

UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Mon-Wed 12 - 14 May	Rachel Barrington, Sue Russell visit	KMC	Thursday 15 May at 7:30pm venue TBA
Mon-Wed 26 - 28 May	Marjorie Theyer Visit Sue Simpson Visit	Board of Trustees Meeting	Tuesday 13 th May at 7:30pm
Tuesday 27 th May	Adult Eurythmy		
Wednesday 28 th May 12 noon	St Michael's Chorale Performance at Library		
Wednesday 28 th May 7:30 pm	Kindergarten Parent Education on starting school		

FROM THE OFFICE

A friendly reminder to Kindergarten parents: the new scheme of a donation being asked of \$1 per hour for the free hours (\$20 max per week for 20 hours) comes into effect from this week. Remember to make this donation payable to the Proprietors rather than the Kindergarten which will enable you to claim back the tax.

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2! This is a short term of only 9 weeks. May is shaping up to be a very busy month. To begin with, we will be welcoming Sue Russell from the Steiner Federation and Rachel Barrington, our liaison person from Christchurch Steiner School, who will be visiting us next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. They will meet intensively with the Primary School Faculty and the Board of Trustees to assist us in several areas of need, including our current negotiations with the Ministry, planning and assessment and teacher registration issues.

Then, at the end of the month, we welcome Sue Simpson, secretary of the Anthroposophical Society, and Marjorie Theyer, advisor to the Kindergarten. Sue, a dynamic and experienced Eurythmist will offer some Eurythmy sessions to the children, and hopefully an adult session. She will also speak to the community on the four temperaments. Marjorie will advise Kindergarten staff and speak to kindergarten parents on starting school. Please see attached May timetable.

Important Happenings....

1. On Wednesday, 28th May, our children's choir – newly named the *Saint Michael's Chorale* – will perform at the Dunedin City Library at 12 noon, as part of New Zealand Music Month.
2. Every Friday from 1:30 – 2:30 pm the children will attend ice-skating sessions at the Dunedin Ice Stadium to prepare us for our winter camp in Term 3. The cost of this will be met through your activity fee. Children need to be picked up at the ice rink between 2:45 and 3pm. TRANSPORT TO THE RINK IS NEEDED. Please fill in and return the attached permission form. Adults may also skate for a nominal \$5 per session.
3. Class 1/2/3 will be enjoying a short main lesson all about the Autumn. As part of this, we will go on an Autumn walk at the Dunedin Botanic gardens this Thursday, 8 May, from 1:00pm to 2:45pm. (If wet – next Tuesday 13 May). Transport will be needed to and from the Gardens. Please fill in the attached permission form and return it by Wednesday.
4. Classes 4-6 have an exciting term ahead, with class 5/6 beginning the term with a Main Lesson block based on the Ramanyana, later delving into mechanics of Physics (coinciding with the DaVinci Exhibition currently running at Otago Museum) and a Mathematics block looking specifically at Decimal numbers. Class 4 begins the term with a three week Grammar and Punctuation block that will offer lots and lots of opportunity for oral recitation and writing practice. Later in the term we will have blocks on Area and Perimeter, finishing the term with a large Local History block looking at Ngai Tahu and Early European settlement of Otago.

The children need warm slippers, hats, gloves and coats at school every day, now that the cold has descended! An extra layer of wool helps us all stay warm and well.

The Vision hearing Technician will visit the school on Friday 23rd May to test new entrants who have started since the last visit on 11.2.08

Thankyou - to Colin Rawle for the beautiful table top class 1-3 are enjoying, and to Joan Rawle for spring cleaning the kitchen and staffroom.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Welcome back to the second term. I hope you all had a good break. I have made a few changes to the menu and the rhythm of the kindergarten.

Menu changes. After my visit to Christchurch Steiner School I realised it would be easier to make some changes to the menu in order to have time to cover all aspects necessary for running the kindergarten program.

I would like to make the following changes: Each day the children bring a piece of fresh fruit to share for morning tea. This can be placed in a bowl on the table by the parents or child. We will only have vegetable soup on special occasions as it is very time consuming to make and people forget to bring vegetables. On Tuesday we will bake a moist bread that will be used for the rest of the week with our fruit for morning tea. On Mondays the children will have a plain rice with our fruit as some children have allergies to milk. If your child has a wheat allergy please provide rice cakes or another suitable alternative. We will have special baking days to make biscuits and cake when this is the focus of the program.

Please remember: A PIECE OF FRUIT TO SHARE EACH DAY

I will make a slight change to our daily rhythm so that the children have a story just before going home at lunch time. This will be followed by a verse. This will help to settle the children staying and prepare them for their rest.

Journey Books

The Christchurch Steiner Kindergartens have Journey Books for the Children. These are a record of the children's learning in the kindergarten. Each child has their own book. The books also go home and you can write about aspects of home life or whatever you would like to share in the book about your child. The children love these books and it satisfies the Ministry requirements. I have been confused about whether to take photos at kindergarten. After visiting Christchurch School and discussing this with the kindergarten teachers, I have decided it is necessary as I need to record Learning Stories and the photos help to show the children's learning. This does not mean I will be taking lots of photos but I would like to take a photo when there is something special happening (it is all special). If you are against having any photos taken please let me know. These books will be shared by your child and your family.

Thank you, Roslyn.

Warm Woolly Socks for Icy Cold Feet - Kindergarten Sock Fundraiser

It is time for our feet to be warm and cosy for the colder weather. The kindergarten is selling a range of socks from the Sock Lady (New Zealand made). The socks are a merino/nylon blend and are for both adults and children. The testimonials on her website (www.thesocklady.co.nz) are all positive:

"Warm, comfortable, hard wearing, don't slip down.....what more could you ask for"

"For socks that stay still in your boots"

As a fundraiser the kindergarten will receive 20% of the total sales. Order forms with more details and a couple of samples for you to view and try on are in the office.

There will be a box on the office counter for orders to go in. Please include payment with your orders and please make cheques payable to Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten.

Let's have our feet cosy and warm this winter. Many thanks for your support.

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

Welcome back everyone!

Tuesday 6 th May	9am to 1pm Meet at the office	Working bee with Marie. We need to price and package items, extend the display... Everyone is welcome as usual! Please bring items to include in the display such as branches, flax, shells, cones etc.
Tuesday 20 th May	9am to 1pm At Ravensbourne hall	Wet felting with Junko. Make a merino children's scarf. Bring your lunch.
Sunday 25 th May	10am to 3pm	Make a doll with Cecil. Even if you didn't come last time, you are welcome to come this time and start a doll. Bring some food to share.

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 glass jars with lids, large or small, please let her know by ringing 471-2181.

Organic Co-op Order

The next co-op order will be placed at the end of the week. Please have your orders to me ASAP or by the end of Saturday 10th May. email: tracy@sculpture.co.nz. Remember the option of bulk rolled oats. If you would like to get some please give me a range eg: 3-6kg so I can try and collate 20kg sacks. Thank you. Tracy.

Community Choir

The next Community Choir is on **Wednesday 14th May at 6:00pm**. Please bring music or a song to share. See you there!

Gymnastics for boys and girls. Classes for term two starting Monday 5th May. Enquiries and enrolments to Southern Gymnastic Academy, 256b Vogel St, phone 4775 855.

www.southerngymnastics.co.nz

Welcome to the Enchanting World of Needle Felting. Waldorf inspired artist Marie Pickering. Ph 06 856 5712

Email: Softearth@clear.net.nz Website: www.virtualgallery.co.nz

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Teachers' Planning 10 -12	3
4	5 3.30 COT	6	7	8 3.30 COT	9	10
11	12 Rachel Barrington Sue Russell 3.30 COT	13 Rachel Barrington Sue Russell Relievers 9-3 6.00 Dinner 7.30 BOT	14 Rachel Barrington Sue Russell 6.00 Choir	15 3.30 COT 7.30pm KMC	16	17
18	19 3.30 COT	20	21	22 3.30 COT	23 Federation Council Meeting – Alex and Clare away	24 Federation Council Meeting – Alex and Clare away
25 Sue Simpson Marjorie Theyer	26 Sue Simpson Marjorie Theyer 3.30 COT	27 Sue Simpson Marjorie Theyer 3.30 Adult Eurythmy 7.30 Parent Education temperaments	28 Sue Simpson Marjorie Theyer Library 12 noon St Michael's Chorale 6:00 Choir 7.30 pm Kindergarten Parent Education on Starting school	29 3.30 COT	30	31

COT = College of Teachers meeting, BOT = Board of Trustees, KMC = Kindy management