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Class Kapowai painting

NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

Fridays	3pm Classes Kererū or Tūī cake stalls
Tuesday 20 th September	2pm cello concert - Lower classroom
Monday 26 th September	5:30pm Board meeting
Monday 26 th September	Holiday - Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day
Wednesday 28 th September	11:45am Kindergarten Spring Festival
Thursday 29 th September	5:30pm Proprietors meeting
Friday 30 th September	11am School Spring Festival
Friday 30 th September	Last day of Term 3
Monday 17 th October	Term 4 begins – Swimming lessons start – school

Playgroup dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

We have seen a week of such big changes that life here in Maia seems simple in comparison.

I am sure you all know by now that we have a commemorative day of public holiday on Monday 26th to mark the passing of the Queen.

And this week also sees the end of the traffic light system and mask wearing requirements. Well done to the children who have persevered with wearing masks and now there is a new level of personal choice.

I see today that people are waiting for buses without wearing masks and some staff members are still wearing them. I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your compliance and cooperation through the last 2+ years and we can all hope that the Pandemic will be downgraded and Covid will be a historic event that impacted profoundly for a period of time.

Last week we were visited by Janet Molloy from SEANZ, which is the umbrella group for the Steiner schools who negotiates with the Ministry for new schools integrating and changes in policy that may affect us.

Janet met with the school Governors to talk about Governance, particularly timely since we have new Board members.

It was lovely to see the school through her eyes: the bright energy of the children, the dedication of the teachers and of course the new classrooms. It is an opportunity when we have a visitor, to remember how special our school is and be grateful.

Spring is coming in just as we hear of further expected snowfalls or at least cold snaps. The birds in the morning are wonderful, in full chorus as the day dawns. We have a lot of kererū activity and the tūī and bellbirds,(korimako), are enjoying every tube of nectar they can find.

Only three weeks left of this quite arduous term and we invite you all to come and enjoy our end of term Spring Festival on Friday the 30th where you will enjoy the students dancing and weaving and even get to do a dance if you are willing.

We will start the festival at 11.00, wrapping up about 12.30 with a chance to spread your blankets and have a picnic together before heading off to your holiday plans and venues.

One of the things that Steiner urged of the first teachers was to always be interested in the world around and never to become stale and sour. This is a call to us as teachers to constantly refresh and renew so that we meet the children with inspiration and enthusiasm each day.

Steiner closed his introductory lectures with the verse which we use every week in our schools:

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Pene

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

50 years ago the Māori language petition was taken to parliament, to support the taoka (treasure) that is te Reo Māori. Here at te kura we will be marking the Māori language moment at midday with karakia and waiata. It is a joy to hear more reo around the school over the years – ka puāwai te reo – may the language blossom.
Clare

Cello Concert

Dear Parents, on Tuesday 20th at 2pm we will be holding our cello concert in the Tūi classroom (bottom Classroom).

A number of children have been away this term due to sickness so this will be a great opportunity to have a chance to get together and play music. It also provides an opportunity for the older children who are sitting cello music exams to rehearse their work.

The school would appreciate a koha towards cello repairs and upkeep if you are able to do so. You are welcome to bring along friends and whānau. Thanking you, Jocelyn

SCHOOL NEWS - Class Kapowai

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Class Kapowai has been watching and embracing Spring.

We first noticed the daffodils coming up when they just looked like thick green grass. Then we saw their flower buds forming. At that stage, the class kept a close eye out for the first open daffodil on the school grounds. The day the first one opened I had numerous class members come



and tell me that they had seen the first daffodil of spring! Or at least the first one at school. After all that daffodil hunting we had to paint and draw them.

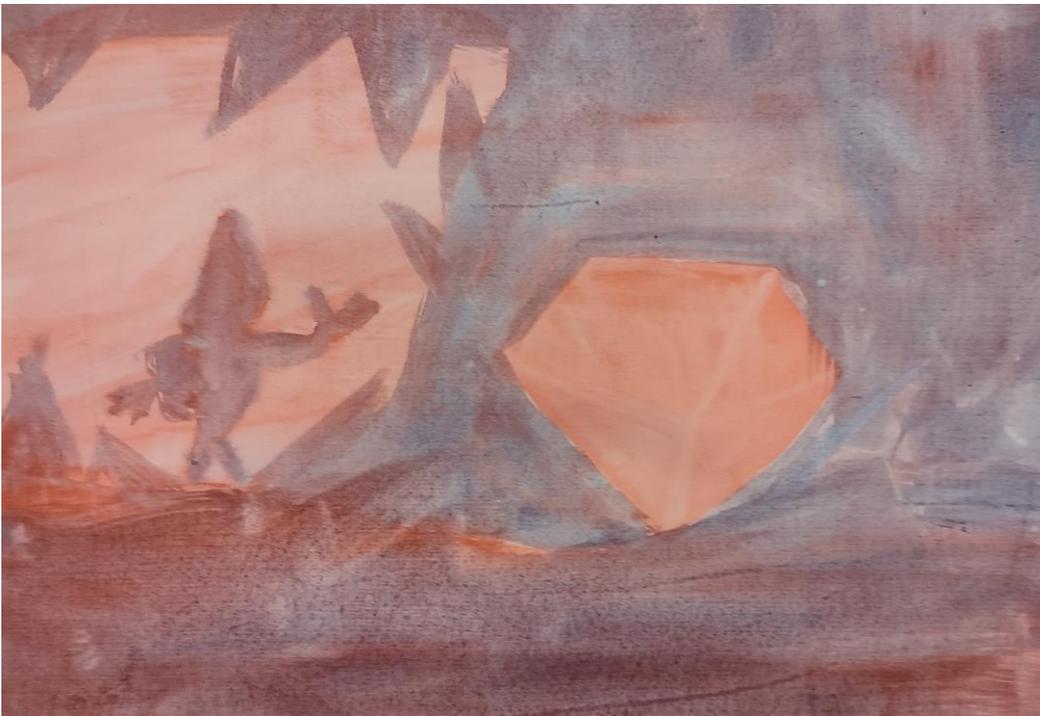
We have learnt how to play 'Spring is Coming' on the recorder. Over the last week or so we have played and sung the song during our morning circle time. We are also working on a simple dance to go with the song. Speaking of dancing, the class have begun the very challenging task of learning the first spring pole ribbon dance. It is a weaving dance



made up from over and under movements. I told the class that I think the class 1 dance is the most difficult to learn. Other classes might do more complex dances, but for the learners this year is the hardest. After all, this year is something totally new, while in the years to come they will have a foundation, which they are building now, to grow upon.

Inside, we are working with maths for Main Lesson. The story is set in a great forest, and the main characters are gnomes – Patrick Plus and Mini Minus. Patrick Plus likes to go out and collect things which he then adds as additions to his collection. Mini Minus likes to help others. She gives away things Patrick has gathered if she sees someone in need.





Enjoy the lovely weather and see you at the spring festival!

Be Well,

James

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kia ora tātou (koutou katoa),

We welcome you all to our Spring Festival on Wednesday 28th at 11.45am.

The children are busy making beautiful crowns and are very much looking forward to celebrating the arrival of Lady Spring. Please bring a picnic lunch (weather permitting). Do also send your child with their usual lunch box, as otherwise it can be confusing and upsetting for children.

The news of the Covid restrictions being lifted has just been announced, and we have sent a separate email regarding this. If you do have any questions, please let me know.

What is a Steiner/Waldorf Kindergarten?

I include here the Educational Principles which create our unique education. These are taken from the International Association for Steiner/Waldorf Early Childhood Education.

Waldorf based programs may differ according to geography, culture, group size, age-range, and individual teaching approach. Granting these differences, Waldorf programs share certain fundamental characteristics:

- Loving interest in and acceptance of each child
- Opportunities for self-initiated play with simple play materials as the essential activity for young children.

- This is the young child's work and makes it possible for them to digest and understand their experiences.
- Awareness that young children learn through imitation, through the experience of diverse sensory impressions, and through movement. Their natural inclination is to actively explore their physical and social environment. The surroundings offer limits, structure and protection, as well as the possibility to take risks and meet challenges.
- A focus on real rather than virtual experiences to support the child in forming a healthy relationship to the world.
- Artistic activities such as storytelling, music, drawing and painting, rhythmic games, and modelling that foster the healthy development of imagination and creativity.
- Meaningful practical work such as cooking, baking, gardening, handwork and domestic activity that provide opportunities to develop unfolding human capacities. Here the emphasis is on the processes of life rather than on learning outcomes.
- Predictable rhythms through the day, week and year that provide security and a sense of the interrelationships and wholeness of life. Seasonal and other festivals are celebrated according to the cultural and geographical surroundings.

We recognize that healthy child development unfolds most fully in the context of a community with healthy social relationships among parents, teachers and children. In our administrative, financial practices, and leadership processes, we work collaboratively rather than hierarchically. Steiner/Waldorf early childhood programs are typically not-for-profit, as an expression of the free cultural life, and are not based on self-interest or personal gain. Waldorf educators strive to create such conscious, collaborative communities around the children in their care and see their activity as part of a worldwide cultural impulse.

Julie, on behalf of the Kindergarten teachers.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30am.

Inquiries to dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

CRAFT GROUP

Hi all crafters, our final meeting this term will be in the last week of term on Tuesday the 27th in the playgroup room opposite the office after drop off. We are making little felted mice and roving wool sheep, very cute!

See you there, *Jen and Miho*

Contact Jen with any queries: jenwigleypiano@gmail.com

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

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MR ROBERELLI LIVE



Mr Roberelli's highly interactive musical show has kids up bouncing and singing, "tiptoeing past the bull", competing to be the stillest tree, learning the fundamentals of ballet, playing "pass the albatross", boarding a conga line bus, and generally celebrating the imagination.

TICKETS \$5 for children, caregivers free. Door sales on the day.

Tuesday 11 October | 10.30am
Dunningham Suite | 4th Floor | City Library

MANAAKITANGA
24 SEPTEMBER
10:30AM FOR AN
11AM START
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Class Tūi is selling worm tea as a fundraiser for our camp to Quarantine Island. The worm tea is great for your indoor plants and outdoor gardens! Small jars are \$2, medium jars are \$3, and large jars are \$4. Come see us in our lower classroom to buy a jar or find us at our cake stall!

An Evening at the Library', Wednesday 21st September, 6-8pm, 4th Floor, City Library, Moray Place. Dunedin Public Libraries, in collaboration with the Otago Literacy Association is pleased to announce this special event. The library is alive at night. Come along to an extravaganza for current and future teachers and educators. The evening includes guided tours through: The Māori Legends Reed Gallery exhibition, the City Library, and into the treasure trove of the non-public youth stacks and more! CHARGE: \$5 OLA members, \$10 non-members, gold coin for students. Click here to register: <https://tinyurl.com/EveningattheLibraryOLA>



Class Kererū are selling delicious Fix and Fogg Nut butters to raise money for the class to go to the Steiner Schools Olympic camp in Staveley in November

Please support Class Kererū by pre-ordering some nut butter. Orders and money are due Wednesday 28th September (Last week of Term 3). **ALL \$11 per jar!**

Three options are available:

Super Crunchy Peanut Butter (750g)

Smooth Peanut Butter (750g)

Everything Butter (500g)

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Principal - Tumvaki– Dunedin Steiner School

We seek an inspirational leader who can work constructively with both our College of Teachers and wider community to lead the school to achieve its strategic vision. The successful applicant will have a deep understanding of Steiner pedagogy as well as the educational frameworks and administrative systems and processes needed to underpin a thriving and effective school. Closing date Monday 19 September 2022. Start date January 2023. An application pack is available on our website

<https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/noticeboard.html>, from office@dunedinsteiner.nz or 03 471 2163.

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