



“Truth is a seed present in every human being. If we devote ourselves to the development of that essence, the seed can blossom.”

Rudolf Steiner



NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 DATES

School

Monday 23rd October	Labour day: School and kindy closed
Tuesday 24th October	West Harbour Sports Day Class Kea/Kererū
Tuesday 7th November	6-7:30pm Parent evening - Lower Classrooms
Friday 17th November	School Disco - Lower Classrooms
Friday 15th December	Last day of school

Kindergarten

Wednesday 25th October	2pm Kindergarten picnic
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Governance

Tuesday 14th November	5:30pm Board meeting - Kea classroom
Thursday 9th November	6pm Proprietors meeting - Kea classroom

Other

Wednesday 25 th October	3pm Clothes Swap – Playgroup room
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Playgroup

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

The term has started with lots of energy and the children are buzzing with energy and excitement, in particular class Kea and Kererū, who are preparing to go on camp in week 3 and week 4. This term will not only mark the last term of 2023 but we are also focusing on bringing the community together for various events, so please see and mark the dates below.

We would like to welcome three new children in our kura: Jasper in class Kererū and Hugo and Ian in class Kea. All three of them are settling in well and we look forward to getting to know the three of them and their whānau better.

PARENT EVENING Tuesday, 7th of November, 6-7:30pm

For most of us parents we make a choice of sending our child to the Steiner school because we believe in the way our child will be taught. Also most of us, do not know what our children are experiencing every day and what it is like to sit in a classroom in this special place. Therefore, the teachers invite you to an evening of experiencing the Steiner curriculum by learning and trying out some of the visual art experiences our children have throughout their school life. We will talk about the developmental steps of the children and how the visual arts curriculum addresses this and you will be able to experience it yourself, by trying some of the techniques and ways the children are developing through the visual arts. We will send an invite out closer to time but please mark the date in your calendar.

DISCO Friday, 17th of November, 5:30-6:45pm

We would like to invite you to our annual school disco, with dress up, dancing and a café for the parents to enjoy the evening. More details to come as the children develop their plan but please mark this date in your calendar as well.

Please read below about the College, which is the heart of any Steiner school and the work we are embarking on.

We all look forward to another wonderful term with sunshine, lots of colour and happy children in sunhats!

Noho ora mai,

Anna Noble

Tumuaki/Principal

The College

Being a Steiner school is more than just a different way of delivering a curriculum, it is about the way a teacher is in the classroom, how we run our administration and how the school and kindergarten are led. The very first Steiner school was led by the College of Teachers, which included all teaching staff. I still remember my grandfather having staff meetings every Thursday and how long they were as they were trying to reach consensus about how the school was going to move forward. It was not a matter of democracy or a majority vote but a process to come to decisions together so they could be held and carried out together. This was the intent for a Steiner school and while societies and people have changed and more staff in various areas have made this task rather more difficult than easier as the years have gone by, the intent has to stay intact. We have therefore decided to revisit, what College meetings mean to us and where they sit within the structures, expectations and understandings of all our staff. This is not an easy task to do but also an exciting process, which is one that needs to be done regularly to ensure that the school is held and move forward with the true intent of a Steiner school.

Thieves Alley Market Saturday, 24th of February 2024

We would like to have a stall at the Thieves Alley Market next year and will need three or four parents to help with this. We usually have a stall with our beautiful craft products and information about the school and are there to speak to the wider community about who we are and what we are about. It is a lovely day out and a great opportunity to show who we are. We will have to register soon and we can only do this with community support so please let us know if you could help out.

Weleda Fundraising Order

Christine Schlegel will be placing an order with Weleda. We do an order with Weleda once a term. This is a bulk order, which is also a little fundraiser for the school. Best of all, all items only cost 78% of the recommended retail prices (RRP) for you, so it's way cheaper than in the shops.

There is a little selection available in the craft shop. For the whole selection of products or if you have any questions, please check the list at the office or contact Christine via email (gibbonics@gmail.com).

Orders can be sent to Christine's email address until Saturday, the 28th of October. This is the last order for this year. If you're looking to restock your first aid kit or are looking for a Christmas present, please send in your order ASAP.

Thank you. Have a great day, *Christine*

Final Clothes Swap for the Year

The final clothes swap for the year will be next Wednesday after school in the playgroup room. This will be the last afterschool event I can host. However, we might be able to combine clothes swaps with other school events going forward, if there is interest. So far engagement has been minimal but thanks to those who have donated clothing, come along, or expressed your interest!

Kindly, *Anna D*

KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora e te whānau,

We invite you to a picnic next Wednesday 25th at 2pm. Bring your afternoon tea and have a catch-up in the garden, weather permitting.

This is the time of changeable weather and compulsory sunhats! Please ensure your child has all their gear - wet weather, hot weather, change of clothes and a sunhat!



*A Little Seed
A little seed for me
to sow
A little earth to make
it grow
A little hole*

*A little pat
A little wish
And that is that
A little sun, a little shower,
A little while, and then ...
A flower!*

Arohanui,

Julie, Bex, Pamala, Hannah, Junko, Peggy, Alida and Joella

PLAYGROUP

Kia ora koutou, we trust you are settling into term four well, despite this blustery weather!

Our first session of the term was marked by a lovely celebration of Lady Spring with a stunning flower mural created by playgroup whānau and facilitators. Attached are some photos for your delight. We also wanted to share with you the excellent progress made over the holidays. Work was begun on the drainage along the path in the outdoor playgroup space which will be completed over the coming months.



Coming up, we are very excited that we can move forward with the mud kitchen & sensory garden, and we need your help in making these a reality. The sensory garden will be filled with plants for children to pick and enrich their play while outside and the mud kitchen will be a lot of tactile fun for the children to mix, 'cook' and engage in imaginary outdoor play.

The next time we have a working bee, we invite playgroup families to come along and get stuck in - you're welcome to join us for a couple of hours anytime during the working bee duration. It is such a good opportunity to feel part of the wider school and kindergarten community.

The date will be advertised soon. We also need donations of materials to support these projects. Items on our wish list:

- Wood rounds or punga logs to use as an edging for the garden and mudkitchen area
- Jugs and wooden bowls in varying sizes for children's mudkitchen play
- Edible & Safe plants suitable for the sensory garden- such as herbs and edible flowers

Check in with your Playgroup facilitators if you have something that you can offer.

We look forward to a productive & creative day as a community.

Arohanui, *Millie, Lizzie, Jen, Alida & Miriam*

CRAFT GROUP

Craft group is having a break for now. Keep an eye on this space for future updates.

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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Tumuaki vacancy: Permanent/Fulltime Tumuaki (Principal) – Te Kura o Rudolf Steiner i Ōtautahi (Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School). If you are a passionate and dedicated educational leader who aligns with our special character and values, we invite you to apply for this position.



Please submit your resume, a cover letter outlining your suitability for the role, and contact details for three professional references to recruitment@ch.steiner.school.nz Closing date 20th October 2023. For more information and application pack

<https://www.ch.steiner.school.nz/contact-us/vacancies/>

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NZSO Open Doors: Sat, 04 Nov, 10am - 4.30pm, Glenroy Auditorium, Dunedin Town Hall.
10am Tamariki Time: A free concert designed for the smallest members of your whānau up to the age of 10. 11.30am Relaxed Concert: A free accessibility concert designed for audiences with sensory needs who may feel uncomfortable in a traditional concert environment. 1.30pm Orchestra Jam: A super fun and informal opportunity to play through several easy or intermediate pieces with some of our NZSO musicians.
3pm Masterclasses: NZSO Assistant Principal Cello, Ian Greenberg and Violist, Beatrix Francis host Masterclasses for young local musicians. Masterclasses are open to the public, so come and join us to watch the next generation of performers.

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Port Chalmers Swimming Club: Our swim club season began this week and it's been great to see the local children back in the water learning how to swim. Families can fill in online form and we'll be in touch. Or they can call me on 022 690 4342. bit.ly/PCSC2023-new-registrations

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Taruna College warmly invites you to the "Supportive Therapies Workshop"
11 - 13 November 2023. This workshop is for nurses, therapists, caregivers who would like to broaden their anthroposophical nursing knowledge, learning practical and effective care and intervention strategies. For more information follow our link: <https://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/therapies-for-care-and-recovery/>

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Motueka Steiner School will be hosting a Lazure Painting Workshop with Charles Andrade next year.
Here is a link if you prefer to share online: <https://motuekasteiner.school.nz/a/NbytlI9>