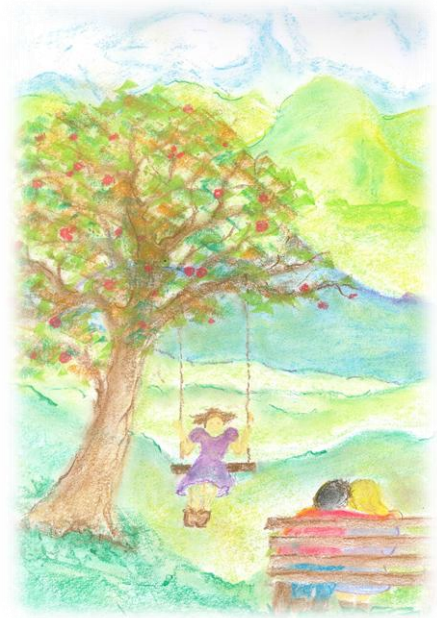




**Mā te mahi tahi ka ea kā mahi.**

**Through working together, the tasks are accomplished.**



Benno's art for our fair poster

## NEWSLETTER

### 2026 TERM 1

#### School

Rāpare/Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1:30pm Saint Michael's play

#### Kindergarten

Rāpare/Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 12pm Kindy Harvest Festival

#### Governance

Rātū/Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 5:30pm Board meeting

Rātū/Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 5:30pm Proprietors meeting

#### Other

Rātapu/Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11am to 2pm **FAIR DAY**

**Playgroup** Rāhina/Mondays and Rāapa/Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

**Craftgroup** Rātū/Tuesday 9 to 11am

### 2026 TERM 2

#### School

Rāhina/Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Term 2 starts

#### Kindergarten

7 to 10 and 13 to 17 April Holiday kindy

Rāhina/Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Term 2 starts

Kia ora koutou,

We are on our final countdown to the fair; 4 days to go! It is amazing and heartening to see the engagement from so many of you and the hard work that happens in so many corners of our community – thank you!

If you have not done so, please make sure that you sign up for a shift at the fair so we can make sure that all activities can go ahead. Please also ensure that you have signed up for some food to bring for the café as this is often one of the most popular places at the fair!

The children are currently preparing to open the fair on Sunday with a beautiful waiata, which they have learnt with Korina in the Kapa Haka space so please come at the start of the fair to make sure your child can take part in this special moment.

We also hope you are inviting people from far and wide to spend the day with us and to be part of this wonderful place!

Meanwhile, while the fair brings a buzz to the air and requires a lot of focus and energy, the kindergarten and school classes are busy in the classrooms, voyaging across the world, exploring the alphabet, or diving into the more abstract and more challenging concepts of maths!

The school children are also preparing for the St Michael play (read more about this in the special character thoughts), which they will share with the community on the last day of term.

School parents, you are warmly invited to our St Michael play:

Thursday, 2nd of April at 1:30, followed by shared kai.

Let's finish the term well, with positive business and the view to a few relaxing days to follow – thank you all for your support, chats and laughs and the hard work in between!

Kā mihi,

*Anna Noble* –

Tumuaki/Principal

## **Special Character: Why do we celebrate the St Michael Festival?**

St Michael in autumn

At the end of the first term of the year, as we recognise the end of summer and beginning of autumn, we celebrate the abundance of the harvest as well as the change in season and prepare for the darker months of the year. While this is done in different

ways in kindergarten and school, both hold similar impulses and gestures, each in their own way, responsive to the development of the child.

In the kindergarten there will be a marionette play, which often has the theme of fighting the dark of the longer days to come as part of the story experience. The other gesture is around the finding of the hidden light and life; done through the finding of a bulb that, once planted, will hide away in the ground for the winter and appear in spring, ready to show its beauty to the world.



The school children perform the St Michael play, in which St Michael fights the dragon, looking for the light and showing his strength to make it through the darker days of winter. Embodying their part in the play, gives the children strength and courage, to make it through the darker days as we move through winter.

In both spaces the children are prepared for the lack of light of the winter days, for showing strength through this time when we have to work harder to find warmth and sunlight and to appreciate that sleep, quiet and a slower pace is preparation for the vastness of spring and for the excitement of the first green peeking through the ground.

## SCHOOL – CLASS KIOKIO

Over the past two weeks in Class Kiokio, we have been working on expanding our sentences by adding more detail. Both Class 2 and Class 3 are showing great enthusiasm, striving to write more sentences and happily taking on the challenge. We have also been using mind maps as a helpful tool to and organise our ideas before writing. In mathematics, we have been diligently practising our basic facts. Class 2 has been strengthening their understanding of the relationship between addition and multiplication, while Class 3 is stepping up by working through word problems and identifying key words to support their thinking. Multiplication is well underway, and we are beginning to build greater confidence and automaticity.





Alongside this, we are joyfully preparing for our St Michael play, which is weaving beautifully into our main lesson work. The children have been entering deeply into the story as they rehearse their lines, work together in their roles, and begin to bring the play to life through movement and simple costumes. It has been especially lovely to see friendships continue to grow during this time, with the children supporting one another, practising together, and sharing in the joy of creating something as a class. There is a strong sense of togetherness in Kiokio at the moment, and it is heartening to see how their main lesson work is now finding expression through collaboration, creativity, and play.



## KINDERGARTEN

*♪ Golden in the garden, golden in the glen,  
golden, golden, golde*

*n Prince Autumn's here again ♪*

We are very much feeling the seasonal change to Autumn at kindergarten, our fruit trees are laden, and the golden light of Autumn is streaming through our garden.



We are needing to amend the time for our Harvest Festival planned for the last day of Term, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April so it fits better with the school's St Michael Play. We will have our festival from 12 - 1:30 so families are free to then attend the school play as well. Our kindergarten session will run as usual till 3pm however you are very welcome to take your children home early after our festival if you choose to.

### Harvest Festival Plan

- 12 pm meet in the Playgroup room for a seasonal puppet play
- Singing, a bulb hunt and harvesting of our fruit trees
- Followed by shared kai (finger food to share or lunchboxes) on the concrete area.
- Obstacle course and other small feats of courage
- Finish at 1:30

### Holiday Kindergarten

We are very grateful to Joella once more taking our holiday kindergarten for the 2 weeks between Terms (not including statutory holidays over this time). Your children are welcome to attend on the days they are currently booked for each week. Keep a look out for a survey about our holiday kindergarten coming soon with a bit more information for our new Kindy whānau about how holiday Kindy runs.

*From the Kindy Kaiako*

## PLAYGROUP

Miriam Marler is facilitating our playgroup sessions on Mondays and Wednesday sessions. The sessions run from 9:30 to 11:30am. You can contact playgroup emailing [playgroup@dunedinsteiner.nz](mailto:playgroup@dunedinsteiner.nz)

## CRAFTGROUP

Hi all, our annual school fair is just around the corner and we would love your help!! If you have some spare time, please join us at our Tuesday meetings after drop-off. We've got plenty of tasks for every skill level. Alternatively, grab some crafting kits from the office and get creative at home (We will prepare them over the weekend so should be ready by the beginning of the week)! Thanks, Miho-0211294323

## 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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**Wild Dunedin** – NZ Festival of Nature returns these Autumn school holidays (10–19 April) with more than 200 events celebrating the incredible wildlife and landscapes of our region. There are activities for the whole family, and many events are free. Enjoy big days out at Tūhura Otago Museum, visit NatureDome at Forsyth Barr Stadium with Suzy Cato, take part in interactive experiences, enjoy a screening of Happy Feet, or join the Wild Ride along the Otago Harbour Cycleway with fun challenges and activities along the way. There is so much to explore these holidays. Discover the full programme and book your events at [wilddunedin.nz](http://wilddunedin.nz).



**Daniel Verstappen & The Dunedin Youth Orchestra:** Hanover Hall, Dunedin – Wednesday 1 April 2026, 7:30 pm. The Dunedin Youth Orchestra is delighted to welcome internationally acclaimed Belgian pianist and composer Daniel Verstappen for a special collaborative concert at Hanover Hall. Verstappen has performed on stages around the world, such as Carnegie Hall and Sydney Opera House and is currently touring New Zealand as part of his international concert series. Known for his expressive style and cinematic musical language, he brings together classical tradition and contemporary influences in performances that connect with audiences of all backgrounds. For the young musicians of the Dunedin Youth Orchestra, this project represents a unique opportunity. Working alongside an international soloist offers a rare chance to experience music-making at a professional level and to explore new artistic perspectives. The programme brings together Daniel Verstappen's original compositions with iconic classical and cinematic music, including Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*, Bach's dramatic *Toccat*, and powerful film scores such as *Interstellar* by Hans Zimmer and *Chevaliers de Sangreal* from *The Da Vinci Code* — creating an exciting and uplifting concert experience. We warmly invite family, friends, and supporters of the orchestra to join us for what promises to be a memorable evening of music in the beautiful setting of Hanover Hall. Tickets:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/daniel-verstappen-the-dunedin-youth-orchestra/otago>

# Harbour Kids

School Holiday programme  
\$12 per hour with a daily cap of \$60

Ravensbourne School 6-17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 8:30am-5:30pm

EVERY DAY HAS CHILD CENTRED ACTIVITIES ORGANISED WITH A SPECIAL GUEST TIME SLOT.

Mon 6	Easter Break - not open.
Tues 7	Easter Hunt
Wed 8	Sport Day
Thurs 9	
Fri 10	Mystery Guest
Mon 13	Let's Make Pizza
Tues 14	Science
Wed 15	Live Music
Thurs 16	Horse Art Contest
Fri 17	Tech Day

to book please use this QR code and you will receive confirmation.




# 45° Fibre

## Deep South Fibre Festival

10am Saturday 2nd May 2026

Gore Town & Country Club  
2 Bury Street  
Gore, NZ

- \* Woolcraft
- \* Fibre
- \* Displays
- \* Traders
- \* Food carts
- \* Devonshire teas



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STEINER SCHOOL ART CURRICULUM ADULT LEARNING ONLINE (ZOOM). 2 YEAR COURSE Starting Jan/Feb 2026. Hands on Art, working with the colours through wet on wet painting, Goethes Colour Theory in depth, form drawing and much more. Love to hear if you're interested. Msg Margaret-Mary Farr on 027 2484193 or email [manawastudio@gmail.com](mailto:manawastudio@gmail.com) With thanks, Margaret-Mary Farr

**Basketball Otago** April Holiday Camp\_Tue 7th - Thu 9th Jan 2026. 9am-12pm @ Edgar Centre. Children in Y1-8. \$35 per day or \$90 for three days. Reg link: <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=120858>

**Dunedin Netball April School Holiday Programme:** we are running a holiday programme in the second week of the April school holidays. Every day is different, and every programme will be different with lots of netball specific activities, game play, and downtime activities. April Holiday Programme Date: Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15, and Thursday 16 April Time: 9am - 3pm Venue: Edgar Centre Cost: 1 day - \$65 2 days - \$125 3 days - \$165 Ages: Year 1-8

Kia ora, My name is Amelia Romijn, and I am from the School of Psychological Sciences at Victoria University of Wellington. I'm reaching out to ask for your help in sharing information about my study with parents and caregivers in your school community. As part of my master's thesis, I am researching parents' and caregivers' knowledge of, and attitudes toward young people's legal rights. We are inviting parents and caregivers of young people aged 10 to 18 to complete a free, confidential online questionnaire, which takes about 20 minutes. Participants can also enter a draw to win one of four \$50 vouchers as a thank you for their time. Our hope is that this research will provide a better understanding of what support young people need in legal settings. If you would like to participate get in touch Amelia Romijn [amelia.romijn@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:amelia.romijn@vuw.ac.nz)

# STEINER SCHOOL FAIR



Music

Raffle

Activities

Magical  
forest

Crafts

Marionette play

Games

Food - Café

and much  
more...

Second  
hand  
clothes

**Sunday  
29 March 2026  
11am - 2pm**

**Come and enjoy our grounds! 1 Fern Road, Maia, Dunedin**

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