



Angels down to me are bending;  
In spring's sunlit hour  
My heart like a flower  
Unfolds with great power.

And out into the joyful world  
My feeling-forces are unfurled.

All things I love – fire, water, air,  
The stones, the stars, the mighty sun,  
Plants, creatures, people everywhere  
For God is in them, every one.

Michael Hedley Burton



## NEWSLETTER

### DIARY OF DATES

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11 am to 3 pm School FAIR
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kindy and School Class photos
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1:50 pm Class 4&5 play – all invited
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7 pm Proprietors meeting
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School closed due to strike action
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	7 pm Financial contributions consultation meeting
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2 pm Tea for Rachel Barrington
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Kindergarten Open Day for prospective families
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 7 graduation

### CAMPS

Class 7 camp	2 December to 7 December
Class 4 & 5 camp	from 10 December

### PLAYGROUP TIMES

Mondays 9:15 to 11:30am	Mixed age children - Maia
Wednesdays 10 to 12pm	Mixed age children - Pine Hill
Fridays 10 to 12pm	Te Whare Ako Marie - Pine Hill
Fridays 1:15 to 2:45pm	Kereru's Nest (new parents and infants) – Maia

Kia ora koutou - greetings to all

Thanks to everyone who is helping to prepare for this Sunday's fair. We look forward to a beautiful day where everyone can enjoy working together, and also enjoy the fun of the fair. We have some beautiful craft for sale, plants and quality second hand items, great music and children's activities. If you are a school or kindergarten family then please ensure that you know what food you are bringing for the fair café, that you have returned raffle sheets and that you know where you are rostered on for the day. Please spread the word about the fair to family and friends – we hope for a great turn out of people.

This term we have welcomed our new handwork teacher, Rachel Foster. She is getting to know the school and the children. We look forward to working with her over the years to come. Interviews for next year's class 1 and 2 teacher are underway.

We look forward to welcoming Sue Simpson, the General Secretary of the Anthroposophical society at the start of December. Other events this term include various class plays, the Class 7 graduation, camps for class 7 and for class 4 and 5.

The Primary School teachers across the country are continuing their action to reach a settlement with the Ministry of Education. It is likely that there will be a strike here on Thursday 15 November, when the Primary school will be closed. Please plan ahead for this as I am afraid the school cannot take the primary school children that day.

Nga mihi nui, *Clare*

## **Community meeting and roll cap**

Thank you to everyone who came and participated in our meetings last week – we had around 30 people at each of the meetings. We are unlikely to be able to increase our school roll until the end of 2019, at the earliest. While all our current 5 year olds will have a place, we will have to limited spaces for our 4 year olds and younger to 8 per year, until the cap is lifted. The school is working through the matters outstanding in the ERO report and should see if we are ready to have that hurdle out of the way in term 2. In the meantime, we will be gathering data and want to ensure that everyone who wants to join the school is listed. Therefore, even if families know we are full, we would like them to contact us so that we have them on a waiting list. Someone has offered to draw up a visual map of where our students and 'would be' students come from to show the negligible impact on the local schools.



Once the ERO work is nearing completion, we will look for a planned PR campaign.

There is interest in having a parent group that can help the social fabric of the school and help us in the campaigning. Let the office know if you are also interested in joining this. Campaign suggestions have already been put forward.



We will also put data together that shows that special character is why parents come here.

It was suggested that we have a community hui to look at our strategic plans – so we shall try to plan this in for next year.

It was agreed that we need to move on and provide more classroom space as planned.

With growth we have also got to manage other issues, such as traffic management

Please contact the office if you would like us to email you the minutes of the meeting. *Clare*

## **Parent association**

Would you like to be part of this group? Let the office know by phone or email. Sharie has put forward the idea that the group makes a pizza oven and uses this for regular get togethers at the school. This sounds a great idea!

## **Financial contributions to the school and kindergarten**

Everyone's financial contributions are vital to the school and kindergarten – thank you for enabling us to offer Steiner education to children in Dunedin. We could not do it without you. We would like to consult with the parent community on how we gather financial contributions in the future. We need to ensure that this is done in a way that meets the needs of the school, complies with legislation, is easy to understand and to manage. A consultation paper will come out after the fair and you will have the opportunity to respond to survey questions, or come to a meeting on Thursday 22 November at 7pm to give feedback there.

## **28th November – Tea for Rachel Barrington**

Please mark this date, 2 pm onwards for an afternoon tea to start our thank yous and farewell to Rachel. More details to follow.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Strike Action**

Primary school will be closed for Strike action on Thursday 15 November - unless negotiations are resolved prior to this date. *Clare*



## Invitation from class 4 & 5

Kia ora koutou, class 4 & 5 warmly invite you to our class play for 2018. Our play this year is inspired by our Ancient India Main Lesson. It is the story of Siddhartha Gautama.

The play is on Wednesday the 14th of November (the day before the teachers strike). The play will start at 2pm. Please be seated by 1:50. Hope to see many of you there.  
*James*

## Class 2 & 3 News

Kia ora koutou,

It's Halloween, and we have all been learning some interesting Halloween poetry. It's a lot of fun! We have also been working on pumpkin/jack o lantern paintings and will have them finished by the end of the day.



We have been busy growing seedlings for this season's planting- pumpkins and broccoli, all saved from last year's crop. We will be planting them before the end of the week in class 2 & 3's Koanga Garden. Hopefully you will be able to see the crops growing soon.

Measurement is the current main lesson, with lots of estimation and comparison using lots of non standard units like hands, feet, fingers, bodies and chairs to measure anything from pencils to the school's court. We will soon be moving on to an introduction to centimeters etc which will help with our next main lesson

of building.

Class 2 & 3 have had some good experiences with sports lately. We had a great time at Harbour Sports, our school didn't win but we did well. Swimming lessons have

begun and are being well received by the children. Class 3 been having great success with their Futsal matches with both teams (Steiner Strikers and the Steiner Dragonfires) having won both games so far which is fantastic for teams that have never played before. Brilliant efforts teams! Thanks must go to Brendan Penwarden (Roam's dad) who is the coach for the teams and the parent rep for the Steiner Strikers and Silke Templeton (Luka, Liam and Finn's mum) who is the parent rep for the Steiner Dragonfires. It's due to the parent help that the children can join the tournament, thank you so much.

Nga mihi nui *Jane and Class 2/3*

**Classroom Cleaning – Term 3 2018** Vacuuming, dusting, anything you see to keep our classrooms clean! A once a week clean in the middle of the week after school), really helps. Ask your class teacher what would be most helpful. Thank you in advance. Should the timetable below not suit your family, please arrange to swap.

Class	29 Oct	5 Nov	12 Nov	19 Nov	26 Nov	3 Dec	10 Dec	17 Dec
<b>1</b>	Owen	Jana	Ella	Lily	Anoushka	Chaya	Dara	Jerome
<b>2/3</b>	Saraya	Jakob	Finn	Daniel	Christopher	Roam	Tamari	Mathew
<b>4/5</b>	Jasmine	Virginia	Matthew	Poppy	Grace	Lucy	Anna	Sammy
<b>6/7</b>	Massimo	Fox	Fynn	Tomas	Massimo	Minami	Louis	Lucas J

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Kindergarten Whanau,

We have been busy in preparation for our wonderful school fair. We ask all families to please get involved and contribute to the fair. If you are not sure what you could do, just ask. Every one does a shift working on the stalls and activities on fair day. If have not put your name down on the roster yet, please do so ASAP. It is in the office.

We also ask all families to contribute with 2 or 3 dishes to be sold in the café. Please make sure you have put your name down.

Finally, a lot of muscle power is needed setting up and packing up. Please do come along and help if you can. The more people helping the quicker this can be done and we all can go home to a well-deserved rest.

We look forward to the weekend!

Nga mihi, *Julie, Kate, Sandra, Junko and Alida*

## PLAYGROUP

Please bring along family and friends to join in the fun with you. There will be much to see and do, plenty of delicious food and familiar faces. The event will go ahead regardless of weather.

Additionally if there are any Playgroup families who would like to help out by providing a food item for the Soul Cafe, please contact the office to advise item and ingredients during the week.

We hope to see you all there!

For any further information about any of our playgroups, please feel free to get in touch at [dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com) Zoe and Alida

## CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group is a traditionally has a big input into the fair and this year the kindy families are supporting the craft effort. We hope to have 3 craft activities available at the fair for children and visitors to participate in for a small cost. A couple of these activities will be new. People power will be needed to assist with running these activities. It's loads of fun and prior experience is not required.

Many Thanks Sharyn

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

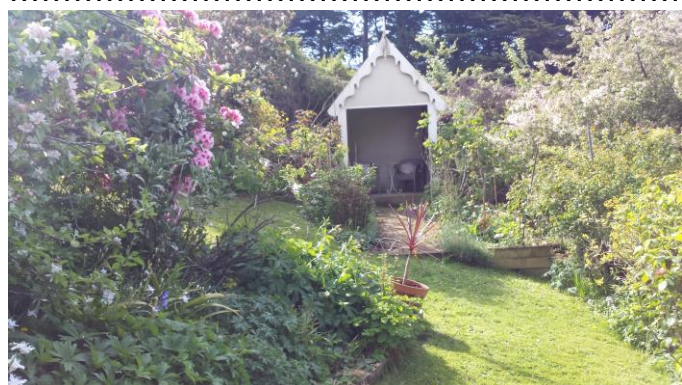
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**St. Leonards School Market Day:** We will be having a Market Day on the courts of school on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> between 11-2pm. Anyone wanting to book a space to sell basically anything, please contact the office. We are charging \$10 a space. Enjoy a day of exploring 6 of the beautiful West Harbour garden, from Ravensbourne through to Aramoana, as well as 2 special open homes.

Drop in and buy plants, crafts and other surprises at the St. Leonards School Market Day. Enquiries to 021 024 204 90.

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**The Holy Cow's Holiday Program:** Dear Friends, Thank you for your enthusiastic support of Holy Cow's Farm and Forest Camp. During the Summer Holiday we will run from January 7<sup>th</sup> to



11<sup>th</sup>. Children from the age of six who can follow directions, carry through with a task and don't mind getting dirty are welcome. Call Alex 03- 472 7304

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**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

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**free entry**

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