



*"We do not teach children merely for the years during which they are under our care, but to benefit their whole lives"*

*Rudolf Steiner*



## NEWSLETTER

### DIARY OF DATES

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10 am – 1 pm Joint staff, board and proprietors meeting
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9 am – Fair meeting in the yurt – All welcome
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9 am – Fair meeting in the yurt – All welcome
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	5 - 7 pm Kindergarten Parent Evening
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	5:30 pm Proprietors' meeting – kindy office
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	11 am to 2 pm - <b>AUTUMN HARVEST FAIR</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term 1

### PLAYGROUP TIMES (353 PINE HILL ROAD)

Mondays 10 to 12 pm	Mixed age children
Wednesdays 10 to 12 pm	Mixed age children

Greetings to all,

Firstly an appreciative thank you to all who turned up for our working bee on Saturday. It was a hive of industry and a lovely mood as people engaged in every corner of the grounds and on the outside fence.

Some things got done that had been waiting for ages, like the removal of the old mailbox post and the rocks behind.

New planter boxes have been made that will improve the general look/ welcome to the school and provide little gardening spots for the classes.

There was pruning and weeding and general transformation of the site.

There is still more preparation needed before we can paint the fence so if you have a spare half hour or so at pick up or drop off, check in with Roberta who will show you what and where. We have the paint ready for the fun bit at the end.

The Leak.: Many of you will have noticed the considerable leak which is streaking across the Kindy play area and the lower playground.

We are currently investigating and once we know the source of the problem we will be getting it fixed. It constitutes a nuisance and I'm glad we don't have icy mornings yet as the path below the Kindy gate is very wet. Please take care especially with little ones.

Now in our third week, school is getting into its rhythm: the second week with 5 days was a bit of a shock for some of the children following the gentle beginning.

While we enjoy more stable weather we will hopefully get back into the easy routine. Now we are coming into the unsettled weather of Autumn, PLEASE remember to send the children with raincoats, suitable footwear and sunhats. It's perfect if some of these can be kept at school as they so easily get left at home if they go home.

I am currently compiling a list of FAQs, frequently asked questions, to set up a communication stream around Special Character issues/ features of our school. I welcome your input: at one stage we thought about having a question box but if we start by gathering the FAQs that will be a good start.

Please email them to me or to the office and I will enjoy reading them/ answering them. I hope this starts an information flow/ sharing of thoughts and ideas and ideals.

As the Fair is in the Autumn, a Harvest Fair, there is a bit of a flurry of activity to get all the tasks allocated and preparation well underway. I have asked the teachers to have their Parent meetings asap so that the Fair coordinators can visit the meetings and present the plan and tasks to be done by each class.

Please try to come to these meetings and let your class Teacher know if you can't make it so someone can pass on the information.

It is so valuable to attend these meetings as a chance to hear about the class work and progress and a sharing of each other's' experience as parents. With warm wishes,

Ngā mihi, *Pene*

## News from the BoT - Literacy and Numeracy results from 2019

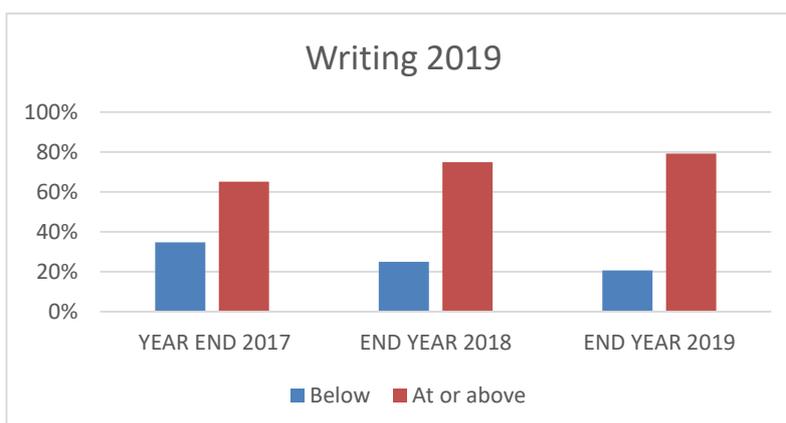
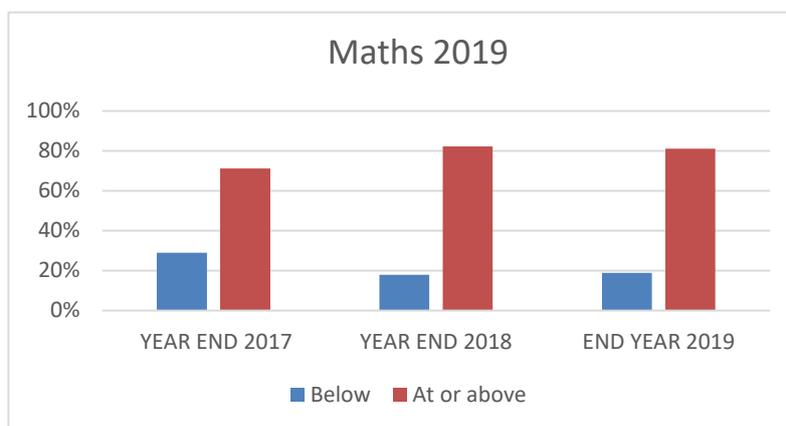
The Board of Trustees would like to share with the school community the school's achievement results in Maths, Writing and Reading.

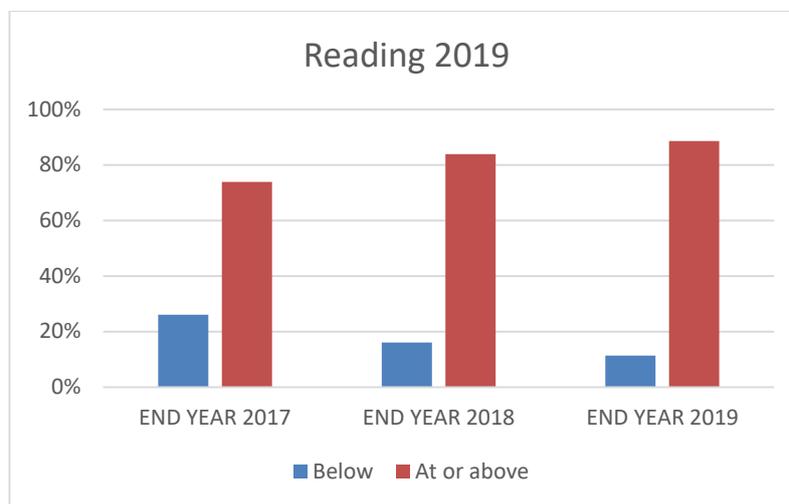
The Board is very happy with the results and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Staff of the School for their continued commitment to Steiner Education.

The judgements that these statistics are based on are made by using both the overall performance of each student, and their results in standardised tests.

The following graphs show 2019 results plotted against the preceding 2 years.

We would like to say at this point that our school seeks to provide a much broader and richer curriculum than is reported on here, but it is reassuring to see such strong results.





## Our Autumn Harvest Fair

As mentioned in the last newsletter we are going to have our Fair on Saturday 4th of April from 11 am to 2 pm. The focus will be on the season, what it brings and on Special Character. We will make a few changes and want to keep popular things like our Soul Cafe, bubbles and treasure hunt for the kindy children, pony rides and wet face for the older ones and add more activities especially for school children. We will set up an area where children and adults can do some simple crafting. Sure you will see the craft stall, hopefully with an abundance of produce and preserves added, hear some music, enjoy the puppet play with your children and much more!!

Now the fruit is plentiful and we would appreciate if you can all start making some preserves to contribute towards the fair.

We will try to come to the class parent meetings to tell you a bit more about it in detail and answer your questions and listen to your suggestions. And there will be a more detailed email going to you soon with more information what is planned and needed, and the request for your support (you guessed right)!

We are a very committed group, but still only very few people - you are welcome to join in and come to the meetings on Wednesday morning, 9am in the yurt or contact me (021 0856 4793). Let's make it a great day for our school and the wider community!

*Gabriela*

## Parking around the school - road safety

We would like to encourage families to consider parking in Isabel Road (a right hand off Manapouri as you come up to the school. This would ease congestion. We also would like to congratulate all those who walk up the hill from the Maia bus stop - what a healthy way to start the day!

## **Fundraising and buildings update**

Now that the main fundraising campaign is over- and thanks to all who participated in this – the Proprietors Trust is now looking to the next phase – building 2 more classrooms. While we have some money left from the campaign after paying for the new extension, the sale of land below the school will be our main source of income for the two new classrooms. And... In light of the funds pledged, and anticipated income from the land sale, the Proprietors Trust has lately been reviewing a pragmatic and exciting option to build a two classroom extension from the lower classroom block as the next step in the long term plan to have 7 large classrooms for the Primary School on this site.

**Lost property from the working bee** - a few bits left behind are in the office - did you leave a drink bottle, a library book, a child's back pack?

## **Transport help**

It is possible that you may be eligible for some help with transport costs - if you have a 5+ year old here and live a certain distance away that is not on a bus route. This is a payment from the Ministry of Education. Come and ask at the office if you are interested. *Clare*

## **Cleaner wanted -daily at 3pm**

The school seeks a cleaner for the quick after school toilet clean. 30 minutes after school on Mondays - Thursday afternoons/ evenings. Living wage paid. Please contact Clare via the office

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Dear whānau,

A huge thank you to Johannes Mall for lending his wonderful building skills, and donating extra time over the working bee weekend. We now have a new storage area the kindergarten. Thank you Johannes!

We warmly welcome Nicolas (aka Sky) Bradtke into the Kowhai room and Kailani into the Rata room. Our congratulations go to Miriam and Johannes on the birth of their son.

It was great to enjoy a lovely picnic with many of our families last week. Our next meeting with families will be more formal. Each room will be having their bi-annual

whanau meetings this term; which is a time dedicated to talking about your own child. If you haven't already made an appointment just talk to one of your teachers.

The parent evening is on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 -7 pm, and it is ok to come late. It is a great opportunity to get to know other families and there will be time for questions.

Could we have a big push from parents to make sure your child has their own named sunhat please. It really helps to control nits if everyone has their own.

Love from your Kindergarten teachers.

Ngā mihi, *The Kindergarten teachers.*

## **Enrolment in Class 1 in 2022 – for children born in 2015**

Spaces for Class 1 2022 are restricted by our roll cap. While we hope that this is lifted this year, until that happens we can only accept 8 enrolments. Priorities for enrolment are set by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available at the school office. This describes the criteria that apply to the selection of students in situations where there are more applications than there are places available.

If you wish to have your child considered for a place in our Primary School in 2022, please complete and return an Expression of Interest Form, either via e-mail to [office@dunedinsteiner.nz](mailto:office@dunedinsteiner.nz) or by mail to Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School, 1 Fern Road, Maia, Dunedin, 9022.

Expression of interest forms are available from the School office, or our website.

**Applications close on Friday 6th March 2020.**

## **PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup sessions have now re-started. Sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays 10 to 12 pm in Pine Hill. Contact Bex if you would like more information. [dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com)

## **CRAFT GROUP**

Craft group is a parent group creating handmade items from natural materials to raise funds for school, kindergarten and playgroup projects that might not otherwise be funded. These are the nice to have projects but not necessarily the essential ones. An early example is the orchard by the garden shed.

We have a permanent shop just inside the office door. Payments can be made in cash in the drawer below the shelving. There is a sheet so that you can fill in what

you purchase etc. Payment can also be made online to Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago 03-1726-0004961-05

We also have in stock some Weleda items and organic rolled oats.

Please look out for the craft group sessions starting in the yurt. Time and dates to be announced soon.

Sharyn ([sharyn285@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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YOGA 2020. There are a few spaces left in my Friday morning classes (9.30-10.30). This year we will be exploring the chakara system which is part of the subtle energy field. Classes will use postures, mantras and visualizations to help balance and harmonise all layers of the human system. These classes are well suited for people looking to take Yoga beyond the physical postures. There will be some familiar faces there from the school already. Classes are at the Dunedin Yoga Studio in town, enough time to get there after drop off. Talk to me on 0226908077 or email [kate.bendall@yahoo.com](mailto:kate.bendall@yahoo.com) , or face to face.

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YOGA RETREAT: Feb 28-March 1st.Friday evening through to mid-day Sunday. Berwick Lodge, 45 min South of Dunedin. Time for rest, Yoga, Spa, forest walks. All levels welcome. \$150 early bird, b4 Feb 18th; \$175 after. See or contact Kate Bendall for more details.

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Help Keep Hospice Services Free: The Otago Community Hospice Street Appeal is on Friday 6th March +Saturday 7th March. We are looking for more collectors to help us out with this appeal. Would you like to give your child the experience of giving back to the community? We need collectors for Friday afternoon or Saturday. One hour shifts. Children must be accompanied by a parent at all times. Please contact Rebecca for more information 473 6005

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**Harbourside Junior Football Club Registrations:** Welcome to the 2020 Season. Harbourside Football Club provides Junior Football in the West Harbour areas from Ravensbourne to Aramoana. Our players range from 5 through to 13. Registrations are now open and will close on Sunday March the 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact either **Tim Cook** on 4728024 (email [timrcc@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:timrcc@yahoo.co.nz)) or **Ian Landreth** (email [ian\\_landreth@yahoo.com](mailto:ian_landreth@yahoo.com)) on 4728381 to register or for further

The Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School Board invites applications from parents who wish their children to be members of Class 1 in 2022.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available at the school office. This includes a description of the criteria that will apply to the selection of students in situations where there are more applications than there are places available.

The Board has determined that 8 places are likely to be available.

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Have you or a family you know been considering Steiner/Waldorf Education? Come along to our Open Afternoon to find out more. We have limited spaces still available in the Kindergarten for enrolments in Term 1 2020. Please share with your networks and contact us for more information.

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