Education
Dunedin Rudolf Steiner
Learning with head, heart and hands

Term 4
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In light, which out of Spirit depth
In space fruit-bearing weaving,
Which there reveals the gods' creating:
The essence of the soul appears
Expanded to the universe
And resurrected
From narrow selfhood's inner might.

Rudolf Steiner translated by Daisy Aldan

Grace the lamb

NEWSLETTER

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

School		
Rāhina /Mondays		Swimming lessons for school children
Kindergarten		
Happening now - whānau meetings – book your session		
Governance		
Rātū/Tuesday 10th November		5:30pm Board meeting
General		
Rāpare/Thursday 5th November		Open Day 9:30 school, 10:45 kindy
Rāhoroi/Saturday 7th November		10 to 2pm Working Bee
Rāhina/Monday 16th November		2-3pm **Mary Willow talk**–playgroup room
Rātu/Tuesday 17th November		6.30 to 7.30pm **Mary Willow talk for parents**
Playgroup	Rāhina/Mondays and Rāapa/Wednesdays	9:30 to 11:30 am
Craftgroup	Rātū/Tuesdays	9 to 11am

Kia ora koutou,

We are in the middle of week 4 of this 9 week term and we are enjoying the warmer days, the colour in the plants and the longer days. It is lovely to see class Kākāpō going on a morning walk to explore how and where the season change can be seen on our school grounds, to see class Miro doing their morning fitness in the sunshine, class Kiokio appreciating the beauty and colours of the flowers, and class Kea making the most of the non-slippery grounds!

Term 4 is a mixture of finishing the year and looking ahead to next year and there is a lot to do, to celebrate, to appreciate and to enjoy. Please make sure you read the newsletter fully and see where you can contribute to this community and its health as this is what we are all about.

Thank you all for the essence that you bring to this place!

Kā mihi nui,

Anna Noble – Tumuaki

Special Character Thoughts:
The importance of rhythms and routines

By Anna Noble

Here at our kura and kindergarten we often speak of rhythm and routines and how important they are to our daily, weekly and seasonal lives, which is why it is important that we speak about it often – so it can have its own rhythm and routine. As a Steiner kindergarten and school, we hold the strong belief that the foundations of education are not just built on academics but have to be underpinned by rhythms and routines.

The world today can often seem chaotic and unpredictable, and this affects the children as much as the adults. Rhythm and routines, give a comforting counterbalance and allows tamariki (and adults) to feel safe and secure. A child that knows what to expect, can relax into the activity and be engaged with the learning in front of them.

For our space this means that each part of the day has its purpose and is designed to go through a repeated pattern of in-breath and out-breath. The in-breath being the

inward turned, focused, quiet and centring activity, e.g. listening to a story, watercolour painting, knitting, circle time and even sitting down and eating together. The out-breath is outward turning, energetic, expansive and often self-directed activities such as free play, outdoor running, climbing and nature exploration with a focus on social play and releasing energy as well as processing learning and engaging with the wider world.

Going through each day, week and season with rhythm and routines is an integral part of the educational experience and allows the children to develop a sense of continuity and connection to the world around them. It therefore supports the development of each child in their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being as they grow up to be adults that are balanced within themselves as well as being connected to the world around them.

FAIR 2027 - Are you our new Fair Coordinator?

We are looking for a fair coordinator or a group of parents who are willing to share this work for next year's fair. The first job will be to set a date so you will be able to pick a date that works for you!

There is a good system in place on how to run the fair and good documentation to support it so it just needs a person or a few people who can hold the overview and all the threads together. It is a lovely way to connect with the community and the longer the lead in, the more relaxed the fair day will be. If this is you, please get in touch with the office asap as we are not able to have a fair without a fair coordinator!

Financial Contributions

I have been contacting a few people recently to check that their contributions to school are up to date. We work on a voluntary financial pledge system, as part of our special character. Thank you to everyone who pays what they are able to and fosters Steiner Education in Otago. Without you, there would obviously be no school. Without the community behind us we could not have purchased this site back in 2005.

Soon we will be sending out the request for your financial commitment for 2027. Please look out for this. And as always, please get in touch if you have questions about financial matters at the school.

Clare - admin@dunedinsteiner.nz

Working bee - Saturday 7th November from 10 to 2pm

We have our school working bee this Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Please come along and help out for a couple of hours if you can. There will be soup to share at midday, bring some bread to add to this. Working bees are an important part of our Steiner School - not only do we enhance the school environment, but it is an opportunity to connect with others. For the list of tasks to be done click here list of jobs, and put your name by a task if you like. Wheelbarrows will be handy! We hope to see many of you here! Nau mai, haere mai!

Lollipops... Traffic Safety -

Have you always yearned to be a lollipop lad or lady?

There are increasing numbers of children walking down to Maia at the end of the day, which is great! Younger children are not the most traffic aware so we wonder if there could be parents out there who might take turns to help with crossing Manapouri Street near Jessie Street? Please get in touch with the office and help us keep our children safe!

Mary Willow - PlumParenting.com - Helping Parents with Parenting

We are looking forward to welcoming a fabulous educator and mentor, Mary Willow, who is visiting us in November. She will give two talks to parents and we warmly encourage you to mark one of these dates.

Monday 16th from 2-3pm talk for parents (held in our playgroup space)
Tuesday 17th 6.30 to 7.30pm talk for parents

SCHOOL-CLASS KIOKIO

Kia ora from Class Kiokio!

Term four has been action packed with swimming, a special trip to Puketeraki Marae, and a fun West Harbour Sports Day. Learning Mau rākau (Māori martial arts) and raranga (weaving) were some of the highlights from the trip to Puketeraki, as well as some competitive and exciting relay races at Sports Day.

I love seeing the way the tamariki enter these different environments with excitement and confidence, leaving with new skills and some beautiful reflections on the day.

We have taken a deep dive into Time over the past four weeks, understanding the natural divisions of time. We have been exploring this through making sundials, learning about the moon and maramataka and then zooming out to the journey we take around the Sun. In

maths, we have been learning how to read clocks and timelines and have begun exploring fractions through this lens. Lots of fun!

The library has been reopened for lunchtimes twice a week and some of the class 3s are librarians and doing an awesome job managing this space! It is lovely seeing it being enjoyed again.

We have been keeping a close eye on the māra and the accelerated growth of Kōanga. What a beautiful time of the year. I hope you are all enjoying it too.

Mauri ora, *Bec*

KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora koutou kindergarten whānau,

Over the next few weeks, we are holding our whānau meetings for all 3 rooms. These are a good opportunity to talk with your children's kaiako about your child's time at kindergarten and shared goals or aspirations for the coming terms. If there are no days or times that suit, please let us know and we can make alternative times.

Our garden is looking lush and green, and it's been lovely to have some seedlings to plant with the children. We are happy to have more to plant if available. We are hoping to finish our sandpit this weekend at the working bee, the children are very much looking forward to having it available to play in once again.

We have a small fund-raising opportunity come about as we ordered the wrong oats for our crumble day! There are 2 kg bags of organic jumbo oats for sale at the office for $10. The proceeds will go towards new te reo books for our rooms.

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

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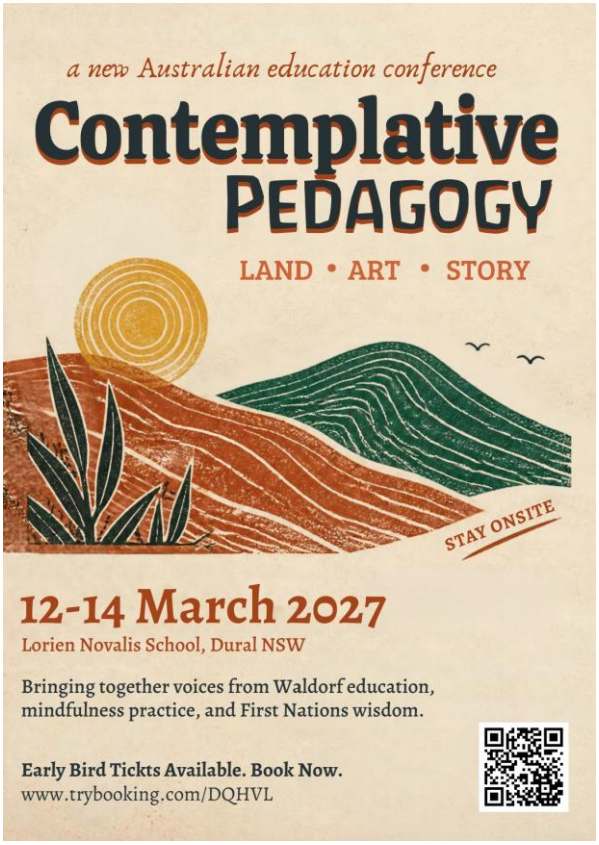
Roslyn Wakari AFC is excited to announce our upcoming **Football School Holiday Programme**. The programme is designed to provide children and young people with a fun, engaging and positive football experience during the school holidays. Whether they are already involved in football or are completely new to the game, everyone is welcome. Sessions will be delivered by myself, Mike Sannum, Football Development Director at Roslyn Wakari AFC. With a focus on skill development, confidence, enjoyment and participation, the programme will provide a great opportunity for young players to get involved, develop their football and enjoy being part of the game. We would greatly appreciate it if you could share the programme with your students and families through your school newsletters, email communications or other relevant channels. All programme information, including dates, age groups, costs and registration details, can be found at the link below:
https://www.roslynwakari.co.nz/viewform/535182