



"It is easy to forget the fundamental significance of education, which is to educate the whole human being – for life."

Eric G. Muller

Educator and founder of the Alkion Teacher Training Programme, USA



NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

Today	2:00 pm Fair feedback meeting
Wednesday 13 th Nov	5:30 pm Proprietors meeting
Friday 15 th Nov	3 pm Cake stall fundraiser for class 7
Monday 18 th Nov	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Wednesday 20 th Nov	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Monday 25 th Nov	5 – 7pm Kindy parents meeting
Wednesday 27 th Nov	7:30 pm Class 1 2020 meet the teacher
Thursday 19 th Dec	Last day of term 4

TERM DATES FOR 2020

Next year we start school and kindergarten on Monday 3rd February. Primary school will close for Teacher Only day on Friday 7 Feb. The last day of school in 2020 will be 17 December.

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, Greetings to you,

These weeks of late spring seem to be full of ups and downs, not only in the temperatures fluctuations. There is still quite a lot of sickness around and children suffering from rashes and upsets as well as the inevitable colds.

Thank you to all of you who let us know in the office, if your child is unwell and going to be absent, as it saves Roberta a lot of time.

While attendance is generally very good, when we have irregularities we have to follow them up and now that we are using an electronic system, as required, we have more immediate evidence of absences.

We are required by law to report instances of prolonged absence or low attendance rates and especially at the end of the year we are at the year summary stage. If have any questions please look in the Parents Handbook.

With best wishes,

Pene Johnstone

Parking

We are constantly aware of parking problems at drop off and pick up times.

While the school side of Fern Rd provides spaces especially for kindy and other parents who need to accompany their child in, we would encourage all families who merely drop off older children, to stop further back along Manapouri Street, which means the child gets a wee bit of exercise as they come in to school. Of course, they need to be careful if they walk the last few metres as it is a busy time on the road.



The new road down to the right as you approach school, Isobel St, is a public road and already some people are using it, so please use it too as it is very wide.

Please do not park on the opposite side of Fern road where the yellow lines are. And please do not park with two wheels on the curb. We have been advised that we may be visited by Parking Officers to catch all the infringements.

While of course we want to spare you the expense of a parking fine, our real concern is the safety of the pupils and everyone who may be crossing the road to the forbidden side.

Please spare us the embarrassment of asking you to move your car away.

I look forward to seeing the yellow line at drop off and pick up!! Many thanks, *Pene*

The Newbuild.

Many of you will be noticing the progress of the addition to the main building.

We are especially excited by some of the features like the curved corners and the cedar cladding.



We are at the terminal stage of the programme and hope to be inviting you to the Opening in a very short time. The plan for the new large space is to provide a room for the tuakana as they become class one next year. In the long term, it will be a playgroup space and provide welcome extra space as needed.

The new staffroom will be most welcome and we hope to be drinking coffee etc and meeting in there before the end of term.

The kindy teachers will have an office and Alida and Junko are already enjoying the expanded Koru space.

Oh and toilets; we will be glad to say goodbye to the portaloo!!!

Class One. 2020

I want to apologise for any perceived silence about the class one teacher for next year. We are interviewing, next week, any short listed candidates. As soon as the appointment is confirmed I will announce it.

I can, in the meantime, tell you that I will call a meeting on the 27th November in, hopefully, the new room to introduce you to your new teacher.

At this meeting the teacher will tell you a little about him/herself, you can tell us about your child and we will talk about the journey ahead. We will look at some of the rising roles and responsibilities, which are there for parents in the school, which may be a new role for you.

It is also an exciting time for the children who, while knowing each other well, have been in separate dedicated groups with their teachers.

Please make arrangements to be available on that date.

At this stage, I think we will meet at 7:30 pm so you have time to settle the children before you come. Both parents is a big ask but perfect if it is possible. *Pene*

News from the Props

The Props are very pleased to welcome Jess Penwarden as a new member. Thanks for joining!

This Monday we had the last meeting with the project manager and the builders at the extension building - it is nearly done and ready to be signed off by DCC and the Ministry. What a great step for our school! We experienced such a lot of support from the community!

Now we have to focus on the next steps of fundraising and building to provide good classrooms for the children in the years to come.

Gabriela - for the Proprietors

Helpers Please

We would love to have a few volunteers to remove some items from around the school property - for example, there is some old corrugated iron, old wood (not suitable for burning), wire to remove from a fence etc, large blocks of wood to be cut. We would organise a skip or similar to tie in with when people would be available.

Can you help? Let me know! Thanks, *Clare*

Te Reo Māori - Learning the Language



Kia ora koutou - I would like to encourage all parents and friends of the school to consider taking up the opportunity to learn te reo Māori. Excellent free courses are run by the Wananga o Aotearoa here in Ōtepoti. You will find it an enriching and enjoyable journey - both for you and your family. Call the local office tel 466 3430. I recommend it!

Clare

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear whānau,

The final touches are being put on the new building – carpet is down, painting is finished and we now wait for the final sign off so we can move in.

We will be holding a parent evening on the 25th of November, 5:30 to 7 pm. The topics to be discussed are clothing and transitions – be they to class 1 or to a new kindy room.

A huge thank you to all the relievers helping out while Aleisha is away. She will be back two days a week from next week until she finishes her course.

Please, could you make sure all clothing, especially hats, are labelled. It is too easy for mix-ups to happen.

Thank you!

Arohanui, the Kindy teachers

PLAYGROUP

Thank you very much to the parents who very kindly helped with craft projects for the fair. It was really appreciated. It was a beautiful day and a lovely way to show the wider community some of the special aspects of our school.

The end of the term is growing near, our last playgroup session will be on Monday December 16th 10-12. I thought it would be nice to have a combined session for all our families with a shared lunch and a special Christmas story.

Playgroup sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays 10 to 12 pm in Pine Hill.
Contact Bex if you would like more information.
dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

CRAFT GROUP

Craft group sessions will resume again next year.

Please enquire if you would like to purchase from the craft shop and cannot find what you are looking for.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the fairs craft stall.

Craft group funds are used to support school projects. Please make payments to Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago 03-1726-0004961-05



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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Saturday Morning Music Classes Open Morning (Instrumental classes for children 5 years and upwards). Parents and children wishing to commence classes in 2020 are

invited to observe classes in progress on Saturday morning November 16th.

George St Normal School Centre: Groups will assemble inside the Main Block door and be guided around classes between 9 and 10:30am.

Bathgate Park School Centre: Groups will assemble in the foyer at 9:15 and 10:15am.

Elmgrove School, Mosgiel Centre will be open on Wed 13th November between 3:30 and 4:30.

Otago Potters Group

Jug by guest artist Duncan Shearer



CERAMICS EXHIBITION

15-30 November 2019

Opening
5.30 Friday 15th

Community Gallery
20 Princes Street, Dunedin
10am to 5pm daily

Parent Help
For Parents and Family Support

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A promotional banner for Parent Help. It features a photograph of a woman smiling and hugging two young children. The text includes the Parent Help logo, the website address, and the phone number for the free parenting helpline.

CLASS 1 TEACHER 2020: We have a position available for an enthusiastic state trained primary school teacher with experience in Steiner education. The school is in a beautiful semi rural location, overlooking the harbour, ten minutes from the town centre and offers classes 1 - 7 (years 2 -8). The community is thriving with four primary classrooms and three kindergartens. The ideal applicant will have a commitment to Steiner pedagogy, an ability to work with composite classes and a flexibility to suit a small school. This position commences Term 1 2020

Download a job description and application form

<https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/noticeboard.html>

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