



**“The need for Imagination  
A sense of truth and a  
felling of responsibility  
are the three forces which  
are the very nerve of education.”**

**Rudolf Steiner**



## NEWSLETTER

**DIARY OF DATES** (subject to covid alert levels)

Mondays 9:15am Craft group meeting - yurt

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 5:30pm BoT meeting - staff room

## 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,

It's hard to believe that we are two weeks down the route of home schooling and lockdown at level 4 but now we have the glimmer of hope that level 3 brings.

The email sent to you yesterday was a direct copy forwarded from the Ministry which covered more than just the points relevant to us.

Here in Maia we are able to cover the few essential workers who are not able to find other arrangements for children during level 3.

To date the Kindy is closed and we have one child in school. The teachers are continuing the home/ school programme and I am sharing the in school care with

those teachers who are able. We are aware that, should an outbreak occur, the shift could move back to level 4 but for now things seem pretty stable for the South Island/ Te wai Pounamu.

We are fortunate to be a Primary school; although we will miss 3 weeks of classroom teaching/learning, it is not a substantial loss in the way that it might be in High School. The teachers will work in a more organic way, on return, to cover the lessons they planned which have been replaced by home school activities that consolidate, rather than introduce new material and skills as we do in an active daily learning environment like the classroom. And there is nothing quite like the social learning that occurs to enhance social skills and human qualities like respect and appreciation of the strengths and differences that are part of the makeup of a class. I am sure the children and teachers look forward to that return to normal.

I get the impression that teachers are getting lovely feedback from the parents and some pupils and seem to be going the long haul to maintain the contact with your children.

A big thank you to the teachers and to all of you, especially those who may be in dual roles of supporting your child's learning as well as working from home.

In other matters, we are delighted to have had our new Board members attend our August meeting on zoom. Welcome Chris and Lenka.

The Builders have returned to the building site today and are practising the social distancing and workplace protocol required in Level 3.

We should start to see some scaffolding soon as they have the steel of the foundations done/ completed just before Lockdown.



With my best wishes for warm days gleaming with daffodils and a rapid return for us all to school even at level 2.

*Pene*

## Note from the Board

Kia ora, te whānau,

Here we go again, working our way through level 4 and lockdown. While each family is probably adopting different habits and routines, I'm sure that what we all have in common is that we miss school, the staff, our friends and community. Hopefully, this collective effort pays off soon and we can all go back to school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated team of school teachers, kindergarten teaches, office and wider school staff and the management team for keeping us all informed and navigating these strange times. The board and the wider community truly appreciate all your hard work!

Keep well and safe and I hope we can all go back soon back to more normal.

He waka eke noa!

On behalf of the board, *Danny Fridberg*

## SCHOOL NEWS – Class 2, Tui

Kia ora from Class Tui

One blessing of lockdown is that we are feeling the welcoming Spring weather...beautiful blue skies and warm sun. Lots of Class Tui pupils have been out and about enjoying the outdoors. Lots of biking, hut building, gardening, wandering, making beautiful patterns and designing Spring tables for their homes.





When rain and drizzle arrived, some children turned to serious baking!! Yummy! And some busied themselves doing crafts.



Some 'eager beaver' children have worked enthusiastically on completing the tasks sent out to them and have enjoyed marking them with me via video calls.

When asked, "What do you miss the most about not being at school?" The most common response has been, "You, and my friends." A lovely reminder of the connections we make being the most important, by far.



Stay safe, stay well.

Warmest wishes,

*Julie and Class Tui*



# KINDERGARTEN

Dear Whānau,

As you are all aware, the Kindergarten is closed until we enter Level 2.

I hope you all received the email with the attachment - 'Support for Home'

If you did not, please email the office and it can be sent again

In the meantime, while we wait for restrictions to be lifted, here is a song for the first signs of Spring.

Here, look in the garden bed,  
Something beautiful is growing.  
Bright, shaped like a cup, all red,  
Tulip opens to the sun.



Last night it was small and green,  
Flame-like now it is a-glowing.  
This one is the first I've seen,  
Now sweet weather has begun.  
Song can be found at:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=JOwBWu3qF10>

*Julie x*

## **“SPRING STORY**

It had been a long and cold winter. Lady Spring was snuggled soundly in her warm bed. One morning the rays of the sun shone in her window and tickled her on the nose, singing, “*Wake up, Lady Spring! Wake up Lady Spring!*“

Lady Spring arose from her bed and put on her cloak, which was woven with the colors of the flowers. And she slipped on her shoes, which were woven with the colors of the earth. Then she opened her door and stepped outside. Tiny white snowdrop flowers sprung up in her footprints as she walked. But it wasn't long before a cold wind began to blow and Lady Spring became chilled. She hurried back to her home and her warm bed.

The next morning the rays of the sun shone in her window and tickled Lady Spring on her nose, singing, “*Wake up, Lady Spring! Wake up Lady*

*Spring!*” Lady spring arose from her bed and put on her cloak, which was woven with the colors of the flowers. Then she slipped on her shoes, which were woven with the colors of the earth. Then she she opened her door and went outside. Again, tiny snowdrops bloomed in her footprints. But again, a cold wind began to blow before she had the chance to walk far. She became chilled and hurried back to her home and her warm bed. For many days it went like this. Then, one morning, the warm rays of the sun shone powerfully into her window and tickled her on the nose, and tickled her on the cheeks, and tickled her on the chin, singing, “*Wake up, Lady Spring! Wake up, Lady Spring! Wake up, Lady Spring!*” Lady Spring arose from her bed and put on her cloak, which was woven with the colors of the flowers. Then she slipped on her shoes, which were woven with the colors of the earth. Then she opened her door and went outside into the warm spring day.

Everywhere she walked flowers of all kinds and all colors sprung up in her footsteps: daffodils, tulips, dandelions and clovers. All day long Lady Spring walked the earth, leaving beautiful flowers in her wake. When the sun disappeared behind the distant hills, Lady Spring returned to her home to rest and begin again on the morrow.”

<https://www.maine coastwaldorf.org/2014/03/10/a-story-for-lady-spring/>

## 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.**

.....

**Rental home wanted** We are a 4-person family, Mom and three kids (14,12,5) looking for a home to rent in a suburb not too far from the Steiner School and preferably within cycling distance to Logan Park (for a fit 14 year old!). Must be warm for winter. Doesn't have to be long term because we will be looking to buy a house. Please contact Nina [ninaveenstra@yahoo.com](mailto:ninaveenstra@yahoo.com)