



The need for Imagination,
A sense of Truth and a
Feeling of Responsibility
Are the three forces which
Are the very nerve of education.

Rudolf Steiner



Class Piwakawaka cake stall

NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

Fridays term 2

Tuesdays 14th & 28th June

Thursday 2nd June

Monday 6th June

Tuesday 7th June

Thursday 9th June

Monday 20th June

Friday 24th June

Saturday 30th July

3 pm Cake stall fundraiser

Craft group meeting – all welcome

2:30 to 3pm Midyear violin Concert

Queen's Birthday Holiday

2.15 and 7pm talks by Michelle Vette

5:30 pm Proprietors meeting

5.30pm Board meeting

The new Matariki public holiday

Working Bee

Playgroup dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

Dear Parents,

Here we are on the first of June with warm winds and balmy days beguiling, as we start the winter months. Nevertheless, we are trying to keep the children in shoes and warm jackets as they leave warm cosy classrooms and step out into the freezing

winds, snow and arctic blasts (or not), that we warn them about but which are often eluding us.

The wonderful thing that never ceases to delight me, is how much energy the children have and how they love to use it, or how they engage with commitment and imagination in the building of huts and nooks. It's always full throttle in the playground: now class Kereru are starting a netball team so their engagement will be towards improving the skills for that sport. It's exciting to start a new game; formerly we mainly put up a futsal team. These sports engagements are largely run and coached by parents and take place weekly after school at the Edgar Centre.

Next Tuesday 7th June we have a visit from Michelle Vette. She is an Anthroposophical Nurse and the General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society. At 2.15pm she offers a talk to parents on natural therapies to support your child's development and learning. At 7pm she will provide another talk on Anthroposophy and what it brings to the world.

I hope that you may be able to come to one or both of these talks. It is a privilege to have Michelle here. These talks are addressed to adults and of a serious content so we would appreciate that you can come, leaving the children at home.

Back to Covid: It's still strongly present in the wider community and we are hearing of at least 5-10 cases a week with isolations and positive test results.

We are coping with staffing and many of the children wear masks, especially inside. As always, we are grateful for your cooperation in keeping the sneezes and sniffles at home.

Many local schools are asking for more stringency around mask wearing and some are deferring back to remote learning in some High School classes.

Kā mihi nui, *Pene*

Midyear Violin Concert

Violin pupils from classes 3 to 7 will be playing what they have been learning this year. This will be a very informal presentation to parents.

Emergency Blankets

As part of our recent health and safety review we found we need to stock up on more blankets in case we all had to stay overnight at school in an emergency. Could you spare a clean blanket? Perhaps one from a local charity shop? Any contributions of clean blankets are welcome to the office.

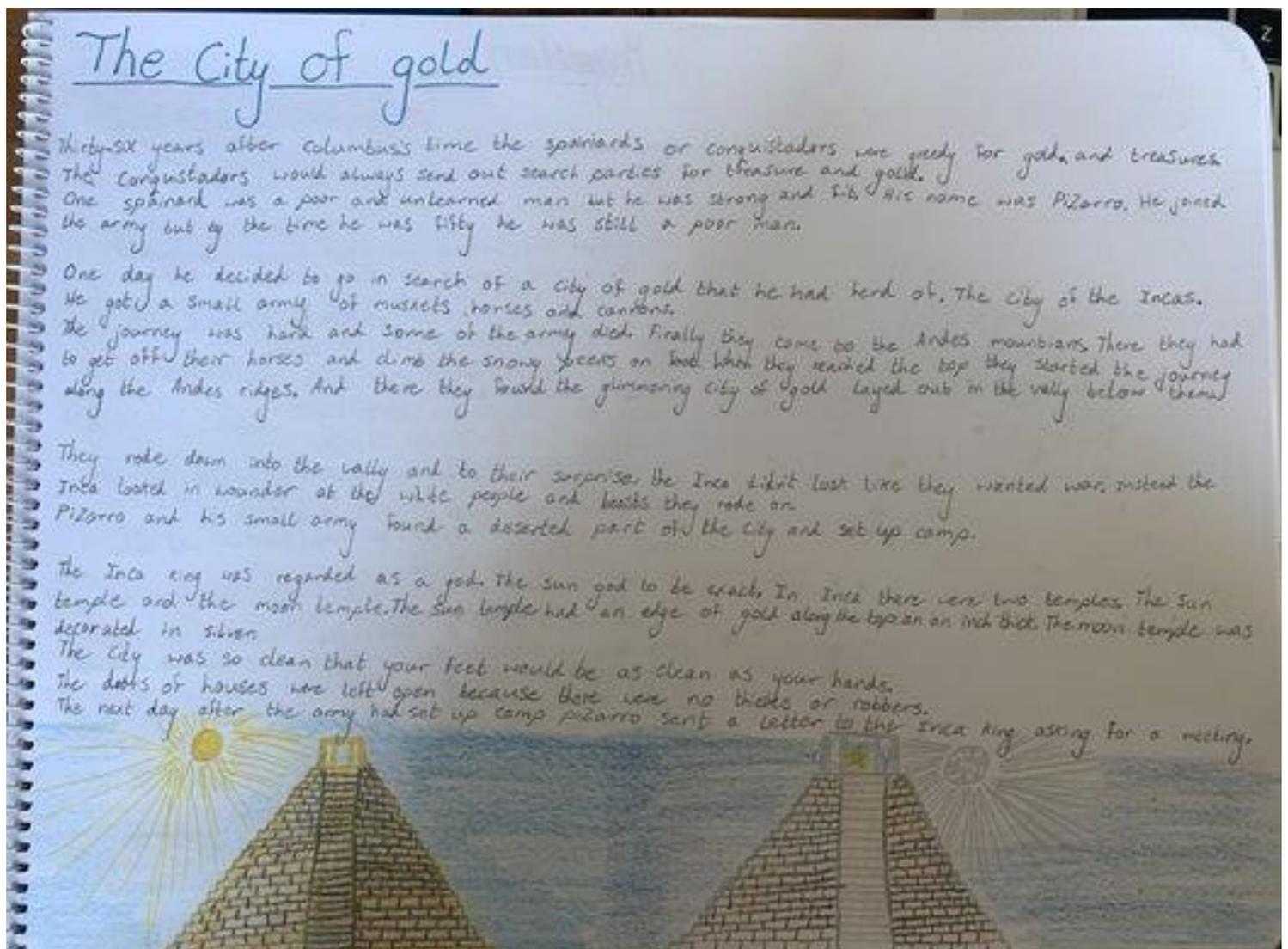
Fundraising Opportunity at All Blacks Game 9 July

We have been offered a fundraising opportunity. We seek a team of up to 20 people who would go and work at the stadium in retail sections from 5pm to say 9pm, raising up to \$2,000 for the school and kindergarten. Please note that while you may hear the game, you will not be watching it!

Let me know if you might be available. The funds raised will go to the school and kindergarten with a focus on sports and outdoor equipment.

Clare

SCHOOL NEWS – CLASS PIWAKAWAKA



We have completed the fantastic tales, of how many lands were founded, battles and contention over land, the long disputed Holy Land of Jerusalem, and the brave men who entered into the Crusades.

ALFRED THE GREAT

As the Vikings pillaged and plundered their way through England the King of the Anglo Saxons, Alfred, fought against the Danish invaders and fought them off and there was peace in England once again, but not for long.

As Alfred prepared for future invasions Alfred had the idea of sea battle. So as Danish invaders loaded their long ships for more pillaging and plundering Alfred's fleet caught them off guard and the Danes promised never to return. Alfred thinking the Vikings were true to their word Alfred stopped worrying about attack and focused on ruling England. Then the Danes invaded England and tore up villages looking for Alfred but the king had disguised himself as a peasant and went from village to village waiting for the Danes to leave. At one point he met a cowherd who recognized him as King Alfred but the cowherd didn't tell his for the work so one day she said "I need you to watch my calves." So Alfred grabbed a stool and sat in front of the oven but soon after Alfred lost his train of thought and the cakes burnt. When the wife came back she started screaming at Alfred when her husband came in he told her that the man she was screaming at was Alfred and she apologized.



COLUMBUS part 2

When Columbus found this new land the natives greeted the people of Spain kindly, but the people of Spain were only interested in the magical powder and gold. The natives of this land brought them fruit and gold but the gold was small and pebble like so they called the gold nuggets. The natives showed Columbus where they found the gold nuggets and soon later he was on the Santa Marra 7 months later with a little pile of gold nuggets and his two other ships.

When he arrived in Spain he was greeted with a crowd and Queen Isabella herself invited Columbus to sit next to her, all the people thought he had reached Asia and the natives were Indians but no, the natives were Americans and still today their wrongly named American Indians, and the place Columbus found was America.

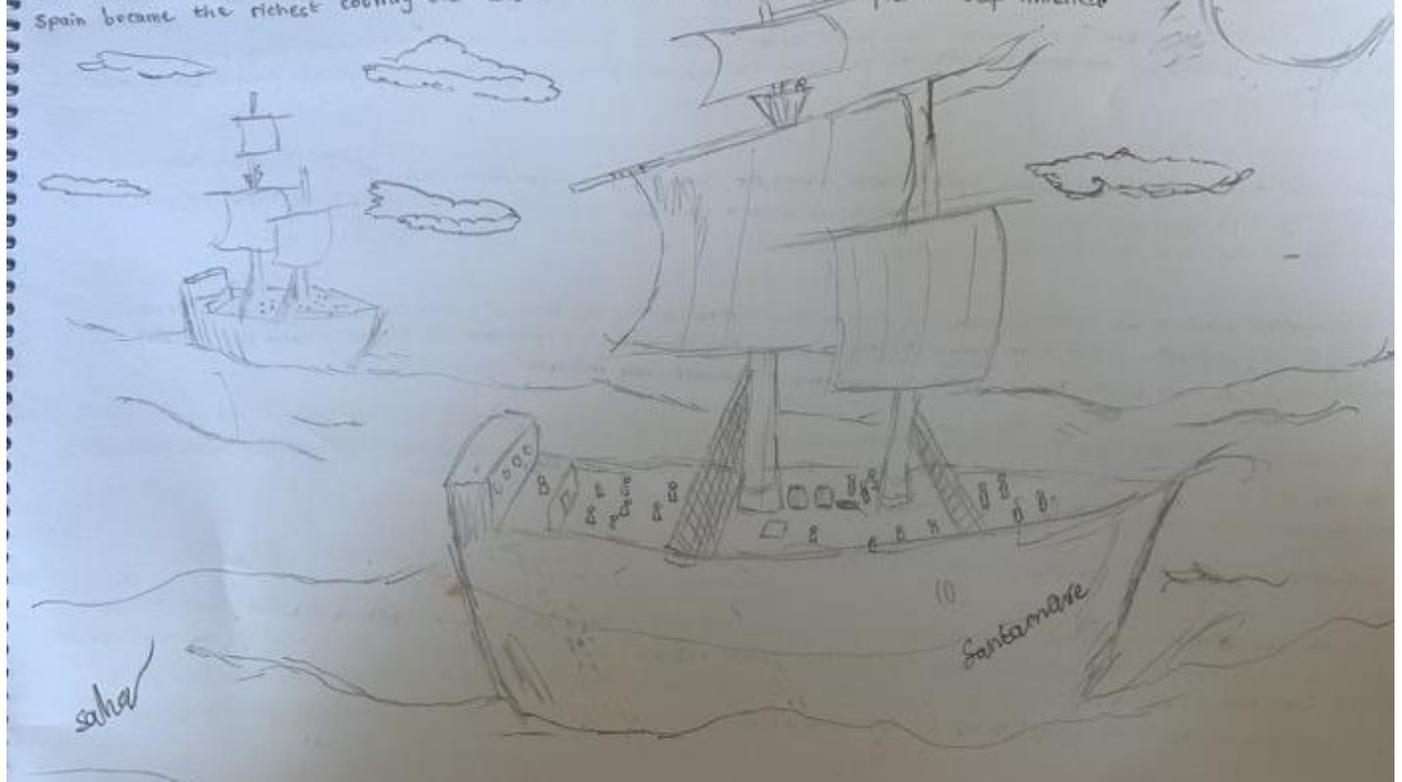
Next time Columbus set out, he set out with a fleet of ships and a heap of Spaniards many passengers aboard. So when Columbus found a new land they would colonise. That's what happened the colonisers colonised and so Columbus left to seek new lands. But when he came back chaos and fighting was upon the land. Why? Because the colonisers tried to force natives to work as slaves but that caused protest and anger and like fire to string where Columbus discovered, chaos followed and just like that it was a nightmare.

Queen Isabella heard about this and sent a noble man as a government the noble man heard complaints about Columbus and sent him in chains to Spain. Seeing Columbus chained Queen Isabella felt guilty and she freed him and he was free to sail again.

But slavery was here and they forced the natives to work the work was hard and the food was poor and many Indians died by the 1000s. So a monk Las Casas concerned went to the king and said the Indians are weaker by the day the Africans are built stronger so at the monk's words Indians were released and Africans were hunted like beasts.

Later on Queen Isabella died and King Ferdinand having little interest in Columbus stopped paying him but Columbus begged and begged till the king payed him being a tired old man he died in poverty.

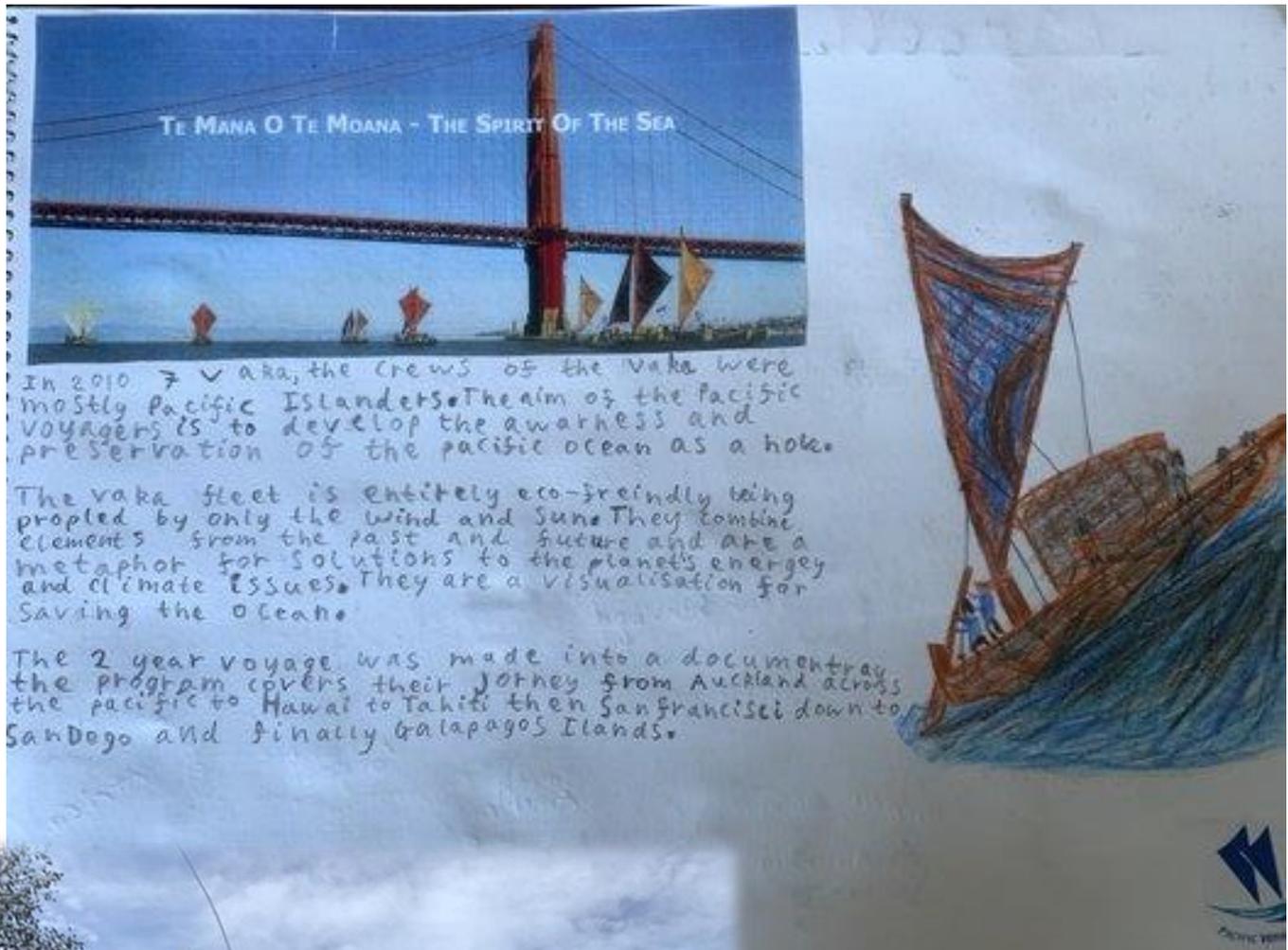
20 years later a man named Amerigo Vesputi traileed to where Columbus first sailed and wrote a book on the land and this man while doing this realised Columbus had discovered a new continent thinking it was Asia and Spain became the richest country ever and this man named this land after himself America.



As part of this Main Lesson we watched a Documentary - Te Mana O Te Moana (The Spirit of the Sea)

Following 7 traditional Waka from New Zealand, as they follow the path through the Pacific to the Islands, Tahiti, Hawaii on to the US and down the Mexican coast, before heading back.

The tale is similar to all epic journey's where there are challenges and adversity, ecological and environmental themes and an ever present contemplation of Home.



TE MANA O TE MOANA - THE SPIRIT OF THE SEA

In 2010 7 waka, the crews of the waka were mostly Pacific Islanders. The aim of the Pacific Voyagers is to develop the awareness and preservation of the Pacific Ocean as a whole.

The waka fleet is entirely eco-friendly being propelled by only the wind and sun. They combine elements from the past and future and are a metaphor for solutions to the planet's energy and climate issues. They are a visualisation for saving the ocean.

The 2 year voyage was made into a documentary, the program covers their journey from Auckland across the Pacific to Hawaii to Tahiti then San Francisco down to San Diego and finally Galapagos Islands.



We have been busy skipping away, with a focus on getting fit and learning new tricks. Each day we work on skills, endurance and it is a fun way to be active independently but as a group. So far the most double unders consecutively is 29, which is very impressive!

We have taken on the Cake Stall as a class, fundraising for New Skipping ropes, a camp later in the year and for Service.

Thank you to all those who are supporting, we greatly appreciate it.

Claire and Class Piwakawaka



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Introducing Hannah Kelly

Kia ora e te whānau,

My name is Hannah and I am the newest member of Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, I am looking forward to meeting you all and working alongside your wonderful tamariki.

I am originally from Tauranga but have settled here in Ōtepoti. I have been a qualified teacher for 8 years and have worked in early childhood Centres in Tauranga, Wellington and Dunedin. I am thrilled to be apart this amazing community and teacher in a new, exciting environment. Thank you for all your support this far. *Hannah*



PLAYGROUP

Kia ora koutou,

Playgroup is taking place from our school and kindergarten grounds in Maia. We meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Inquiries to dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

Ngā mihi nui, *Miriam, Mikiah & Alida*

CRAFT GROUP AND SHOP

Hi all, Craft group meetings started yesterday and is taking place every second Tuesday during the term. We will be meeting in the beautiful room opposite the staff room and our first project will be making winter items.

Come join us after drop off for a lovely couple of hours of craft making, community and a cuppa. All levels welcome! Future dates for this term will be: 14th June, 28th June. Also check out the craft shop in the office reception. We have Mihiwaka Honey, Weleda products and some beautiful craft items for sale. *Jen and Miho*

Contact Jen at jenwigleypiano@gmail.com with any enquiries

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.**

Backyard battle: Become a citizen scientist and help us battle NZ's waste problem. We all know that litter in Aotearoa is a huge problem, but there's very little data available on where our litter hotspots are, or what type of litter is the most problematic. That's where you come in! We're pleased to launch [Backyard Battle](#), our citizen science programme which aims to help identify the origins of litter and to contribute to a better understanding of litter's pathway across our land. It's a battle to eliminate litter from our collective Kiwi backyard and protect your patch of NZ!

Arai te Uru Marae- Shetland Street: We have extended our Hangi fundraiser payment to the 8th June 2022. Hangi Pick up is at 12pm 11th June- Trash and Treasure Market day.



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Enrolments for 2022 seminars are now open (revision maybe needed with any Covid restrictions):
Seminar 1: 17-22 July
Seminar 2: 2-7 October
Seminar 3: 17-22 January 2023
Cost: \$1200 per seminar (Early bird price for enrolments up to one month prior \$1100)
Rosie Simpson, former Principal of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School in Hastings, NZ is Programme Director for the CRSE.

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