



*He iti hoki te mokoroa nāna i
kakati te kahikatea.*

*While the mokoroa grub is small, it
cuts through the white pine*

(There is power in small things.)



Drawing by class Kererū pupil.

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

Kindy

Wednesday, 31st May 5:30pm - Kindergarten Lantern Walk

Wednesday, 21st June – Spiral Walk for the Kōwhai and Rata rooms

Governance

Thursday, 8th June, 6pm Proprietors meeting class 3&4 classroom

Monday, 19th June, 5:30pm Board meeting class 3&4 classroom

Other

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

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

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

We are in the middle of term 2 already and it seems like this term is racing by. While we are still enjoying a lot of sun, the air is fresher, the ground is wetter, and the days are certainly shorter; we are finding ourselves moving through autumn into winter. We have had a few days of wild weather out there and while this may be seen through the windows, the curriculum balances the wilder weather outside with arithmetic lessons as it is easier to have clarity of thought when it is gray outside.

The colder weather is also the time of the year to prepare for the next year. For the children this may involve planting bulbs that will blossom next spring or summer. They learn that their activity can make a difference; if I plant the bulb, it will blossom next year, if I leave it on the shelf, it will dry out and do nothing. Through my activity I may awaken the expression that sleeps within.

On a more practical note, it is now time to make sure all children have a spare set of clothes in their bag as well as good wet weather gear.

Thank you to those attending Brit Chreptyk's workshop last week, it was a great success and the next one is only two weeks away so make sure you sign up so she can share her amazing skills with the wider community.

Ngā mihi, *Anna Noble* Tumuaki/Principal

School Board – Meet our Board Presiding Member



My name is Jerry Hsu. I am from Taiwan. My family and I moved to Dunedin—which we now call our home—in 2016. My wife, Peggy, works at the Steiner Kindergarten as a Koru room teacher, and my two children are both attending the Steiner School. I am passionate and motivated about education and would like to represent other parents in the school to voice and contribute their ideas to make the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School a home (and a place to grow) for our children. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone.

Lost Property - Fair Items and Clothing

If you still haven't collected the items you brought in for the fair café, etc, please do come and collect them from the boxes near the staff room door. If you are still looking for plates and utensils, and they are not in the boxes, please get in touch with Jenny Wigley via jenwigleypiano@gmail.com.

Please check the lost property in the office for your children's gear. The basket is full or excellent items that need to find their way back home.

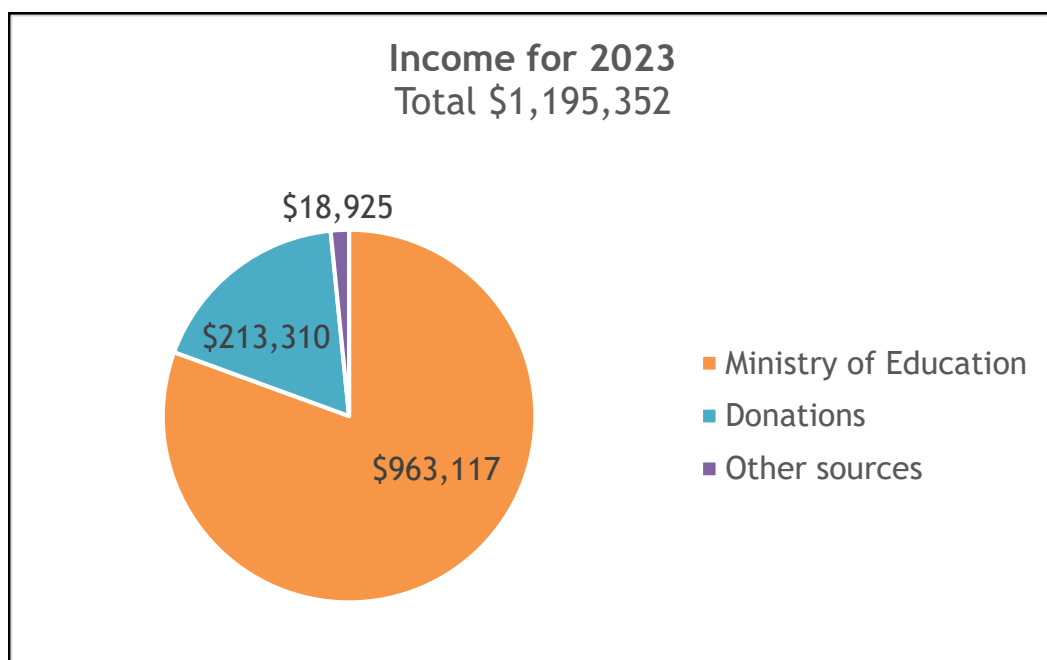
Our Financial Resources-School, Trust, Kindergarten & Playgroup

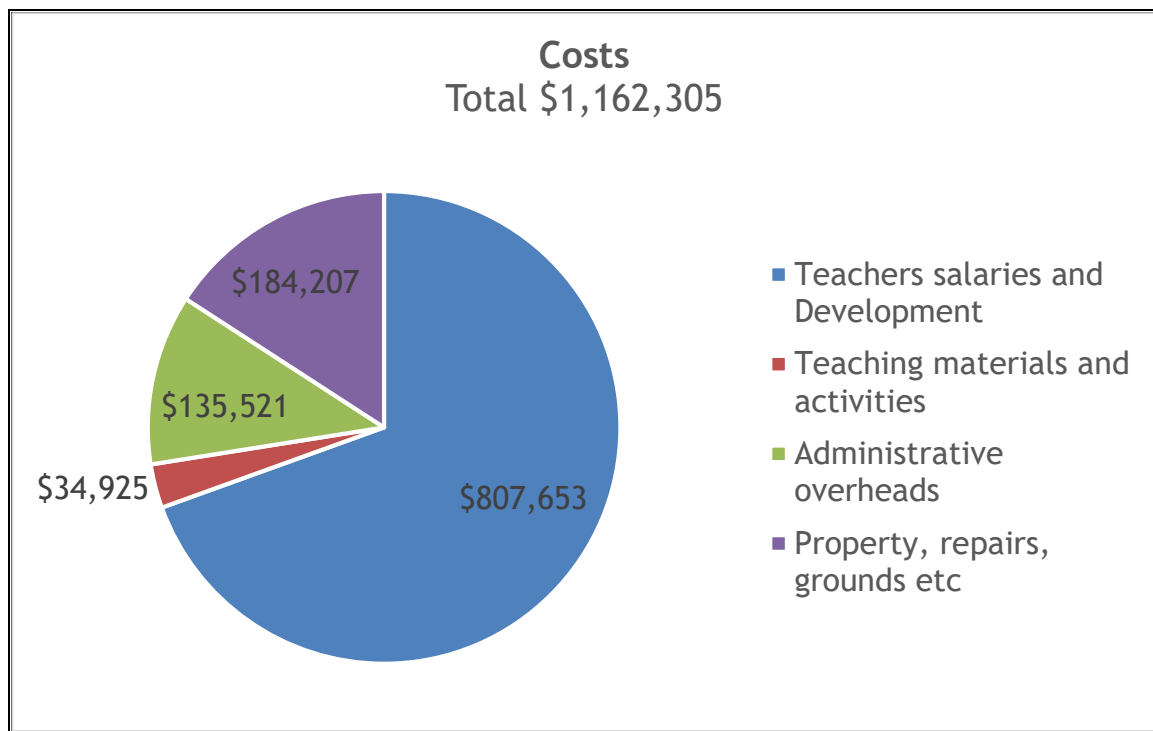
Our school, kindergarten and playgroup income comes from a variety of sources – from the Ministry of Education, from donations to the Proprietors Trust from our school community and from various other sources – such as our recent fair. Each year our management and governing bodies review what income we know will come in from the Ministry, and what costs we will incur, and therefore the amount that we need to request from the community.

As a State Integrated school, we are different from other local state schools, in that it is the Proprietors Trust and not the Ministry that owns our land and buildings and bears that cost. Instead of charging Attendance Dues to school parents for Property costs, as most State Integrated Schools do, we work on a gifting system that is more in line with our special character.

So what is our budgeted Income this year? What are our planned costs? I hope the charts below give clarity, but please do not hesitate to ask me if you have any questions. The Primary School Board is fortunate to have a Treasurer appointed, Esther Gilbert, who joins me and others in management and governance in looking after our financial resources.

Thank you to all in our community who support us financially. This income goes towards property costs and the other costs of providing Steiner Education from birth to the end of Intermediate years. *Clare*





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 second session this term will be Wednesday, May 31st at 6pm and it will be on 'Cold Support'. For this course to run effectively we will need a minimum of 10 participants, with a cap of 20.

The cost is \$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".

Kaupapa Māori Impulse Group

Our second meeting is Thursday 25 May. We look forward to welcoming Charlotte Goddard to this meeting. Charlotte is the lead for the Steiner Schools Kāhui Whetu - an across schools group supporting the development of kaupapa Māori in our curriculum and practice.

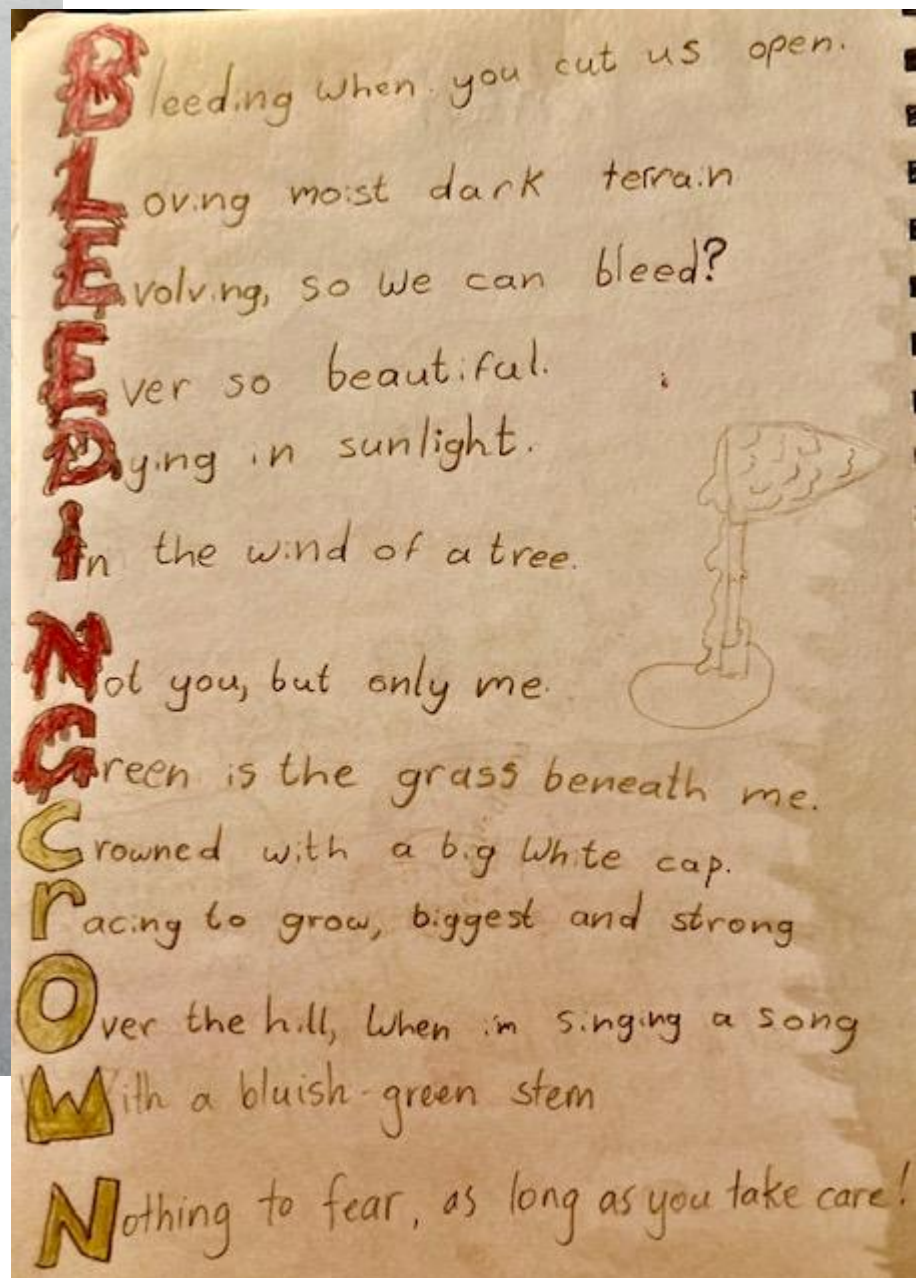
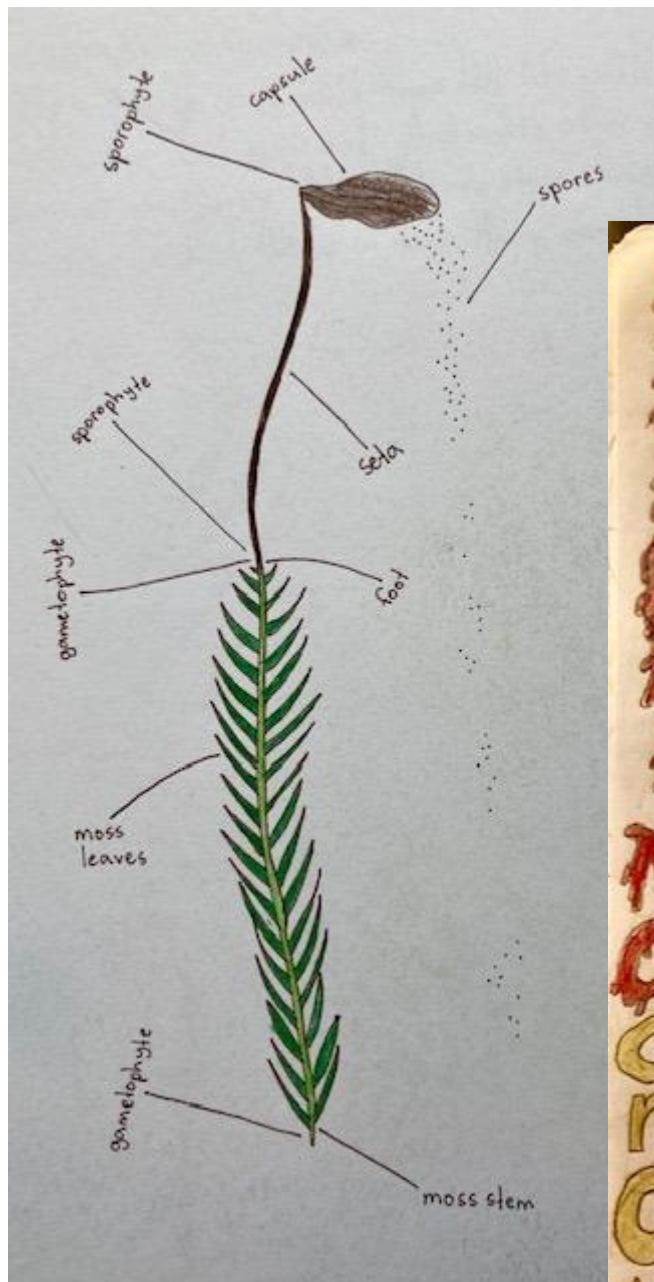
Everyone welcome to the lower classroom at 6pm. Nau mai haere mai!

SCHOOL NEWS – Class Kererū

Kia ora from Class Kererū,

We have done so much work we'd like to share, that we have been putting a lot of effort into and feel quite proud of. Here's some of our last Botany Main Lesson work, expressive writing, poem analysis and first story from our present Ancient China Main Lesson, PLUS the wonderful charcoal drawings that Becca has been doing with the class. All for you to enjoy (and possibly even learn something new from).

Kindly, Class Kererū children and Trisha



Expository Writing:

"Keeping Fit by Mika

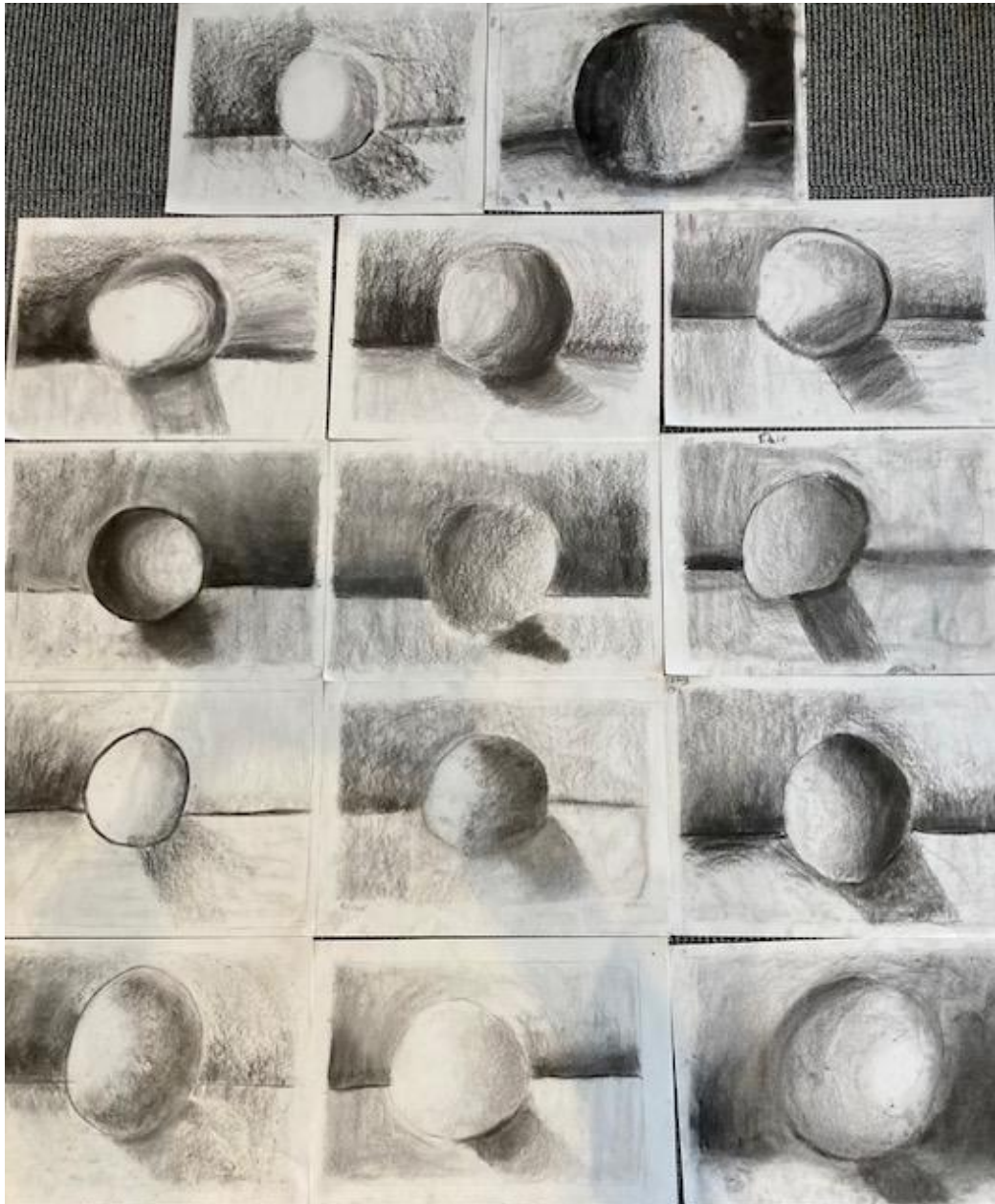
Fitness is something you have to do and there are many different ways to do fitness.

It could be swimming, running, lifting, weights, even a small walk in the morning; it doesn't really matter, as long as you do it on a daily basis. Keeping fit helps keep you happy and is very important for your legs, arms and even heart.

Your heart is an organ and if you don't keep fit it could damage you and make you vulnerable to heart attacks.

It's also important you don't eat too many lollies and sugar. Sugar is everywhere, even in an apple. There are two sorts of sugars, sugar from the sugar cane plant and fructose, like in apples, pears and oranges.

I think sugar is delicious but I never eat too much and always eat vegetables and run a lot!"



KINDERGARTEN

Dear Kindy whānau,

We have started making our lanterns in preparation for our Lantern Walk, which will be held at the Kindy on Wednesday 31 May, beginning at 5.30. You are welcome to bring star biscuits to share, and a thermos of something your family likes!



This is a lovely way to carry the light with us as we head towards the shortest day - the Winter Solstice on June 21. We will have the Kindergarten Spiral Walk in the evening on this day. This will be only for the Kōwhai and Rata room children, as we have found that the Koru children are not yet ready for the reverence and patience required for this event.

Bex is back from her placement at Aurora Tamariki, and we are so proud of her for completing her teacher training over the last year. Congratulations Bex!

We also congratulate Izumi Uchida for completing her training also. Izumi has been on her final placement with us over the last month. Well done to both!

It is of vital importance that your child be kept warm as the weather grows cold. Children are unable to fully take part in enjoying their day if they do not have the right gear, especially outside. The right clothing is the difference between enjoying playing with friends and being miserable and spending outside time complaining, or even crying. Please, ensure your child has their correct gear everyday. Synthetic clothing is not ideal against the cold. Natural fibres such as cotton, silk and wool allow the body to breathe and also retain heat in an effective manner. A woolly hat, and warm socks are most effective for keeping warm, as we lose most of our body heat from our head and extremities. Children are not able to effectively self-regulate for warmth until they are around 8 years old, so it is up to the adults around them to make sure they are well insulated. 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 23rd in the playgroup room after drop off. Future meeting dates this term are 23rd of May, 6th and 20th of June. See you there, *Jen* 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.**

Early Childhood Teacher position: Aurora Tamariki Early Years Care and Kindergarten is looking for an early childhood teacher to join our tight-knit team, located in Dunedin. Our centre is small and calm, in a nature-filled setting that nurtures learning, creativity and curiosity. The person should have an interest in Steiner and Pikler education and knowledge of Te Whariki. An ECE qualification is preferred but not essential. A commitment to working with our special character is essential. Please email Adrienne Easton (Director) to request an application form. Applications will require a CV and cover letter. 351 Pine Hill Road, Pine Hill, Dunedin 9010, adrienne@auroratamariki.co.nz (027) 8288 348 Vacancy reference #:1HA_vL

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/>



"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!"

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.

Books and Badges Afternoon at the Port Chalmers Library: Come along after school and make a badge to do with your favourite book. Another fun event for the Book Friendly Group (B.F.G.). Suitable for kids in years 4 plus 3:15pm -4.15pm



Octacan: Thursday June 22, 7:30am to 2pm. Octacan is our major winter food drive supporting many local people through the winter months. This year we are holding Octacan a couple of weeks before the Matariki public holiday.

Matariki - signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead.

We invite you to help us plan for the year ahead and re-stock our Family Works Foodbank by donating cans to Dunedin's busiest food bank.