



School spiral walk

Listen to all that the Angels are saying.
They give me their light, spun on threads of pure gold.
They grant me new power in living, in praying.
They bring me rich gifts which I carefully hold.
The Child at his mother's breast stirs and wakes slowly.
This gold makes a mantle to clothe him most holy."

Michael Hedley Burton

NEWSLETTER

DIARY OF DATES

24th to 28th June

Thursday 27th June

Friday 28th June

Wednesday 3rd July

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Friday 5th July

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Monday 22nd July

Wednesday 24th July

Matariki week

5:25 pm Twinkle Cello Concert- lower classroom

2 pm School hangi

2:30 Fair meeting – staff room

5:30 pm Class 3&4 lantern walk

7 pm Proprietors meeting

Kindergarten lantern walk

Last day of term 2

Term 3 starts

6:30 pm BoT meeting

PLAYGROUP TIMES (353 PINE HILL ROAD)

Mondays 10 to 12 pm

Wednesdays 10 to 12 pm

Mixed age children

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Greetings Parents and friends,

This week I have had the pleasure of reading the reports of all the children in the school.

Last year you received our adapted and we hope, improved style of reporting on your child's progress and achievement over the year set against the Learning steps for that year and also against the NZ curriculum levels. This term we are sharing a progress report, which focuses upon the three academic aspects of reading, writing and maths.

It doesn't seem so long ago that I was writing, in purple with a calligraphy pen, a long narrative about the pupil with a special focus on soul qualities and perhaps too little on actual academic and overall achievement.

That style of insight into the child is certainly a feature of Steiner schools in the past, and now seen as an aspect of what gives us our Special Character. As teachers we still regard the child in these holistic ways as we enjoy the privilege of accompanying them on their journey.

New Zealand Steiner schools, through the process of Integration, have stepped into the conventional setting of education and this process has therefore addressed issues of academic performance and brought a sharper focus on progress and achievement. Of course this all happened over the last 25 or so years but was effective in bringing Steiner Schools and their style of education under the spotlight.

It is our task to retain what is our unique style while being as good as any other system in delivering an education that has as its goal, academic excellence and the achievement of the full potential for each pupil.

We hope you enjoy and are informed by the new format of the mid-year report and welcome feedback.

Pene Johnstone

Board of Trustees & Principal Recruitment Survey

Our new board met in June for its first official Board meeting. We welcome Helen Thomlinson as Chairperson. Other portfolio holders are as follows:

Danny Fridberg - Personnel

Stefan Roesch - Health and Safety

Steve Broni - Curriculum

Zahra Muhammed - Treasurer

Izumi Uchida was also co-opted back to the Board to help the Board in its transition. Gabriela Stuedemann and Clare Ridout represent the Proprietors on the Board and Pene Johnstone attends as Principal.

The Board would like to thank everyone who has responded to the survey on what they would like the school to find in its new Principal. The recruitment to this permanent position is clearly a priority for our new Board, and your feedback is very helpful.

Here is a short profile for Stefan Roesch

"Born and bred in Bavaria, Germany, I first came to New Zealand in 2004 to pursue a PhD in Film Tourism at the University of Otago. This is when I met my Kiwi wife Pennie Hunt. After finishing my degree, we lived in Germany for nine years. We returned to New Zealand in early 2016. Our daughter Lena is in class 1, our son Felix is 19 months."

News from the Proprietors

More good news to report: At our last meeting, we welcomed two new members to the group: Cassino Doyle and Matt Thomson - a very warm welcome to both of you! We are looking forward to your ideas and fresh energy, especially in regards to the sale of land and proceeding with the building projects. At the same time we would like to thank Joe Connolly for his research and work on following up the subdivision plans and options for sale. We are working on it to get more funds for the classroom project.

It is a real pleasure to watch the worksite changing every day! Up to now everything is going to plan :-). *Gabriela* - for the Proprietors

School Transport Assistance

Children 5 years old and over, who live further than 3.2 Km from our school may be eligible for a school transport conveyance allowance. The application form is available from this website <http://education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/transport/sta-eligibility/#applications> or the school office.

SCHOOL NEWS

Policy and procedure review

As part of the school's ongoing policy and procedure review, we now invite the parent community to provide us with feedback on the two policies on Curriculum, and the teaching of Te Reo and Tikanga Māori.

Copies of these two documents will be emailed out to the Primary School and Kindergaren parents and are also available in the office reception. Please can we have your feedback by the end of term - Friday 5th July.

CELLO CONCERT

Our Cello Twinkle Sandwich Concert is this Thursday 27th June at 5:25 pm in the Lower Classroom. All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome!

Please bring a twinkle sandwich with 2 fillings. This may be any shape of form.

Cellos must come to school on Thursday morning 27th June. We will have a practice Thursday afternoon. The children will leave their cellos at school for tuning.

Congratulations to Massimo Pezzuto who recently passed his Grade 1 exam with a very high distinction.

A huge thank you to Lisa Pezzuto who has donated the school a second brand new music stand. Thank you for your generous koha Lisa! It does make a difference.

Cost of the concert \$10 per family - a koha for cello expenses.

Look forward to seeing you, *Jocelyn Amaranth*

CLASS KERERU

Class Kereru have been enjoying lots of learning, crafting and creating together with each other and with children from class 5&6. It's fun to share ideas and discover new ways of doing things. We have been co-operating, communicating and problem





solving not only with groups of numbers in our Main Lesson but also making our lanterns, fancy flowers, newspaper bridges, busy beehives and buddy reading.

Matariki Week

Matariki activities have been taking place around the school this week.





KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Dear Whanau,

Thank you to all who came to our wonderful Spiral walk the other night. The children were wonderfully patient as each child walked the spiral, lit their candle and then placed it on the ground, lighting the room as each individual flame contributed to the room soon becoming a blaze of light.

We have our Lantern walk on the last Friday of term. This will be held at 5.30 at Chingford park at the pavilion (at the end of the entrance path from North Road).

Bring a thermos along as it would be lovely to end our celebration with a hot chocolate or whatever your particular family favours. With regards to siblings, please ensure that your children stay with their family, regardless of their age. We must stress that teachers are not responsible for children, so keep your children close. Please leave glow sticks at home- we want to enjoy the natural glow of the children's lanterns.

We need volunteers to bake star biscuits to share around - please let your child's teacher know if you can help out.

The Kindergarten will be open during the term break. Raylene Redmond will be assisted by William Davy in the first week, and Miriam Barton in the second. Both William and Miriam are former pupils of the school.

Thank you to everyone for managing around the construction happening in the kindy. This week, the toilet off the old staffroom becomes part of the new build space, so please use the kindy toilets via the Rata or Kowhai rooms if your child needs to go. Alternatively, the toilets in the lower classroom are available. We hope to see new useable toilets in the space behind the Koru room early next term.

We say goodbye and best wishes to Monika Gamble who finishes her practicum with us at the end of this week. Farewell Monika, we will miss you!

Love,

Julie, Kate, Sandra, Aleisha, Alida and Junko

PLAYGROUP

All our playgroup sessions are now at Pinehill for mixed age groups on a Monday and Wednesday 10 - 12. For any further information about any of our playgroups please feel free to get in touch.

Bex and Alida dunedinsteinerplaygroup@gmail.com

CRAFT GROUP

We now have regular craft group sessions weekly on Thursdays, 12.30 - 2.30pm at Sharyn's place 6 Robin Lane, St. Leonards. Also from next Thursday, 4th July, regular evening sessions at Suzi's, 73 Viscount Rd, Waldronville. Come along, learn something new, help with fair preparation and join in the fun.

There are still raffle tickets for sale in the office, it is a lovely prize including a beautiful Waldorf doll, gorgeous handmade child's duffle jacket, chocolate, and a craft shop voucher. It would make the perfect gift for someone with a young child. Take a sheet to sell tickets at your workplace or neighbourhood if you can.

Craft group funds are used to support school projects, please make payments to Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago 03-1726-0004961-05

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



Creative Natives Aotearoa is excited to bring Ōtepoti the Pīata Mai Matariki Festival - a new event that celebrates the marking of Puaka Matariki and provides a platform for local artists, creatives and innovators to pīata, or shine. The mid-winter helical rising of the Matariki star cluster (also known as Pleiades) or the reappearance of the lone star Puaka (Rigel) – significant

for Kāi Tahu – signals the beginning of the traditional Māori maramataka, the lunar calendar. This phenomenon is celebrated worldwide in many different ways; in Aotearoa, this is a time of reflection, a time to look to the future, set goals and acknowledge progress. Traditionally, the new year stars seen brightly in the correct pre-dawn sky is a sign of a good season to come and is celebrated by a hākari or feast. Join us in this new year feast of Māori talent. The festival is open to the public between 10am and 4pm. Entry is by gold coin donation. Tickets for evening events can be purchased online at eventfinda.co.nz.



General information for your school newsletter

NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105.

We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of

non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately. You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like: - Lost property; - Theft for a public place or car; - Intentional property damage; - Or to get an update or add info to a previous report. In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.