



*"Life flows freely,
unhindered, back and forth
from teacher to pupil."*

Rudolf Steiner



NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

Today	2:00 pm Fair meeting
Friday 13 th Dec	3 pm Snack stall fundraiser for playground
Wednesday 11 th Dec	5:30 pm Proprietors meeting
Monday 16 th Dec	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Tuesday 17 th Dec	2 pm Class 3 & 4 play - Class parents invited
Wednesday 18 th Dec	11:30 Kindy Summer festival
Wednesday 18 th Dec	2 pm Class 7 graduation
Thursday 19 th Dec	12 pm Tuakana gathering
Thursday 19 th 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,

I'm writing as I wait for the class to arrive. We are bound for Bannockburn for our graduation camp.

It has been a wonderful journey about to be completed as a new contingent of graduates head towards High School.

Seda, Fynn and Tom will be going to Logan Park; Solomon will go to Otago Boys and Alice will return to Rotorua after spending the class 7 year with us. We wish them every success as they take this step into High School.

Yesterday there were graduation ceremonies at High Schools around Dunedin; although I only have it second hand, I believe that the graduates at Logan Park, from class 7 last year, featured well with a good representation of awards in the academic, cultural sphere as well as providing the band music.

Meanwhile, I was meeting ERO with the Board of Trustees following our end of year visit on Monday.

We have had clear targets to reach following our previous ERO visit in 2017.

We all left the meeting feeling we had been through a good experience, having formed a good working relationship with the ERO representatives over the last year.

The official outcome will be sent to us next year.

For now, I want to thank the Teachers, Board members and Clare for diligent application to reaching the targets. It has been quite a journey as we take steady steps on the compliance path while still upholding our essential vision.

As teachers, we feel we have gained a lot of insight and it has been a springboard to many new initiatives, which have helped us in our work with the children and their progress in learning.

I hope you are enjoying reading your children's reports; by getting them to you this early (well-done teachers) there is time for you to meet with your class teacher if you have queries.

I have certainly enjoyed reading them.

Although we have another week before school is finally over for 2019, I wish you well from the sunny shores of Lake Dunstan.

Please remember sunhats and maybe include them in Christmas stockings if that helps to get them here on Children's heads!!!

Enjoy the last few days as we kind of scramble towards the finishing hour; Thursday afternoon!

Warm regards, *Pene*

Grass around the new building

Many of you may be aware that we are about to tidy the grounds around the new building. Before we put grass seeds down, we thought we could check if any of you would happen to be moving grass to start a veggie patch or anything else. If you are, and you have a grass area that need to be relocated, we would greatly appreciate having it.

Bikes

It's great to see students riding to school! Please remember that bikes have to be walked within school grounds. There are often very young children walking around (2-3 year olds) and we must put safety first. Thank you for your support.

2020 Calendar

I hope to have a 2020 calendar ready for next week. Please let the office know if you would like a copy - \$10 - all as a school fundraiser, showing artwork from our students, poems and space for all your 2020 dates!
Clare



Playground fundraiser

Please come and eat with us on Friday after school, bring your gold coins and an empty stomach to feast on sushi, slices and salads.

This is the first of many different kinds of fundraising that we hope to continue next year in hope to be able to build the kindergarten and school a new playground.

Come celebrate with us and show your support.

Thanks so much, *Sharie Marie*

Lost and Found Items

Please do check the lost and found basket in the office. Items left at the end of the year will be donated.

SCHOOL NEWS

Handwork

We have had a busy and creative year in handwork.

Class 1 pupils have been working hard on their knitting this year and items created include hats with pompoms, scarves with tassels and chair pads.

Class 2 pupils have been working on their knitted animals.

Class 3 have completed crochet recorder holders and embroidered bags and pillows.

Class 4 pupils have worked away on their cross-stitch pencil case designs.



Class 5 and 6 have been creating Waldorf dolls, felted angels and aprons.

Class 7 pupils have worked on individual designs, which have ranged from tapestry designed pillows to leather shoulder bags.

Futsal term 4

Congratulations to the Steiner Silver Reindeer (girls from class Kahikatea) for coming second place overall for this terms futsal results.

Well done to all the players of our school teams. Keep working together and enjoying yourselves.

Reports

School reports are in the office ready to be collected. Uncollected reports will be

posted on Friday afternoon. Please let us know if you cannot pick it up by Friday but do not wish the report to be posted.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear all,

We recently held a parents' night in which we discussed the clothing guidelines. We agreed that the guidelines provided in the handbook are not as clear as they could be, and therefore we discussed what was acceptable, and not acceptable with a view to revising the guidelines so they are clear. The reason for having a Dress Code, put simply, is to avoid distraction.

There was a suggestion arising from the parent evening that approaching children's clothing with the idea of a Kindergarten 'uniform' may be helpful. We do not have a uniform, but we do have a Dress Code. Having a drawer with a range of clothing that adheres to the Dress Code may be one way to simplify what may be worn to Kindergarten.

The children's work is their play. We work hard in Kindergarten to provide an environment in which a child's imagination may flourish, and children enjoy a range of stories, songs, poems and plays, which support the free expression of these imaginative forces.

Children are extremely susceptible to influence, and an image on a top, or a picture on a lunch box or bag can become a major distraction and influence the play in an undesirable way. A picture, even of a natural thing, is discouraged as it draws attention away from the child's face and distracts from the child themselves.

Below is a draft of the revised clothing guidelines. A copy is available in the office in the Kindergarten consultation folder. Please feel free to make comments or suggestions on the accompanying feedback sheet.

Revised Dress Code Draft

The following are allowed:

Solid colours

Stripes or spots

Repeated small images on printed cloth- images smaller than a credit card

Small discreet outer brand labels and logos must be smaller than a credit card (e.g. on a jacket/overpants)

Please do not send your child wearing the following:

Text or numbers

Cartoonish images.

Anthropomorphic/humanised images

No offensive/ horror prints e.g. skulls/weapons

Glitter/sequins/tulle etc.

Dress up costumes (children should be wearing usual day time clothing).

Singlet tops- shoulders must be covered by a t – shirt

Summer Festival

We will be holding our Summer Festival on Wednesday the 18th at 11.30.

Please bring something for the shared lunch (finger food is preferable).

The following day, we will be holding a simple gathering for the Tuakana at 12 pm. This should go on for around half an hour, and we will then just have our lunch boxes, possibly outside if the weather is fine. All parents of Tuakana are welcome to come along.



You may then take your child home if you wish, as the Primary school will be closing for the year at 1pm. The Kindergarten will be open until 3 pm, as usual, for those who need to stay.

A rainbow welcoming ceremony will be held for new Class 1 children at the start of next year in the school, rather than in the kindergarten.

The Summer kindergarten session

The Summer kindergarten session will run from the 13th to the 31st of January. Debbie Bethune will be the registered teacher in charge along with Asia Tapealava on week 1, Miriam Barton on week 2 and Uschi Heyd on week 3.

Ngā mihi, *The Kindergarten teachers.*

PLAYGROUP

Thank you to all the wonderful families that have made playgroup so lovely and busy this year. Our last session will be a combined one on Monday 16th 10-12 with a special Christmas story.

Our first sessions back next year will be the second week of Term 1 on Monday 10th February and Wednesday 12th February. *Bex and Alida*

dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

CRAFT GROUP

Organic oats are available in the craft shop now. 2Kg for \$14.

There are also lovely Christmas gifts and advent calendars available from the craft shop.

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

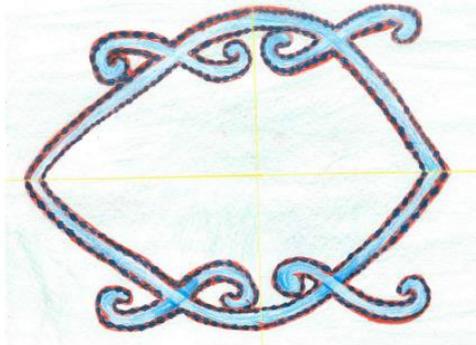
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Te Ra School has a vacancy for the position of Principal. Please email chair@tera.school.nz with your expression of interest and to obtain an application pack. Applications close at 5pm on Monday 20 January 2020. Further information is available at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

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CALENDAR 2020
Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School



"Ye mountains, that far off lift up your heads, / Seen dimly through their canopies of blue, / The shade of my unrestful spirit sheds / Distance-created beauty over you" *From the Green Mountains by JR Lowell*



In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle light.
In summer, quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

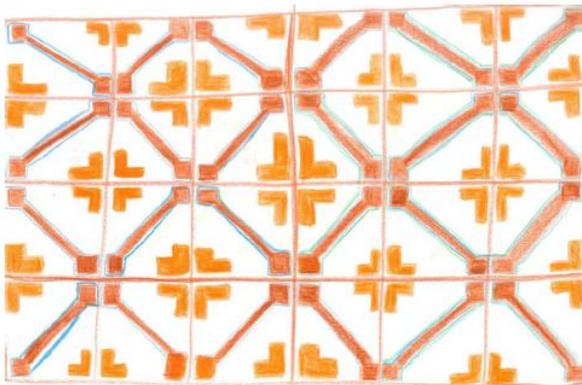
And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?
By Robert Louis Stevenson



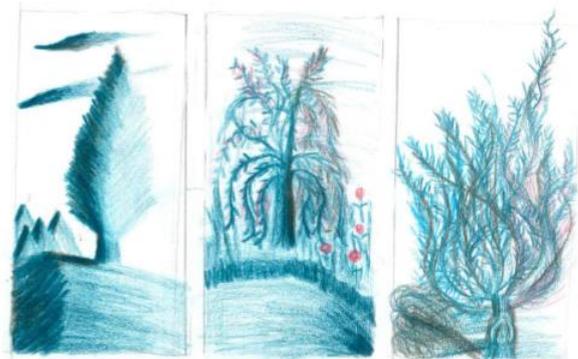
A little brown bulb went to sleep in the ground.
In his little brown nightie he slept very sound.
Old Winter he roared and he raged overhead,
But the little brown bulb did not move in his bed.

But the little brown bulb did not move in his bed.
But when Spring came tiptoeing over the lea
With fingers to lips as soft as can be.

The little brown bulb just lifted his head.
Slipped off his nightie and jumped out of bed.
By A Fairman



When Autumn mists gather and leaves come tumbling down,
New hops in me rises that I might wear the crown



Spades take up leaves
No better than spoons,
And bags full of leaves
Are light as balloons. *From "Gathering Leaves" by Robert Frost*



Out of the bosom of the air,
Out of the cloud folds of her garments shaken,
Over the woodland brown and bare,
Over the harvest fields forsaken,
Silent and soft and slow
Descends the snow. *From "Snow flakes" by HW Longfellow*



Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –
When weeds, in wheels shoot lovely and long and lush;
From "Spring" by Gerard Manley Hopkins

