



**Like swelling waves that flood the land,
 A green spring-tide is surging,
 streaming.
 Saps flow, touched by a mighty hand
 Whose force we feel, though dimly
 dreaming.**

**God weaves amidst the radiant light.
 His helpers work in joyful bliss.
 With his creating we unite
 When we, with open hearts, behold all
 this.**

Michael Hedley Burton



Class 7 girls futsal team and coach

NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

Thursday 29 th Nov	1:30 pm and 7 pm Class 7 play
Friday 30 th Nov	5:30 pm Annual String Concert
Monday 3 rd Dec	Kindergarten Open Day for prospective families
Wednesday 12 th Dec	7 pm Proprietors meeting
Tuesday 18 th Dec	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Wednesday 19 th Dec	Class 7 graduation
Thursday 20 th Dec	Last day of Term 4

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 1:15 to 2:45pm	Kereru's Nest (new parents and infants) – Maia

Kia ora koutou - greetings to all

Perhaps the sun is trying to get through the grey and cast a warming light on us as we head towards the official start of summer. As ever, the school has been a hive of activity, with another class play tomorrow, our Strings Concert on Friday night, a farewell to Rachel (before she leaves at the end of term), 2 class camps in the offing, not to mention the various hui that have been taking place.

Thank you all for your participation in the life of the school. Thanks also to the Primary School teachers as they work through all the end of year reporting and recording, while so much else is going on. We also appreciate the work of the Kindergarten teachers as they prepare to see a large cohort of their children fledge into next year's class ones.

Next week we look forward to welcoming Sue Simpson, General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society and eurythmist.

I asked for a parting message for this newsletter... and it was a call to parents to help their children arrive at school on time! It makes such a difference to the start of everyone's day if the whole class can start together.

Enjoy the rest of the week...

Nga mihi mahana, warm wishes, *Clare*

Financial contributions to the school and kindergarten

Thanks to all who attended our meeting and who responded to the consultation paper that was circulated. If you would like to receive the minutes for the meeting get in touch with the office.

The overwhelming mood is that we want to hold onto the voluntary nature of the contributions. We also had feedback on how we report back to parents on their donations - this is a system in need of change and we hope to make the change happen in the new year.

The community's communication survey also made it clear that some people would like to see more financial information, so I provide a summary below of our predicted income and expenditure for the Trust for the year.

So how does the Trust spend its funds? The Trust received contributions from parents – and others, which enable it to pay mortgage on the existing property and to develop it further. It also uses its funds to pay the Primary school so that each class contains no more than two year levels – i.e. so we can fund more teachers than

the Ministry of Education funding allows. We recognise the importance of age specific education.

The financial statement shows the predicted income and expenditure over the year. It includes all of the capital expenditure this year on the new office and other building works. In the year end accounts these costs will be spread over the life of the property.

Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago	2018 Predicted year end \$
Income	
Parental donations from Primary school	110,000
Ministry funding for maintenance, development	32,501
Fair income	10,000
Other income	3,600
Rent from kindergarten	14,500
Contributions for new classroom	5,000
Total Income	175,601
Expenditure	
Mortgage interest, insurance	17,928
Contribution to school for salaries etc	55,700
Overheads - salary, audit, general	13,850
Maintenance costs	15,700
Office Building	75,000
Staffroom Playgroup Development	3,500
3rd kindergarten room costs	19,000
Total Expenditure	200,678
Deficit	-25,077

News from the Props

We are getting close to the end of this year and would like to give you an update. You might be aware of all the work and planning that is happening around building. We are very aware of the need for more teaching space and a staffroom and toilets.

The third kindergarten room is looking great thanks to the incredible effort Alida put into the planning, chasing up builders, talking to DCC etc. and doing a lot of scrubbing, painting ... herself. We can't thank her enough for that!

The next project is renovating the boys toilets next to the lower classroom, currently Jane's class, during the summer holidays.

Next on the list: building a new staffroom and multiuse-room complex in front of the old office/Kowhai room. This will include public toilets as well as a little sleep room/office for the kindergarten.

The third project is the classroom building between the Octagonal class and the Forest classroom. This will give us two well-sized classrooms, one space for music, extra lessons or the like and toilets up on the hill. We are hoping to get the plans signed off by DCC at the end of this year or early next year to be able to start as soon as possible. At the moment we are confirming who will project manage this work. We are also in the preparatory phase for the fundraising campaign supported by John Whelan.

Would you like to be part and help to grow the school during this exciting time? We would love to have a few more people joining the Proprietors Trust to share the work. With all the new buildings, we are especially looking for someone who is knowledgeable in this specific area. Please contact the office or the Props directly (Gabriela 021 0856 4793) Thanks, *Gabriela* - for the proprietors

Annual String Concert

Everyone is invited to the Annual String Concert fundraiser this Friday 30 November 5:30 pm in the lower classroom. Admission is \$10 per family, which will go towards the music and instruments.

Jocelyn asks that the students bring their cellos to school on Friday morning. They will be having a cello practice in the afternoon.

Teaching staff 2019

Our class 1 and 2 teacher for next year is Trisha Geraets. Trisha comes to the school with a wealth of teaching experience, including 2 years as a class teacher at Michael Park Steiner School in Auckland, and some relieving at our school.

Class 3 and 4 will have Jane Plant, Class 5 and 6 will have James Guthrie and Class 7 will have Pene Johnstone. Thanks you to the teachers who provide this ongoing continuity to their classes. We also look forward to continuing to work with Rachel Foster in handwork, and Jocelyn and Linda as our itinerant music teachers.

With Rachel's resignation as Principal, Pene Johnstone is taking over the acting Principal role. The school will have a class 7 Principal release teacher so that Pene can take some time to tend to management duties.

SCHOOL NEWS

Futsal report

The season is coming to a close - last games next week. The current class 7 group started playing some years back when Renee had the class and chose those green tee shirts. It has been great to watch them all, and to hear very good feedback from the referee at a recent girls' game - he was delighted to hear that they are all heading to the same high school and had high hopes of what such great team work could lead to. Somehow, I think a lot of it springs from the great social cohesion that a class develops over time... not to mention the extension of the coordination that started with those beanbags in kindergarten.



Class 4 & 5 futsal team, Steiner F.A.B.s has been having challenging matches and all players have been developing their skills. Both class 3 teams have been doing very well. The Steiner Dragonfires have won all their 6 matches so far and the Steiner Strikers have had one draw and won all the other matches.

Many thanks to all the coaches and helpers - to Athol, Peter, Sharyn, Silke and Brendan

Class 6 & 7 News

After a very long journey of up to 10 years for some, the class 7 pupils are approaching their moment of departure at the end of this term.

I have watched them grow from class 5 to class 7, embracing the momentous changes that accompany the onset of adolescence. They have done it with typical robustness, flexing their reasoning muscles in exhausting challenges and learning to meet and be together in a new way from the natural affection and "fit" of childhood. Most of them are bigger than me and all are becoming very strong in their views, skills and achievements. They can now draw like Leonardo, sing like Freddie

Mercury, act like Sam Neill, debate the pros and cons of 1080 and colonization; the list is endless.

Meanwhile class 6 have a year to go and will enjoy being the seniors in both the class and the school. They have had models for 6 years and can now show their own maturity as they finish off their class 7. I am particularly impressed by how they have supported the preparation of the class 7 play in the last few days mostly showing good self-management and teamwork.

Following the production of their play on Thursday, class 7 will prepare for their camp from 2nd to 7th of December. Class 6 will enjoy a week of practical lessons with John Fisher to which they are looking forward. *Pene*





KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Kindergarten Whanau,

This morning, the children have all been excitedly helping prepare to make Rachel's send off beautiful. Here the children are making a flower garland and decorating a crown for Rachel to wear as the guest of honour this afternoon.

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



PLAYGROUP

We would like to invite all Playgroup families to a shared lunch session at our Pine Hill rooms on Wednesday 12th December from 10-12. Please bring along a plate to contribute to our shared lunch. This invitation is warmly extended to families from all sessions, to celebrate Summer and mark the approaching end of year.

The last session of the term will be Friday afternoon 14th December with no sessions the following week.

Our Friday morning sessions in Pine Hill have now finished for the year but will be back next year from Term 1. Thank you to Mannie for all her on-going work with that group.

For any further information about any of our playgroups, please feel free to get in touch at dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com *Zoe and Alida*

CRAFT GROUP

Due to the smaller space in the new office there is much stock not on display so if you know we usually have something that you would like please let me know. The office can leave a note for me in my pigeonhole or email me at sharyn285@gmail.com.

Did you know that the craft group has a facebook group, search for Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Craft Group. Craft group news is updated there regularly.

Many Thanks *Sharyn*