Education
Dunedin Rudolf Steiner
Learning with head, heart and hands

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Into the inner self of Man
The senses' riches pour themselves,
The cosmic Spirit finds itself
Reflected in the human eye,
Which must create anew
From It, its inner strength.

Rudolf Steiner translated by Daisy Aldan

Class Miro pupil's painting

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3

School	
Rāmere/Friday 25th Sep	12:30pm School Spring festival
Kindergarten	
Rāapa/Wed 23rd Sep	1:45 Kindy Spring festival

TERM 4 Monday 12th of October to Friday 11th December

School	
Rāhina /Monday 12th October	term 4 starts
Rāhina /Mondays starting on week 1 -	Swimming lessons for school children
Rāapa/Wednesday 14th October	school visit to the Puketeraki marae
Kindergarten	
Rāhina /Monday 12th October	term 4 starts
Governance	
Rātū/Tuesday 27th October	5:30pm Proprietors meeting
Rātū/Tuesday 10th November	5:30pm Board meeting
General	
Rāhina /Monday 26 October	Public holiday: Labour Day
Rātu/Tuesday 27th October	School photos
Playgroup	Rāhina/Mondays and Rāapa/Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am
Craftgroup	Rātū/Tuesdays 9 to 11am

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a busy term with many occasions and opportunities for parent engagement; from community and joint hui to kindergarten parent evening, school disco and working bees – your participation and contribution have been welcomed and appreciated.

I would like to send you into the holidays with some thoughts around community engagement, as this has been the red thread that has gone through the joint hui, the community hui and in general in our conversations here in our kura, kohungahunga, staff and governing bodies. We are grateful to the parents who engage and the parents who have taken the time to think about what their commitment to our community can be going forward. We always say that we are not a 'drop at the gate' community and that comes with a very clear expectation of engagement with school events and each other. While we appreciate that every family's circumstances allow for differing levels of engagement, the exercise of looking at one's own participation and committing to something that is realistic for your family is an important one – after all it is community that is not only at the heart of who we are but also at the heart of what we teach and if we do not live it, how can it be truly taught?

Our last community engagement opportunity for this term are the spring festivals, and we hope you have all the relevant information and will be able to be part of this festivity with your child.

First week back in term 4 will be a busy one with swimming lessons starting on the first day back and the kura going to visit Puketeraki Marae on Wednesday, 14th of October.

Have a restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in term 4!

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa.

Anna Noble – Tumuaki

Special Character Thoughts: The Phlegmatic Temperament

By Anna Noble

The phlegmatic temperament is the temperament of water. Water moves in patterns, the reoccurring waves, the swirling around a rock that is always the same, the coming and going of even the river flow; not only is water in motion very hard to stop, it is also a soothing pattern following medium that is reliable and heavy in its movement. As such is the phlegmatic; the person who has strong habits, likes things to be organised in a predictable way, visit the same restaurants, meet the same people and generally likes rhythms and routines in their life.

The phlegmatic temperament is not very social but they are warm and pleasant, they may not be the inspiring leaders, but they are consistent and reliable workers. They may not be the deepest thinkers but appreciate and understand reliability and consistency for themselves and others. Their worlds are easily unravelled by surprises and unexpected events. While they may not react immediately to unwanted news or changes that affect them deeply, they are like a pot of water that will slowly get hotter until it boils over.

The phlegmatic balances and is balanced by the choleric as they complement each other beautifully. The even consistency helps temper the fire of the choleric. The attention to detail the phlegmatic brings, helps steady the 'full steam ahead' energy of the choleric and ensures a completion of task that is considered and thought out, while the choleric's fire forces the phlegmatic out of his simple repetition.

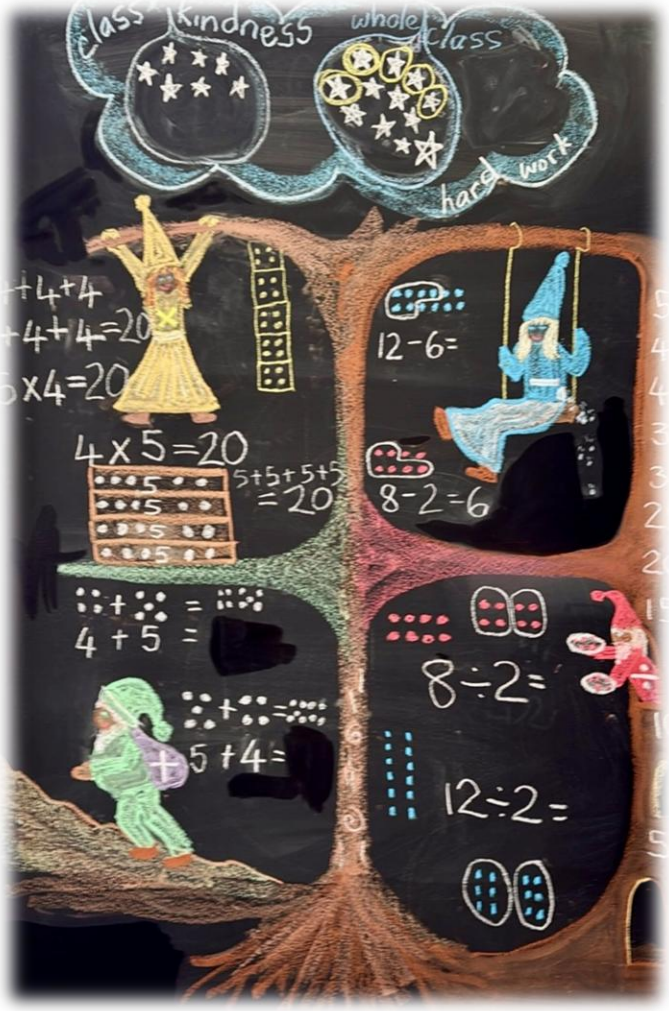
We can see that in the early years, when one temperament tends to be the strongest in each child, our work as adults is to intentionally and consciously help the child mature not only their strongest temperament but also to nurture the other three so the child can grow into a balanced adult with all four matured temperaments.

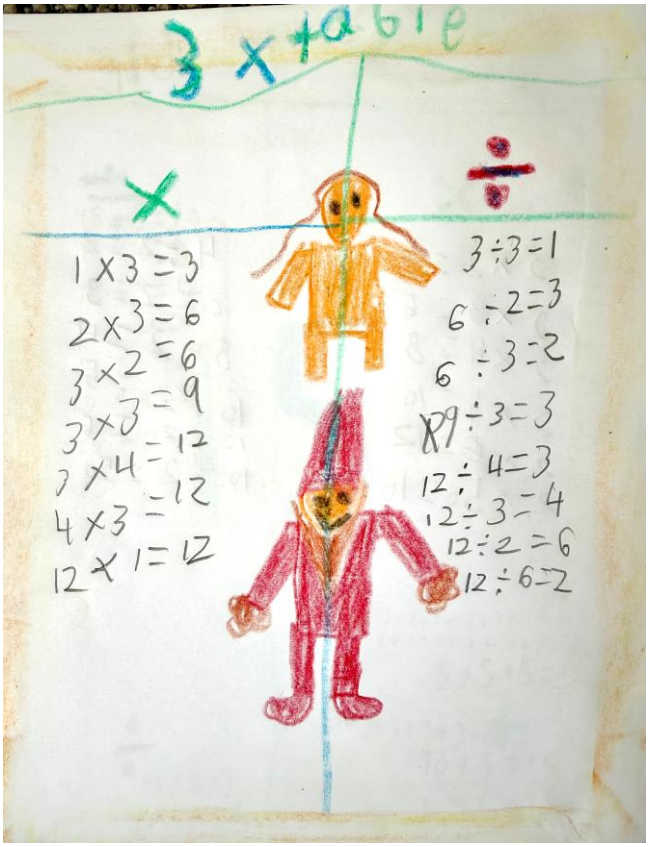
SCHOOL- CLASS MIRO

Kia ora koutou all,

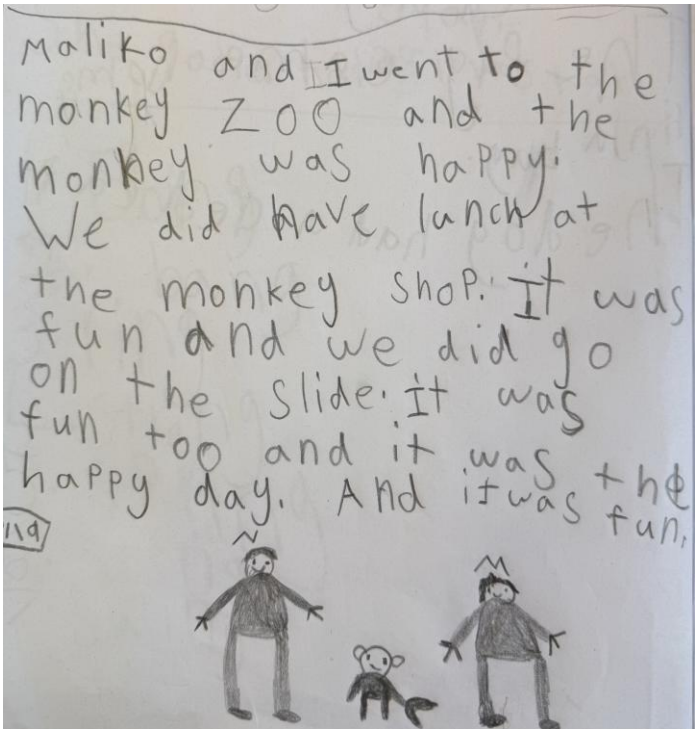
Swirly, windy, wet spring has definitely been a big part of Class Miro this term. We have been working with the Number Gnomes in our Maths Main Lesson and getting to know Princess Times and Prince Divide quite well! King Counting is so happy with all

the order they bring, and Queen Equals loves the fact that Prince Divide is always equal and fair with his groupings.





The children have been writing lots about the stories we have been sharing and of course all about spring. It's a delight to see how fast they progress with literacy once they understand the sounds and letter associations.



Our mornings have been filled with Maypole dance practice, and we are looking forward to showing our weaving of the ribbons on Friday at the Spring Festival. We hope the weather will be kind because the wind has definitely been challenging!

We hope you enjoy our colourful paintings in which we have been learning about hot and cold and complementary colours! And also that your holidays are filled with sunshine and play.

Ka kite ano,

Trisha and Class Miro

KINDERGARTEN

Our festival will begin at 1:45 in the Kōwhai room with a marionette play. We ask that parents and families wait outside on the concrete area and we will invite you in when the children are all settled. Following this we will dance and sing around our spring pole in the garden. If it rains, we have an inside plan b. If you would like to, please bring a plate of finger food (labelled if gluten or dairy) to share afterwards. We will have a table set up outside for this or inside the Kōwhai if wet. Our festival will come to an end at the end of our session at 3 and all children will receive a small gift at the gate.

Important details: Please bring flowers in the morning if you have some for decorating the children's crowns and our spring pole. Please leave phones and cameras in bags and enjoy the moment with your children. One of the teachers will take a photo for all the children's kindergarten books.

Warmly, *The Kindy Kaiako*

PLAYGROUP

Ciara Dean and Miriam Marler facilitate our playgroup sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays. The sessions run from 9:30 to 11:30am. You can contact playgroup by emailing playgroup@dunedinsteiner.nz

CRAFTGROUP

We meet on Tuesdays after drop-off in the playgroup room. If you have some spare time and enjoy handwork, join us for a lovely social time. Thanks, Miho-0211294323

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**.

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Feeling the pinch on lunchboxes? https://www.kiwilunchbox.co.nz is a free tool built by an Auckland parent. It plans a week of school lunches around whatever is on special at Woolworths and New World, shows what the week will cost, and gives you a prep plan. No account needed, nothing for sale.

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Enrol to vote today – it's easy! As you probably know, New Zealand has an election coming up. What you might not know is that the cut-off date to get enrolled is also coming up. This year you can't enrol on election day – if you want to vote **you must be enrolled before the 25th of October.** The good news is that **it's easy to enrol**. You can do it online – all you need is some photo ID (NZ driver's license, NZ passport or RealMe card). If you don't have those types of ID, you can have a form sent to you. (Paper forms don't require ID). Some things you might be wondering: *Am I eligible to vote?* If you are 18 years or older; currently live in New Zealand, have done for at least a year and don't have to leave by a set date, then YES, you're eligible. *Are you trying to tell me who to vote for?* No, we don't care who you vote for. That's your choice. All we care about is that your voice is heard. *What's the point, if nothing's going to change?* Things can change if good people like you have their say. *I don't care about politics, so why should I vote?* You might not care now, but what about when the government makes a decision that will impact you and your family? By voting, you are helping to make and keep a New Zealand that is good for your kids, whānau and community. *I don't know enough to decide?* There is lots of information around to help you work out which political party fits with what you care about. Here is some from RNZ and some from Parliament Pulse. **Enrol to Vote today – and help guide New Zealand into a good future!** Ngā mihi nui and best wishes, Vicki – volunteer with 'On a roll'

Balmacewen Tennis Club — Junior Coaching Starting Soon!
Balmacewen Tennis Club junior coaching is starting again on **Friday 9th of October**. Sessions are available for all ages and skill levels, and all coaching equipment (including rackets) is provided on court! To register and book a place for your child, please visit: Junior Coaching Registration Page

LOVE YOUR LOCAL POOL: Here on the West Harbour, we are so lucky to have a local swimming pool - and the best way to ensure it remains open for future generations is to use it. Port Chalmers Pool opens for the summer season on Monday 21 September. It's handy, easy and friendly. Seriously, what's not to love? It's also great value for money - especially if you buy a season pass now - right at the start of the season. For a family of four it's just $255.50, with each additional child just $23.70; an adult season pass is $171.90; and a child or concession season pass is just $93. For six months! Just ask for one at Port Pool's reception. You can go as many times as you like until the pool closes on 31 March next year. It's great family fun; kids over 10 can go by themselves and play in the water safely; adults can keep fit cheaply and locally. With a season pass you can whip in for 30 minute-swim and it's still worthwhile. Let's show the world how much we love our local pool … by using t!

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Online Chess Coaching with Precision Chess Academy: Our coaching team is led by a FIDE International Master. Sessions are delivered online in small groups of up to 8 students, ensuring every child gets individual attention. All levels are welcome, from complete beginners to experienced players. **$19 per session** Free 3-Month Access to PCA Chess
All students at New Zealand schools are eligible for a free 3-month trial of PCA Chess, regardless of whether they enrol in our online coaching. PCA Chess is our private online chess platform, where students can: *Play against other students; *Enter online tournaments; *Work through thousands of chess puzzles; *Get AI analysis of every game
The platform is for **under-18s only** and has no student-to-student chat, helping keep it a safe and secure environment. To access the free 3-month trial, simply **email us to receive your free access code**. Create an account at https://play.precisionchessacademy.co.nz/login
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Inner-Landscape Water Colour Paintings for Sale:
David Fletcher, from Karitane, has abstract water colour paintings for sale on the Felt NZ website. The example here gives you an idea of his work. If you are interested in buying any of his paintings, visit davidatkaritane.felt.co.nz

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Kindergarten
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Kindergarten Manager
Our kindergarten seeks a manager whose key responsibilities include:

- Compliance with Licensing requirements and health and safety matters
- Internal evaluations, annual and strategic planning and reporting
- Liaison between the kindergarten and the Ministry of Education / ERO
- Personnel management including relief staff
- Budget management
- Communication with relevant stakeholders

This work could be done as part of a teaching role that is currently advertised below or as a separate job. The hours for the management role are 5 hours per week in term time.

Kindergarten Teacher
With growing kindergarten enrolments we seek an ECE teacher, preferably with Steiner experience or qualification to join our teaching team. A commitment to working with the special character is essential. This is a permanent position, initially working 4 days a week in Term 4 but moving to five days in 2027. The position will include some days working in the school holidays.
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For more information see our website, where you can download an application form and job description www.dunedinsteiner.nz These are also available on request from the office at office@dunedinsteiner.nz Telephone: 03 471 2163
Email office@dunedinsteiner.nz with a cover letter, CV and your completed application form.
Applications close midday Friday 16th October.