



I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho

A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions.



Class Kea on camp last week

NEWSLETTER

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School

Rāhina/Mondays	Swimming lessons
Rāpare/Thursday 27 th Nov	School Marae visit
Rāapa /Wednesday 3 Dec	Parent teacher interviews
Rāmere/Friday 12 th Dec	12 pm School Summer Festival

Kindergarten

Rāpare/Thursday 11 th Dec	12-2pm – Summer Festival
15 th to 19 th December	Kindergarten open during term break
19 th to 30 th January	Kindergarten open during term break

Other

Rāmere/Friday 28 th Nov	9:30am -1 pm Community cooking
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Governance

Rātū/Tuesday 9 th Dec	5:30 pm Board meeting
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Craft group every Rāhina/Monday 9 to 11 am in the forest classroom

Playgroup

Rāhina/Mondays and Rāapa/Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

Please see the [calendar](#) on our website for 2026 dates

Kia ora koutou,

We are certainly on the home stretch on our way to the big summer holidays! The school children are so full of energy that we see more classes outside more frequently to make the most of the weather as well as releasing some of that spring coming into summer energy.

Class Kea had an amazing camp and have all come back full of new experiences of learning, challenging themselves and enjoying seeing another beautiful part of Aotearoa. Class Kiokio and class Kea are working on their class plays, which requires a different energy from the children and the teachers. Class Kererū is getting ready for their graduation and finishing their time with us and class Kākāpō, having returned from their first camp and a walk up Hereweka, are welcoming visitors from within our community who are sharing what they do for work and how they got to be a builder, a person working with food etc.

We have been heartened by the response from our community in regard to our commitment to continue to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We will always do what is right, morally and within our special character. This means respecting and honouring our place in this land and the time we live in. Our visit to the Puketeraki Marae this week seems very timely and we look forward to deepening our connection to Kāti Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki through learning, understanding and spending time together.

We hope to see many of you at the events over the next couple of weeks as we celebrate our way into the summer holidays!

Kā mihi,

Ms Noble - Tumuaki

Special Character Thoughts- The Four Higher Senses

In our last College meeting, we completed our initial work on the 12 senses. While it was satisfying to work through all 12 senses this year and see the connections between them, it also showed the potential for more in-depth work in the future.

The four higher senses are the sense of hearing, speech, thought and ego (of others). They are referred to as the higher senses, as they develop later, between the ages of 14-21, and are commonly worked with in Steiner High schools.

Hearing: is the sense that perceives sounds, something that becomes more nuanced later in life. As children grow up, they learn to understand what certain sounds mean and what information it gives them about what is happening around them, including intent, mood and atmosphere.

Speech: is the sense of language. Children learn to change intonation, volume and tone to match their surroundings. They learn to understand how their speech is perceived and adapt accordingly, therefore learning about the environment they are in and how to relate to it.

Thought: is the sense of thinking abstractly and understanding concepts. This is something that is crucial for social understanding and to be able to move in different circumstances and cultural settings successfully.

Ego (of others): is the follow-on sense from the sense of touch, which allows us to perceive ourselves as separate from others. The sense of ego refers to the understanding of the ego and individuality of others, separate from ourselves. Understanding others allows us to form social bonds, therefore coming together in a conscious way.

All four higher senses are about understanding other people and how they relate to oneself. Developing the lower senses allows the children to 'sense' themselves into their bodies. The middle senses develop the experience of their bodies being separate to the world whereas the higher senses allow the learning of how to be and move in the world. A beautiful and powerful way of understanding development.

Remembering Anthony

Next Thursday 4th December at 3.10pm we invite you to join us in a small ceremony to remember Anthony, our former school staff member and school parent, who passed away in September. We will gather at the garden shed/ orchard area and hang a windchime for him. If anyone would like to share some words on the day then please do. You are also welcome to bring some food to share if you would like to stay on for a while. Any small koha towards the chimes is welcome. (normal school account - reference windchimes) We look forward to sharing this moment with you to remember him.

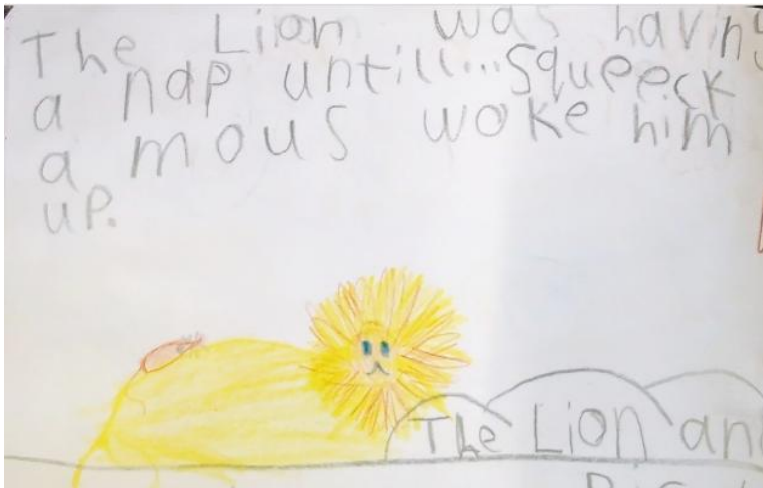
Pledge form 2026

We are in the process of planning ahead for 2026, which includes budgeting for playgroup, kindergarten and school. We ask that every family completes the [pledge 2026](#) by Monday 9th December. More information on the pledge is available [here](#).

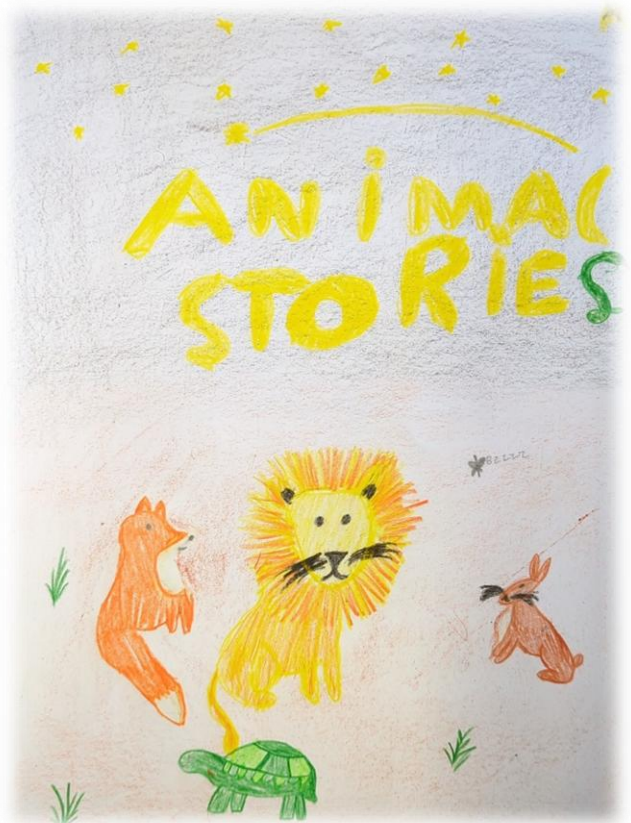
SCHOOL – CLASS KIOKIO

Kia ora koutou!

This term, we have been exploring our main story curriculum for the year: Animal Stories. These have included Aesop's Fables and several Brer Rabbit tales. The class really enjoyed them, especially the humour woven throughout! This was our first combined main lesson as a class this year, and it felt wonderful to be working on the same themes while holding different expectations for each class level.



In the second half of the term, we turned our attention to our class play, How the Elephant Got His Trunk, which has been great fun. We explored lots of drama games to develop our dramatic skills, and it has been lovely to share it with the school and kindy on Tuesday. We are excited to share it with the parents and guardians today!





This is my last time sending something in for the newsletter, so I'd like to say a huge thank you for welcoming me into your community. It has been truly enjoyable teaching in the school over the past two years and getting to know so many wonderful people and students. I will take with me many good memories from my time here, and I'm very grateful to have been part of such a special school and class.

All the best,

Feargal & Class Kiokio

KINDERGARTEN

Dear kindergarten whānau,

This week the tamariki are enjoying a special marionette puppet play during our daily story time, called The Swan Geese. The silk puppets and cloths bring to life a 3-dimensional world of colour, movement and beauty.

Kā mihi, *your kindergarten teachers.*



PLAYGROUP

Playgroup takes place every Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30. We welcome new families. *Alida and Miriram*

CRAFT GROUP & SHOP

Craft group has been meeting weekly on Mondays from 9 to 11 am in the forest classroom. New members are always welcome. Join us next week if you are keen.

The craft shop is getting ready for the Christmas season. We have some new items, lots of local honey from Blueskin Bay, Weleda products, etc. A good place to find Christmas gifts.

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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Kids Preloved Summer Sale – Dec 6 & 7 at the Edgar Centre! Shop sustainably and save big at Dunedin's favourite family market! Find quality kids' gear (maternity to teen), shoes, toys, books, games, uniforms, nursery gear, and more — all preloved and affordable. Fri Dec 6 (10am–5pm) & Sat Dec 7 (9am–1pm – half price sale!). Edgar Centre, Dunedin. Free entry – open to everyone! A perfect chance to grab last-minute holiday gifts and support local families. Still time to register as a seller too declutter and earn some extra Christmas cash! www.k2consignment.com

House Sitting over January and February 2026!

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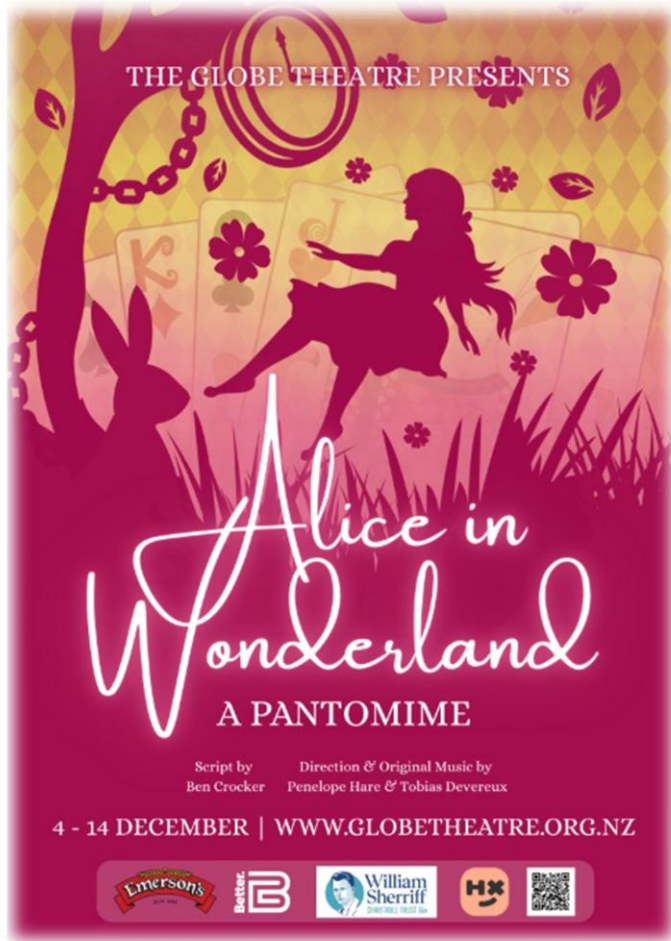
I'm Anna, university student, ex-Steiner pupil, and daughter of Pamala W.

If you are away on holiday over the months of January and February 2026, I am available to house sit in the Dunedin area! I am responsible and will take great care of your home 😊

I am also more than happy to look after/feed pets if you have them.

If you are interested, please get in touch on 0210729552 and we can have a chat.

Kā mihi, *Anna*



After school
Babysitter Wanted
Starting Term 1 2026
Monday- Tuesday -Wednesday
3-4pm
For Suzy and Roselle, ages 7
and 3.

- Pick up from Kindergarten and Class 1
- Walk to our home which is 2 minutes walk from school
- Supervise play at our home
- Welcome to bring own child.
- Cash paid weekly. Good hourly rate.
- Must have a gentle approach with children
- Term time only
- Intention to do this for the whole year to keep consistency for the children.

If interested please contact Catherine
Txt/phone 0224698534