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Class 1 colour exercise

## NEWSLETTER

### DIARY OF DATES

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	5:30 pm Proprietors meeting - staff room
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10 am to 2 pm Working Bee</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	2 pm Introductory talk/Open Afternoon in the Kindy
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9 am School Open Morning
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	5:30 pm BoT meeting – staff room
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher only day in school
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday

### 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 katoa,

It has been a very reflective week for us as we farewelled Gabriela with our thoughts and prayers.

There will be a Memorial gathering to celebrate her life and contribution to our school which she held so dearly. We all miss her steady presence as she was frequently in our midst in one of her many roles.

**Back to School:** The school children and the teachers seemed to need the break at the end of last term and it has been lovely to see them again, complete with rosy cheeks and renewed interest in what their teacher is going to bring.

Our first three days had the added bonus of a rich injection of Eurythmy lessons from Sue Simpson, a long time friend and teacher who visits us when her busy schedule allows. She loves to come to see us and particularly enjoys the enthusiasm the children show. Movement of any kind in conscious rhythmic sequences is good for children, often aligning them, stimulating their rhythmic system and helping to bring focus. To the extent that they can, the teachers continue some of the work, including it in the daily early morning rhythmic part of main Lesson.

Sue will come again in term 4 and will again offer a eurythmy class to the whanau.

This week the children had a visitor to the class; David from Te Ra is the Maths lead teacher in the Kahui Ako which looks into how we enhance the learning of the children through our approach to and methods of teaching maths.

Last time some of the children got to see the importance of denominators through an exercise involving chocolate. From now on they will always know that it's better to choose  $\frac{2}{5}$  of a bar of chocolate, than  $\frac{2}{15}$ .

**Recent Event:** In terms of the random act of violence which happened in our city, if your child has heard about this and become worried, please let your class teacher or Kindy teacher know. I know you all subscribe to the practice of protecting the children but sometimes word gets out.

**New Families:** With our increase in the roll cap, we are now starting to welcome new families into the school.

This last week we welcomed Juniper into class Tui and Edie into Class Kereru. Both girls are settling in well. It's exciting to be growing!! Welcome Mitten and Rowan and Sophie and Ben to our school whanau.

**Open Morning:** We will also be opening the school to visitors on Open Mornings; the first, in May, will be on the 19th at 9.00 so tell any friends who are

interested and not already here/ take the opportunity to visit other classes if you are already in the school.

We are looking ahead to a term of festivals with the Lantern Walk, Matariki and the Midwinter Spiral.

**Lost Property:** There is a very large pile of mostly warm clothes in Lost property at the office and a lot of crockery and cutlery in the staffroom to be collected from the Fair. So please come and check the lost property/collect your plates etc.

We look forward to seeing you at the Working Bee on Saturday. At this stage it doesn't look like it will be very sunny so you might need raincoats instead of sunhats. But come anyway and enjoy the fun.

Ngā mihi, *Pene*

## **Nurturing the mana of te Tiriti**

Our governing bodies and staff had a very interesting and fruitful hui on Saturday, led by Cassino, looking at our values, the work that is being done across Steiner Schools in Aotearoa in the teaching of te reo, tikanga and kaupapa Māori, and an introduction to local geography from the Kai Tahu mapping project. We finished up with a tour of the school and a discussion of how to develop the land and buildings - including pathways, entrances, our pā harakeke and the new build below Class Kereru. Plenty of food for thought and ideas for action.

Hutia te rito o te harakeke, kei hea te komako e ko?

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If you pull out the centre shoot of the harakeke, where will the bellbird sing?

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This waiata was sung at the meeting - based on a well known saying or whakatauki, that seems so appropriate to our educational approach where one of our core values is the sanctity of childhood, te rito. *Clare*

## **Donations in the 2020/2021 tax year**

Many thanks to everyone who made generous financial contributions to the school, kindergarten and playgroup. The letters are in the process of being emailed out to all. If anyone would prefer a paper copy then let me know. *Clare*

## **Our land is on the market**

Our land below the school is now on the market. Please spread the word. The agent to contact is Graeme Pennell at Nidd Realty, 021 246 6642  
graeme.pennell@nidd.co.nz

## **Congratulations Rose**

Congratulations to Rose Stevenson for winning the Dunedin Concerto competition on Friday. Rose was a former student of kindergarten and school. Her violin performance of 2 movements of a Barber concerto was amazing and very moving.

## **Working bee –school, kindy and playgroup**

This Saturday is our termly working bee in the School and Kindergarten. This term Playgroup will be holding a working bee at their space 353 Pine Hill Road, at the back of Aurora Tamariki. See note under the playgroup session of this newsletter for more details.

Please come for a couple of hours between 10 am and 2 pm.

If anyone cannot make it but could do some home repairs to some of our mosaics, please come and take them for repair.

Jobs lined up for this Saturday include oiling the yurt doors, putting mulch on pa harakeke, gardening, clearing gorse from above the top field and painting blackboards in classrooms.

Bring the tools you think you might need for the job you intend to help with. Please keep your health and safety in mind at all times and remember that any children attending need to be minded by their parents.

## **Weleda**

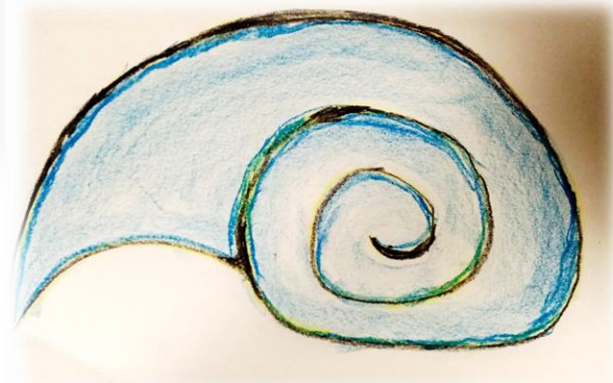
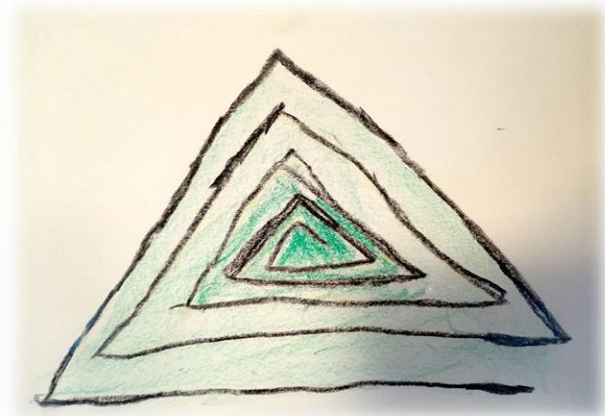
Christine Schlegel will be placing an order with Weleda. If you wish to purchase any items, please let Christine know by Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. Her email address is gibbonics@gmail.com

## **SCHOOL – Class Kapowai - Class 1**

Hello Everyone. Greetings from Class Kapowai!

We had a great time last term. The class was introduced to the alphabet over the course of five weeks. Those weeks were full of story, sound, and letters. After that

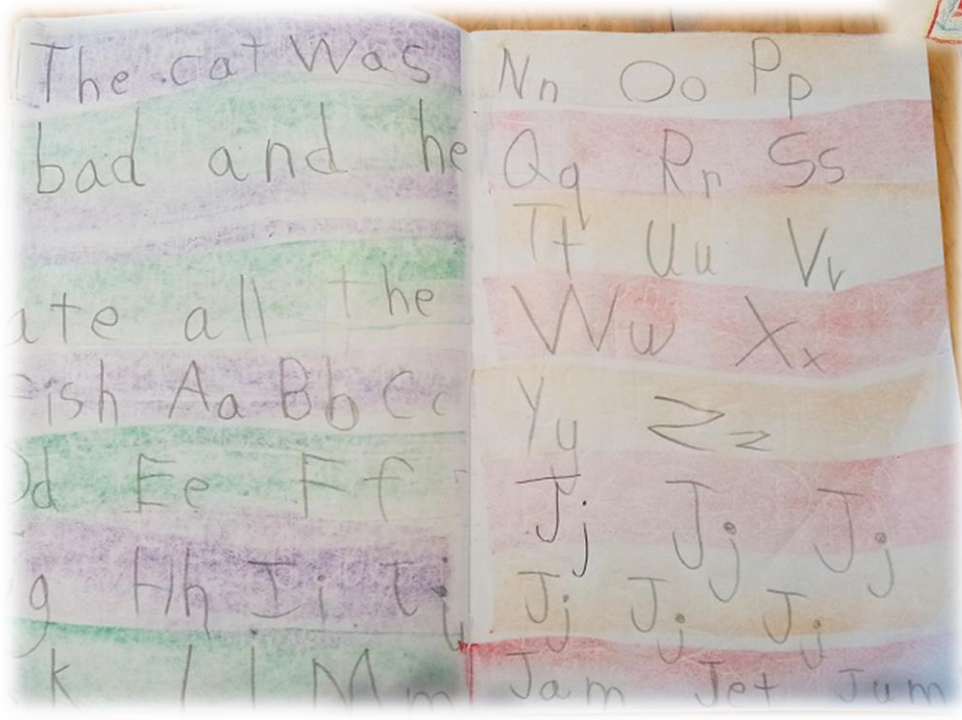
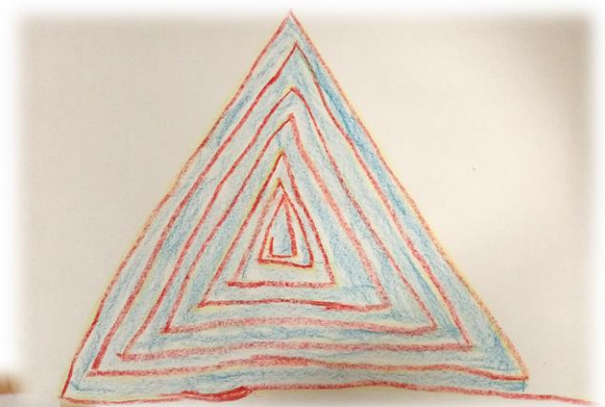
we explored the quality of the numbers from 1 to 10. Then to top it all off the class



were in their first play! The class has already learned so much, and yet the more they learn the more they want to know.

We have started term two with a Form Drawing Main Lesson. The focus has been on spiral forms.

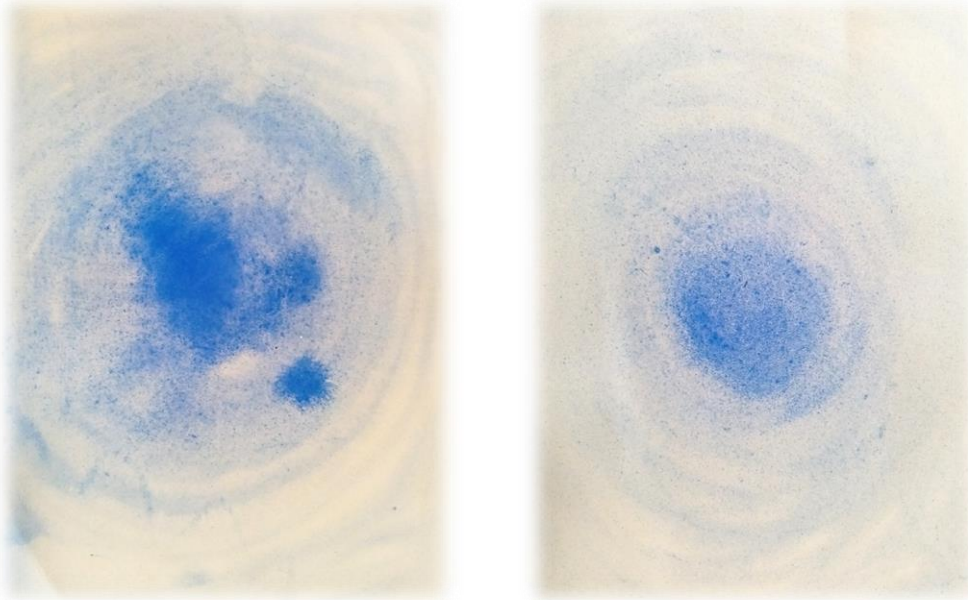
We have begun our first investigations in writing. These will be followed up with a Words and Sentences Main Lesson soon. A few examples:





'The old bun was bad.' 'The cat was bad and ate all the fish.' And of course the ubiquitous, names of everyone in the class.

Some of you may be aware that our paint order was held up in shipping, thanks to covid. It finally arrived late last term, and the students were very excited to be painting again. Last term we investigated yellow, and now we are exploring the 'feeling' of blue.



Keep warm.

Be Well,

*James*

## KINDERGARTEN

Last term we held two woodwork evenings and made a range of animals, trees and castle pieces, as well as some chopping boards and wooden blocks.

The pieces turned out beautifully, and we sold a good amount of them at the fair. The unsold fair items are for sale in the office. A huge Thank You to all those who came along and took part in this activity.

It would be great to see this become a regular monthly event in the future, once we have a more suitable woodwork space after the new classrooms are built.

If anyone is interested in making toys, or has a relative etc who might be, please do let me know.

We will always welcome contributions of suitable kindergarten play pieces, and someone out there may love making them!

Here is a sample of what we made:



Nga mihi, *Julie.*

## PLAYGROUP

This term Playgroup will be holding a working bee at the Playgroup space (353 Pine Hill Road – back of Aurora Tamariki). It will be this Saturday from 10 to 12. If you would like to join us, all help would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for anyone willing to help replace a small gutter and fix a water leak. We will also be gardening, pruning and painting. Please let us know if you are going to join the playgroup working bee, or can help out with the supplies listed below. Please be in touch with Miriam or Mikiah at [dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com).

We are looking for a few items:

- Gardening tools
- Tree pruning gear
- Painting supplies (paint brushes, drop sheets and painting tape)
- Plants for garden (flowers or herbs)
- Piece of spouting

*Miriam and Mikiah*

# 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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**Dyscalculia session:** On Thursday 20th May at George St Normal School 6 pm - 7:15 pm Sarah Sharpe is hosting a session on dyscalculia for whānau and all interested parties. One of the key things she will examine is how we can prepare our unique students for school (cognitive skills, organisational skills, etc). We strongly encourage you to push this event to your school community. Please can you do one last push in your newsletters/emails etc so we can reach as many families as possible for this amazing opportunity. Our North Dunedin Kāhui Ako is excited to share this free opportunity with you all, and we look forward to the event. Beccy Rapson 027 5477 446

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**2 Bedroom House for Rent:** A nice house on Balmacewen Road with garden. \$440 per week, no pets or smokers please. If interested, please contact Anna: 0211637471

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**Car for sale:** 2012 Toyota Prius - regularly serviced and well maintained. \$7500. If interested, please contact Anna: 0211637471

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**Kindergarten Assistant Teacher-Fixed term maternity cover**



**Full time in term time -2021 vacancy**

We seek an assistant teacher, preferably with Steiner experience or qualification to join our teaching team. A commitment to working with the special character is essential. This is a fixed term maternity cover for up to a year, working up to 35.5 hours over four or five days a week in the term time, starting 26 July 2021.

**Applications close midday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.** An application form and job description can be downloaded from the School's website [www.dunedinsteiner.nz](http://www.dunedinsteiner.nz), or is available by request from the office at [office@dunedinsteiner.nz](mailto:office@dunedinsteiner.nz) Telephone: 03 471 2163

Applications should be addressed to Julie MacLeod, Kindergarten Head Teacher, 1 Fern Road, Maia, Dunedin 9022 or to the office email address



**Kindergarten Open Afternoon Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2 pm**

**School Open Morning Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9 am**