

UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Mon-Wed 26 - 28 May	Marjorie Theyer Visit Sue Simpson Visit	Thurs 29 th May 7.00pm	Proprietors Meeting
Tuesday 27 th May 7.30pm	Sue Simpson speaking about Temperaments		
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

Visit from Federation and Christchurch

We welcomed the visit from Sue Russell (federation co-ordinator) and Rachel Barrington (Christchurch Rudolf Steiner school). They provided support to the College of Teachers and offered suggestions on ways in which the school could develop its management and governance as the school grows.

Roll cap

We are still working with the Ministry of education to agree a draft enrolment scheme before we consult the community about it. Once the scheme is finalised we can increase our roll to 40. We are meeting with the Minister of Education next month to discuss a further extension to the roll cap.

Hearing and Vision Tests

Hearing and vision tests will be done at the school and kindergarten on Friday 23rd May. If your child is newly enrolled please ensure you have completed a consent form if you would like your child to be tested. Forms are available from the office.

Volunteer to catalogue the library

Would someone be willing to come in and catalogue our library of books and articles which are available to the community? It would be great to have a list and description of what we have. If anyone is interested please speak to Clare.

Funding application

Is there anyone who could put in a grant for a cooker, an electrical upgrade for the lower classroom and solar panels for the Yurts with Transpower? This is due 30th May. The application guidelines are in the office or check website (google Transpower Community Care fund).

Lost library book

Kelepi has lost his library book *Asterisk's Magic Carpet* at school. If anyone has this book, please return to Kelepi as soon as possible. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Many thanks to Colin and Joan for your ongoing support with keeping our school beautiful and functional! Thanks to Marie and the many parent helpers coming to Friday skating. It is such fun!

Class 1/ 2 /3 children are asked to bring in a tin can (about 800 – 1000ml) for lantern making. Please send one during the next 2 weeks. Class 3 children are studying farming at present. We would like to visit a couple of working farms. Could anyone who has a farming connection/friend please let Brenda know.

Saint Leonards School invited us to join their netball team for the winter season, so Ra, Oliver N, Larissa and Ola eagerly put themselves forward and have joined the team. Their games are every Tuesday at the Edgar centre. A parent roster for help and transport will be sent out in the next 2 weeks. I will take the children to St Leonards tomorrow lunchtime for a short practice. Their game this week is at the Edgar Centre at 3.30, so I can take them directly from school at 3pm this week. Thanks, Brenda

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

How beautiful the soft Autumn colours are and we are enjoying some warm days before Winter. The children have enjoyed the first two weeks of term. We have been listening to Little Brier Rose for two weeks and the children have listened carefully to the story each day. They have also enjoyed singing a song and acting out the story.

Story This week we will start Hansel and Gretel as they have been discussing the story from when they saw the puppet show.

Winter Festival We are going to begin our preparation for the winter festival with learning a lantern song and making our lanterns. We will make our lanterns from water-colour paintings.

Washing Hands We have been teaching the children to wash and dry hands carefully as protection from infections. Please try to carry this at home also.

Felting on Friday On Friday Junko will come into the kinder to do some felting with the children. If this is very successful we will try to do a couple of sessions so that all children can have a go at felting.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the changes in the menu. At the moment I need the menu to be simple so that I can manage behaviours and other aspects of the kinder. On Tuesday the children make buns for the day. Other bread is made to last a few days and is served each day with the fruit. I have had a request to continue popcorn on Friday and as it is so simple I can do this. We still have a rhythm to the week:

Monday- rice and painting, Tuesday- bun day, Wednesday- drawing, Thursday- beeswax, Friday- Popcorn, craft and cleaning and washing.

Fruit everyday – the children love having the fruit and their eyes light up when they see the colours on our fruit platters.

Allergies-I cannot make separate mixtures of bread for the children with gluten/ wheat allergies. I can give them the bread brought from home. I can also have them make buns from the dough you mix at home and bring in for them. If your child has a wheat allergy and it means they can't touch wheat I need a Doctor's certificate to tell me this as the children are enjoying grinding wheat on other days as part of our harvest/farming theme. Please provide gluten-free bread or rice cakes for Tuesday to Thursday if your child has an allergy.

The challenge of the will

Steiner made clear distinctions between our soul faculties and the corresponding bodily realms into thinking (the head including the nervous system), feeling (the heart including the rhythmic system of breathing and blood circulation), and willing (the limbs including the digestive system).

Steiner's discussion about the will is complex but I will focus on the will and some of the indications for early childhood. Small children display a great openness and are at the mercy of their environment. They experience the world with their whole body.

The will is used to take hold of and assimilate the world through the senses. The interaction of these two becomes evident in the child's ability to imitate. The young child is still forming and strengthening the inner organs and rhythmic systems. They are not yet able to find inner rhythms and we need to help strengthen the inner organs and rhythmic systems. We need to establish strong rhythms in their lives. Children need repetitive patterns such as waking, sleeping and eating. Young children, being creatures of the senses and the will, become part of the environment they experience. Once again we are reminded of the huge responsibility we carry when working and living with little children. We are also reminded of the detrimental effects media must have on them.

Build strong rhythms in your lives. Strong rhythms build strong digestive systems and bodies. Set firm boundaries for your children (they inwardly beg you for them), have quiet days at home doing things together, keep them out of the car, keep extra curricular activities to a minimum. Make sure they have adequate rest, if tired don't send them to kindergarten. Please DON'T give your child too many choices. This builds insecurity. Keep them warm and enjoy this short and special time you have with them as little children.

Roslyn.

From the Kindergarten Management Committee:

Information evening

This is a reminder that Marjorie Theyer, the Kindergarten advisor to the Federation of Rudolf Steiner Schools In New Zealand, is visiting in the week beginning 25th May. On Wednesday 28th May she will give a talk on the value of Steiner education and will address issues raised by parents as they consider their child's future schooling.

We are also aware that parents would like a discussion on when their child enrolls at school and the length of the school day for all school enrolled children.

Clocking in and out of Kindy

Well, we followed the auditor's advice and asked parents to mark the exact time that their child arrives and departs kindy. Any extra minutes are certainly bringing in more funding, but has also brought the unexpected extra small charges on kindy invoices for 3 and 4 year olds. We apologise for this and are looking to rectify it by either asking for the database to be reprogrammed or issuing credit notes. While the matter is being resolved we will not expect payment of these extra minutes.

Help to fix a kindy step

We have a temporary step outside the kindy kitchen/staff room that is in need of repair or replacement. It is increasingly wobbly and unsafe. We would really appreciate it if someone could fix this – please check with Clare or Roslyn.

Warm Woolly Socks for Icy Cold Feet - Kindergarten Sock Fundraiser

LAST DAY FOR ORDERS IS THIS WEDNESDAY 21st MAY

If you have not already come into the office and tried on the sample socks, then please do.

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

Tuesday 20 th May	9am to 1pm At Ravensbourne hall	Wet felting with Junko. Make a merino children's scarf. Please bring two bath towels and a bar of soap. Bring your lunch.
Sunday 1 st June	10am to 3pm	Make a doll with Cecil. Free workshop if you donate your doll to the craft group, or \$25 if you keep it. Bring some food to share.
Tuesday 3 rd June	9am to 1pm At Ravensbourne hall	Flax stalk boat workshop with Christophe. Bring your lunch.
Sunday 29 th June	10am to 3pm	Candle making with Marie & Emmeline. Bring family and friends. Children under supervision welcome.

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.

Community Choir

The next Community Choir is on **Wednesday 28th May at 6:00pm**. Please bring music or a song to share. See you there!

Organic co-op

Hello. I have been ordering fruit from my friends orchard in Marahau (near Nelson) and thought I would extend the opportunity to the co-op if anyone is interested. They are Biodynamic growers - not certified due to being small scale but very committed and I can vouch for them. They currently have Feijoas for \$2.50/kg that they send out in 14kg boxes - freight is \$15/box. So a box is \$50 which works out to \$3.60 /kg (compared to \$5.90 in the organic shop this week). I am not keen to get involved in divvying up boxes but if anyone would like to order a box (and split it with others if you like) then please email me:

tracy@sculpture.co.nz

478 0411 Thanks, Tracy

Fluoride action network Dunedin

Active opposition to the addition of artificial fluoride into public water supplies.

Fannz currently have "The fluoride deception" DVD for sale - \$30 for ten copies.

This 'G' rated DVD is an interview with BBC award winning producer & author Christopher Bryson. Informative & affordable, this DVD is a great way to educate friends & family through their medium.

Help support Fluoride action network protect public water supplies from medication & pollution. stickers also available, format available on request- \$10 for 10

Olive McRae

Ph: 4821347 email nomassmedication@gmail.com

Hello community,

I have a large amount of wool (a van & a half full) that requires a home. All sizes, colours, types. Some wool, some acrylic. The school can have some free & the rest is by donation (about 20cents a ball would be great).

Ph: 4821347

Olive McRae

Mathew Robertson and Fiona Shaw-Robertson are offering classes in art – drawing and design, painting, sculpture, pottery, print-making, mask-making – suitable for 5 -13 year olds, after school and during school holidays. For details see notice on school notice board or contact teachers on 472 8072 cell. 021 114 7971

Email: ma-fiarts@clear.net.nz

Miles From Home

Stories that tell us who we are, the places we live and where we come from.

Presented by **Dunedin Playback Theatre Company**.

Otago Early Settlers Museum

Friday 23rd May. 6.30 pm

\$10 (concessions available)