



When I look out into the world, I see
Such wondrous beauty bursting forth in each
direction.
When in my heart I look, I feel in me
How Nature's beauty here must find its true
reflection.
For when my heart expands and grows aright,
When, on the wings of beauty, to the farthest
realms of space
I'm taken,
Then is my own self lost within the light,
In quiet joy at last within the arms of God to
waken.



Michael Hedley Burton

NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

Wednesday 19 th Dec	2 pm Class 7 graduation – all welcome
Thursday 20 th Dec	12:30 Lunch box picnic in the kindergarten
Thursday 20 th Dec	2 pm School Assembly – all welcome. Last day

2019 DATES

Monday 14 th to 30 th Jan	Kindergarten programme
Monday 4 th Feb	First day of Term 1 2019

Kia ora koutou

Dear families and friends,

This is my last newsletter for 2018 and indeed my last as the Principal of the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School. The last eight years have been full of colourful events, celebrations and some real challenges. It has been a privilege to be part of this community, and I thank you all for being part of the journey. The role of a teaching principal comes with a huge amount of responsibility and accountability. To meet everyone's expectations is a hard task but I have always held the school

wholeheartedly and done everything with good intentions. I passionately believe in Steiner education, and I wish the very best for every student. I have met many wonderful people here at this school. I will miss the children and the community, but I also have a sense of excitement as to what the next chapter of life will bring. I wish the school every success as it further develops as a wonderful, thriving, growing and unique school that it is. We have already come a long way. And now as another school year comes to a close it is time to say thank you to many and acknowledge all those who have given their time and energy to the school this year.

My appreciative thanks go to you all for my lovely farewell assembly and for the gifts from the community. A huge thank you to the teachers and staff who willing work so hard, and to the parents who choose this school. The Board of Trustees, Proprietors Trust, Fair committee, craft group, you all give so much of your own time and energy behind the scenes, it is much appreciated.

A fond farewell goes to our class seven students, who graduate to different High Schools next year. Most of the class began in playgroup or kindergarten and their families have been strong members of the community over the years.

Many class 7 parents have been and still are members of the Board of Trustees, Proprietors Trust and staff. They have willingly carried many school events and fronted up to many Working Bees, meetings and fairs, rolled up their sleeves and got jobs done. Thank you so much class 7 parents you have been a thoughtful, generous parent body giving a great deal of time and commitment to various needs of the school. We also say farewell to Dylan and Joseph from class 6 and wish them well in their new schools. Now as the older students leave the school, our six year olds are getting ready to leave the Kindergarten for Class One in 2019.



And so a new cycle starts as the top class moves on and a new class one community begins its journey through the school. The new parents now have the task and exciting opportunity to help further shape the development of the school.

This is an amazing environment for allowing the children to be children, in their explorations in the forest, mud and some dodgy terrain. Not an ounce of tarmac or manicured paths anywhere. Gumboots, raincoats and warm hats are often the appropriate attire, and a view with a wow factor. We are lucky indeed. The environment is to be cared for and valued and my parting wish is for everyone to be responsible, even in a small way. "The School" is everyone of us that comes here.

The students are a gift and the reason we are all here. They are our best teachers, who make us reflect or change a situation or a way of doing something. We have to look within, reflect and be open to change.

Lastly in the Christmas spirit, thank, respect and value each other, celebrate differences, and achievements, forgive any faults and be Kind. The world needs it.
Arohanui *Rachel*

From the Board of Trustees

We, Board of Trustees, would like to give our heartfelt thank you for Rachel's long service to the school.

Rudolf Steiner said "Joy in living, a love for all existence - such are among the life long results of a right cultivation of the feeling for beauty and for art."

Our school has changed and grown through your principalship, and it is filled with joy and love. We wish all your future endeavours be beautiful and creative, and you be filled with joy and love from all the people whose hearts you have touched. All the best, *Izumi* - Board chair

Financial Contributions 2019

A letter is available for all school and kindergarten families for 2019. Please come and collect them from the office on Thursday. Letters that are not picked up this Thursday will be posted to you.

2019 Class 1 and tuakanas - voucher from local optometrist

Our 2019 class 1s and the 2019 tuakana may come and get a brochure from the office which provides them with a voucher for free sunglasses from an optometrist in town.

Protecting the eyes from the harmful effects of the sun is important, so please consider this for your child.

Organic Oats Order

In the new year there will be 2kg bags of organic oats available for sale. If you would like to have a larger amount please order in advance.

20 kg for \$100; 10 kg for \$55; 5kg for \$30

Jumbo or rolled/medium oats are available.

Please email Mark Jackson (mark@sustainabledunedin.org.nz) by the end of term so he can arrange the order. Thanks, *Clare*

KINDERGARTEN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

During the holidays, from January 14th to 30th, the kindergarten will be open for children under the age of 6 with Raylene Redmond and Asia Tapealava. No special bookings required.

CRAFT GROUP

Many thanks to all who have supported craft group this year. The craft shop is being stocked up regularly this week for all those special little gifts.

Have a lovely summer and tune in next February for new craft group times. *Sharyn*

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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Position Available: KAIĀRAHI / KAIAKO MATUA KINDERGARTEN COORDINATOR AND TEACHER
Te Rawhiti Kindergarten has two kindergarten locations on the Kapiti Coast, 45 minutes from Wellington. We are looking for an enthusiastic and flexible individual to join our friendly and committed team as we develop our kindergarten groups, introduce a nursery and develop our playgroups even further. The role is a unique combination of Kaiārahi / Kaiako Matua Kindergarten Coordinator and Teacher. However, for the right individual we would consider hiring for just the management and leadership elements of the role. Te Rawhiti Kindergarten and Te Rā School are a collective entity providing an integrated education, and you will be a part of a larger faculty. The Raumati South kindergarten shares the site with the school. The role is permanent and will be starting at the end of January 2019. The size of the role is 0.7 FTE if registered as a teacher, or 0.4 FTE if acting in the Kaiārahi / Coordinator capacity only. Applications close 5pm
Thursday, 21 December 2018
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