



*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,
engari he toa takitini.*

*Success is not the work of an
individual but the work of many.*



NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 DATES

School

Monday, 5th June King's birthday – school and kindergarten closed

Thursday, 29th June Parent teacher interviews – class 1-4 (class 5/6/7 will be in term 3)

Monday, 8th May, 5pm Class Kererū meeting – class 5/6/7 classroom

Governance

Monday, 15th of May, 5:30pm Board meeting class 3&4 classroom

Thursday, 11th of May, 6pm Proprietors meeting class 3&4 classroom

Other

Wednesday, 10th of May 6-8pm Anthroposophical Nurse workshop #1 TBC

Thursday, 25th of May, 6pm Kaupapa Māori Impulse Group classroom 3&4

Wednesday, 31st of May 6-8pm Anthroposophical Nurse workshop #2 TBC

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

While it is only 5 days into the term, a lot has happened! What an amazing fair day we had, what an amazingly hardworking community we have and how all of that showed last Saturday! I was particularly amazed by how the activities mirrored the development of the child, from the wonder being evoked in the forest to the questioning in the science of 'the quest for the cure' to 'save the fairy queen of Waldorfia' and so many things in between. There were so many amazing things to

do for the tamariki which showcased the special character of our school and its true beauty.

A fair like this can only happen with the help of many, many people and we are so thankful for your dedication and continued support! A big thank you to Jenny for keeping an overview and approaching every challenge with calm and humour, to Jilli for tidying up so many loose ends, our coordinators, Anna for coordinating the produce, to Hayley and Tony who put a beautiful ensemble of music together, Alida for coordinating but also creating many of our beautiful activities, Keren, her family and Peggy for a beautiful puppet play, Emily for overseeing the raffle, to Roberta for keeping the communication with the community clear and streamlined, and the fair coordinators who held responsibility for stalls or an area and put a lot of work in prior and during the event: Angela, Pennie, Eliza, Silke, Tamma, Miriam, Michelle, Clare, Betty, Izumi and every single parent who baked, transported, took a shift, playing music, donated goods or time and supported the fair in so many other ways:

Kia ora – Thank you.

Thank you to the Waitati Open Orchard (WOO) for their loan of the apple press and related kit. Thank you also to our contributors to the raffle; the prizes were amazing, and we are so grateful for your support!

Farewell: This Friday will be Claire Rewa's last day with us here at school and we wish her all the best in her new adventure in Australia.

Claire has been a very valued staff member and has brought a level of experience and expertise not only into the classroom but also into the staff meetings that we will miss dearly. We thank her for everything she has contributed to the school during her time!

You have probably heard that the classes 1-4 have had a restructure as we were making sure that all children have a high quality teacher in front of them. Class 1&2 will now be taught by James and classes 3&4 will now be taught by Emily. The children are all in a process of carefully transitioning and are doing this with grace and wonder.

Please be assured that we as teaching staff have spoken about every child involved in this change as it does not affect everyone the same. While we are being responsive to the needs, sometimes a child will mask their real feelings at school and express them at home. Please let us know about thoughts, feelings and experiences that may be helpful for us to know about so we can make sure that the children will be held within our special character.

The same goes for the dog at school. While Harvey has been greeted with love and excitement by the children (which goes both ways), I am aware that there may be some less comfortable with having an animal around. Please share thoughts, feelings and experiences with me so we can respond to them and make them part of the management plan. This animal, while supported by research to be a very positive addition for an education environment, is meant to add to the community, so continued communication about this is very helpful and very welcome!

Looking forward, we are very thankful and excited to have Brit Chreptyk, anthroposophical nurse, offering six workshops this year, please make sure you find her information in the newsletter, find a friend and sign up.

As you can see, there is a lot going on in all kinds of areas and I would like to finish this newsletter with: my door is open and will continue to be open so please come and walk through it.

Ngā mihi,

Anna Noble

Tumuaki/Principal







The school fair was at 11am on Saturday and went for three hours which felt like forever! But I mean that's not a bad thing!!

It was a free for all fair so anyone could come. Even people from different schools, including adults! There were so many people. Even people that used to go to this school, but don't anymore!! But most of all there were smiles!! The activities were super cool and fun!! My mum did facepainting and the kids that she facepainted loved it!!

It was a great fundraiser, and amazing for our school's name!

I'm so grateful Ms Noble and for all the people that made it happen. And yes I think we should have them because it's fun for our school and all the people that come!

I think the school fair is super fun and a bit crazy but that's why I love it!





Enrolment in Class 1 in 2025 – for children born in 2018.

Our school has approximately 12 spaces available for Class 1, 2025.
Priorities for enrolment are set out in our enrolment scheme.

If you wish to apply or have any other questions, please contact the office in person or by email or phone. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/enrolment.html>

All kindergarten families with children in this age group will be emailed the form.
The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday 12 May 2023.

Anthroposophical Home Nursing Support Series

Join us for a 6-part series where we will explore holistic, Anthroposophically guided gestures and therapies to support the hauora of our whānau and wider community.

The sessions will run for 2 hours from 6pm to 8pm on Wednesday evenings, with two sessions per term for the rest of the school year. For the first hour of each session we will discuss the topic of the evening and the theory behind a therapy, in the second hour we will practice therapies on each other in hopes of building skill and confidence to transfer these nourishing practices into our homes.

Our first session will be Wednesday, May 10th at 6pm in the playgroup room/kindergarten room (depending on the group size). This first session will be centred on whakawhanaungatanga and an exploration of Anthroposophical care including an introduction to seasonal illness support. For this course to run effectively we will need a minimum of 10 participants, with a cap of 20.

The cost for this course will be \$20 per session, \$100 for all six sessions. To sign up please email the office office@dunedinsteiner.nz and pay into the bank account 03-1726-0004961-00. Please use as reference “nursing support”.

SCHOOL NEWS – Class One

This term brings a lot of change to the lives of the class one group. They have settled into the primary school life with ease and are very busy in the classroom and playground.

They have been given lots of room to settle, with all of the school children keeping a close and caring eye on them.

Please find a collection of pictures taken across term 1 and 2.





Ngā Mihi, *Claire*

KINDERGARTEN

Dear Kindy whānau,

A huge Thank You for everyone's hard work at the Fair. What a wonderful day it was, and such glorious weather. A Special Thanks to those of you who put in so much time and effort before the big day, making sure that it was a success. I spent the day in the cafe, and the range of delicious food was amazing. What really struck me was the beauty of the dishes - it was clear how much intention had gone into their preparation and presentation. Soul Food, for sure. It really brings home what an amazing community we have, and what we can achieve when we all work together.

This term we will be gathering during the last of the Autumn for the Kindy Lantern Walk. As we move into the darker, colder months of the year, we hold this light inside ourselves, and carry it through the shortest day and celebrate as we begin to move once more towards the light. We do this at the time of the Winter solstice with the Spiral Festival.

As the Earth moves around the Sun, we celebrate four celestial points of the year. The Spring (Vernal) equinox and the Autumnal equinox occur on the two days of the year when light and dark are in perfect balance. These days mark the midpoint between the Winter and Summer solstices, which occur with the extremes of the dark and light - the shortest and longest day respectively.

Of course, as we move into these colder months, we do need you to please make sure your child is adequately prepared: woolly hats, overpants and warm, waterproof jackets are imperative, as are spare socks, and a change of clothes in their bag.

Some of you will recognise Izumi Uchida in the Kindy. She is on her final placement for her teacher training. Izumi has a long history with our School - her daughter went right through, and Izumi served as the Board Chair for many years. It is a lovely circle for her to once again be involved with Kindergarten.

Arohanui,

Julie

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30am. Inquiries to dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

CRAFT GROUP

Welcome all crafters, Craft Group will meet next Tuesday the 9th in the playgroup room after drop off. Lanterns will be one of our crafts this term so come and join us for craft, a chat and a cuppa. Meeting dates this term are 9th and 23rd of May, 6th and 20th of June. See you there, *Jen and Miho*

Enquiries: email jenwigleypiano@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
Disclaimer: This space is open to advertisers and the school does not make any guarantees or endorsement on their behalf.

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Taruna College is delighted to be offering **The Art of Well-Being** commencing on the 16th - 21st May. If you are in need of renewal and nourishment, come and join us at Taruna for the Art of Well-Being, encompassing three five-day seminars this year. The programme allows us to focus on Art; Life-story work and Contemporary, holistic thinking to deepen and renew our own well-being. For more information go to Taruna's website <https://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/pathways-of-transformation/art-of-well-being-i/>

The Foundation Course in Anthroposophic Nursing (FCAN) is being offered in June for registered nurses at Taruna College. Taruna College with endorsement from the Anthroposophic Nurse Association in NZ (ANANZ) is very excited to offer this course again in 2023-4. This part-time education process over eighteen months has accreditation from the International Forum for Anthroposophic Nursing (IFAN) and will prepare nurses to work with external treatments including working with the parts of the Rhythmical Einreibung (Rhythmical Body Oiling). For more information go to our website <https://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/anthroposophic-nursing/>



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"Class Tūi is selling worm tea for \$2 a jar. If you are interested in buying some, please come down to the lower classroom before school or right after school. A member of the class will be happy to help you out!

Worm Tea is the miracle liquid that will infuse your soil with beneficial microbes, prevent and treat plant diseases, increase your soil's water-holding capacity, and promote the health, strength and yields of your outdoor and indoor plants!"

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The Dunedin Scrabble Club, in conjunction with Dunedin Public Libraries, is inviting primary school aged students, years 5-6, to compete in a Scrabble for Fun tournament. We look forward to your school participating in this fun and educational event. Your school can send in a maximum of two teams, each consisting of four players. If you are interested in taking part in this year's Scrabble for Fun tournament, or require further information, please contact me at groffmanruth@gmail.com or phone Landline 455 1777 or Mobile 02041066957.

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Port Chalmers Library Kids' Book Club. Monday 1st May 3.15 – 4.30. Join us for snacks and activities and BOOKS!
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