



*"A human being can experience freedom only when the intellect can awaken on its own from within."*

*Rudolf Steiner*



## NEWSLETTER

### DIARY OF DATES

Every Wednesday	2:30 pm Fair meeting – staff room
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Class Kereru trip to Orokonui
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Proprietors meeting
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Classes 3 to 7 attending Tuia concert
Saturday the 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10 am – 1 pm Joint meeting - staff, BoT and Props
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	100 Years of Waldorf Steiner Schools
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	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 building is progressing according to plan and soon we will see the roof going on.

There are 5 doors with frames that are surplus to requirements that have come out of the previous structure which are free to a good home. They are currently stored within the building but need to be uplifted. Please let the office know if you are interested and we can arrange for them to be available.

Spring is upon us and the children are loving shedding a few layers. However, we need to keep reminding them that the wind whips around very quickly and they must still have warm layers at school.

We have a few interesting events coming up:

Tahu from Orokonui will be coming to visit the classes, firstly to Class1&2 on Thursday and then perhaps other classes in the next week.

Class1&2 will be visiting Orokonui on the following Monday.

On 12<sup>th</sup> September classes 3 to 7 will be going to the Town Hall to hear a concert by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra: Tuia - An Instrumental Journey with a new commission by Jeremy Mayall exploring the significance of music during the first encounters between Maori and Pakeha 250 years ago. It looks to be very interesting. We will travel to and from in a coach but will be back about 3.30 so if there are any transport complications please let your class teacher know. We will remind you closer to the day.

And we have swimming lessons at Moana Pool coming up next term so please start thinking about whether you might like to be a poolside parent.

More details to come before the end of term.

Jane Plant has become our new Staff Rep on the BoT. Thank you Jane for entering the race and being successful.

With only 3 1/2 weeks left of term it feels like the end of year is just around the corner.  
*Pene Johnstone*

## **Board of Trustees – Meet the BoT Members**

Kia Ora, my Name is Zahra Muhammed and I've recently joined our Board of Trustees in the Treasure role.

For those who don't know me, or only know me in passing I'm pretty hard to miss and always keen for a chat.

Currently I have two children attending Rudolf Steiner. Sahar in Jane's class and Safaa in the Kowhai room with their little brother Shuaib currently still at home with me.

I moved from Canada to Dunedin 10 years ago after a short stint in Auckland. I had no intention of staying in this country but fell in love with Dunedin, it really felt like a wonderful place to raise children.

My background work and education is in Non-Violent crisis intervention, which suited me well through my jobs in private and corporate security management.

I'm looking forward to being more involved with the inner workings of the school and working alongside both the new and experienced board members during this exciting time for our wonderful and very special school.

## **News from the Proprietors**

Last month we had our Annual General Meeting which is always a good opportunity to look back. We achieved quite a few things during the last year. I just want to mention a few of them.

- The most visible is getting the building up in front of the Kindergarten which will give us a new teaching space and a proper staff room plus toilets including a wheelchair accessible facility. All of that is very much needed to accommodate the growing school and kindy.

- With a lot of support from the community we are managing to get the funds for this building and the double storey classroom building that is to start soon. THANKS to all of you for your support.

- Kindy is doing well with the 3<sup>rd</sup> room for the younger children, a new young teacher and a slightly altered pay structure for the teacher assistants. We wanted to acknowledge their longstanding commitment and contribution.

- Last but not least, I want to mention the new pledge system for parental donation to school and kindy - it looks like it is working quite well for all parties.

For the time to come we will continue with the building work, fundraising and strengthening the special character, and hopefully we are lucky enough to have our roll cap increased. You are as always welcome to contact us, directly or via the office if you have any questions, or if you want to join the group!

*Gabriela* - for the Proprietors

## **Alumni**

Congratulations to Zoe Barton (Class 7 of 2018) for winning a year 9 scholarship at Logan Park High School. Well done Zoe!!!

These scholarships are awarded for outstanding achievement in academic, sporting, cultural and leadership areas.

## Fair Reminder

Please turn in raffle prizes (vouchers) to the office by the end of term 3. These need to have their expiry dates set for at least 3 months after the Fair date. Thanks, *Leah*

## Cheerful Cello News

A big congratulations to Kelepi Tapealova for a distinction in his Grade 7 cello exam and to Soloman Easton for a high distinction in his grade 2 cello exam. Both boys have excelled and are proof that practice helps to perfect the musical journey.

Here are their thoughts on their experience sitting St Cecilia music exams.

Solomon: "I felt nervous and a bit scared before the exam. Mr Matthews the examiner was very friendly and put me at ease. I made a few mistakes in my scales but I played my pieces with lots of confidence and expression. I was thrilled with my mark."

Kelepi: "Walking into the exam room, I wasn't as nervous as I maybe should have been. There were parts in pieces that were not exactly perfect, there were scales I had just learnt the correct fingering to thanks to Jocelyn dragging me to her place to practise a few more times than one would usually expect in the same week. There was also a typo in my write up booklet because of my bad habit of leaving things to the very last possible minute.

But for some reason I was pretty calm. This may have been because I wasn't exactly new to the

experience. I mean, I had taken a fair amount of exams in the past so you could call me somewhat of an exam taking expert. Or maybe it was because Jocelyn was nervous to the point where you could call it unhealthy on my behalf.

Walking out of the exam venue, I was happier than the 'me' from 2 hours ago would probably have expected. My pieces went well with only a few minor errors and my study wasn't that bad either although I did have to start again due to messing up the beginning. I played the scales I was not confident in without error but somehow managed to fumble on the ones I was most confident in and I executed my speech



well. The examiner didn't even notice the typo I had in my booklet. I had my stupidly heavy cello in my right hand and in my left I was holding a sheet of paper with scribbles you had to look at closely to realise was writing, and at the bottom right of this sheet of paper was a number higher than I would have ever expected. An 88 out of 100."

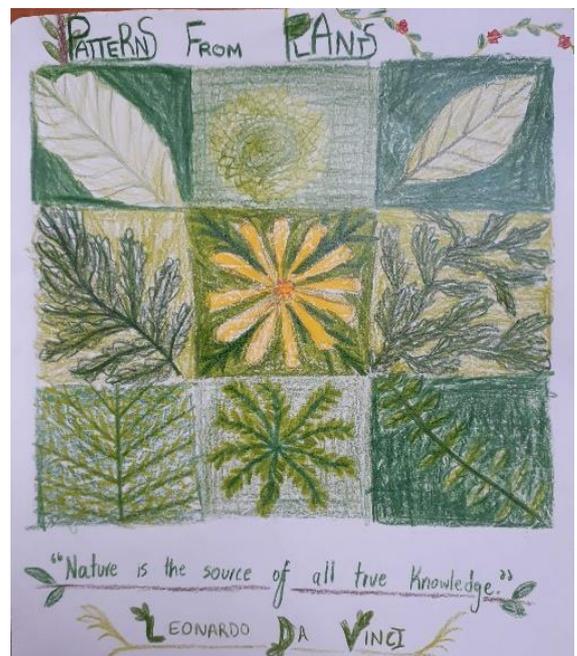
## SCHOOL NEWS ...Just Popping in...

I arrived in Dunedin last week, never been here. I normally live in Auckland, but I have been overseas for 14 months. So as I have been connected to Steiner Education most of my life some way or the other I had the urge to see the Dunedin Steiner school. I rang, took the bus out, walked up that bit of hill and popped in. After a little tour and taking part in some lessons I had a wee chat with Pene...and I was offered to do some relieving for two days in class 5/6.

I have never taught in a yurt and after arriving in the morning, I had the pleasure (and the challenge) to light a fire.

The current Mainlesson of the class is Botany. So I chose a little project we could do in two days. PATTERNS OF PLANTS. We went out looking at plants and sketched some patterns. The students then had the task to design a 9 patch with patterns inspired by plants...like for a fabric or wrapping paper. These are plants from the school ground, we looked at.

I think we were all very awestruck to discover this amazing pattern on a simple daisy and all these tiny little flowers in the flower. Some of the 9 patch designs:



I was very amazed by the musical abilities of the class and in two days we were able to play an Irish piece with many instruments. I think we all had fun with that.

Of course there was much more over these two days, I certainly walked out very enlivened and very lucky to be able to just pop in and teach such delightful children in such an extraordinary beautiful setting. My kind of work and travel!

With warmest greetings,

*Kerstin Mahr*

## **Farewell**

We farewelled George Jacques from Class 4 recently, as the family moved within Dunedin. We wish him well at his new school. We see the end of an era as three children from the family have passed through our school - Ursula, Dylan and George. Ursula's mountain paintings still grace our fundraising brochure, but we will remember each of them - from the time they arrived from the deep south in the winter of 2014! Ka kite anō....

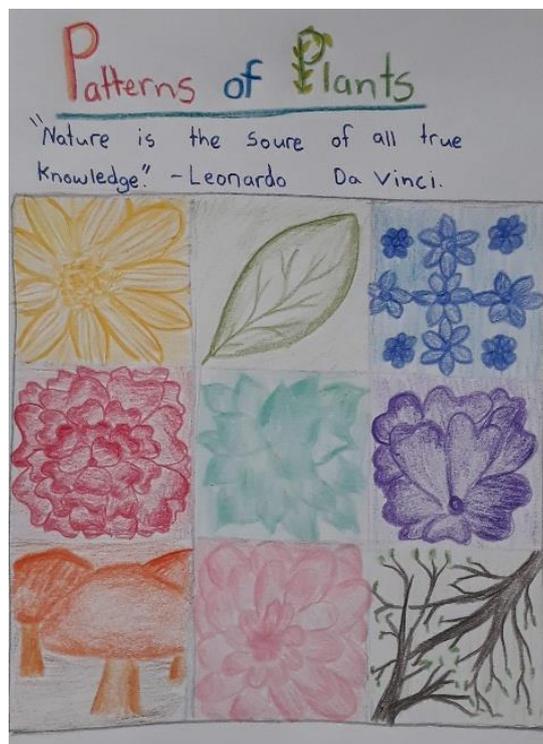
## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Hello Lady Spring,

A great thanks to the Guthrie family for gifting us some cranberry bushes, we really welcome whānau contributions to our gardens. We are busy planting and feel we can't have too many flowers and veges etc.

It is still muddy and we are finding quite a few children with not enough spare clothes, specially trousers. We have no larger kindy spares left at all, so apologies if your children are wearing their own muddy clothes all day.

Thank you to all those who faithfully bring the required fruit and veges each day, particularly at this time of the year we notice the increase in children's appetites and sometimes find we need to supplement children's lunches. On that note, our potato day has relaxed into a more varied and nutritious mixed roast vege day, so anything suitable for the roasting pan that may be lurking in your pantry by Friday is most welcome. On a similar note Crumble day does not need to be limited to apples, we have recently enjoyed oranges (for a lovely zesty topping) and frozen apricots.



This Thursday/Friday Julie will be travelling to Wellington to attend Waekura, the Steiner Federation's Early Childhood Working Group which meet every few months. There will be relievers covering her absence in the Rata Room.

Last Monday we had a very enjoyable Parent Evening, where we shared some tipāre (crown) weaving alongside discussing the trials and joys of parenting young children. How and when to get young children to sleep on their own was a shared theme. Ngā mihi, *the Kindergarten Teachers*



## **Kindergarten Policy and Procedure Review**

Our Health and Safety policies and procedures are currently under review and we would welcome your feedback. These include policies on Child Protection, Behaviour Management, Illness etc. Ngā mihi, *Clare*

## **Measles**

With news of the measles outbreak it is worth noting that Children and staff, who are not immunised against measles, or have no immunity to measles, who have been close contacts of a measles case during the infectious stages must be excluded from kindergarten for 14 days from their last contact. Copies of the policies and procedures are available in the office. Please provide feedback by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Ngā mihi, *Clare*

## **PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays 10 to 12 pm in Pine Hill. Contact Bex if you would like more information.  
[dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com)

## **CRAFT GROUP**

Thursday afternoon craft sessions at 6 Robin Lane St Leonards 12.30-2.30pm will resume on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. If you would prefer an evening craft session contact Suzi Hutchings for further details.

Check out the craft shop in the office for small toys, new stock of parenting books, crayons, pencils and much more.

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*

**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.

**The Early Years Last Forever:** For parents, future parents, and people working with families, come and learn how little brains develop. The Dunedin Alcohol Harm Reduction Group brings the Brainwave Trust to Dunedin on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day to deliver 'The Early Years Last Forever' seminar. Topics include: how little brains grow and develop, help children handle stress and feel safe, how experiences shape healthy development. Monday 9 September 2019 12:30pm – 2:00pm, [Edgar Centre](#), Dunedin  
Register for free at <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/the-early-years-last-forever/dunedin>



Whether you love tennis or have never tried it before come for a free fun event this weekend. There will be tennis racquets available to borrow. The first 200 people get a free Hell's pizza voucher. This Saturday and Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm Mornington Roslyn Lawn Tennis Club, 11 Meadow Street, just behind the Mornington Park.

**Ariki Children's Athletics Club:** For kids 4-14 years old. Have fun, keep fit and gain skills in running and field events! Great for strength, balance and coordination too. The season runs for terms 4 and 1, with training on Mondays at 6 pm at the Dunedin Caledonian, with optional inter-club competition on Saturday mornings. Ariki is credited to teach the NZ Athletic's GET, SET, Go and RUN, JUMP, THROW programmes. Register online at [ariki-athletics.org.nz/children](http://ariki-athletics.org.nz/children) or come along to Bayfield Pavilion from 6.15-7.15pm on either 16th or 23rd September.