



*Ki te Kotahi te
Kākaho, ka whati;
Ki te apuia,
e kore e whati.*

*If a reed stands alone,
It can be broken;
If it is in a group, it cannot.*



NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

Thursday 10 th February	Surf Lifesaving lesson
Thursday 10 th February	5:30pm Proprietors meeting
Monday 21 st February	5:30pm School Board Meeting

PLAYGROUP - time and location to be confirmed. Please contact
dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

Kia ora koutou e te whanau,

We are all well returned from a slow start with a lot happening ahead to get our teeth into.

Covid Omicron:

I have been asked: what happens if there is a confirmed case in the school.

We need to try at least to be clear on procedures if and when an outbreak comes closer.

Firstly communication:

Please let us know at the Office if you are keeping your child home in a self isolation situation. There are bound to be times in the future when you have been in close contact.

This is different from keeping your child home because of symptoms, flu like or sore throat/ runny nose.

Symptoms? Get tested:

If you have a child with such symptoms the recommended next step is to be tested. You are then asked to keep your child at home until a negative result; or of course a positive result means the whole family must isolate.

Action following a positive test result:

As soon as the school learns that a child or staff member has tested positive, we phone the Ministry to discuss next steps. The **parents will be informed** that someone in the School community has contracted the virus. Some people will elect to keep children at home. It will be important at this stage for all people who're considered vulnerable to self isolate. This may involve staff members, children or families.

We will assess the situation accordingly with the staff and pupils who are at school. It seems to be the case that schools will stay open if there are pupils and staff to provide a place of education during a Covid outbreak.

I think we need to anticipate a case confirmation and be at least prepared for it. We are all recommended to have the eventuality planned for.

At this stage it is Business as Usual!!!

The children are complying with our requirements to mitigate the likelihood of an outbreak. The most important thing for us is to keep the mood positive and monitor the comments about Covid that can circulate.

Please let me or your class teacher know if your child comes home fearful from something they have heard. *Pene*

School Board News

We welcome Emily Czibere, our Class Tūi teacher, as our new staff rep on our Board. In addition to our staff rep, the Board's members are 5 parent reps, the Principal and a representative from the Proprietors Trust. Our current parent reps are Danny Fridberg, Helen Thomlinson, Chris Bay, Zahra Muhammed-Shah and Stefan Roesch. We hold elections every three years and one is due in September, so start considering whether you might be interested in a role as parent rep. If you are interested in finding out more then speak to a current Board member, Pene or Clare.

Office Relief Work

The office may be looking for some administrative support to cover staff absence this year. If you have administrative experience and good communication skills, then please contact Clare at admin@dunedinsteiner.nz or by phone or in person.

Weleda Fundraising Order

Christine Schlegel will be placing an order with Weleda. We do an order with Weleda once a term. This is a bulk order, which is also a little fundraiser for the school. Best of all, all items only cost 78% of the recommended retail prices (RRP) for you, so it's way cheaper than in the shops. There is a little selection available in the craft shop. For the whole selection of products or if you have any questions, please check the

list at the office or contact Christine via email (gibbonics@gmail.com). Orders can be sent to Christine's email address until Saturday, the 19th of February. Thank you,
Christine

SCHOOL NEWS

Water safety has been a big issue this summer and we were fortunate to get a day with the **St Kilda Surf Lifesaving Club** to teach the children a deeper understanding of the ways of the ocean in a safely monitored environment.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help on the day. We apologise that it is such short notice with a bit of a scramble to get consent forms out in plenty of time. Thank you for returning them so promptly.

The Port Otago people who have so kindly sponsored our swimming lessons at **Moana Pool** have also donated towels to each child following their gifting of swimming bags last year. So I have distributed the towels so they can use them this week.

Due to Covid , we were not able to take our usual term 4 swimming lessons at Moana Pool last year so we have applied and are hopeful to have final confirmation of a term of lessons this term 1 (a lucky squeeze!). Please note that class **1 and 2** will not join either of these activities. They will join the lessons at the end of the year/ term 4.

We await final confirmation but please think about whether you could help us on some of those Thursdays starting next week (from 17th February). We will be going by bus leaving about 9.10 from school.

A final confirmation that it is booked will come this week.

KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

It has been lovely to welcome back all the children to Kindergarten. A special welcome to all of our new children and families: Viaan, Awhi, Maliko, Jamie, Elwyn, Piper in the Koru room; Hazel in the Kowhai room and Korimiko in the Rata room. We also welcome Joella Farrell to the Rata room.

The garden is blooming, the children have grown, and we are all settling in to the term.



Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring food to share - we do need fruit each day from each child, as well as a vegetable for soup on a Tuesday, an extra on fruit for crumble on a Thursday, and a vegetable to roast on Friday.

I know a little butterfly With tiny golden wings; He plays among the summer flowers, And up and down he swings.

He dances on their honey cups So happy all the day, And then he spreads his tiny wings, And softly flies away.

I know a little honey bee, a small but mighty thing, He works all day and cheerfully, Of golden honey he sings.

How doth the little busy bee Improve each shining hour, And gather honey all the day From every passing flower!

How skillfully she builds her cell! How neat she spreads the wax! And labours hard to store it well With the sweet food she makes

CRAFT GROUP

Hi all, we are just sorting out the day for craft group so I will be in touch as to when it is going to start up again. Look forward to seeing you all again soon. Best Wishes,
Jenny

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 **Disclaimer: This space is open to advertisers and the school does not make any guarantees or endorsement on their behalf.**



How can we make Mornington Skatepark more fun? We want to hear your ideas about improving the Mornington Skatepark. Through DCC's consultation on the Play Spaces Plan in 2021, the community said they wanted us to spend more money on skateparks. We're starting to upgrade all our skateparks, starting with Mornington Skatepark later in 2022. You don't have to ride a bike, scooter or skate to take part in the survey. We're looking for feedback from all ages and abilities. Your feedback will be used to develop a concept plan for the skatepark. We want to hear your ideas - it only takes five minutes to do the survey. You can find the survey here www.dunedin.govt.nz/mornington-skatepark-upgrade The survey closes Friday 18th February at 5pm.



SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES For Primary School Children (www.smmcotago.com)

A wide variety of instruments to choose from. Instruments available for affordable hire. Small group lessons.

Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2nd year players to advanced level.

CENTRES: George Street Normal School (Saturday morning). Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).

Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school); Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music"); Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2022 - Saturday 12th February at George Street Normal School main block, 9:30-11:00 or Bathgate Park School Foyer, 9:30-10:30. (Elmgrove School, Mosgiel, is Wednesday 16th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm). Vaccination passes will need to be viewed on entry. Enrolment enquiries: email stephanie@smmcotago.com (phone 03 4772296) or see website: www.smmcotago.com for contact details.

Michael Park School (Auckland) has the following vacancies:



High School Deputy Principal - 5MU, Full time, Permanent. HOD English - 2MU, Full time, Permanent. TIC Hard materials technology teacher - 1MU, Full time, Permanent. The closing date for all roles is Sunday 20th February 2022.

Please visit michaelpark.school.nz/about-us/vacancies for full details and how to apply.