



To penetrate my being's depths:
 A longing filled with boding stirs,
 That I in self-beholding find myself
 As sun-gift of the summer which as seed
 In mood of autumn, warming lives
 As drive of power of my soul.



Rudolf Steiner (translated by Tr. Daisy Aldan)

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 DATES

School

Tuesday 9th April 9:30 am and 12pm, School tours
 Friday 12th April 1:30 pm St. Michael's play

Kindergarten

Monday 8th April 12:30 to 1:30pm, Kindy open afternoon
 Thursday 11th April 13:45 pm Kindy harvest festival

Governance

Tuesday, 9th April 5:30 pm Proprietors meeting

Playgroup

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

TERM 2 DATES

School

Friday 31st May Teachers only day –school closed, kindergarten open.

Governance

Saturday 4th May 9am to 12 pm Joint hui
 Tuesday, 14th May 5:30pm Board meeting

Other

Saturday 11th May 10am to 1pm Working Bee

Kia ora e te whānau,

This is our last newsletter of the term and in it you will find some lovely information about the term that has been, as we are looking ahead to term 2. A lot has been happening since the fair; all the classes have been working hard on the St Michael's play and look forward to sharing it with you on the last day of term.

Class Kererū returned from their three-day camp down in the Catlins and had 'the best camp ever'. Trisha led an amazing camp full of walks and exploring, learning about the forest as well creative evenings full of music and theatre. Not even the rain could get in the way of camping and excitement! Thank you to everyone who helped.

We are now into the last 7 days of school for this term and the children in the school are busy preparing for the last day of term. While the school children will share their St Michael's play (followed by a shared lunch so please bring a plate), the kindergarten children and some of our school children will experience the marionette play of the "Princess and the flaming castle" to prepare us all for the colder and darker months ahead.

St. Michael's P)lay, Friday, 12th of April, 1:30pm in the lower classroom followed by a shared lunch.

If you or anyone you know anyone who would like to learn more about our kindergarten or school, please let them know about our open afternoon and school tours next week:

Kindergarten open afternoon, Monday, 8th of April, 12:30-1:30

School tours, Tuesday, 9th of April: 9:30 or 12:30.

So please stay warm, look after each other and enjoy the start of the slower time of the year!

Noho ora mai,

Anna Noble

Tumuaki/Principal

Special Character Thoughts:

The last three ingredients for our curriculum recipe speak of the relationship between the child and the curriculum, the resilience of the curriculum and the ability to be current and geographically placed:

“Subject content and necessary competence are always relative to the child: the curriculum is midwife to the emerging individuality, rather than suit of clothes into which the child must be made to fit.

The shaping principles of the curriculum are extraordinarily robust and resilient. Many independent educators recognise this fundamental coherence, which has stood the test of time and many generations of children.

The creative freedom within the Waldorf curriculum framework enables it to be successfully adapted to a variety of settings, languages and cultures. Schools founded on the principles and example of the first Waldorf School (Stuttgart 1919), can be found around the world, including every inhabited continent. What started as a central European curriculum has been modified by applying its essential principles to the education of children in the Americas, many parts of Africa, the Middle East, India and the Far East, as well as most of the rest of Europe.”

(The Tasks and Content of the Steiner-Waldorf Curriculum; edited by K. Avison and M. Rawson)

We are often asked the question about how relevant the approach and the curriculum still are in today’s world and how an approach that has come from a European background can be meaningful in Aotearoa/New Zealand. The Steiner curriculum has always been based on principles of child development and learning experiences and those can and should be adapted – that is the expectation of a living curriculum. We can see this work continuing all the time, lately with the Aotearoa NZ histories curriculum, our main lesson work to include and expand on Māori myths and local cultural narratives as they become available. Learning from the teachers is required to enrich the learning experience of the children and continues to keep learning alive and moving – a refined and specialised way to teach and learn

Housekeeping

Lost property

Our lost property space is overflowing. Please make sure you have a look before the end of the term as all **remaining lost property will be donated.**

Working Bee

Please mark in your diary our next working bee at the end of week 2 of term 2 (11th of April). This time it will be a Saturday working bee so please keep an eye out for the email early next term with more details.

Thank you and farewell to Cassino - Proprietors Trust

Cassino has been a long serving member of our Proprietor's Trust and a rep on our School Board, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to him for all the work he has done for the school in that capacity. Cassino provided strong expertise in governance - his participation enabled the structures of the school and Trust to strengthen. So many of us have been enriched by his knowledge and experience of te Ao Māori, especially in support of the ongoing work to properly position the school and its people within Aotearoa. We hope that our 18-year connection to Cassino and his whānau holds fast.

He hono tangata e kore e motu; kā pā he taura waka e motu.

Unlike a canoe rope, a human bond cannot be severed.

Naseby Community Camping Trip

Thank you to everyone who made the community camping trip in Naseby such a success! The weather was great. We cycled, walked, swam, had a night bug walk and connected. It was a lot of fun!



We plan to make it an annual event and will aim for Otago anniversary each year so mark it in your calendars now if you're keen!

Any feedback/helpers are very welcome for future trips!

Many Thanks, Jenny

Would you join the School Board?

Being a member of the School Board is a rewarding way of contributing to school life. The New Zealand School Trustees Association says "School board members are active leaders who have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance". For more information, look at this link:

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/>

Our Board has space for one more member. Nominations are open for the election of 1 parent representative to the school board. All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form. If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office. Nominations close at noon on 1 May. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination. The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view. Voting closes at 4pm on 5 June. *Clare Ridout* - Returning Officer

SCHOOL – Class Kiokio (class 1)

Kia ora koutou,

Class Kiokio has just finished the Main Lesson of the Alphabet. The class really enjoyed the fun of finding the new letter hidden in the chalkboard drawings every morning. We are now playing with our new letters to try and start making some words!

We have just begun our next main lesson of Quality of Number. There is a good challenge in figuring out the answer to the daily riddles which reveal our new numbers.

The class has been making lots of use of the sandpit in term 1. It's great for practising our new letters and numbers. A big thank you to all those who helped in the working Bee!



Until next time,

Feargal and Class Kiokio tamariki

KINDERGARTEN

Kia ora kindy whānau,

Next Tuesday, 9th April you are invited to go on a tour of the school. There will be a tour at 9:30 am and another at 12 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to see what happens in our school classrooms, to meet our principal, Anna Noble and to ask any questions.

We are looking forward to the Kindergarten harvest festival which will be celebrated next week on Thursday the 11th of April at 1:45pm.

It would be lovely to have the whānau singing along with us, so when you receive this newsletter via email, you will also receive attached the words for the songs that we will sing in the festival. Your child will surely be happy to teach you the tunes. We hope you enjoy learning them and singing at home as well as on the day.

Kā mihi nui, *the kindy teachers*

PLAYGROUP

Next week little Emily Mouse sets off for her last sailing trips of the season. When she (and we) return after a 2 week break (on April 29th) it will be time for her to nestle into Autumn and seek the shelter of a new home. Our songs and verses will follow the changing weather through falling leaves and into frosty mornings and starlit evenings. We look forward to sharing those mornings with you cozy and warm in our Playgroup room. *Alida and Jenny* dunedinsteinerplaygroup@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. 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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Join Suzy Cato, New Zealand's iconic children's educator and entertainer as she celebrates Wild Dunedin and the wonders of nature and the sea with local musicians "Mr Roberelli". Get your singing voices ready and your dancing shoes on. children of Dunedin because this is a wild one just for you! Brought to you in support of the Wild Dunedin Festival of Nature. 9.15am – 10am, Sunday 16 April Toitū Josephine Foyer – Free



Offer: We have 10 clean banana boxes to give away to someone who wants them. Please let us know if you are interested.

Wild Dunedin Festival 19 - 28 April

This year's Festival has 140 events and activities about nature for all ages all over the city. With discounted deals on albatross, penguin and boat trip, kids go free at Orokonui Ecosanctuary and Larnach Castle, films, crafts, scientific talks, garden tours, a walk around Sutton Salt Lake and guest Suzy Cato, there's a lot happening. Full programme and bookings



here <http://www.wilddunedin.nz>



We are going to run a **Holiday programme** for the first week of the school holidays @ **Ravensbourne School**. Monday 15th April - Friday 19th April. It will be open from 8:30am till 5:30pm. The cost is \$10 per hour per child with a cap of \$50 maximum per day. There will be a different activity focus each day, for example. Mondays: Art, Tuesdays: Music, Wednesdays: Sport, Thursdays: Board games, Fridays: Cooking. As well as other alternative activities, including

swimming. Please follow the links below to register: [Enrolment form](#) [Booking sheet](#)

April Holiday Programme - School Years 2 to 7. Designed for kids in school Years 3 to 6, including talented Year 2's and fresh Year 7's, our programme offers a dynamic blend of basketball season preparation coaching, entertainment, and skill development. Led by experienced coaches, our emphasis is on fun and engaging activities that enhance basketball skills while instilling important in-game strategies. Whether your child is a seasoned player or just starting out, our programme caters to all skill levels with a memorable and rewarding basketball experience. Sessions:- Dunedin: Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, & Thursday 18th, 9am to 12pm @ Edgar Centre - Mosgiel: Friday 19th & Friday 26th, 9am to 12pm @ Memorial Park Gym

Register via link below: <https://shorturl.at/pSY09>. April Holiday Clinic - School Years 7 to 11. Designed for kids in school Years 8 to 11, including talented Year 7's. Prepare for the basketball season with our intensive coaching sessions focused on skill development leading into immersive game experiences. Players will have the opportunity to exploit defenses, showcase their abilities, and boost their confidence as they approach the basketball season. (Social tile/Poster attached) Sessions: Dunedin: -Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, & Thursday 18th, 1pm to 4pm @ Edgar Centre (Years 7 to 9) Mosgiel: -Friday 19th & 26th, 1pm to 4pm @ Memorial Park Gym (Years 7 to 9). Register via link below: <https://shorturl.at/fhvE2>

High School Discussion Night

Last week a group of 7 interested people gathered socially to talk about the future of high schooling in Dunedin. The discussion was engaging and encouraging. If you want to know more about what we talked to us please reach out and we will be happy to share. We definitely had to call it a night before we were done with our conversation and proposed to meet again soon.

With that in mind we are setting a date of **May 8th at 6pm** (Wednesday of week 2 next term) and **The Dish on Stafford Street** as the venue. Let us know if you would like to join us and we will book a table. If you would like us to keep you in the loop but the date or time doesn't suit, we can do that too. Looking forward to meeting again, Alida and Jenny (on behalf of everyone)



Harvest Festival

Golden in the garden, golden in the glen,
Golden, golden, golden, Prince Autumn's here again

Shake, shake apple tree, apple ripe and rosie
Shake, shake apple tree one for you and one for me

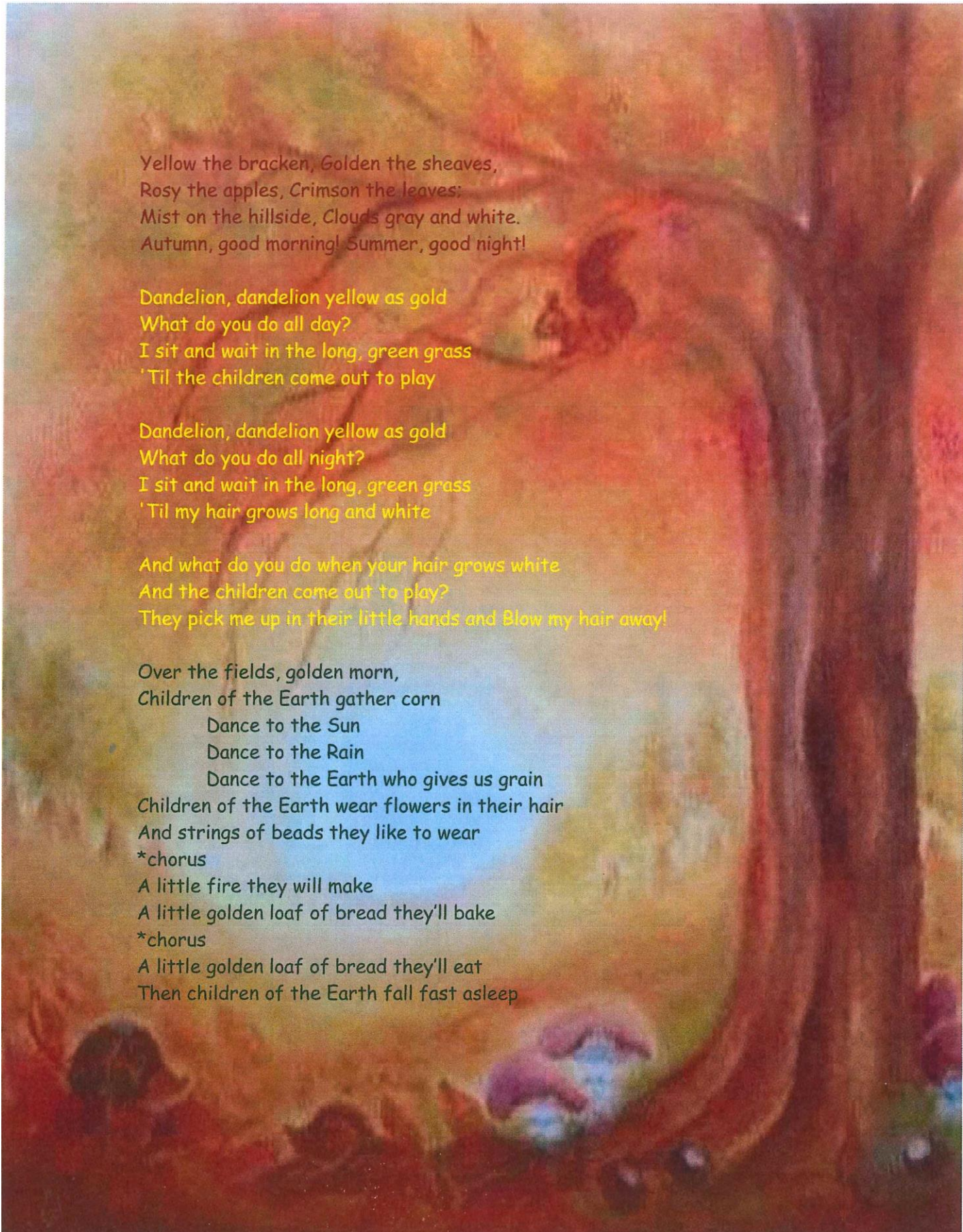
Rosy apples grow, rosy apples grow
Pick them, wash them, polish them, shine them
See how red they glow

The leaves are green the apples are red
They hang so high above our heads
Leave them alone 'til windy weather
And they will all come down together

The leaves are green the nuts are brown
They hang so high above the ground
Leave them alone 'til windy weather
And they will all come down together

The leaves are green the pears are gold
They hang so high so I've been told
Leave them alone 'til windy weather
And they will all come down together

He kai kei taku kete x 3
No te mara e
He puha, he karote, he taiho he kumara e
He kai mo te whanau
Ka tahi, karua, ka toru, ka wha
He kai kei taku kete x 3
No te mara e



Yellow the bracken, Golden the sheaves,
Rosy the apples, Crimson the leaves;
Mist on the hillside, Clouds gray and white.
Autumn, good morning! Summer, good night!

Dandelion, dandelion yellow as gold
What do you do all day?
I sit and wait in the long, green grass
'Til the children come out to play

Dandelion, dandelion yellow as gold
What do you do all night?
I sit and wait in the long, green grass
'Til my hair grows long and white

And what do you do when your hair grows white
And the children come out to play?
They pick me up in their little hands and Blow my hair away!

Over the fields, golden morn,
Children of the Earth gather corn
 Dance to the Sun
 Dance to the Rain
 Dance to the Earth who gives us grain
Children of the Earth wear flowers in their hair
And strings of beads they like to wear
*chorus
A little fire they will make
A little golden loaf of bread they'll bake
*chorus
A little golden loaf of bread they'll eat
Then children of the Earth fall fast asleep