



"The foundations of humanity –  
Goodness, Beauty, Truth – later grow  
into morality, creativity, wisdom."

Plato



Kindergarten garden – photo Jess Storm

## NEWSLETTER

### DIARY OF DATES

Wednesday 14 February	7pm Proprietors Meeting
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Thieves Alley Market – school stall
Tuesday 20 February	6.30pm Board meeting
Saturday 17 February	Strategic planning meeting
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Primary School Harvest Festival
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Otago Anniversary Day – school closed
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday – school and kindergarten closed till Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term

Kia ora te whanau, Greetings to our school community, family and friends,

Welcome back to school. It was lovely to see our new class one children pass under the rainbow bridge, out of kindergarten and up to their forest classroom. This is an exciting transition for the children and we wish them well on the next stage of their educational journey.

We welcome our new class one children – Anoushka, Chaya, Dara, Ella, Jana, Jerome, Lily and Owen. We also welcome Roam to Class 3, Ava to Class 4, Reid to Class 5, Alice to Class 6 and Fox to Class 7. We also farewelled TJ and Mya from last year's class 5/6 – they have both transferred to an intermediate school,

and we wish them well there. In kindergarten we welcome 5 new children – Daniel, Lilianah, Willow, Safaa and Lola.

School and kindergarten staffing is as advised at the end of last year. Our handwork teacher, Martina, is leaving us later this term so we are recruiting to that position. Alida is also focussing more on Kindergarten and Playgroup so we have Roberta working 4 mornings in the office in her place. Jocelyn is the class 1 teacher on Thursdays when Rachel has her office day. Sandra is not yet well enough recovered to return to the kindergarten, so we wish her well in her ongoing recuperation and thank Julie for taking on the Head Teacher role in her absence.

Thank you to all who came to our working bee on Saturday – it was wonderful to see so many people, and to get so much work done around the grounds.

With warm wishes for a great school year, Rachel.

### **Absences and lateness**

Please remember to call the school on 471 2163 if your child will be late or absent. We then spend less time trying to contact you if your child is not present. We also require a reason for absences.

### **Sun safety**

In term 1 and 4 children are required to apply sunscreen before going outside, and to wear a hat and protective clothing. Please ensure your child has their hat and clothes that cover shoulders etc. If your child is allergic to standard sunscreens then please let your teacher know and send sunscreen in with your child.

### **School and Kindergarten governance**

As a state integrated school – and with a kindergarten attached – we have two governing bodies – the Board of Trustees and the Proprietors Trust. The Board is the governing body for the Primary School, and is comprised of 5 parent representatives, the Principal, a staff rep and a representative from the Proprietors Trust. The Trust is the governing body for the kindergarten and is the owner of the school's land and buildings. It also safeguards the school's special character.

### **Recruiting new Board members**

At the end of last year 2 of our Board members decided to step down. The Board would like to fill these positions by selection, unless the school community decide that they would prefer a by- election.

Would you like to be involved in the governance of the school? The Board sees its role as one where it 'is legally responsible for the school. Our role is to watch the far horizon, to support its direction as a Steiner school, and to ensure it arrives safely within the law. The Board provides guidelines within which the staff manage the school.'

Our Board Chair, Izumi Uchida would be very happy to hear from you if you would like to find out more about the Board's role. You can contact her on 472 8598 or [izumi@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:izumi@slingshot.co.nz) Alternatively speak to Rachel or Clare. The following link takes you to a useful video clip on becoming a trustee:

<http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee>

**Updated contact details** We will be emailing out our phone list for families shortly. Can you ensure that if you have moved over the summer, or if phone numbers have changed, that you let the office know. A six monthly update form will be sent out shortly for you to confirm the details that we have on the system.

**Thieves Alley Market** The school is going to have a stall at the Thieves Alley Market to promote Steiner Education in Dunedin on 10 February. If anyone can spare an hour or so to help Gabriela with this then please let her know. Gabriela 021 0856 4793 or [g.stuedemann@gmx.de](mailto:g.stuedemann@gmx.de))

## SCHOOL NEWS

It was lovely to see the 8 children head up to their new classroom. Thank you also to all the parents who helped to set up the classroom in readiness.



Class 1 leave kindergarten and come together in their forest classroom with Rachel



### Classroom Cleaning – Term 1 2018

Vacuuming, dusting, anything you see to keep our classrooms clean! A once a week clean in the middle of the week after school), really helps. Ask your class teacher what would be most helpful. Thank you in advance. Should the timetable below not suit your family, please arrange to swap.

Class	12 Feb	19 Feb	26 Feb	5 Mar	12 Mar	19 Mar	26 Mar	2 April
1	Ella	Lily	Anoush ka	Chaya	Dara	Jerome	Owen	Jana
2/3	Charlotte	Ariella	Mathew	Luka	Tadgh	Taman	Tamari	George
4/5	Jasmine	Virginia	Matthew	Poppy	Grace	Lucy	Anna	Sammy
6/7	Emily	Fynn	Tom	Zoe		Minami	Louis	Lucas J

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Welcome to the new Kindergarten year!

The Kindergarten teachers were delighted to receive the children back to Kindergarten for Term one. Julie, Kate, Junko, Raylene and Alida will be the core staff for the foreseeable future, as Sandra is as yet unable to return to work. Raylene will be continuing to relieve in the Kowhai room, and Alida will be

working across the kindergarten and has embarked on her ECE Teaching qualification (and aims to complete it by the end of this year). This is a good opportunity for both Raylene and Alida to gain valuable experience in preparation for their roles in the new Kindergarten room, and for the whole team to share experiences which will contribute to us taking a fresh look at positively enhancing the Kindergarten.

We bid farewell to Jana, Lily, Jerome, Anoushka, Chaya, Ella and Dara who are starting Class One. We will miss you all!

A huge welcome also, to the families of Safaa, Lola, Lilianah, Willow and Daniel. We look forward to your joining the Kindergarten whanau. Hans' sister Hannah will also be starting in Kindergarten.

This will be a busy and productive term (as well as having quite a few holidays in it – Otago Anniversary day and Easter fall during this term) during which we hope to make progress on the new kindergarten room. Currently, we are waiting on the consent process, after which we will begin the physical restructuring of the existing staffroom space. We will keep you up to date with progress as we make our way through this exciting new development.

As always, please ensure that your child has a sunhat and wet weather gear, as well as a change of clothing.

A reminder that we require a piece of fruit for each day of the week that your child attends, as well as: Tuesday – a vegetable for soup; Thursday – an additional piece of fruit for crumble; and Friday – a large potato or a couple of smaller ones. The children get hungry. If it helps, bring your contribution all at once at the start of the week.



Nga mihi, Nga Kaiako Kohungahunga (the Kindy teachers) Julie, Kate, Junko, Alida and Raylene

## PLAYGROUP

Our parent and child Playgroup sessions will resume next week at the same times and locations as last year:

Monday 9.15-11.30 Maia (Mixed age)

Wednesday 10-12 Pine Hill (Mixed age)

Friday 10-12 Pine Hill (Mixed age Te Reo Māori focused). This group is postponed until we make arrangements for our facilitator's absence for the next few weeks.

Friday 1.15-3.15 Maia (parents and babies 0-1 group)

If you have any interest in getting more involved with our playgroups this year; as a child free facilitator, a parent co-facilitator, or as one of our coordinators (who check our email, answer enquiries, and fill out the ministry funding forms etc) now is the time to step forward. I will be working this term to transition these roles to new hands as we prepare for our new kindy room. I am keen to provide as much support as is needed while I still can and expect my support to continue through the year. Alida

## CRAFT GROUP

Our craft shop sells a number of handcrafted items and also materials for art and craft. Do pop in and see what we have. Craft Group sessions for parents and friends will resume soon. If there are people interested in doll making then let us know or if there are other skills you would like to learn or share then contact [dunedinsteinercraftgroup@gmail.com](mailto:dunedinsteinercraftgroup@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@dunedin.steiner.school.nz](mailto:office@dunedin.steiner.school.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

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We are looking for a self contained room or granny flat for two people to rent for around 3 or 4 months. Please get in touch if you have something or know someone who does. Thank you very much, Roberta Campbell ([betapontual@gmail.com](mailto:betapontual@gmail.com), phone:0273 50 44 25)

## Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School –

### Handwork Teacher – part time fixed term

We seek a state registered teacher with skills and knowledge of the Steiner Handwork curriculum to teach years 2 – 8. The ideal applicant will have a commitment to Steiner pedagogy, and a flexibility to suit a smaller school. The position is fixed term due to its funding stream and is currently for 8 hours per week, with the possibility of extended hours in other areas of the school. Start date negotiable, around Easter 2018.

Applications close 4.00 pm, Monday 26 February 2018.

An application form and job description is available by request from [office@dunedinsteiner.nz](mailto:office@dunedinsteiner.nz) Telephone: 03 471 2163

## Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School Board of Trustees

### Casual Vacancies for elected trustees

Two casual vacancies have occurred on the board of trustees for elected parent representatives.

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancies by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancies, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School  
1 Fern Road,  
Maia, Dunedin 9022 by: 10 March  
2018

## SOUTHERN CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Does your child enjoy singing? Are they aged between 9 and 13 years? Then you might like to check out the Southern Children's Choir! Established in 2007 to fulfil a need in Dunedin for a children's choir that explores a wide variety of music, the choir is led by a professional musical director and brings opportunities for the children to perform to an audience in diverse settings.

The Southern Children's Choir meet each Wednesday of the school term in Marama Hall at the University of Otago from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

Auditions will be taking place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** at Marama Hall for any children interested in joining the choir. Children are also welcome to join the choir throughout the year. For more details contact Rebecca at [southernchildrenschoir@gmail.com](mailto:southernchildrenschoir@gmail.com).

## 2018 school terms and holidays

	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Term 1 - 11 weeks	Wednesday 7 February	Friday 13 April	Public holidays: Waitangi Day 6 February, Otago Anniversary Day 26 March Easter: Good Friday 30 March, Easter Monday 2 April and Easter Tuesday 3 April (a school holiday)  School holiday: Saturday 14 April - Sunday 29 April (includes ANZAC day 25 April). Public holiday: Queen's Birthday 4 June
Term 2 - 10 weeks	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 July	School holiday: Saturday 7 July – Sunday 22 July School holidays: Saturday 29 September – Sunday 14 October
Term 3 - 10 weeks	Monday 23 July	Friday 28 September	Public holidays: Labour Day 22 October, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day
Term 4 - up to 10 weeks	Monday 15 October	Thursday 20 December	School holiday: 5 or 6 weeks (from school's closing date until opening date of school the following year)



### **Waldorf School Operations Manager – Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School, Auckland, New Zealand**

An exciting opportunity is available for you to play a leading role in growing and advancing an independent Rudolf Steiner School in Titirangi, Auckland, NZ.

Please contact us for a detailed role and person description.

Written applications, including your C.V. need to be received by 15th February 2018; Please email those to: [applications@titirangi.steiner.school.nz](mailto:applications@titirangi.steiner.school.nz)  
or alternatively posted to:

Applications  
PO Box 60-266  
Titirangi  
0642  
Auckland  
New Zealand