



Now may I be unto myself  
 And luminous, spread inner light  
 Into the darkneses of time and space.  
 All Nature-being tends toward sleep,  
 The depths of soul shall now awake  
 And waking bear the warm sun-glowing  
 To freezing winter-flowing.



*Rudolf Steiner Tr.by Daisy Aldan*

## NEWSLETTER

### TERM 1 DATES

#### School

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 9:30 am and 12pm, School tours  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April St. Michael's play

#### Kindergarten

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 12:30 to 1:30pm, Kindy open afternoon  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April Kindy harvest festival

#### Governance

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 5:30pm Proprietors meeting  
 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 9am to 12 pm Joint hui  
 Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 5:30pm Board meeting

#### Other

Fri – Sat, 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March Community Camping Opportunity - Naseby

#### Playgroup

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

Kia ora e te whānau,

what a Fair! It is always amazing how the community rallies on fair day and the few last days leading up to it – thank you to everyone for everything you have done, brought, made, contributed, thought of, organised, built or connected with. Even



though I could not be there myself, I have heard that the day had a very good feel to it and went very well – all thanks to everyone involved. We would love to hear your feedback and any thoughts on the fair, it helps moving forward and deciding what we can do next year.

Thank you to the trusted group of people who started last year and continued to work hard until the last minute – it could not happen without you!!



Thank you to all the staff and their work behind the scenes, it is a big job to prepare the rooms, put the rooms back and work on the fair day itself – not to mention the work that magically happens in the office – thank you!!



I would also like to acknowledge the involvement from the children this year, class Kererū on the fair day running the pizza oven, joining with others to open the fair with a waiata and all other classes who helped the days before, tidying the grounds – the excitement could be felt everywhere, which was lovely to see!

Now we are taking a break from the fair requests, we are moving into the

last three weeks of term with the St Michael's play on our last day of term. More detail of this to come but please mark it in your calendars as we know the children love to share this play with you at the end of the term and they have started working on it in their individual classes so they can bring it all together by the end of week 11.

Please continue to make sure that your child brings some spare clothes to school as well as a hat, rain jacket and boots as we want them to be able to be outside in all weather – which Ōtepoti is certainly providing at the moment.

Kia ora rawa atu,

*Anna Noble*

## Special Character Thoughts:

In our ongoing segment about the curriculum and what makes it so powerful for our children, we have made it to ingredient number 3:

“The importance of content is fully recognised (young people need certain skills and useful knowledge), but as a creative framework, the Steiner-Waldorf curriculum is embedded within a developing practice and method. The curriculum outline takes its cue from the development of the child: subject, or content, provides a medium for a meeting and collaboration of teachers and learners. Thus, since the meaning and knowledge are built over time, this is co-constructed learning in which understanding unfolds as a process of learning to learn encompassing both students and teachers.”

The development of the child is a very powerful cue to base a curriculum on and while so simple it seems to sometimes get lost in thoughts of individuality as well as changing times that lead to changes in children’s development. Children go through the same developmental stages they did 100 years ago, if we can surround them with the space and the time to do so. The curriculum, while appreciating the individuality of a child at its deepest core, provides developmentally specific input and substance to support the child in their next stage of learning and developing. The process of learning to learn for the teacher and the child means they build a relationship built on shared content experiences, thus building trust and a shared history while both developing on their journeys as learners.

## Te reo Māori focus of the week

Teachers last looked at the days of the week, both using the Māori Language Commission names or the loan words as below. Check out with your tamaiti/tamariki if they know the day.

- Rāhina Mane Monday
- Rātū Tūrei Tuesday
- Rāapa Wenerei Wednesday
- Rāpare Tāite Thursday
- Rāmere Paraire Friday
- Rāhoroi Rāhoroi Saturday
- Rātapu Rātapu Sunday

Phrases:

Ko te aha te rā? Ko te Rāapa. – What’s the day? It’s Wednesday

# 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. If you are eligible, you can apply here: <https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/your-child-at-school/school-transport-assistance/>

## SCHOOL – Class Kererū (6&7)

Kia ora koutou

Class Kererū have been enjoying the extension of their geometric skills with more elaborate designs and use of our lovely geometric tools. Each construction has been a discovery using different diameters, arcs, angles, precision and determination! We enjoyed designing our own and coming up with some original names.



Painting has been also becoming more technical and our colour explorations has had geometric dimensions as well.



This year we have begun a regular homework schedule and are embarking on an Amazing World travel with journeying to a different country for each mini project. Last week was France and needless to say I think it's inspired more than a few of us to one day go and see the pink flamingos in Provence, the Alpes françaises, the Louvre and even take a side trip to the leaning tower of Pisa in Italy.



Until next time, can't wait to see where our travels take us!

Ka kite,

*Trisha and class Kererū tamariki*



## KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you all for the parent help for the fair and for being a part of our wonderful day!

We still have some beautiful plants from our kindergarten māra if you would like to buy one for your gardens at home.

Organic strawberries are \$5 each.

Lancewoods are \$5 each.

Pepper trees at \$2.50 each.

These will be displayed outside in front of the staff room and you can place the money in an honesty jar or pay online into the Proprietors account 03-1726-0004961-00 with the reference "fair plants".

We look forward to our upcoming Harvest festival and sharing this time together as we merge into autumn and finish term 1.

"Golden in the garden, golden in the glen,

Golden, golden, golden, prince Autumn's here again"



Due to sickness going through our kindergarten it has been lovely merging koru room into the rata and kōwhai rooms to be together and support one another. Our tamariki have been enjoying their time with friends.

Reminder that we will be closed on the upcoming public holidays:

Monday 25th of March for Otago anniversary.

Friday 29th of March for Easter Friday.

Monday 1st of April for Easter.

Tuesday 2nd of April for Easter.

Love, *the Kindergarten Kaiako.*

## PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is back on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30.

See you all then! *Alida and Jenny* [dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com)

## CRAFTGROUP

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and friends who made beautiful crafts for the fair. Each one was unique and lovely and they were much appreciated!

*Jen and Miho*

# 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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**The Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand Council**, with the assistance of the Hawke's Bay team, invites you to the Anthroposophical Conference 2024 – Cultivating Change: Bringing Health to Humanity – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, Hastings. Open to all, the conference will be of particular interest to those framing their work within anthroposophy. Please see link below for further information on the website ([www.anthroposophy.org.nz](http://www.anthroposophy.org.nz)) and to register.

**GirlGuiding NZ** is a non-profit organisation where girls can be girls, where they will discover their passions, contribute to their communities and form friendships in a safe and positive environment. We offer a huge range of activities from science, music, drama, camping, outdoor skills, cooking and so much more! It's a supportive place to grow confident, adventurous girls who are ready to be tomorrow's leaders. If this sounds like your girl then please make an enquiry at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/find-a-unit/#girlenquiryform> or find more information at [www.girlguidingnz.org.nz](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz)

**Moana Nui Festival:** a celebration of Pacific Island cultures on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March at the Forsyth Barr stadium. The Moana Nui festival has been running at the stadium for 3 years and we have seen our communities from all cultures come and enjoy the festival. Our event is open to everyone as all are welcome to enjoy the Pacific culture and cuisines. The Moana Nui Festival offers an immersive experience with music, dance, food, arts, and crafts, fostering cultural appreciation and understanding.

**Winter Festival Queenstown:** This 2024 edition of the event will be a Trans-Tasman Ski & Snowboard competition that will run from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September through to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of September. This year's event will take place at The Remarkables Ski field. Registrations are welcome for both individuals and school teams, and are open to both boys & girls from years 3 through to 8. more information on this year's event, along with details of the 2023 SAC event are available on our website ([alpinecomp.nz/](http://alpinecomp.nz/)).

RAVENSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Parents and Whānau  
Do you want some tips on helping your child with their  
**BIG EMOTIONS?**  
St Leonards School  
27th Wednesday, March the 27th 27th  
6:00- 7:00pm  
SAWYERS BAY SCHOOL  
99 STEVENSON AVENUE  
with  
**Melissa Mitchell-Bain**  
Wellbeing Advisor- Ministry of Education  
West Harbour Schools: Port Chalmers, Sawyers Bay, St Leonards, Rudolf Steiner, and Ravensbourne.  
Are you coming? RSVP [mitchel@portchalmers.school.nz](mailto:mitchel@portchalmers.school.nz)  
Do you have a question for Melissa about how to help your child with their big emotions? You can email it prior to the workshop at [mitchel@portchalmers.school.nz](mailto:mitchel@portchalmers.school.nz)  
We can provide supervision for your children during this workshop.

**LUNCHBOX TIPS FOR TOP TEETH!**  
Enjoy these tooth-friendly foods for a healthy smile

- Boiled egg
- Lean meat and canned fish
- Grainy savoury sandwiches
- Salad bowls
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Plain yoghurt and sliced cheese
- Plain crackers
- Baked potato
- Plain milk
- Tap water

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora | Community Oral Health Service  
Scan this code for more great tooth tips

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The Port Chalmers Library Drawing Club is running again from the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 3pm. Material supplied.

Are you going overseas for the school holidays? When you return, you can now complete a digital New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD) before you fly back into New Zealand – replacing the need to fill out a paper declaration card on the plane. Everyone coming into New Zealand needs to complete an NZTD. You'll answer questions about your trip and what's in your bags. You can complete it at a time that suits you, on the [NZTD website](#) or by downloading the [NZTD app](#), and submit it 24 hours before your trip back to New Zealand. Download the NZTD app today!

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Join Wellbeing Way for an immersive journey into the captivating world of **ecofocusing**, where mindfulness, creativity, and nature exploration merge in an hour-long experience designed to nurture your inner self. Held in the lush confines of the Tūhura Otago Museum Tropical Forest, you will delve into the essence of **focusing**, a practice that tunes us into our inner landscape, fostering clarity and emotional well-being. Benefit from guided suggestions and engage in silent immersion to absorb the beauty and tranquillity of your tropical surroundings. Later, retreat to the Atrium for an artistic expression session, accompanied by delicious herbal tea. The evening will conclude with a meaningful sharing session, where you'll have the opportunity to reflect on your experience and connect with others. **5.30pm, Wednesday 24 April, Tūhura Otago Museum Tropical Forest, \$15 per person.** Book here: <https://otagomuseum.nz/whats-on/ecofocusing-a-mindbody-practice-with-nature>



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**High School Discussion Night** 6pm at Emersons on Wednesday 27th March. Are you wondering what to do when your children reach high school age? Do you wish there was another option in Dunedin? Something more in line with the choices you have made for your children's ECE and primary education? 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 we want to invite you to a social get together to talk about secondary education. To swap stories about our own school experiences, hopes for the future, wild ambitions, what we wish existed, what young people today might need...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 if this sparks your interest, join us next week! If you have experience of what is currently on offer in Dunedin then that is helpful too. This is just to start off the conversation, see who is interested, pool some initial ideas and generate some energy. High School may be a decade or more away for your child, but this gives us time to potentially do something about it! Feel free to bring any inspiration to share but let's meet without our children - so we can have the freedom of adult discussion. We hope this will be a social as well as enlightening occasion. If you know you are keen then RSVP to [alida@harris.net.nz](mailto:alida@harris.net.nz) or 0210579961 (this will give us a sense of possible numbers for a booking) or just show up, If you are interested in being part of the conversation but not able to join us on Wednesday then please let us know as well. And in case they have missed this notice, mention it to your friends! Alida Harris, Jenny Pentelow, and Jenny Wigley