



THANK YOU KINDLY
above \$250.000 raised

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We shape our buildings, thereafter they shape us.

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CAMPAIGN DATES

Wednesday, 4th April

2pm to 2.45pm meeting for Campaign visitors with John at Ravensbourne Hall or alternatively at 7.00pm in the Kowhai Room

Friday, 5th April

3pm Cake stall info and get together for the whole community outside kindergarten.

Kia ora koutou,

On the morning of the memorial services to commemorate the mosque shootings of 2 weeks ago today, with the planets clearly aligned across the morning sky, bellbirds singing and dawn breaking, one has to think of the big picture.

We can celebrate the global outpouring of aroha and the beautiful uniting response that this horrific act has inspired: last week in the stadium vigil in which the common theme of love across all the faiths here in Dunedin was shared; a uniting of differences, in love, to alleviate the pain directly suffered.

In direct response to the tragedy which occurred on the morning after the launch of our Fundraising campaign at Toitu, we curtailed our strategy, which was to follow up the brochures mailed out on Thursday, with a request to visit and have a personal conversation about the campaign. This plan of approaching to individuals on our mailing list was set to be completed in 4 weeks from the get go of 14th March; ending at the end of Term 1.

We have recognised that the focus shifted dramatically, causing a pause, so our strategy has subsequently altered to extend the campaign outreach to cover the first 2 weeks of next term, completing on 10th May.

In terms of our school needs, these buildings are essential to ensure the school's healthy growth and development towards a fully fledged single stream primary school in the future. **It's a catch 22 around the roll cap issue.** Our first priority is to have and maintain a healthy community of pupils, parents, teachers and friends. We can't maintain the status quo, as our intake for next year and the subsequent years has no room. The yurt and forest classroom can accommodate 10 pupils in a pedagogically adequate way but our future groups continue to be 12+ pupils per year. For that reason our need is not cosmetic. **If we do not provide buildings the school can not grow and the children currently in the early years classes will have no space to move into.**

Our approach to you is respectful of your circumstances. We recognise the need to say "no" in some cases and acknowledge that a pledge is already made by you all as part of the "contract" with the school. When you are visited it is with absolute discretion and respect for your circumstances and your freedom to act according to your financial capacity. We only ask that we can have the conversation and leave you in freedom to respond as you can. We thank you collectively and personally for the opportunity to have the conversation to ensure you have a full understanding of our building-programme and the reasons behind it.

Our school is unique and paves the way to a promising future of pupils educated with recognition of their unique potential, to act freely and responsibly in life, to fulfil their destiny and add value in the world.

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FACTS & FIGURES

Below is the floorplan of the ground level of the proposed 2 level classroom building which will be mirrored upstairs. Did you know that we currently have only 3 girls toilets, 1 boys toilet and 1 urinal for 60 pupils attending our school? And these are at the very bottom of our property, meaning that our older children in the classes 3 to 7 (which are located around the top field) have the longest walk to use a toilet. It would be great if they had easy access to facilities close by.



Along with this we are proposing to build an extension to the current kindergarten space, which will consist of a sleep room for toddlers, a playgroup room on site and a staffroom with a tiny kitchenette. Again, no big luxury, these are spaces the school and kindergarten needs.



FURTHER INFOS

CAMPAIGN VIDEO CLICK HERE <https://youtu.be/VY2dEaZ2t6E>

To view online: 3D Video of the planned school classrooms (click on the link below)



Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Double Classroom Building.mp4

<https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/our-future.html>.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

We were delighted to receive some very positive feedback about our launch at Toitu. Information on the project was made available there and we would like to share some key points here and some of the positive steps since then.

We are fundraising for school, kindergarten and playgroup buildings that are both needed to accommodate the children currently attending, and which will allow our school to grow and for the Primary School roll cap to be lifted to 85 and beyond. Have we not all dreamed that one day we can have single year classes here?.

Why are we asking people like you to help us to achieve this dream? Because funding is not available from the Ministry of Education, and because a long history of charitable giving in New Zealand shows that 80% of philanthropic giving comes from individuals, not corporates and Trusts.

People like you purchased the current school and kindergarten classrooms, or helped to put up yurts (and then take them down when the weather got the better of them). Without their contributions over the years, the children here would not have a classroom. Until this point in time we have tried to make do with smaller relocatables, and yurts, but in the long term, this is not a cost effective way forward. Many people in our community are feeling very positive about the campaign – we have a vision for the future of the school. Some of the people we have approached for support may not have much money, but have happily offered what they can – even small amounts, on a fair share basis. For some, it is a way of marking their continuing love for this school.

We are delighted to report that the pledges are now over \$250,000 and rising. We hope that everyone has the opportunity to meet and talk about the project with one of our teams of visitors over the next few weeks. For those out there who have questions on the campaign that are not answered in the brochure or other information then please do come and speak to me or to one of the Campaign team.

Best Clare