

# NEWSLETTER

## RUDOLF STEINER TRUST

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 7pm	Quiz Night Port Chalmers Golf Club	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 7pm	Parenting Support Group Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> May	School Trustees election	Thursday 29 April 7.30pm	Proprietors meeting
		Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 1pm	Kindergarten Management Committee
		Thursday 13 May 7.15pm	Board meeting

*"If you want to make changes in the world, you're going to have to be there day after day doing the boring, straightforward work of getting a couple of people interested in an issue, building a slightly bigger organization, carrying out the next move, experiencing frustration, and finally getting somewhere. That's how the world changes. That's how you get rid of slavery, that's how you get women's rights, that's how you get the vote. Every gain you can point to came from that kind of effort...." Imperial Ambitions by Noam Chomsky*

### FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back everybody. We hope you all had an enjoyable break. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Bendall family who have moved down from Hawkes Bay. Will is joining class 1 and Milly will be in the Kowhai room.

#### Parenting Support group

We had an excellent start to the parenting support group last term with quite a few Rata room parents taking part and sharing ideas about parenting. A number of other families within the community have expressed interest. Our second meeting will be this Wednesday at 7pm in the Rata room. All welcome.

#### School Trustees election

Please remember to send your nomination forms to Ryan McDonald or drop them in the office if you would like to propose yourself or another to be a parent rep on the Board. Existing board members who wish to stand again must also be nominated. These are due by this Friday 23 April.

#### Quiz Night

Please remember to get your Quiz Night raffles back this week and also to sign up for the Quiz evening which is a week on Friday. More information will be sent by Linda later

### PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

#### Class 6

And so begins the second term! Class Six have much to look forward to this term beginning with the culmination of our studies on 'Parts of a whole' with a 3 week main lesson introducing percentages and ratios. This block will offer more opportunity to continue mastering all previous fraction and decimal work using all four processes and order-of-operations, as well as basic facts and word problems. Practice lessons will have us revising the Instructional Writing we practised in last term's Compass Geometry main lesson, this time via writing recipes. Part of the children's homework this week is to bring to school a favourite recipe, that we may compare and contrast them ahead of doing

some cooking over the next few weeks in middle session Thursdays.

Later in the term we'll revisit Rome, from the time of Augustus and Jesus Christ, through to the downfall of the Roman Empire and the rise of the barbarian tribes (giving us the chance to revisit the Vikings!) after which we'll finish the term with a four week Geography block, where we'll take a wider and more scientific look at the land and ocean geography of New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific and the rest of the world; Sun, Moon, stars and weather and mapping. Lots to do!

Another change to look forward to (for both classes Four and Six) is the beginning of Choral Singing, beginning this week in the middle session on Fridays. This will replace the 'Thinking Games' and Boating we enjoyed last term, and will be for the pure joy of singing - although of course we have our annual Dunedin City Library performance on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May to prepare for. For this task I am very happy to have the help of Linda Miles, who has more than a few songs up her sleeve for us, including one in four distinct parts: a challenge we are up for! Choral singing will continue for the duration of the term.

-Lee Noyes

### Class 2/3

What a lot of happy, smiling well-rested children greeted me this morning, happy to be back together! We begin with English main lessons: class 2 venturing forth with the King of Ireland's Son as he seeks the Enchanter of the Black Back-Lands whilst class 3 experience the Creation of the World through story, art and music. The focus in literacy this main lesson is adding suffixes, developing sight words, mastering consistent size in cursive writing and for class 3 independent writing skills. In numeracy we delve in more depth into place value, learn our 2,4 and 8 times tables and increase our speed in basic facts. Class 3 have homework from today.

Our big project for this term, in conjunction with class 4, is a French play the children really enjoyed three years ago – *Les Douze Hermines*.

Each morning the children are practising Maori learnt with Whaea Jocelyn. They can say their names, where they are from and greet each other formally. We really enjoy hearing Tamatea's strong Te Reo words!

This term Mrs Rawle is unavailable for gardening, so the children will be doing handwork with Mrs MacNeille on Monday afternoons. Mrs Rawle's lively enthusiasm will be missed by us all! Brenda

### Yurt Cleaning Roster

We have added the Class 6 families into the yurt cleaning roster to share the work fairly through the school community. I have had to abbreviate some names to fit them into the table. The date refers to the Monday of the week you are on, please see instructions below. We appreciate your help with this.

The MacDonald, Walrond and Stichnot families are on yurt duty this week.

Cls	W1 -19/4	26/4	3/5	10/5	17/5	24/5	31/5	7/6	14/6	21/6	28/6
1	MacDon	Botica	Dunroy	Xu	Barto	Tamang	Funnell	Holmes	Bendall	Henderson	Nichols
2/3	Walrond	Cain	Schweik	Stevenson	Cunningha	Oswald	Hollowa	Whitehe	Alger	Carter	Walrond
4	Stichnot	Miles	Noyes	Cohen	Degas	Tapealava	Barriga	Dwyer	McMillan	Robson	Szukiel-D

Yurt Cleaning Duty consists of sweeping the yurt twice during the week (preferably on Tuesday and Thursday) either before or after school. Each yurt has its own broom, dustpan and brush. The duty family also needs to bring a bag of kindling for fire starting during the week. For Class 1 duty – could one of the sweeps please be Fri afternoon or Monday morning so the week starts with a clean Yurt.

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

### Rata room

Thanks to all parents who contributed to a lovely harvest festival.

Welcome to Miyabi Doering who is starting in the Rata room this term.

Now that the days are getting colder please remember wet weather gear everyday as we take children outside everyday regardless of weather.

Its lovely to see all our children excited to be back for the new term.

-Matua Nick, Whaea Ros, Whaea Liqin

### **Kowhai Room**

Lovely to see everyone back. Violet is away this week and Sandra is leading the room with Julie and Junko. Could children bring gum boots this term.

-Whaea Sandra, Junko and Julie

## PLAYGROUP NEWS

Welcome back everyone! We are looking forward to meeting all our friends again as we celebrate autumn in our playgroups this term.

For those children moving on to kindergarten, we wish you well on your new and exciting journey! And we would like to extend a warm welcome to the new families joining our playgroup for the first time this term. A few spaces still remain for the Friday session from 11-1, while our other 4 sessions are currently fully enrolled.

A huge thank you to Norman for the beautiful little wooden plates he turned for us. Thank you for your generous gift! We wish to acknowledge all the hard work put in by Tace and Clare for our application to gain Ministry funding for the Waitati Playgroup. Thank You!

And finally, we are thrilled to welcome Nalani as a future playgroup facilitator in the Wednesday afternoon group.

-Cecil, on behalf of all the playgroup facilitators;  
Anna, Elan, Jorinde, Nalani, Ros, Sally & Tace.

## CRAFTGROUP NEWS

Welcome back everyone. This term we are going to focus on felting wool. Everyone is welcome – including your young children. No experience required.

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 9 – 12:45	Ravensbourne Hall	Sewing felt chair mats for Class 1 and Carding wool. Please bring sewing equipment if you have it.
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Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 9-12.45	Ravensbourne Hall	Wet felting and making felt sheep.
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## 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).*

Jane has some rabbits for the school/kindergarten. Now we need a hutch. Does anyone have one they would be willing to donate/loan? Please bring it in if you do. Thanks.

### **Please call or txt Amanda on 027 404 3127 re the following items:**

Does anyone have a stair/door gate (the type that keeps little people from escaping!) that I can buy or borrow?

Moby Wrap baby carrier. As new condition 100% cotton. Mid blue. With original bag and instruction book. Bought for \$74.90 from [www.mobywrap.com](http://www.mobywrap.com) . \$50.

Towelling nappies x 20. 100% cotton. Some marks. Used for 2 babies. \$10.

## **International Youth Camp (IYC)**

August 2 – August 16, 2010

Gaddio Montano, Italy

The IYCamp is one of the most exciting camps of the Christian Community summer camps all over the world. Our first camp took place in the summer of 1990. The aim of the IYCamp is to bring together young people of various nationalities and with different cultural identities. The main purpose of the IYCamp is to create a community in which there is time and space for sharing profound ideas and essential experiences, as well as for fun. The hallmark of the camp is that it takes place in a natural environment on a rather remote spot, far away from “civilization”, and - every year - in a different location in Europe. During the camp, several activities will be organized by staff or by participants. For example, we will have workshops, a 4-day-hike, a campfire every day and a particular theme. The age limits are from 16 until 24 and the common language during the camp is English.

**We would like to invite you to a beautiful summer in the Apennines (Italy) where the 2010 IYCamp will take place. Do you want to meet young people from many different countries in Italy? Join us!**

On our website [www.iycamp.com](http://www.iycamp.com) you can find all information about our camp as well as the possibility to apply.