



Handwork: tukutuku panels- class
Kea

He waka eke noa

*A canoe which we are all in with no
exception*

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 DATES

School

Thursday 14th December 1:45pm Class 7 Graduation

Friday 15th December Last day of school

Kindergarten

Thursday 14th December 1:30pm Summer Festival

2024 DATES

School

Wednesday 31st January First day of school

Kindergarten

Monday 8th to 26th January Kindergarten holiday open

Wednesday 31st January Term 1 starts in the kindergarten

Governance

Tuesday, 13th February 5:30pm Board meeting

Tuesday, 20th February 5:30pm Proprietors meeting

Other

Friday, 9th March 2-5pm Working Bee Everywhere!

Sunday, 17th March 11-2pm Fair – Fair - Fair Everywhere

Playgroup

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

Kia ora e te whānau,

Hard to believe that the year is coming to an end, and we are finishing with an exciting class play, the class 7 graduation and our final whole school assembly and picnic – we look forward to seeing you there!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your support, your thoughts, your ideas, your enthusiasm, your input, your work and most of all for entrusting your child into our care every single day! I would like to thank all the staff, the ones whose work is seen and the ones whose work is less visible – the school is what it is because of every single one of you and within the business of every day, I hope that not too many things go unnoticed. I would like to thank both governance bodies, the proprietors and the board and the work they do in the background to make sure the school is moving forward – your time and effort is not taken for granted and much appreciated!

I would also like to thank three people that will be leaving their positions with us at the end of the year for various reasons: Taya, who cleaned the school beautifully and reliably every weekend, we wish her all the best in her time beyond high school. Miriam who is moving on from her position as playgroup coordinator after having held this space in her warm and nurturing way for two years and Eliza, who has been the heart of the out of school care for two terms – thank you all for your work!

Please read the information below and keep an eye out for the fair email – an amazing amount has already happened in this space but there is always more to do!

I wish you all a happy and warm summer with plenty of time with family and friends, connecting with nature and listening to the birds, finding joy in calm or business, activity or relaxation and most of all, recharging for 2024!

Merri Kirimete

Merry Christmas

Noho ora mai,

Anna Noble Tumuaki/Principal

New Class 1 Teacher

We are delighted to welcome Feargal O Donoghue to our primary teaching community. He joins us as the new class 1 teacher for 2024 fresh from Ireland and has already met many of the parents, the children and has spent quite a bit of time with the teachers and observing the other classes as well. We are very pleased to have him on board and look forward to working with him next year! Welcome, Feargal!

Housekeeping: Lost and found

It is that time of the year again: please make sure that all clothing is gone from the children's hooks and check the lost property. Anything left behind we will donate.

Class reps

At our recent parent engagement meetings we talked quite a bit about parent reps and how we can utilise them more. It started with understanding of what a parent rep is and what work would be involved as the not knowing often puts people off. So here are a few points so we can have a shared understanding of what a parent rep is and does:

- A parent works closely with the class teacher. They are the link person between all parents and the teacher.
- A parent rep coordinates the other parents for work that represents that particular class, this can be working bees, community events like the fair or class specific things like theatre plays.

As you go into the summer holidays, please consider if this is something you could put your hand up for next year. It can work well for parents that are often on site and off site as well as a lot of the communication can be done via email. At the beginning of next year all the teachers will put a call out for volunteers, and I am hoping that there will be many positive replies!

2024 Dates

All the dates for next year will be up on our website from the beginning of 2024 so keep an eye on the 'What's on' section of our website to make sure you plan for it – or you could buy the school calendar, which has all the dates printed on the right dates.

Please note that we will alternate the working bees between Fridays and Saturdays and our first one will be on Friday, 9th of February.

Board changes – welcome Angela and Kussi, and thank you Jerry and Emily

The Board had its final meeting of the year this week, and the role of Presiding Member was passed from Jerry Hsu to Angela Clark. Many thanks to Jerry for taking this leading role for the last 18 months, a period which has seen several changes at the school including the recruitment of our new Principal. The Board also acknowledged all the work that Anna has achieved this year and welcomed Angela into the new role of presiding member. Angela is the mother of a child coming into

the new class one. Another change on the Board is that Emily is stepping down as staff rep – thank you to her for her mahi on the Board, especially in providing the perspective from teaching staff. One other Board change is that Kussi is now attending the Board as a representative of the Proprietors Trust

After school care

Kā mihi and ka kite to the Steiner whānau. I have enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in the development of the After School Care Programme.

Getting to know your children has been wonderful. We have had some fun crafts and games. And for our last activity together we screen printed a memento together. Aroha nui e kā mihi, *Eliza.*



Alumni working bee

Thank you to the keen alumni who came to the school today to take down a fence. We really appreciate your help!!!

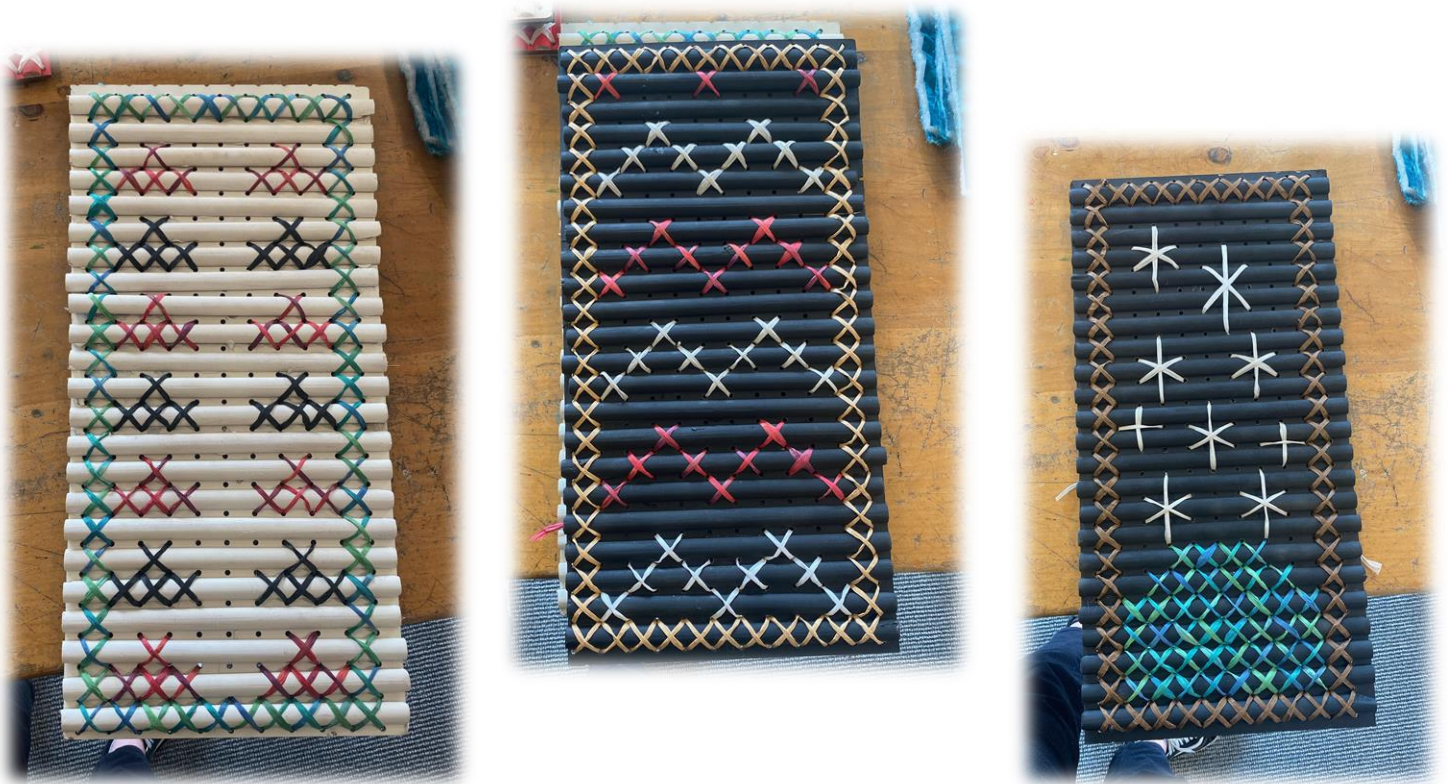


Pledges for 2024

Thank you to all those who have completed the pledges for 2024 - whether using the link or on paper. If you have yet to complete yours then please do so before the end of tomorrow - Thursday. The link is <https://forms.office.com/r/c9xNBS4Pif> If you have mislaid your paper form and would like to complete it that way then please come to the office. And if you have questions, please contact Clare clare.ridout@dunedinsteiner.nz

SCHOOL – Handwork

Kia ora koutou, this term in handwork class 3 have been creating tukutuku panels to display in their classroom. They have learnt about the traditional designs and what they represent.



Kererū students have been using their geometry skills and perfecting their hand-stitching to create a square for a class quilt. We hope to be able to show you the completed quilt early next year!



KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora e te whānau,

You will probably have heard that I am stepping down as Head Teacher of the Kindergarten and will remain a part-time teacher in the Rata room with Bex, working four mornings per week.

Change always brings about opportunity for growth and development, and over the last couple of years, an alternative leadership model has been emerging with the appointment of Hannah as Manager and the spreading of responsibilities across staff, creating a flatter structure. I have served as Head for a number of years, and during that time it has been an absolute privilege to lead our incredible Kindergarten, and the staff, children and families I have met over the years are dear to my heart.

I recently thanked my incredible colleagues for their dedication and love for the children, and I strongly feel the need to reiterate: It is the people who make a place, and we couldn't wish for better (this encompasses the entire staff and community). Unbelievably, despite this fact, our Kindergarten needs children.

- We need you to spread the word to those who might resonate with our approach to child development and education.
- Get a flier from the office and pin it up!
- Our school community is a precious taonga, and we need to nurture it to ensure that it may flourish!

Thank you to all of you who help make our School the special place that it is - an oasis where children may emerge and unfold in an extended community of caring and committed adults.

With much love/Arohanui, Julie

Hannah got married on Monday!

Many Congratulations from all of us, Hannah.

Peggy, Junko and Bex made 'Hannah and Larson getting married' felted dolls. Here are the happy couple!



PLAYGROUP

Have a lovely summer break everyone. We are fare welling Miriam and will miss all her measured input and dedicated efforts on the communication front.

We have had a whirlwind of an end of year with some of our biggest sessions yet and hope to keep up the energy and regular attendance when we recommence sessions in early Feb. See you all then! Alida, Jenny and Lizzie

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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Lazure Painting Workshop with Charles Andrade. Lazure Painting workshops offer a unique social art form opportunity to its participants as they come together as a team to create something of lasting beauty in their shared community space. In just one weekend you will learn how to bring beautiful light-filled color to any room in your school, home or business. When: January 12th -15th, 2024, Where: Motueka Steiner School. Lecture: The Creative Power of Colour. Friday evening public lecture, January 12th, 7:30 pm (Koha), Workshops: January 13th and 14th 9am-5pm, ~~\$390~~ NOW \$295, January 15th 9am-5pm, ~~\$240~~ NOW \$165
RSVP: For registration and more information: Warwick Sandler: email nzsandler@gmail.com or text +6421493277. The workshops will be taught by artist and master Lazurist, Charles Andrade who has lazured interior spaces worldwide. For more Information about the artist and lazuring or to commission a project, email: info@lazure.com www.lazure.com



Dunedin Public Libraries has been running an annual summer reading programme for primary school & intermediate aged school students for more than three decades. We are very pleased to let schools know that this year's programme is ready to go. 'Nau mai, haere mai! Registrations are now open for our *City of Reader's Summer Reading Programme* which runs from the 1st December to the 31st of January. Sign up online or at your local library and pick up your Summer Reading pack. Set a goal and record in your activity booklet details of all the things you've read over summer. When you reach your goal get it signed off by a librarian by the 4th February.



Mr Roberelli live at Otago Museum:

Saturday, December 16th, 10.30

In the atrium level 1. See you there!!!

Featuring: New songs! (no Christmas songs),
Costumes! Instruments! Prizes! Dancing! Fun!

Are you wondering what you will do when your children reach high school age? Do you wish there was another option in Dunedin? Something more in line with your experiences here at Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School, Kindergarten and Playgroup? Something that will meet the needs of and inspire teenagers and young adults to be their best selves? Well, so do we! We are a few parents that have young children (some not even in kindy yet) and in the new year we want to invite you to a social get together to talk about High School. To swap stories about our own experiences, our hopes and visions for the future.

Perhaps there we can plant the seed for a High School Development Group. Together we hope we can find a feasible path to an inspiring secondary school option for Dunedin in the next few years. So start the conversation with your partner or friends and keep a lookout for our invitation in the next newsletter. And if this sparks your interest, let us know. Alida Harris, Jenny Pentelow and Jenny Wigley