and social and cultural dimensions, but these dimensions need to be viewed holistically, as closely interwoven and interdependent. For Māori, the spiritual dimension is fundamental to holistic development because it connects to other dimensions across time and space. (Te Whāriki; Ministry of Education, 2017, p.19)

We recognise the Māori model of health and wellbeing, Te Whare Tapa Whā (the four cornerstones/walls) as aligning with the principals of Steiner/Waldorf education.

Ngā mihi, *The Kindergarten teachers.*



## PLAYGROUP

We have enjoyed a cosy winter term at Pinehill but can definitely see signs of Lady Spring coming at last. We will be starting our spring story and songs in the next few weeks.

The fair is coming up in early November and there are a few things playgroup families can do to support it. Closer to the time we will have raffle tickets to buy and sell, and if anyone feels able to make a little craft project to sell at the fair this would be welcome. Please feel free to talk to Alida or myself further about this or come along to the craft group meeting.

Finally, I thought I would include our popular 'last minute bun recipe' for any families wishing to make these at home, children very much enjoy this simple baking process and they are delicious for lunch or with soup for dinner!

1 cup of warm water

1 tablespoon of honey or sugar

1 tablespoon of yeast

1 tablespoon of oil

When the yeast has bubbled, the mixture is ready to add to the dry ingredients....

3 cups of organic flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Combine and knead lightly. Shape however you choose, we have some fantastic creations at playgroup! Bake for 10-15 minutes at 180 degrees.

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

## CRAFT GROUP

Thursday afternoon craft sessions at 6 Robin Lane St Leonards 12.30-2.30pm are continuing with preparation for the fair on the 3rd November.

We are hoping to increase the number of smaller items available this year. Simple, yet cute kits will be available for every family to take home before the end of term 3. It is expected that if each family can make at least one item then we will have a well stocked craft stall.



The craft stall is a major contributor to the fair and works best if we all chip in as a community. Donations of knitted squares, anything from 8x8cm up to 25x25cm in natural colours or pure wool, will count as your contribution to the craft stall.

If you would like to make something else but do not have the materials please ask Sharyn. If sewing or knitting is not your thing then maybe you could consider making Whittled gnomes.

If you would prefer an evening craft session contact Suzi Hutchings for further details.

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*

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**The Holy Cow Farm and Forest Camp** will resume with spring break! Merrall has purchased Ian Muir's Farm across Blueskin Rd. (Aramoana Save it) so exploring our new home will be the theme. Here are some projects to choose from -name and map the paddocks and farm roads; plant Rudi's the horse an apple tree. Rudi is Fernie's brother and has just come home after 5 years at riding for the disabled; paint the Aramoana save it sign; haul stones with the horses for potholes; make plans for our new camp home! The farmhouse doesn't look like much but we've rescued worse. Tupten Tamang will assist and we will run ages 10 -12 years in week 1 Mon Sept 30<sup>th</sup> to Fri Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, ages 6-9 years week 2 Mon Oct 7<sup>th</sup> to Fri Oct 11<sup>th</sup>. The day will start at 10 am and run until 2 pm. We will meet and pick up at the end of Reynolds' Road. The cost is \$100 per week. Children, please dress warmly, have gumboots and foul weather gear. Bring a backpack with water and lunch. Be ready to follow directions , carry through with tasks and get dirty! See you there, Alex MacNeille 03-472 7304.