



“It does not matter if what I think differs from what the other person thinks. What matters is that, as a result of what I can contribute to the conversation, the other discovers what is right out of themselves.”

— **Rudolf Steiner**



Playgroup Spring Festival visits the cherry walk

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 AND 4 DATES

School

Thu 21 st September	5:30pm Class Kererū play – lower classroom
Fri 22 nd September	1:30pm Spring Festival – School – top field/ Octagonal
Monday 9 October	First day of term and SWIMMING!
Friday 13th October	Pizza Day for School

Kindergärten

Wednesday 20 September	1.30 Spring Festival
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Governance

Thursday 12 October	6pm Proprietors meeting in Class Kea
Monday 16 October	5.30pm Board meeting in Class Kea

Other

Monday 9 October	Term 4 starts – ends Friday 15 th December
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Playgroup

Mondays and Wednesdays	9:30 to 11:30 am
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Kia ora e te whānau,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of term 4 but the weather outside suggests that spring (in its typical Dunedin up and down way) is here and we are getting ready for our spring festival on Friday. This last week of term is an equally exciting and demanding one for children and teachers alike as we had the stunning performance from class Kea yesterday and look forward to class Kererū's play performance on Thursday. The children have been practising their dances for the spring festival this Friday and would like to ask the parents to bring their dancing shoes as well.

A big thank you goes to Becca and Jocelyn who have stepped up while Trisha has been away. While I am sure the children will be excited to see Trisha back in the classroom, they have been looked after beautifully and I am in awe of how much work Becca and Jocelyn have put in to work through main lessons, keeping up with literacy, numeracy, handwork and woodwork, let alone preparing a beautiful play and getting ready for the spring festival! A big thank you to both of you!

On Monday we had a board meeting, which included strategic planning for the school and the bigger community. As part of our planning we are going to do some community consultation next term, where we will be looking to get a good feel for the themes, wishes and aspirations that are in our community. Please keep an eye out for the survey questions as they come out and take the time to answer them as this will inform our way forward and deepen our understanding of what is on top for everyone who is part of this special place.

As you may be aware, we are currently looking for a class 1 teacher for 2024 and we would like to ask you to pass on the message to anyone you think could be part of our school going forward. (The details are at the back of the newsletter.)

I would like to thank you all for another great term and look forward to term 4 with plenty of sunshine (and sunhats!!!) and warmth for everyone!

Ngā mihi nui,

Anna Noble

Tumuaki/Principal

Housekeeping:

Term 4 swimming: **Swimming first Monday of term 4** we will start our swimming programme again. Please make sure that your child brings togs and a towel, a

drink bottle, goggles and a hair tie (if applicable) on the first day. Thank you for everyone who has volunteered to help out – it is very much appreciated!

Please **clear all the hooks** outside your child's classroom at the end of this term! Any items that are unclaimed at the end of the term will go into lost property. Sometimes children leave and leave things behind so it is really difficult for us to know what things belong to which child.

Lost property items that have not been claimed on the last day of this term will be given to the clothes swap initiative for next term.

Te wiki o te reo Māori

Kua whakanuitia te wiki o te reo Māori – we celebrated Māori language week in the school through our focus on asking and answering how we are.. (kei te pēhea koe? How are you). At our soup fundraiser day everyone asked for their soup, bread or sweet item in te reo Māori (He hupa māu? Soup for you?.... Ae, he hupa maku, yes, soup for me).

At midday on 14 September, we marked the Māori language moment with two waiata a ringa performed by the school children to the kindergarten.

Kia kaha te reo Māori!



Parent Library

Did you know that we have a small parent library in the office reception area? Please do come and browse and you may find something that deepens your understanding of our education.

We are open to suggestions for new purchases. See also the book synopsis later in the newsletter.



Policies and Procedures

We have some changes to policies and procedures after the recent consultation, including our Privacy Policy and Visitors procedure. They are available on our website. <https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/school-policies-and-procedures.html>

KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora e te whānau,
How lovely to see the sun today - the inevitable burst of Spring growth is just around the corner. Just as in nature, we humans too have our rhythms and seasons, and this is most visible in childhood. The shift that occurs as children leave behind their dreamy world of earlier childhood can be a shock for many parents, and also for the child themselves. It is a time of great change, and comes with a number of challenges.

It can be a time of emotional upset, of challenging behaviours and of extremely sensitive feelings. I attach the article below in the hope that everyone may read it; a little information goes a long way towards understanding this profound shift in consciousness which moves towards a more rational understanding of the world. This can be experienced as a great loss for children, and they need our support while they undergo this metamorphosis.

<https://www.themagiconions.com/2015/10/the-six-year-transformation-discovering-waldorf.html>

The Kindergarten children enjoyed the Primary School performing waiata for them during Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori.



Ngā mihinui,
Julie, Bex, Hannah, Pamala, Peggy, Alida and Joella – the Kindy teachers. PS.
Junko reports that Japan is Very Hot!

Other Kindy notices

We have changed the software we use for Kindergarten funding and financial contributions. The statements to parents will be sent out monthly to give you all an update on how you are tracking with your financial pledge – if these statements are not clear to you please do get in touch at the office.

Class Kea Play – some photos



OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Feedback from our community : For our whānau this term has felt much more manageable with the after school care in place. Eliza and Rose are great and both our kids love the activities they plan and hanging out with different groups of kids that attend in the afternoons as they often get "another hour of play time" with friends that aren't in their class. Kussi and Koyal

PLAYGROUP

Kia ora koutou,

Blessings on our community & a celebration of spring.

This week we had our final session together which was a lovely gathering at the upper botanical gardens amongst the daffodils, blossoms & magnolias. We picnicked, had a lovely story about lady spring waking up from her winters sleep, and went for a short walk to see all the different flowers & blooms out. We wish everyone a restful break & we look forward to seeing you all in the fourth term. We will begin the next term with a craft activity to set us off, so be sure to join us after the break!



~ Lizzie, Miriam, Millie, Jen & Alida.

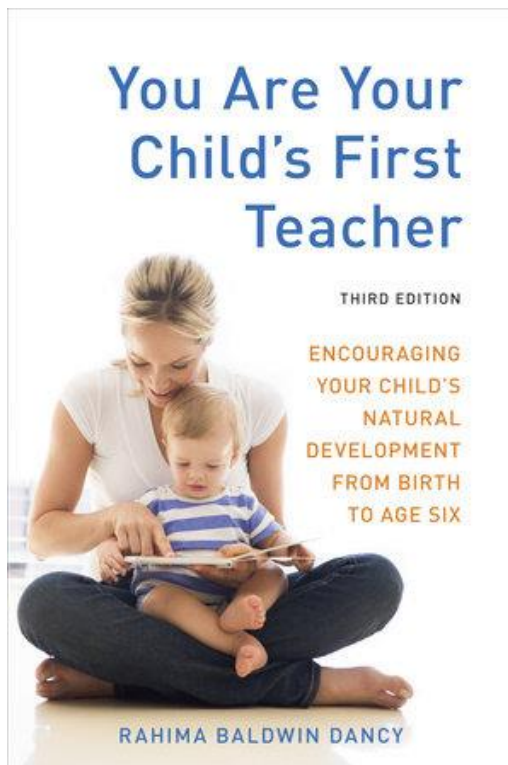
CRAFT GROUP

Hi crafters – craft group will resume in term 4. We meet on Tuesdays in the playgroup room just after school and kindy drop off. All are welcome, any level of ability, come for craft, conversation and a cuppa. See you there, Jen

enquiries: jenwigleypiano@gmail.com or Lenka.blass@gmx.de

Book review

This is the book that I wish I had read when, or before, my children were born!



It is a book that popularised the insights of Rudolf Steiner on the developmental needs of young children. It provides ways in which parents and educators can enrich the lives of children from birth to age six.

As the publishers, Penguin, write “Today’s society often pressures us into overstimulating young children with flashcards, workbooks, videos, and electronic gadgets in a well-meaning attempt to give them a head start. But children are not little adults—they learn and grow in radically different ways at different ages, and what we do to help could actually hurt instead.

Some of the most important learning years happen before your child reaches school. In *You Are Your Child’s First Teacher*, respected Waldorf educator

Rahima Baldwin Dancy explains the different stages of learning that children go through from birth to age six, giving you the wisdom and understanding to enrich your child’s natural development in the right way at the right time.

A trusted classic for over twenty years, this newly revised edition contains updated resources and additional information on discipline, early childhood programs, toilet training, using home life as curriculum, and more. From language and cognitive development to appropriate toys and nourishing your child’s artistic abilities, Dancy speaks up for a rational approach to child-rearing, one that helps children be children while we fulfill our important role as parents and first teachers”. Clare

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.**

ALL SAINTS' FRUIT & VEGES: Cheap Fruit & Veges. Weekly Packs + Produce Stall. WHAT DO WE OFFER? 1. Pre-ordered value packs. Mixed seasonal fruit & veges; Contents change weekly; Comes in cloth eco-bags; Pick-up places around Dunedin; Get the size or number of packs that suits you 2. Discount fruit & veges stall. At the All Saints' Church hall 786 Cumberland St. Thu 8:45-10 am & 4-6 pm.

8 Handy Collection Points: North Dunedin, Green Island, Port Chalmers, North East Valley, Andersons Bay Caversham, St Kilda.

Website: allsaintsdsn.org.nz/all-saints-fruit-and-veges. Email: allsaints.fruitveges@gmail.com.

Waitati. Phone: Dunedin North Anglican Parish Office Ph 03 479 2212

**\$4
pack**
for 1 person

**\$7
pack**
for 1-2 people

**\$14
pack**
for 3-4 people

Potatoes
10 kg bag

**Honey
&
Eggs**

**Holy
Cow
Milk**

[Pakiwaitara: Children's Storytime Sessions](#)

Presented by Dunedin UNESCO City of Literature

Dunedin City Library

Sat 11.30am-2.30pm

FREE

As part of the Dunedin Writers & Readers Festival happening over the weekend of the 13th to 15th of October this year, we are running a free children's programme at the Library on Saturday 14th October.

You can find a copy of the [full Programme on our website here](#).



Class 1 teacher vacancy 2024 - Dunedin Steiner School

We seek a committed and enthusiastic qualified teacher who will work within our Steiner special character to join our growing school. The school is situated a short drive from Dunedin town centre in a beautiful semi-rural setting, overlooking the harbour. The onsite kindergarten and playgroups are all part of our special community. The ideal applicant will have a commitment to Steiner pedagogy, the ability to work with composite classes and flexibility that suits a smaller school.

Applications close 5pm Monday 9 October.

An application form and job description can be found on our website at www.dunedinsteiner.nz

For any questions, please contact the office at office@dunedinsteiner.nz or phone 03 471 2163