



*The light that comes from widths of space  
Lives on powerfully within,  
Becoming the soul's light  
And shining into the spirit depths  
To release the fruits  
That will in time allow the human self  
To ripen from the world's self.*  
*Rudolf Steiner*



## NEWSLETTER

### DIARY OF DATES (subject to covid alert levels)

Every other Monday 9:15am      Craft group meeting - All welcome in the yurt

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9:30 -11:30 Playgroup Working Bee – Pine Hill

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10 am - 2pm Kindy and School Working Bee

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 5:30 pm      Proprietors meeting - staff room

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 5:30pm      School Board meeting - staff room

**Term 1, 2022 starts on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February**

### 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 e te whānau

Welcome back to our summer term. Already in week two, one can feel how quickly time will slide by. The main topic on everyone's mind seems to be Covid.

We have appreciated how masks are being worn and want to thank you. It is a strange time when we are developing a natural inclination to reach for our mask before stepping into a situation.

As we approach the date of 15<sup>th</sup> November we are, as staff, conscious of the new Mandate (which requires double vaccination of all staff, in ever widening circles of service and work), to have had one jab and be on course to receive the second by 1<sup>st</sup> January.

Covid, as it affects us all, seems to inspire a lot of response and reaction; there are contrasting positions which we encounter each day. In our role as a school, compliance is our obligation, whether in Lockdown or future traffic light status or in the clear. As we know, it is designed to minimise risk and keep us safe.

All teachers/staff will have had their two jabs by the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022. These dates are set to ensure that the vaccination is effective by the beginning of school 2022.

Everyone has their personal position on Covid, vaccines etc. Some teachers have been asked what they think. As professionals we do not disclose our personal views, especially in such a controversial subject area.

In a school setting, as a community in the face of controversy, we can see the opportunity, to work with the bigger picture that calls on social responsibility for the greater good or outcome, as a model for our children, colleagues and friends. Wearing masks is an example of this.

Throughout the Covid phase social distance and isolation are physical boundaries: we feel at school we need to draw on the strength of community to avoid being divided by contrasting opinions that can serve to break down our social cohesion. We are all in this together and have Government mandates set for us. Whatever our personal view, in our school environment I hope we experience a uniting rather than dividing atmosphere.

“Community” seems to me to stem from “common unity” which is something we can all enjoy and strive for.

At our school meetings we often use the verse that Steiner wrote called the motto of the Social ethic:

“The Healthy social life is found, when in the mirror of each human soul, the whole community finds its reflection; and when, in the community, the virtue of each one, is living.”

Thank you for being part of our Community.

*Pene Johnstone*

## Working Bee this Saturday

This coming Saturday is our termly working bee from 10am to 2pm. A chance to do some valuable work around the grounds and connect with others in the school community. As always, we will ask people to follow normal protocols around mask wearing, social distancing. (We are not likely to have more than 100 people!)

Playgroup will be holding a working bee in Pine Hill. See the Playgroup section.

I hope you can come – we have grounds work, some inside jobs, fence painting, yurt door oiling, kindy raised bed construction. Kā mihi, *Clare*

## Thieve's Alley Market 2022

We are still looking for parents who would volunteer to mind our school and kindergarten stall for an hour or two at the Thieve's Alley Market next year on Saturday, 12 February. If many of us offer to help the work is easily spread and all that is left to do is to enjoy the atmosphere of the market. Please let the office know if you can help.

## SCHOOL NEWS – Class Piwakawaka (5,6&7)

Classes 5, 6 and 7 have experimented with photography making and using pinhole cameras. Here is what they had to say:

“My favourite part of making pinhole cameras was taking the picture and then developing it because you didn't know if the outcome would be good or bad.” *Luka*

“I enjoyed working in the darkroom, loading the photosensitive paper, developing the picture and watching it grow”. *Jakob*

“I like how the pinhole camera does the opposite of what we see, and that it is black and white.” *Liam*

“Our photographic experience was a tremendous success. All went well and my favourite part of the process was taking the photo. The experience wowed me and the outcome even more. I worked with my partner Luka which added to the fun.” *Sahar*

“I really enjoyed making the pinhole cameras especially working in the darkroom. It was a thrilling experience. I really loved watching the photographic paper react to the chemicals in the darkroom. I am really grateful for the experience.” *Ariella*

“My favourite thing was putting the piece of paper into the developer and watching the black and white appear.” *Finn*

“I enjoyed watching the photo develop in the dark room, it started white and the grey spread to black across the paper.” *Daniel*



The thing I liked most was, setting the photo and how a blank and white page turned into a picture. I also liked constructing the camera from start to finish. *Tadhg*



“My favourite part of making the pinhole camera, was processing, because you could watch the picture come to life. I learned that we don’t need technology to take pictures.” *Virginia*



“The whole experience was amazing, it was really fun watching the chemicals develop the photographic paper.” *Christopher*



“My favourite part was taking the photos and taking them into the dark room to develop.” *Saraya*



## KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora ki te whānau,

Well, here we are in week 2. We seem to have a fair bit of illness in the way of coughs and colds going about. If your child is unwell, please do keep them at home to stop the spread of illness.

Thanks to all of you who are wearing masks onto the grounds as requested by the Board. If you have an exemption from doing so, please let the office know so that we put you on the register.

Welcome to Lacy Mae and Suede who are now in the Kowhai room. We also welcome Charis, who has come from the Steiner Kindergarten on Waiheke into the Rata room.

It is compulsory to wear a sunhat this term, so please make sure your child has a NAMED SUNHAT. Hats seem to disappear into a mysterious vortex, so having a name on them definitely helps.

Aleisha will not be returning until at least the end of November as she is still needing to recover from her accident; a huge Thank You to Peggy who is relieving in the Koru room.

We have an ERO visit in a couple of weeks. The ERO team will be on site on Tuesday the 9th, and you are welcome to chat to them if you see them.

Arohanui, *the Kindy Kaiako*.

## **PLAYGROUP**

Kia ora koutou, we are having a little Playgroup working bee this Saturday 9.30am-11.30am to tidy up the garden a little and inject some love into our shared space. It is in conjunction with the Rudolf Steiner School working bee that is on the same day at the Maia site. We realise we are sending you this message without many days warning!

We invite you to bring a snack or piece of fruit to share if you feel inclined, and the little ones are welcome to participate in simple work or play. Please bring some gardening tools, gloves, etc. (also any plants you would like to share with our little garden are welcome).

If you would like to join us for a relaxed morning, please reply to this email or message one of us directly so we know to expect you.

Please pass this on to anyone we may have missed.

Ngā mihi, *Miriam & Mikiah*

## **CRAFT GROUP**

Hi all, the craft group will be meeting again next term on the first Monday of term and then every second Monday from then. The dates will be Oct 18th, Nov 1st, Nov 15th, Nov 29th, Dec 13th. We will be making Spring and Summer crafts for the shop as well as Christmas crafts. You can do your own craft or join in with collective projects for the shop. See you there! *Jenny*

# 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 **Disclaimer: This space is open to advertisers and the school does not make any guarantees or endorsement on their behalf.**



**HOTSHOTS COMPETITION SERIES:** Is your child ready to put their skills to the test? Then this competition series is for them! This is a great fun and social interactive way to transition from

learning the game to playing modified tennis matches, while representing your club in a team environment. Suitable for all player ability involved in Hotshots coaching.

These series are to help bridge the gap between Hotshots coaching and introduce players to modified matches to help inspire our future stars. **3 x 12 minute round matches (supervised) \$10 PER EVENT**

**Contact: Mat McCutcheon**  
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**Choose clean Air:** The Climate group 350 Dunedin: 350.org is a global climate movement active in hundreds of countries. Much of our work involves helping organisations like the NZ Accident Compensation Commission divest from fossil fuels. 350 campaigners around the world have pushed city councils, churches, investment funds, universities and organisations around the world to divest over \$12 trillion from coal, oil and gas, including our own Dunedin City Council and Otago University. This event - CHOOSE CLEAN AIR - is for the children and young people of Dunedin. It's in the Octagon, Saturday 30 October, 11:30 am - 1 pm. Many Dunedin school students have to breathe polluted air from coal, oil, and gas boilers at school all winter. Schools themselves are not to blame; the Ministry of Education has a duty of care to ensure children have a safe environment in which to learn. We are asking the government for enough money in their next budget to transition all Dunedin schools off coal, oil, and gas. Find out more about our Fossil Free Schools Campaign and resource toolkits for teachers and students. 350 Dunedin want to work alongside schools to demand better for the kids. We have petitions, postcards, a banner, music, an open mic and games for all ages on Saturday 30 October in the octagon.

**Online concert and Q&A** featuring classical singer Alexandra Toussaint-Jackson and lutenist Nicholas Pollock. The Q&A Theme; "How do we meet the needs of each child and adult in the home with music?" Livestream replays will be accessible for three days for New Zealander ticket-holders. We are super excited! [Click here](#) to find out more. Tickets are now available.

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