



School

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner

Learning with head, heart and hands

EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI RESPONSE

EARTHQUAKE PROCEDURE

1. When a tremor is felt teacher commands: 'Duck, cover and hold'.
In a closed space: Children shelter under tables or close to walls or doorways and clasp hands over neck, turning away from windows. If they shelter under a desk then the diagonally opposite legs of the desk should be held.

In an open space: crouch, keep knees together, head low between arms and hands, eyes closed. If possible move children away from buildings, power lines, banks and trees.
2. If the earthquake is severe enough to damage buildings then the emergency evacuation procedure will be followed. If the school is then closed, children will stay on site until collected by parents or caregivers.

TSUNAMI PROCEDURES

3. If the school receives a tsunami warning through Civil Defence channels or the radio, advising a complete evacuation of the buildings then the normal emergency evacuation procedure will be pursued, and Civil Defence advice will be followed. Parents and caregivers will be kept informed where possible by cell phone/ phone.

Each term the school will do a school-wide trial earthquake drill and report to the Management Team. At least every six months the whole school will do an earthquake drill followed by a trial evacuation which is reported to the Board.

Signed: _____ Designation: _____

Dated: ____/____/____ Review Date: ____/____/____