



In constant self-creating,
 Soul-being becomes self aware;
 The cosmic Spirit forward strides
 Through self-cognition new enlivened
 And shapes from darkness of the soul
 Will-fruit of sense of self.

Rudolf Steiner Tr. by Daisy Aldan



NEWSLETTER

2025 TERM 1

School

Rāmere/Friday 11st Apr 12:30pm Saint Michael's play & shared lunch in the lower classroom.

Kindergarten

Rāapa/Wednesday 9th April 1:45pm Kindy Harvest festival and picnic

Playgroup

Rāhina/Mondays and Rāapa/Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 AM
 Rāhina/Monday 14th April 10am Playgroup Autumn picnic Dunedin Botanical Gardens

2025 TERM 2 starts Monday 28th April

School

Rāhina/Monday 28th April Term 2 starts

Kindergarten

Kindy is open in the holidays from the 14th to 17th of April and 22nd to 24th of April
 Rāhina/Monday 28th April Term 2 starts

Other

Rātapu/Sunday 4th May 11am to 2pm **FAIR DAY**

Governance

Rātū/Tuesday 29th April 5:30pm Proprietors meeting
 Rātū/Tuesday 6th May 5:30pm Board meeting

Kia ora e te whānau,

Seven more days until the end of the term and the kindergarten and school are humming in preparation of the harvest and St Michael's festival – it will be a lovely way to finish term 1 for this year!

There is also a beautifully busy humming sound coming from the parent representatives and others, that are getting ready for the fair. If you are not one of them, please ensure that you read the emails and contribute where you can promptly. It takes effort from all of us to do this day justice and we can all make it a little easier for each other if we all do our bit.

We hope to welcome many of you to the end of term festivals, here are the details:

Kindergarten: Harvest Festival

Wednesday, 9th of April at 1:45pm

Please be on time and bring some shared kai for a picnic afterwards.

School: St Michael play

Friday, 11th of April at 12:30pm in the lower classroom.

Please be on time and bring fingerfood (!!!) to share for afterwards as we would like to have some community time for everyone to connect.

As the first end of term tiredness of the year sets in and leads us into the darker months, let's continue to look after each other and ourselves and enjoy the slower pace of shorter days and longer nights.

Hei konā mai,

Anna Noble, Tumuaki/Principal

Special Character Thoughts - St Michael and Harvest

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 idea of fighting the dark of the longer days 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 preform 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. It in turn, 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 darker 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, for the excitement of the first green peeking through the ground.

FAIR – Second hand clothes, games, books and toys

Thank you whānau for holding onto your toys, clothing (adults and kids), books, games and puzzles for the upcoming fair!

From next Monday (7th April) you can bring your goods into school for us to sort and price as we approach the big day.

There will be a box by the office for you to put your items into. If you have lots of items already packed in boxes or bags, these will need to be taken to the woodwork room (key available from the office if locked). You can also give your goods directly to Anna Delaney (Francis and Rosie's Mum) or Nina Veenstra (Charis' Mum).

Please make sure all donated goods are **clean and in good saleable condition**, and in line with the character of our school.

We are also looking for clothes rails and hangers to loan for the fair day, if you can help please let us or the office know.

Kindly, Anna & Nina

Welcome to our New Board Member – Zoe Cummings

Kia Ora,

I'm Zoë Cummings. Our family has been part of the Dunedin Steiner community for the past 11 years now, starting our journey in Playgroup, then on to Kindergarten and School. With Lily graduating from Class 7 at the end of last year and Aurie now in Class 5, I am keen to support the school through joining the Board, to return the support that has been shown to us over these years. Zoe



HPV Immunisation for Class 7 Boys and Girls

The Government runs an HPV school based immunisation programme for students in year 8 (class 7).

Quote from the public health nurse “You may be aware that HPV is an extremely common infection, affecting most people within their first few years of sexual activity. In the majority of cases, people clear the infection without noticing any symptoms. A minority go on to develop genital lesions or changes to their cells that can become cancerous over time if they are not detected and treated.”

We are not offering school based immunisation but we want to inform you that HPV immunisation is freely available for all year 8 (class7) pupils. Should you wish to know more, through the school services, we could arrange for you to meet the public health nurse. Otherwise, your GP will be able to advise you and/or arrange for the vaccination.

SCHOOL – HANDWORK

Kia ora e te whānau,

Class Kiokio has been working hard to learn/progress knitting skills this term, with class one making bunnies and treasure bags and class two making winter hats.



Kakapo pupils have been busy completing many knitting and crochet projects which are looking wonderful. We are also working on a class felting project creating some seasonal artwork to be installed in the classroom.

In Handwork class Kea are making animal toys. They have dyed the fabric themselves and are hand stitching the pieces into 3-d animals.



For woodwork this term we are making purerehua, learning to work with the wood grain. We hope to share the sound that these make in a school event with you soon.



Class kererū is completing felted slippers with leather soles in handwork to keep their feet cosy this winter!

In woodwork they have been working on Oamaru stone sculptures which we hope to install near the flow form when they are complete.



KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora whānau,

Next week we will be celebrating our Harvest festival on Wednesday the 9th of April at 1:45pm. Please bring some shared kai as we will be doing a shared picnic after the festivities. There will be more information next week closer to the time, alongside the songs we will be singing if you would like to warm up those vocal cords. If you have any questions about the Harvest festival, please feel free to chat to your Kindy teacher.

Through free play the children in the Rata room and Koru room are developing strong connections to the people, places and things in their world. Their relationships develop over time and through interactions with others. Our kōrero, stories, purakau, waiata and homelike environment deepen these experiences.

The tamariki understand how things work here and are adapting to change. The consistent routines and cues at kindergarten support the children to know what is coming next, and within this security they are able to adapt to change. For example, if we change our daily rhythm, or make changes due to birthdays, weather or festivals.

Love, *the Kindy Kaiako*

PLAYGROUP

Join us for the Dunedin Steiner Playgroup Autumn Picnic

Monday 14th April 10am Dunedin Botanical Gardens

Bring our favorite snacks and enjoy the magical seasonal colours of the liquidambar trees. Let's make Autumn crowns together with the natural resources we find. Easiest access is to arrive via Lovelock Ave and walk down past the Aviary. Text Alida on 0210579961 to RSVP if you want to meet early at the Aviary and walk down together, or if you have trouble finding us. Kā mihi, *Alida and Jenny*

CRAFTGROUP

If you enjoy a chat while doing some hand work come and join our group. This term we will be meeting every Tuesday from 9 to 11am in the playgroup room. Join us!

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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Basketball Otago: April Holiday Camp 2025, Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th April, 9am to 12pm. \$35 per day or \$90 for all three. <https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrom.cgi?formID=117993>

Dunedin Concerto Competition Finalists' Concert – Rising Stars, taking place on Friday, 16 May 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Dunedin Town Hall. This is a highly anticipated event for young musicians and audiences alike in Otago and Southland. It will showcase three outstanding young musicians accompanied by the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra and Dunedin Youth Orchestra under the baton of Maestro James Judd, Principal Guest Conductor of the DSO.

Short Term Accommodation needed in May & June 2025: Kia ora Dunedin Steiner School community – I am a teacher at the Bush Kindergarten at Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School in West Auckland. I am looking for short term accommodation during May & June 2025. This could be a housesit, tiny house, campervan or small rental. I am open to any offers that you may have. I am coming south to support my family who are moving to Dunedin, and my husband will be able to be there some of the time, but not all of it. I love the outdoors and nature's beauty and very much looking forward to being in your neighbourhood. Please contact Tina at t.dean@titirangi.steiner.school.nz or 0274 895042. Thank you!

Friends of the Burns Reserve seeks volunteers: Every three weeks a team from the Friends of the Burns Reserve works on Gerry's Rock above the school, clearing barberry and other invasive weeds. If you are interested in joining us then contact daywalk@xtra.co.nz. The group meets at 9am on the Signal Hill Road on the bend in the road just past the stone walled farm buildings and there is a 30 minute walk in to that part of the reserve. A level of fitness and agility is required. Have appropriate clothes, snack, drink, gloves and loppers, or secateurs or similar. Herbicide gel is used on barberry. The group is finished by 12.30. The next meet is 22 March and then the time changes to 9.30 on 12 April, 3 May, 24 May, 14 June. If you would like to join the Friends group to receive two monthly updates then email burnsreserve@gmail.com

Wild Dunedin NZ Festival of Nature 10 – 22 April 2025. Are you looking for things to do in the school holidays? Check out the [Wild Dunedin](http://www.wilddunedin.nz) festival for free and fun activities about nature for all ages plus great deals on boat trips, albatross and penguin viewing, and the Orokonui Ecosanctuary. This year's theme – *Ōtepoti Dunedin Rocks!* – focuses on Dunedin's geology and the vital contribution it makes to our environment. Discover what makes Otepoti Dunedin the wildlife capital of New Zealand. See the full programme and book here: www.wilddunedin.nz Lesley Smith | Festival Coordinator, Phone 021 054 8887 coordinator@wilddunedin.nz

Taruna College is delighted to extend a warm invitation to you for a special event at Taruna – the Biography Workshop - Wait a minute where did the fun go? - with Anne de Wilde and Chris Burke, happening from the 15th to the 17th of April. This three-day workshop coincides with Anne and Chris's time here as key international contributors to the Kolisko Conference, offering a wonderful opportunity to explore the profound work they do in the field of life story biography. Through their guidance, participants will gain tools to discover fresh certainty and ignite new creativity, enabling meaningful contributions in both work and life. In this workshop, you will have the chance to deepen and extend the themes of biography, artistic exploration, nourishing your soul and helping you come closer to your true being. It's a chance to strengthen your sense of self and find guidance as you navigate the journey of life. Whether you're looking to reconnect with your inner purpose or seeking new insights into your life story, this workshop promises to be a truly enriching experience. We warmly invite you to join us, share in this exploration, and discover new pathways for meaningful growth and connection. Please look at our website for further details:

<https://www.taruna.ac.nz/wait-a-minute-where-did-the-fun-go/> or to have a conversation to find out more call the office 06 877 7174 or email info@taruna.ac.nz

Dunedin Steiner Playgroup

autumn picnic

Monday **14th** April | **10 am**
Dunedin Botanical Gardens

Bring your favorite snacks and enjoy the magical seasonal colours of the Liquidambar trees. Easiest access is to arrive via Lovelock Ave and walk down past the Aviary.

All Welcome

STEINER SCHOOL FAIR

Music
Raffle
Activities
Magical forest
Crafts
Marionette play
Games
Food - Café
and much more...

Second hand clothes

Sunday 4 May 2025
11am - 2pm

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

www.dunedinsteiner.nz office@dunedinsteiner.nz 03 471 2163

Wild Dunedin's NatureDome

Sunday, 13 April | 10am - 4pm
Forsyth Barr Stadium

Gold Coin Donation

Suzy Cato Anika Moa

Aotea dunedin venues Wild Dunedin



Mr Roberelli on stage at 11.50 with wholesome music and activities.

See you there!!

Baby Teeth Matter!

Look after baby teeth every day as they help with...

- learning to talk
- eating, biting and chewing food
- keeping space for adult teeth so they come up in the right place
- confidence to play and learn

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Community Oral Health Service

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HARBOUR KIDS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

RAVENSBORNE SCHOOL 14-24 APRIL 2025 8:30AM-5:30PM

MON 14 TUES 15,	MYSTERY GUEST LET'S MAKE A PIZZA. WITH MISS HUNT
Wed 16 Thurs 17	LIVE MUSIC WITH MR WIGGLEY MISS A
FRI 18- MON 21	Closed over Easter
Tues 22 Wed 23	Spelling bee and. Maths with Mrs Hobbs Mystery Guest
Thurs 24 Fri 25	Storytelling with Miss S Closed

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