



*"Teachers say to themselves that there is a human being from whom relationships extend out to the entire cosmos, and when I do my work with every one of these growing children, I do something that has meaning for the entire cosmos."*

*Rudolf Steiner*



## NEWSLETTER

### DIARY OF DATES

Today	2:00 pm Fair meeting
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3 pm Cake stall fundraiser for class 7
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	ERO visit to the school
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5:30 pm Proprietors meeting
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2 pm Class 3 & 4 play - Class parents invited
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2 pm Class 7 graduation
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Summer/closing festival - Last day of term 4

### TERM DATES FOR 2020

Please check the website <https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/news--calendar.html>

### PLAYGROUP TIMES (353 PINE HILL ROAD)

Mondays 10 to 12 pm      Mixed age children

Wednesdays 10 to 12 pm Mixed age children

Dear Parents,

Busy days are upon us and we are all counting down to the summer holidays.

This last week has been exciting as we have interviewed, recruited and announced our new Class one Teacher. It is Julie Ladbrook.

I think all the school children know her as she has stepped in to help with various lessons since first coming to the school at the beginning of term 3 to be Principal release teacher.

She has enjoyed great success with the older class and became interested in the class one position.

Julie brings a wealth of experience, warmth and good common sense as well as a readiness to learn more about our special character and bring this to her class of 17 in the new Year.

I look forward to studying with and mentoring Julie. We all, as colleagues, are impressed with her commitment, contribution and depth of perceptions.

Julie has met most of the parents at “meet the teacher meetings” and will be observing, then meeting with the Tuakana in the next couple of days.

So welcome Julie into this very special role.

While she is often around on Thursday and Friday, I am also able to meet with you, answer your questions.

If it is your first child entering the school it is quite a profound experience. Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have questions or concerns.

I love meeting you and am always interested to find out more about our school community. My door is always open to you.

Please remember sunhats. The sun can burn in minutes. It's almost worth having 2 at school.

And please remember our **attendance policy**/ in the parents' handbook and online. We are obliged to follow up **notable absences** so it's always best to let us know if you have some issues leading to a lot of absence.

Warm greetings,

*Pene*

## **BoT Invitation to Community Consultation**

Kia ora koutou,

The Board of Trustees wishes to invite you to a Community Consultation meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the new classroom.

The School is in the process of amending its Enrolment Scheme and is providing this opportunity for the community to ask questions and make comments.

The DRAFT Enrolment scheme is attached to the email that brings you this newsletter but is also available at the Office along with the current Enrolment scheme.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to ask questions or provide feedback please either email the office or write a note and it will be passed on to the Board.

The Board will be concluding this consultation period on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards, *Helen Thomlinson* - Chairperson

## **Fair Consultation**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey about the fair and planning dates for next year. The fair meeting this afternoon at 2pm will review this and provide feedback to all.

## **Lost Property**

Please come and check the lost property basket. We won't be keeping anything over the holidays. Any items left will be donated.

## **Advent Calendars**

We have beautiful advent calendars for sale in the craft shop. Come see for yourself.

## **Organic Oats Order**

We are about to place an order for oats (jumbo and quick) with Harraways. You may order in 5kg, 10kg or 20kg bags! Please place your orders by e-mailing Paula at mullinsfamilyotago@gmail.com by Sunday (1 December) night (6pm) so the order can be placed on Monday 2 December. Delivery will be communicated via e-mail. Any questions, don't hesitate to flick me an email! As with previous orders, this is a small fundraiser for the school. We are just waiting on the final cost per kilo which will be messaged to interested parties as soon as we have it. Thank you

## Sports – Tennis

Congratulations to Mathew, who represented our school in the South Island Primary Schools Tennis Championships Finals held this week in Timaru. Qualifying for the South Island finals was already a great achievement, but Mathew did even better this week with our school finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place in singles and 2<sup>nd</sup> in doubles partnering with a pupil from a school in Marlborough.



## Quote from the parent of a former pupil

As another year rolls around it is nice to hear from some of the parents of children who left at the end of 2018. Among these was a message from Massimo's mother, Lisa Pezzuto:

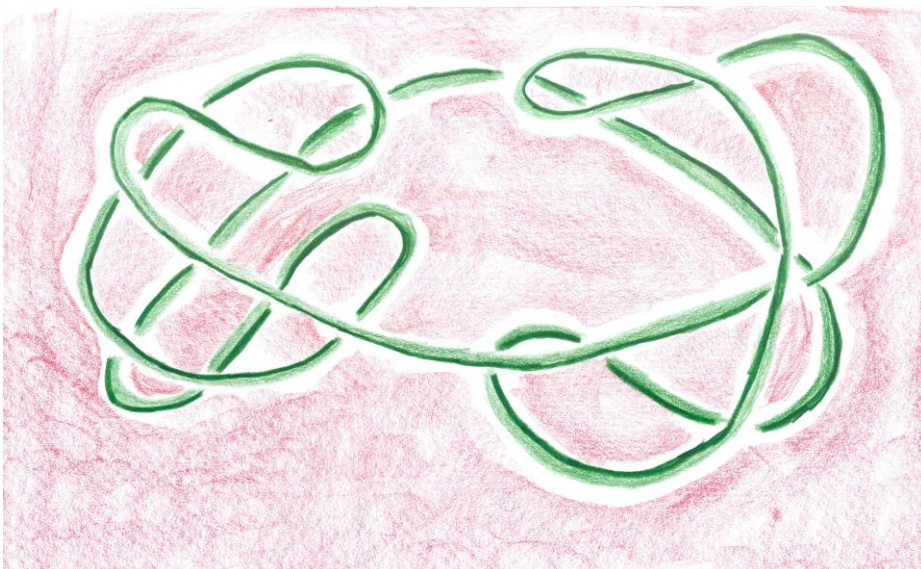
"Massi continues to do well in school and more importantly is enjoying it and is continuing to play the cello and enjoy science. I really think Dunedin Steiner School made a huge positive difference to him as a person so I'm very grateful that he was able to attend for almost 2 years at a crucial stage in life".

## SCHOOL NEWS – Class Piwakawaka

Kia ora koutou,

The end of the year is drawing near and as always, there never seems to be enough time!

This term we have been practising our play “Iduna and the Golden Apples “ which is set in Norse Mythology. This co-incided with the main lesson we experienced on

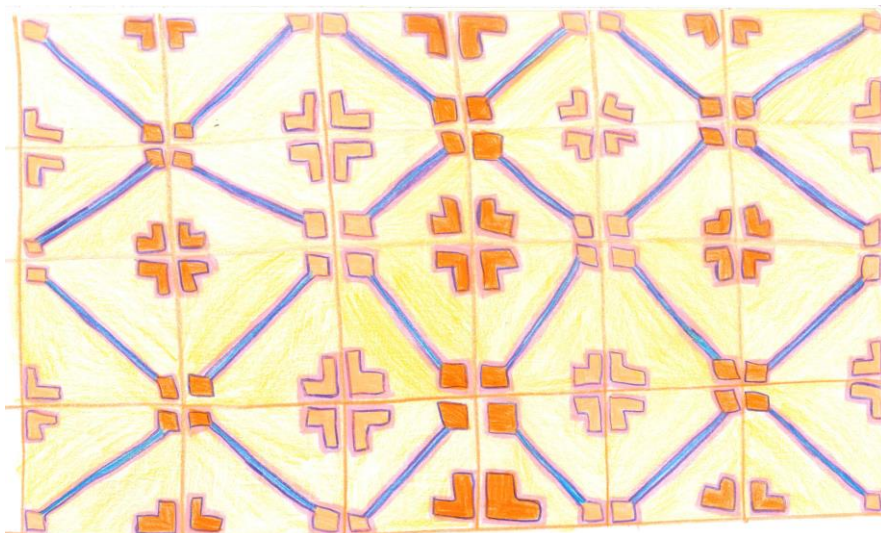


Norse Mythology, taking the children on a journey from the creation to Ragnarok. The children were told stories of the gods and their adventures and learnt about Celtic Norse Runes.

We are also continuing the Norse theme within our work on form drawing where we are creating Celtic steps and



knots. They are still hearing stories from the Viking era but we have now moved on to a new main lesson “The History of Writing” where we will be looking at how writing has transformed from its first origins of paintings for communication to modern day writing practices. This main lesson will take us on a journey through various



countries learning about what writing was for them in their societies. Another exciting main lesson that will finish at the end of the year.

Parts of speech and spelling continue to be a focus for us in literacy and the piwakawaka continue to enjoy all things about words and how to use them, especially oral language! In maths, we have a focus on early fractions, which is proving to be really popular and fun as we have a very hands-on with materials approach.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, Jane

Paintings-Ymir's teeth and Odin's eight-legged steed

The Death of Balder (Cremation ship)







The death of Balder  
The Aesir played a game that was to pelt Balder with stones and axes and lots of other things that can harm Balder. but Loki made an arrow of mistletoe, the only thing that can harm Balder. Balder's brother Hod was blind and Loki guided the arrow and it killed Balder. Balder's body was put on his ship and so was his wife Nanna who died of a broken heart. the ship sailed and sank down to Hel.

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear whānau,

On Monday a group of kindergarten parents joined the teachers for our termly parent evening.

This time we had a robust discussion about how we might come up with some clearer rules around what makes clothing suitable for kindergarten. We recognised that our current guidelines leave lots of room for differing interpretations and do not adequately meet our needs in kindergarten or support parents in choosing kindy clothes for their children. We acknowledge that this needs to be practical, achievable and able to be consistently applied for parents and teachers alike, and won't happen overnight.

Our intention is that the clothes that children wear, as well as all other gear they bring from home, helps to support a healthy social and play environment in line with our special character.

Parents shared their ideas and suggestions and the teachers provided some examples of dress codes from other schools/kindergartens as well as sharing some observations of how children's clothing can impact their and others experiences at kindy.

This topic is forming an emergent review for us in the kindergarten, and we hope the outcome will be a kindergarten clothing statement providing clarity for 2020 on. We will continue the conversation as we work on this.

The simple answer for those sourcing clothes now is "plain is best".

We also talked together about the transitions for the children, which are approaching, with the new year. Almost all the kindy children will experience this. From the internal transition of moving on from the Koru room to the Kowhai and Rata rooms, to the significant milestones of becoming a Tuakana or beginning class 1.

Following this was a meeting where next year's Class 1 parents met their new teacher and the Tuakana children will be doing the same today.

Ngā mihi, *The Kindergarten teachers.*

## **PLAYGROUP**

The last playgroup session will be on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**School Cleaner wanted for 2020:** The school seeks a reliable and thorough cleaner for 2020. The work includes a weekly clean of school classrooms and a daily (weekday) clean of the school toilets. The hours are around 6 hours per week paid at the living wage. If you are interested please contact Clare or email the office by 10 December. A job description for the work is available on our website on the Noticeboard <https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/noticeboard.html>

**Te Ra School has a vacancy** for the position of Principal. Please email [chair@tera.school.nz](mailto:chair@tera.school.nz) with your expression of interest and to obtain an application pack. Applications close at 5pm on Monday 20 January 2020. Further information is available at [www.tera.school.nz](http://www.tera.school.nz)



**Parent Help**  
The Parent and Family Support

**FREE PARENTING HELPLINE** [www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)  
**ALL ISSUES ALL AGES** **0800 568 856**



**Christmas Holiday Programme**

Join us at Logan Park Tennis Centre (Edgar Centre if wet). Programme runs from 9am-1pm and caters to all experience levels. Ages 6- 16. Contact Ayesha at [compsdev@tennisotago.org](mailto:compsdev@tennisotago.org) for more info

Week 1	16th-19th Dec	Register by 13th Dec
Week 2	20th-23rd Jan	Register by 17th Jan
Cost	\$20 per day	\$70 for 4 days

**Register @**  
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