



Dear Child of Light, all that you've given I
won't forget;
I'll work each day to build for you a
special place
And in my heart prepare a sacred space.

My striving sometimes fails – and yet
I grow a little every day,
And journey further on my way.

Michael Hedley Burton



Class 1 children are welcomed into our school

NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

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| Tuesday 12 th Feb | 7 pm Proprietors meeting |
| Wednesday 13 th Feb | 12:15 pm Kindergarten Social picnic |
| Saturday 16 th Feb | 10 am -1pm Joint meeting - Staff, Props and BoT |
| Tuesday 19 th Feb | 6:30 pm BoT meeting |
| Monday 25 th Feb | 2 pm Kindy Open day for prospective parents |
| Monday 11 th March | 6 pm Kindergarten Parent evening |
| Thursday 4 th April | Kindergarten Harvest Festival |

PLAYGROUP TIMES

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| Mondays 10 to 12 pm | Mixed age children - Pine Hill |
| Wednesdays 10 to 12 pm | Mixed age children - Pine Hill |
| Fridays 10 to 12 pm | Te Reo Maori - Mixed age children - Pine Hill |

Kia ora koutou - greetings to all

Greetings everyone and welcome back to 2019, the year in which we celebrate 100 years of Steiner Education.

As you enjoyed your last days of holidays, we the teachers worked with commitment and enthusiasm on the school charter with a very strong, perhaps renewed focus on the special character of our school.

There was also quite a lot of preparation and as Trisha prepared her room to welcome in the new class ones and of course the class two children, Jane was especially industrious in cleaning the Octagon both inside and out. We others busied ourselves in numerous worthwhile ways.

So we were all ready, both Kindergarten and School teachers, to welcome the children on Monday morning and in they came looking refreshed and rested and ready.

I want to especially welcome our class one children.

We have had the traditional welcome from the school as they left the Kindy and made their way through an arch of welcoming children into the watchful, loving care of Trisha.







Equally welcome are the new children who have come to join the third Kindergarten room. This is a big step for the school and the fact that it is happening now is at least in part due to the steady preparatory work of Alida who is excited to take up this task, helped by Junko.

Sandra now has a new assistant Aleisha Hutchinson, so welcome to a new face.

And speaking of which, I am, in my role as Acting Principal, released from teaching for 2 days a week. Debbie will be taking class 7 on Tuesday and Wednesday. Debbie will be a familiar face to some of you as she works part time in Health 2000.

This means I am available for meetings and to attend to my work and I invite you to take the opportunity to pop in or make an appointment to come and see me.

So we have a great team of Teachers and a wonderful bunch of students, already settling in to the New Year with a focus on engaged and empowered learning, strongly connecting with the environmental and cultural context of our school and the wider community.

Thank you to all who made it to our working bee. It was good to get places tidied up. If you were unable to make it, there is always another opportunity. Please don't hesitate to ask your class teacher or the office if you have time for a task.

Pene Johnstone

News from the Props

Back to school means we will start into a new and very busy year! During the holidays, we received the consent for the refurbishment of the toilet block. The application for the staffroom and multipurpose room is still with DCC and the plans for the new classrooms are in the final stage. The fundraising team was active as well.

Unfortunately, Vincent Rawle resigned from the Proprietors - we would like to thank him for all the time and effort he put into finding the right building for the new office, dealing with the company, with DCC and getting the builder on board. It probably wasn't always easy to satisfy all the wishes that came up. Many, many thanks to Vincent for all your work and patience!

We need a new person to fill the vacancy: 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), *Gabriela* - for the proprietors

Help needed at the Thieves Alley Market

On Saturday 8th of February, the school will have a stall at the Market again. Is there anyone able to help for a shorter or longer period of time? Even half an hour of relieving would be very much appreciated. Please txt me if you can come 021 0856 4793. *Gabriela*

Traffic around the school

Please be careful at pick up and drop off times. With work going on in the subdivision we are also aware that big trucks have been coming through. Our agreement with the developer is that trucks will not come between 8.30 and 9.15am or 2.40 to 3.20pm. Let the office know if they are not abiding to this.

Financial contributions to the school

Thank you to those who have returned their pledge form for regular contributions to the school and kindergarten. Please ensure you have set up the regular payments and return your forms. If you need another copy of the form then let me know. I'll be in touch with you to check all is well. *Clare*

Working Bees

Thank you very much to everyone who came to our working bee before school started, both parents and teachers. It was a small group of people but a number of important tasks were completed. Special thanks to Anoushka's family for storing items in their barn while we await the arrival of the donated container from Port Otago.

Thank you to Daniela Erdmann and Jayin Hutchings for installing insulation under the Rata room floor. A special thanks to Daniela for organising and donating the insulation. It is very much appreciated!

We have four working bees each year, near the start of each term. We ask that each family sends someone to help at two of these a year. Working bees run from 10am to 2pm. The dates for the working bees are on our website – they are

Saturday 2 February

Saturday 4 May

Saturday 27 July

Saturday 19 October

Thank you to Hedwig for the big pot of soup and to others who brought food to share at this last working bee. It was really nice to catch up with people after the holidays.

Weleda Order

Christine will be putting in a Weleda order this term. Contact her for a price list and to place your order. The deadline is the 16.02.2019. Christine can be contacted on gibbonics@gmail.com

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Kindergarten Whanau, Please come along to a casual BYO picnic in the kindy next Wednesday 13 February 12:15 pm. All are welcome!

Here is our 2019 Events calendar:

February 13, 12:15 pm - Social picnic

March 11, 6 pm - Parent evening

April 4 - Harvest Festival

June 10 - Matariki

June 21 - Spiral walk

July 5 - Lantern walk - Chingford Park

August 26 - Parent evening

September 25 - Spring Festival
November 25 - Parent evening
December 18 - Summer Festival

Nga mihi, *the kindergarten teachers*

PLAYGROUP

A warm welcome to playgroup families and friends. There are some changes to our playgroup sessions this year which may seem sudden but we are very much hoping it will be a positive change. Due to the expansion of the kindergarten to include the Koru room, we are unable to use the small room for our playgroup sessions on Monday morning and Friday afternoon at Maia. For this reason, the Monday morning session will move up to our Pinehill space and start a bit later to give myself and families time to arrive, so 10-12. The advantage of this space is that the children can help to make the buns for our morning tea and we will have much more room to play. We are aware the change of location may not suit all families and apologise for this. However, this is due to our school and community expanding which is a positive thing.

Our Friday afternoon session will be merged into the Monday or Wednesday session (both 10 -12). There are also spaces available in our wonderful Te Reo session on Friday morning at Pinehill (10-12) facilitated by Mannie.

Our sessions will start in the second week of term, Monday 11 February.

To summarise: All playgroup sessions now held in Pinehill - 353 Pinehill road
10 am to 12 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

All sessions will be for mixed age groups.

We ask for \$65 donation per term, which can be paid to 03-0903-0458928-25

We very much hope the families from our current Monday and Friday groups are able to attend at Pinehill.

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

CRAFT GROUP

The craft shop has some new stock including more colours of felt fabric, fountain pens and pencil rolls which have been sewn by Gabriella.

Honey will be arriving soon.

Please make craft shop purchase payments in cash in the box in the drawer and note down on the clip board your name, the date and what was purchased along

with the total to pay. Payments can also be made online to the Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago account 03-1726-0004961-05. (If you have previously made payments to a 00 suffix account please now change this on your saved account numbers as we wish to close this account.)

Many Thanks Sharyn sharyn285@gmail.com.

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.

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Plum Parenting News: I have recently relocated to Masterton and set up a lovely office here for online counselling via Skype, Facetime or Zoom. So to all of you around New Zealand and overseas I am open for business and have managed to reduce my waiting list times somewhat. Please go to www.plumparenting.com and click on 'Mentoring' to register for the service. See the links at the bottom: 'More Information' (about how I do the sessions), and 'Fees' (for the fee info). Note that all clients start with a comprehensive 4-5 session course. After that they can access a one-off session any time. All the very best for a great year of parenting and please send anyone needing this service to my website or to the **Plum Parenting Facebook** page. Mary Willow. Helping Parents with Parenting.

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Home available for the month of April: Subletting out house in Maia for the duration of April. There are 3 bedrooms, 2 spacious lounges and a large back yard. Fully furnished and equipped. Rent is \$320 per week, includes WIFI, but not electricity. For this low price, we will ask to look after our chickens and cat, and water our veggie patch. Please contact us dfridberg1@gmail.com if you are interested.

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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.
- A variety class especially designed for young children: "Let's Make Music".

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 2019 -----Saturday 9th February at George Street Normal School main block, 9:30-11:30am; or Bathgate Park School Foyer, 9:30-11:00am (Elmgrove School, Mosgiel, is Wednesday 7th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm). Late enrolments will be accepted throughout February. Enquiries: see website: smmcotago.com for contact details.



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Terra Nova Sea Scouts: Looking for learning through fun and adventure? Terra Nova Scouts Kea section has spaces for new members in 2019! Ages 5 1/2 to 7. Come along Wednesday 13th Feb, 5.30 - 6.30pm at 2 Athol Place, Ravensbourne. All welcome! Kind regards, Vanessa Bent - Terra Nova Scout Group Leader - 027 7496137