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The light that burns within me –
hidden, silent, deep,
It beams with power like the sun from
realms of sleep.
It fills my heart with joy. It gives me
strength and gladness
And lets me shine to others too, to
heal their sadness.
When fire burns and I am master of
this fire,
Then, pouring light upon me,
Heaven's Sons inspire
My work, and I can do God's deeds
as they require."

NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

Tuesday 7 th May	6:30 pm BoT meeting
Wednesday 8 th May	7pm Proprietors meeting
Saturday 11 th May	10am to 2pm Working bee
Monday 3 rd June	Public holiday, Queen's Birthday
Friday 5 th July	Last day of term 2

PLAYGROUP TIMES (353 PINE HILL ROAD)

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

Kia ora koutou, Welcome back everyone!

It's lovely to see all the children again looking (mostly) rested and ready for a good term of learning.

After a wild and wet challenging first day of the Autumn/ winter term we are blessed again with beautiful weather and the children are shedding clothes left, right and centre.

But cold snaps come upon us almost without warning so please ensure that your child has wet weather gear and gumboots permanently at school.

We do not have sufficient resources to have children supervised in classrooms because their clothing is inadequate and we don't want them falling ill. They do need their breaks!!

A few reminders of events coming up:

We have our termly working bee on Saturday the 11th of May and look forward to seeing our community at work on that day. We will have Pene and Julie as teachers on board in the morning and Clare will take over in the afternoon. There are always tidying tasks and gardening to be done and some work on shifting and clearing as we put things into the container.

The fundraising programme has its final two weeks of the initial approach in which visits have happened and pledges have been made. This has been a significant moment in the life of the school and we want to sincerely thank all of you who have entered these conversations and found your level of response and to reiterate our commitment to respecting everyone's freedom to respond as fits them. Once the fortnight is over we will gather all the information and determine our next steps. Meanwhile we have received quotes from builders so are feeling that hammers are raised in anticipation of a prompt start to stage one of the building programme down at the old staffroom office site. We are looking forward with mixed feelings to the impact this progress will have in the noisy environment of a building site.

Following an incident yesterday in the playground after school, a reminder that the school grounds need to be cleared by 3.20pm and if there is a delay in pick up we will bring the children in to the office area. Please be sure to let us know of any delays.

And a final note about the approach to school. We had understood that the road would be finished by the end of the holidays/ it feels a bit like sailing into school which is unfortunately literal and not just a metaphor. I don't know if it is my optimism but it feels more flattened than it did last week but still...

Please feel free to come and see me or your class teacher if you have matters you need to discuss or things we should know.

Warm greetings to you all and best wishes for a great term two! Pene

Absentee children

Please ring the office to inform us if your child is going to be absent or late. You can call as early as you wish and leave us a message. Please note a reason for the

absence. A child who is not at school, could have made its way to school and not arrived. It is our responsibility to check if the children who are not present are safe. Please inform us before 9:10 am.

Weleda order

Anyone interested in Weleda products, we are doing our termly bulk order. Please send your order to gibbonics@gmail.com until the 10.05.2019. If you have questions regarding the products please contact me or leave a message for me in the office. Thanks. Have a great day, *Christine*

Organic Oats

We have packets of organic oats for sale in the craft shop. Come and buy them before they are all gone.

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

Lost and found items

Unclaimed items will be donated from next week. PLEASE check the bucket in the office.

SCHOOL NEWS

Board Election

On 7 June we are holding elections for 5 parent reps on our Board of trustees. Board members are voted on by parents at the school and hold office for 3 years.

Being a member of the Board is a great way to contribute to the school, learn more about it, help to steer its path and develop skills. Nomination forms will be posted out shortly.



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2019

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Whanau,

Welcome to Term 2! With the unpredictable weather that happens at this time of year, we need to stress how important it is that children arrive with appropriate gear. This means a warm, waterproof jacket, overpants and a woolly hat. A change of clothes is important, as is a wet weather bag for putting wet gear in. Include socks please!

Our festivals this term are the Spiral walk on Thursday the 20th, and the Lantern Walk on the last day of term, Friday the 5th of July.

Our Teaching and Learning Focus Area: Nurturing Relationships

We have noticed an element of exclusive play, which is not allowing some children the opportunity to develop wholesome connections and friendships. We are therefore focusing on supporting the children in learning the art of inclusion.

Links to Te Whariki:

Belonging

They know the limits and boundaries of acceptable behaviour

Showing respect for kaupapa, rules and the rights of others

Contribution

They are encouraged to learn with and alongside others

Use a range of strategies and skills to play and learn with others

Alida returns next week from her final placement, and will have finished her studies! Congratulations Alida! Also, a huge Thank You to Alex McNeill for stepping in and relieving while Alida has been away.

We will have two students with us this term; one from the Dunedin College of Education followed by one from Te Rito Maioha.

Hannah and Hans Wendel have relocated to Korea. We will miss Hannah in Kindergarten, and wish the family all the best.

We have had an enquiry around who will be next year's Class 1 teacher. This is something that we will not know until much later in the year, usually in Term 4.

Marjorie Theyer (Steiner ECE expert) will be visiting in the third week of term, and giving a parent talk on Tuesday the 14th at 2pm. The topic will be around managing children's behaviour at home. See you there!

PLAYGROUP

All our playgroup sessions are now at Pinehill for mixed age groups on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 - 12.

For any further information about any of our playgroups please feel free to get in touch at dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com.

Bex and Alida

CRAFT GROUP

Honey and oats are now available in the craft shop.

Craft shop purchases generate funds that can be used for school projects. In the past, this has included the planting of fruit trees and this year funds have gone towards beautiful new storage units for the yurt classroom.

Please make craft shop purchase payments in cash in the box in the drawer and note down your name, the date and what was purchased along with the total to pay. Payments can also be made online to the Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago account 03-1726-0004961-05.

If you have previously made payments to a 00 suffix account please now change this on your saved account numbers as we wish to close this account.

Many Thanks Sharyn sharyn285@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

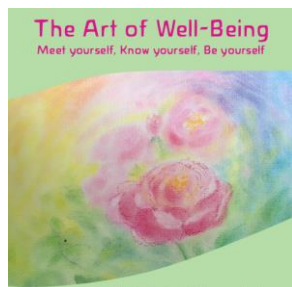
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Dunedin Southern Children's Choir: Have fun with friends singing a variety of music genres under the tutelage of professional musicians. Children aged 9 to 13 years welcome to join now. Email southernchildrenschoir@gmail.com for details.

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The Art of Well-Being - Meet yourself, Know yourself, Be yourself Three, week-long seminars scheduled for 8 - 13 May, 14 - 19 August and 16 - 21 October 2019. Is your life engaging and rewarding, yet at the same time sometimes a challenge to your inner strength and resilience? The 'Art of Well-Being' lets you come back to your centre as you explore art, mindfulness, movement, and your life story. Sometimes we forget to care for ourselves, and Art of Well-Being is designed to nourish the soul, allowing a renewing of the senses. Held at Taruna College for, more information please see our website www.taruna.ac.nz or call 06 8777174

Interested in hosting an exchange student: At the beginning of June we will be receiving a handful of exchange students from France. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Welcoming an overseas exchange student into your home is a very rewarding experience. Host families help provide students with the chance to experience life in New Zealand. It's a great way to practice your French, share your stories and establish a lifelong link to a family in France. All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. If families would like a selection of student profiles sent to them to review and decide which student may fit into a particular family best, please contact us or reply to this email. If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, call our office on 0800 440 079.

Position available: We are a small, non for profit trust run childcare in Dunedin. We are looking for a qualified/registered teacher who shares the drive and passion to ensure children receive the best possible care and education. Our centre is Waldorf and Pikler inspired and we are on a journey to discover more about their respectful education philosophy and we want to develop our skills within these philosophies further. We are looking to replace a full time teacher to work with mixed ages of children under 2's and over 2's. Finding someone that the children and whanau are able to build a strong rapport with is very important to us. This position is not for an inexperienced teacher but a confident experienced qualified teacher that is looking to join a new happy teaching team. Our current team is strong, stable and work well together, we are looking for someone to join us. We would value these strengths in a new teacher:

- A genuine passion for working with children of all ages of children.
- Experience and confidence with children is essential (as you will be given responsibilities as part of a teaching team), of which some days can be very busy but rewarding.
- Fun, enthusiastic and loving teaching philosophy, and has a warm and approachable attitude that will positively impact other staff, children and their families.
- Some knowledge of Waldorf and Pikler would be helpful.
- You will be expected to write learning stories and be responsible as part of a team to ensure planning and documentation is undertaken and kept up to date.
- The ability to plan seasonal experiences, and eagerness to provide a nurturing environment.
- This position also may call on the flexibility to move hours around and work to support other support other colleagues. This position is a minimum of 35 hours per week but could be up to 40 hours depending on our requirements.

If you feel you would love to apply for this position and you are currently provisionally or fully registered and you are what we are looking for please send a covering letter and a CV to us.

Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work vis

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you know to be a school trustee.

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nomination form.

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Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School



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