



*Imbue thyself with imagination. Have
courage for the truth. Sharpen thy
feeling for responsibility of soul.*

Rudolf Steiner



Class Kea

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 DATES

School

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

Tuesday, 20th of June, 5:30pm Class Kea Lantern walk Chingford Park

Thursday, 22nd of June, 5:30pm Class 1 and 2 Lantern walk at school

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

Kindy

Thursday, 1st June 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

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

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

The last two weeks have had a bit of a theme about opening up our school and inviting in visitors and contributors to let them see what the school and kindergarten are about and learn from each other. We welcomed Charlotte Goddard from the Kahui Whetu, who spent time in the classes and with the teachers, taught our children new waiata and gave a lot of food for thought in our Kaupapa Māori Impulse group meeting in regard to our work to make this school a Steiner School that truly lives the bicultural context of Aotearoa New Zealand. We thank her for her impulses and work she did while she was here, she has left us inspired and motivated to continue our journey.



We also had some visitors from the University of Otago College of Education to strengthen our connection with our local university. Often with visits from friends and families I hear the comment that our classrooms and the playground take them back to their childhood experiences of what school was like and how much they enjoyed it.

It always makes me wonder about how Steiner Education meets the needs of learners in the 21st century. In a world, in which connection and connecting is made so easy yet real connection made so difficult, our children show connectedness at a level that stands out to the people that meet them. They connect with each other and their teachers to start with and embark on a journey through school that sees them learn tolerance, acceptance, responsibility for themselves and those around them, which translates into bigger responsibility for the environment and the world later in their life journey. The depth of understanding that happens in a main lesson context allows children to connect with subject matter through all their senses; for example eating, smelling, sourcing, growing, dissecting, describing, drawing and observing fungi in a biology main lesson. This allows for connection and understanding that will embed itself deeply into who they are and prepare them to understand and appreciate the world in all its complexities.

Steiner graduates are highly sought after in workplaces and further education as they are resourceful and have an unjaded interest in the world. So it is safe to say that while our children's childhood is being protected, their beings are being connected and prepared for a world beyond the classroom.

Ngā mihi, *Anna Noble*

Tumuaki/Principal

School Board News – Meet Esther Gilbert

Hi, I'm Esther Gilbert, a new trustee on the board. I was born in Switzerland and migrated to NZ in my teens. I attended the Rudolf Steiner School in Basle for a number of years, and Logan Park High School. After graduating from the University of Otago (BA Russian Language & Literature), I spent a decade moving around NZ working in the hotel sector.



I met my husband Kevin in Wellington and we moved back to Dunedin in 2006 when we took over a bakery. That business, over time, morphed into what is now Gilbert's Fine Food and my working week is spent looking after all aspects of business management.

I hope to bring my business knowledge, as well as knowledge of and interest in Steiner schooling, to my role as trustee.

I look forward to meeting members of the Dunedin Steiner community as time progresses.

Introducing Hannah Keating

Kia Ora,

I'm Hannah Keating. I am working with the Kererū Class whilst Trisha is in Germany. My specialism is mathematics - so if anyone wants to stop by for some help please do! I love hiking in New Zealand and I'm ecstatic by how many native birds I've been able to see; including the kererū. I am a qualified basketball coach and have been fortunate enough to play at a high competitive level myself. I'm over here on a working holiday visa embracing the culture and scenery. I'm really excited to be here, both at the school and in New Zealand.



SCHOOL NEWS – Class Kea

Kia ora e te whānau,

Class 3/4, now known as Class Kea, have been settling into our new rhythm as a combined class. This term we have explored time, completed animal projects, and are currently hearing the stories of creation from around the world.

As we head into these colder months, we are savouring any sunshine we can get by using natural materials to create characters from our stories and playing outdoor games.

The children are creating beautiful pieces of art and our classroom is full of colour and beautiful images of characters from our stories.

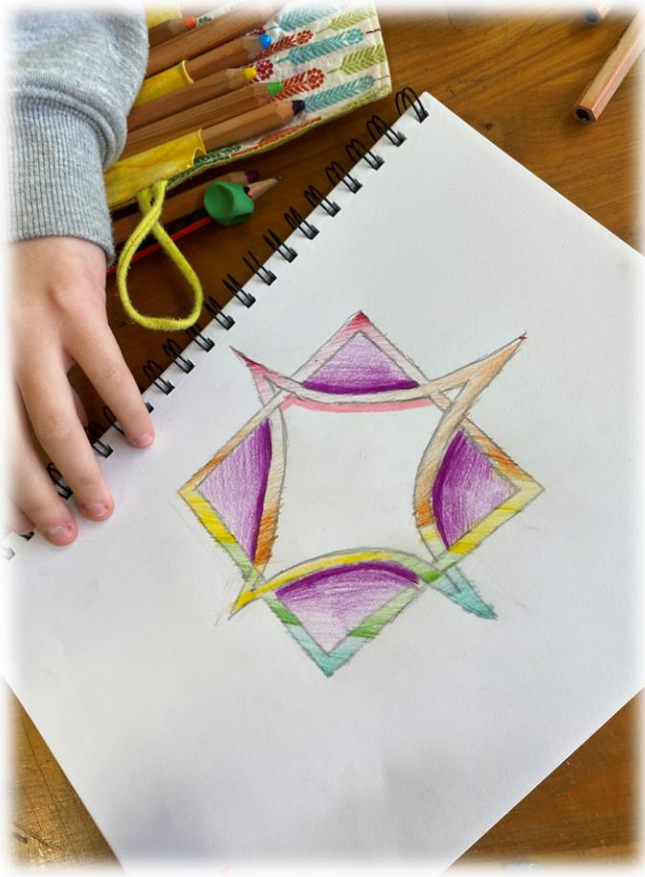
Class 4 completed their animal projects earlier this term, they worked very hard on these and did a wonderful job teaching the Class 3's all about their chosen animal.

I hope you find some warmth in this colder season.

All our very best,

Emily and Class Kea







KINDERGARTEN-Kindergarten Autumn Festival 2023

Dear Kindy whānau,

We had a perfect golden autumnal day for our seasonal festival this year. We enjoyed a lovely harvest story where the little pear gnome bravely gathers in his winter stores. Harvesting is very much the theme for our autumn festivals and reflects the mood of Autumn, a busy season as the earth and people prepare for the colder darker days of winter. Following our puppet play the children enjoyed a swift bulb hunt and the enthusiastic harvesting of our apples and pears in the kindergarten orchard. As always festivals are a special time for the kindergarten community to come together and share food and the



occasion with the children.

*"Come little leaves" said the wind one day,
"Come over the meadows with me and play,
put on your dresses of red and gold,
summer is gone, and the days grow cold".*

*As soon as the leaves heard the wind's loud
call, down they came fluttering one and all,
over the meadow they danced and flew,
singing the soft little songs they knew.*

*Dancing and flying the little leaves went,
winter had called them, and they were
content, soon fast asleep in their earthly
beds, the snow laid a coverlet over their
heads 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 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.**

Looking for a Babysitter? Danya Kerr – 022 4898 442. Tēnā koutou!
My name is Danya Kerr. I am a 21-year-old student at Otago University studying a Master of Teaching and Learning in Primary. I am currently on placement at East Taieri Primary School and have years of experience working with children including kapa haka tutoring, babysitting, and this year I have had the enjoyable opportunity to work with Hannah Kelly at the Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten holiday programme. I would love to baby sit for you. I am free most nights a week and tend to have open weekends. When I am not on placement, my uni classes finish at 2:50pm so I could even do some after school pickups + babysitting. I have a full NZ drivers license and a safe, 7-seater car. My babysitting rate is \$25/hr. I am flexible, cheerful, and reliable. Send me a text and we can sort something out! Ngā manaakitanga, Danya Kerr.



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.

Eliza Glyn

Still Life

9 - 22 June 2023

Exhibition opens Friday 9th June at 5pm

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