

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Tuesday 5 May	Parent-teacher Interviews 1pm - 5pm	Wednesday 6 May	KMC
Friday 8 May	Ice Skating starts	9.15am At school	
Thursday 28 May	St Michael's Chorale City library	Thursday 14 May	BOT
12.30pm		7.15pm At school	

“When it falls to the lot of his biographers to recount the life of this great man, then, and only then, will the full extent of Rudolf Steiner's achievements and their - in the highest human sense - creative nature be revealed.

Then people will view with profound amazement ... what irreplaceable strength and support humanity has received from this man's mind while this age hurtles onwards into the terrifying wasteland of materialism.”

- Christian Morgenstern (1871-1914), German author and poet

FROM THE OFFICE

Health Notice

Public Health South and the Ministry have been advising about a new strain of the influenza virus. They recommend the normal steps to take to prevent the spread of the virus; hand washing, covering up sneezes and coughs, staying home if unwell. Symptoms include high fever, coughs and sneezes, aches and pains, vomiting and diarrhoea. Ask at the office if you want more information.

Playgroup Request

Help grow our school from the ground up! Playgroup is starting a new session on Wednesdays from 10am to just after midday at Waitati Library. It is also looking to have another session in town in the near future. The playgroup has new promotional flyers and information leaflets which should be available in the office this week. Please take some if you know of a good place to display them where young families gather, such as local libraries, health centres, etc.

Thank you to those people – and the craft group – who have contributed playgroup items so far. We are still looking for items – either as a donation or on extended loan. These include:-

Natural wood blocks and lengths of branch

Steiner dolls, large and small

Natural fibre cloth in pastel colours, all sizes for draping and play

house-corner items- small wooden spoons, bowls, cups etc

wooden animals

wooden trains and pull toys

Baskets- many and of all sizes!

Look at craft group news for information about the upcoming doll making workshop in support of the new play group

Bicycle Raffle

Thank you to those who have sold their raffle tickets and returned them to the office. We need them *all* back, preferably sold, as soon as possible. Many thanks, Emmeline

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

REMINDERS

Parent teacher interviews tomorrow – see attached timetables. Please be prompt to your interview times.

ICE SKATING

Begins **this** Friday 8 May. The children will leave school at 1pm. We will skate from 1.30 to 2.30, returning to school by 3pm. The reason we are returning to school this year is because the children have their stringed instruments with them on Fridays and it is not possible or safe for the instruments to take them to the rink. Please see your class teacher if you have any special needs or concerns about this. There is a permission slip coming home with your child on Tuesday. Please fill it in and return on WEDNESDAY so that we can organise transport well ahead. We will need 7 - 8 parent drivers for this.

Rachel Barrington, our liaison person from Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School is coming to visit this week.

Brenda's OS

I will be away from school from Monday 18 May until the end of term. During this time class 3/4 will be in the capable hands of Jocelyn Broughton who will be taking an English main lesson and a Maori main lesson. Jocelyn has just completed a 3 year Maori study and brings a love of and many skills in music and drama to her Maori teaching. On 10 June we have a trip to the Marae at Karitane planned as part of this block. Keep an eye on the post for postcards from exotic places, children!

Interview times:

Class 1 & 2

1.00 - Rose
1.20 – Anna-Saima
1.40 – Asia
2.00 – Cristina
3.20 – Gabriella
3.40 – Reef

Class 3 & 4

1.00 – Kelepi
1.20 – Rosa
1.40 – Sofia
2.00 - Saffron
2.20 – Renee
2.40 – Ola
3.20 - Sarah
3.40 - Eden

Class 5

1.00 - Oliver N
1.20 – Oliver R
4.20 – Larissa

KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY NEWS

It is lovely to see everyone again fit and healthy after the holidays and to have Dianne working with us. The beautiful monarch butterfly hatched on the first day of term. Perfect timing! Welcome to Ayla and Ocean in the Rata Room and to their families.

Reminders:

Named clothing: Please remember to send a sunhat and a warm hat and suitable clothing for cooler and changeable weather. A spare bag of named clothing to hang on your child's hook seems to work well and can save a lot of transporting of clothing back and forth.

Session times: Our sessions are officially from 9am - 1pm and 1 - 3pm. It is more settling for the children if they are all ready to begin the activity at 9am.

Friday afternoons 1-3pm are available and for any change of hours please fill in a "Change to rostered hours" form found above the sign-in folder.

Notice of planned absence: If you know in advance that your child will be absent from Kindergarten /Nursery (e.g. for a planned trip etc) then please fill in a "Notice of planned absence" form which is also found above the sign-in sheets. If 2 weeks notice is given in advance then the child's place will be kept free for him / her and you won't be charged the full amount.

An extended Queen's Birthday holiday for you! On Queen's Birthday weekend from Thursday afternoon 28th May till Tuesday evening, 2nd June, all the Kindergarten / Nursery staff will be away for Seminar Two of the Early Childhood In-service Training Course at Taruna College. We would like to close the kindergarten early on Thursday 28th. If you can collect your child at 1pm on the Thursday that would be great – otherwise if you are at the library listening to the school choir, then please come back to the kindergarten to collect at 2pm so the staff have time to clear up. The Kindergarten / Nursery will also be closed on Friday 29th May, Monday 1st June and Tuesday 2nd June. Hopefully you will enjoy having an extended Queen's Birthday weekend while we are away at the course.
Rennie

PLAYGROUP

We are thrilled to announce that our first off-site playgroup is starting up this week in Waitati. The Waitati playgroup will be running from 10-12 on Wednesdays in the Waitati hall next to the Blueskin library. Please contact Nick with any questions- 478-0411.

We would like to thank Marie for her generous gift of two beautiful flax baskets, the craft group for donating rainbow cloths, and Leigh for her gift of baskets and house-corner playthings.

We are still working to confirm our Wednesday afternoon session.

Anyone interested in supporting the playgroup by helping to make some dolls please come along to the doll-making bee at Cecil's place on Saturday the 9th - see Craft group news for more.

CRAFT GROUP

Doll-making Bee

Come along to an informal doll-making workshop at Cecil's house this Saturday the 9th. Learn the basics of making Steiner dolls, or come and share your skills! I have several Steiner dolls that need repair or finishing, and if we have enough people we will start some from scratch. All materials will be supplied, and the finished dolls will go to live in our new playgroup rooms. While traditionally, (and ideally) doll making is not done in the presence of children, it's ok if you need to bring them along. From 10-2 at Cecil's house - bring your lunch. Please talk to Cecil if you are interested in participating 472-8683

Tuesday 5 th May	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Town Hall	Felt Needle Book with Janine - Part 1. Bring a big bowl or pan for water, 2 large towels, plastic bags and rubber bands or rubber gloves, synthetic net curtain (if you have one.)
Saturday 9 th May	9am to 1pm Cecil's house	Doll making with Cecil Help make dolls to join our new play group
Tuesday 19 th May	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Town Hall	Felt Needle Book with Janine – Part 2. Bring an embroidery needle for stitching, scissors

Community Notices

Community notices in our newsletter will 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

Marie is always looking for jars. Please put them in the office for her to collect.

Seeking Work in New Zealand

Two Waldorf educated young adults from Sweden, Marcus 26 and Hanna 20, are seeking work in New Zealand during the summer 2009/10. Between them they have experience in farm work, mechanics and caring for the elderly. They mention the possibility of an exchange to Sweden. Please see the school notice board for more information.

Did anyone grow a pumpkin from the seed in the lucky dip at the fair last year? Phone Linda 472 7646