



"Our highest endeavour must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives. The need for imagination, a sense of truth, and a feeling of responsibility - these three forces are the very nerve of education."

Rudolf Steiner



NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 DATES

School

Fri 22nd September 1:30pm Spring Festival - TBC

Governance

Thu 14th September 6pm Proprietors meeting – Kea classroom

Mon 18th September 5:30pm Board meeting – Kea classroom

Other

Tue 15th August 3pm Waiata – Playgroup room – all welcome

Wed 23rd August 6-8pm Anthroposophical Nursing Support Workshop #3

Wed 30th August 3pm Clothes Swap – Playgroup room

Tue 5th September 9am Craft Group meeting – Playgroup room

Playgroup takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

Kia ora e te whānau,

We are halfway through the term and while the day started with frost outside, the children are warmed by the sun during the day, the first flowers have made their way out of the ground and it feels like spring is now just around the corner.



In the classrooms we currently see a lot of performance practices, the smell of bread and soup and maybe even something sweet keeps hanging around and there is often recorder playing outside – all senses are activated when moving around the school and the environment is brimming with positivity and energy.

Energy, community engagement and our special character was also the theme of our joint hui a couple of weeks ago and we would like to thank everyone who was able to attend. Community is such an integral part of any Steiner school and our special character and is at the heart of who we are and why we are here. We are united in the same purpose; to embed our children in a way of learning and being in the world, that goes well beyond (academic) education.

We speak a lot about holding the children and this means the child in their entirety. When starting their journey here, the conversation with parents is often about how the world of school and home can be mirrored as the special character goes beyond the delivery of a curriculum and it is in the best interest of the child to experience similarly lived values in both worlds. While this is a journey of lifelong learning for everyone in our community, it is a very rewarding one that anyone can do at their

own pace and in their own way. One way we would like to be part of the learning is to share more about what we do and why we do it this way, so please keep an eye out for a parent evening in term 4, where we will be looking at one particular part of the curriculum and invite parents to be part of the experiential side of the curriculum by doing the learning just like their children would in their classroom.

Please also make a note in your diary for the Spring Festival as we would love to see as many of you there as possible!

Ngā mihi,

Anna Noble

Tumuaki/Principal

Out of School Care..... consider enrolling?

Our programme has been running for a few weeks. We would like to ensure this service becomes financially viable as soon as possible, so it can continue into the new term. At our current level of enrolments, it is not a service that we can sustain.

If you would like to try it out, we are offering you a free session or two. Let us know in the office if you would like to explore this option.

Informing the office of absent children

Please remember to ring the school or mark on the school App Edge, before 9 am to let us know of your child's absence. Do make sure you tell us the reason for the absence. Refrain from doing so via email unless you are unable to make a phone call or use the App. This is because emails may not be available to other staff if Roberta happens to be absent.

When informing us of absences of children who are 5 years old or younger, check with your kindergarten teachers how they prefer to be informed, if via a phone call to the office or if they prefer to be informed directly.

Anthroposophic Home Nursing Support Workshops

We invite you to come along and join our korero tonight from 6pm. 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".

Clothes Swap

Kia ora community, it's time for another clothes swap!

Come to the Playgroup room after school Wednesday August 30th for tea, clothes, and community.

Please look through your clothes at home and see what your children have outgrown. Bring your clothes or drop to the office beforehand. Gift some clothes, take some clothes.



Nau mai, haere mai! *Anna Delaney*

Weleda fundraising order

Christine Schlegel will be placing an order with Weleda. We do an order with Weleda once a term. This is a bulk order, which is also a little fundraiser for the school. Best of all, all items only cost 78% of the recommended retail prices (RRP) for you, so it's way cheaper than in the shops.

There is a little selection available in the craft shop. For the whole selection of products or if you have any questions, please contact Christine via email (gibbonics@gmail.com). Orders can be sent to Christine's email address until Saturday, the 2nd of September. Thank you.

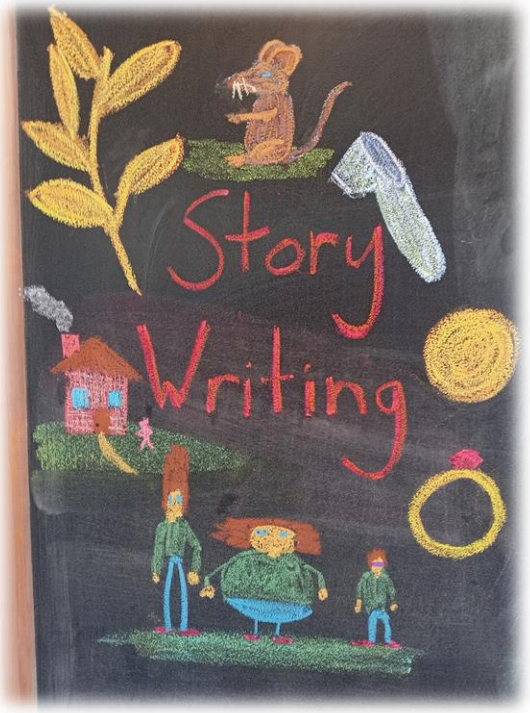
SCHOOL NEWS – Class Kākāpō

Hello everyone,

Greetings on behalf of Class Kākāpō.

We have been enjoying a Main Lesson on story writing. Our focus has been on making sure our stories have a beginning, middle, and end. This is all new for the class 1 students who are learning to write short three sentence stories. While for class 2, who are writing longer stories, the focus has been more on a consistent story arc.

The class has been painting a series of colour studies. We have been exploring primary colour relationships. After the paintings are finished, I put them up on the wall. We talk about how the colour combinations look, and how they feel: warm, cold, dry etc.





The whole class has been noticing signs of spring, and the students are starting to feel the rising spring energy. They are all very eager to start spring poems, songs, dances, and paintings.

I am also looking forward to starting these next week.

Enjoy the burgeoning spring weather.

Be Well, *James*



KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora koutou,

Let's talk fruit and vegetables...

A vital part of the kindergarten day is morning tea. The children prepare morning tea as their morning 'will activity' on arrival. They learn skills such as chopping fruit and vegetables, keeping focused, and working with the daily rhythm.

It is very important that everyone brings their contribution from home each day, or we fall short in what we are able to provide for morning tea.

Particularly on a Friday (roast vegetable day), we seem to be falling short of the mark.

Please think about how much your child can eat, and send them along with a suitable contribution for the roasting dish.

We need **a piece of fruit to share every day**, and then also:

Tuesday - a vegetable for soup

Thursday - a suitable fruit for the crumble

Friday - a decent amount of a vegetable for the roasting dish.

The children love morning tea - it comes after a busy time of creative play, and they are ready for nourishment.

Thank you to those of you who ensure you send food daily - it is very much appreciated.

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. So on 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

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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. 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.**

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.

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.



Sun 27 August
Rotary Park
10am Start



Free Event for 10 & under

Can donation for food bank



Collect the Blue Ribbon

Certificates for all

Cool Obstacles

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