

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETINGS
Wednesday 3 rd June Kindergarten Re-opens	Wednesday 9.15 am 3 rd June Kindergarten Management Committee
	Tuesday 7pm 16 th June Proprietors meeting

"It is absolutely essential that before we think, before we so much as begin to set our thinking in motion, we experience the condition of wonder."

— *Rudolf Steiner*

FROM THE OFFICE

Strategic Plan Review

Thank you for your feedback. The board approved the amended Strategic plan and the document will be in the office and on the website.

Office cover

While Clare is away in Europe from 10 June, Paula Mullins has kindly agreed to provide cover. Paula will be in the office Monday – Wednesday mornings. Leonie continues to work on Thursday and Fridays.

Future Snow days

If we close or are late opening due to snow then this will be announced on local radio (More FM - 89.4 FM or Classic 97.4FM) or you can phone 474 8426 or 471 7555 to hear a recorded message. It is most likely that snow would just cause a late opening.

If our school alone needs to close then we will use the telephone tree.

Health and Safety Review

Christophe and Clare have started the review of our Health and Safety policies and procedures. This is part of a regular review cycle. Our Health and Safety Policy and Alcohol and Drug Free Institution are available for your review and comment. Copies are going on the website this week and are in the office. Please give any feedback to Clare or Paula by Friday 12 June.

School and Kindergarten Playgrounds

The College of teachers is reviewing safety issues around the playgrounds and also ensuring that the children respect the property and each other. Children should not play in the flax bushes as these are used for weaving. The teachers will be walking the school children around the property so we are clear about the children's boundaries for play. They will also collect any rubbish. The teachers are reviewing the need for additional school playground supervision. If you are willing to come in and help with school playground supervision at lunchtimes then let Clare or Paula know so that we can get a sense of what parent volunteer support we might have for this.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday 25/6/ Class 3 had a very special visit from Shmuel a rabbi who is visiting Dunedin from New York. Shmuel is an inspiring orator who really made the Old Testament stories come alive for us. His imaginative and humorous portrayal of Noah's Ark, The Tower of Babel and Abraham was appreciated by all. Thank you to Alex for organising this. This week Class 3 are starting their main new lesson on Te Reo and Tikanga Maori. The arts focus is learning waiata for our marae visit and retelling the Maori creation myths. Please continue all the good work on spelling and tables. Kia ora, Jocelyn (Hoherina)

Short Biography of Peter Humphrey, Volunteer Teacher's Support

I was born in the Isle of Man, a small island, 80kms off Liverpool, in the Irish Sea. When I was 13 years old, the family moved to New Zealand and settled in Dunedin. After secondary school I went to the Dunedin College of Education and did some subjects at the University of Otago. I taught in Central Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Gold Coast in Australia and then came back to Dunedin. Lynne and I were married for 28 years, and we had a family of 3 boys and 2 girls. I have 4 Grand children, one who is part Japanese. Unfortunately they all live in Australia or Japan, as do all my family. I found the Steiner school in Afton Terrace, Dunedin. This was the best discovery of my life. I think that Steiner Education is the best way of teaching and learning that there is. I was at the Kotuku school from 1994 until 1999. After 5 years of retirement I needed to do something in the community, so I am very happy to come back to the Steiner school to give something back. My strong subjects are Steiner painting, Form drawing and Music. I have felt very welcome in the school, so thank you to the parents and teachers for that.
Peter.

KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY NEWS

Thank you so much to Colin for his work on the sleep room we need for our new kindergarten license (so that playgroup can be incorporated into the license). Colin has made a beautiful peep hole and is fixing the window. Thanks also to Shelley and Ryan for donating their well used and lovely cot. If anyone else has one they have finished using and would like to donate/lend we are looking for one more. Thank you also to the kindergarten teachers for moving out of their little office space to allow the sleep room to happen. Clare

Dear Kindy parents

The monthly invoices have this time come to you by email, for those of you that we have an email address for. This saves on paper and is convenient for us. I hope it works for you to. If you prefer to receive a paper copy, just let me know and we can arrange that.

For most of you this is just letting you know where you are at, at a particular time - usually the end of the month - as your payments come in regularly.

Please note that you can now pay all your Kindy Fees and Donations into the Kindergarten account: 03-0903-0458928-00. Put your child's name and if it's a Fee or Donation in the Reference details.

Thank you, Leonie

PLAYGROUP

The playgroup has the pleasure of welcoming Leigh and Anna as co-facilitators. Thank you both for your contributions. Our playgroup sessions now are:

Wednesday Morning 10-12 in Waitati with Nick and Leigh

Wednesday afternoon 1:30-3:30 in Maia with Lea-Ann and Anna

Friday morning in Morning 9-11 in Maia with Lea-Ann and Cecil

The Playgroup will be holding its winter Lantern Festival, especially for the youngest members of our community, on June 19th from 11-1. Any questions to Cecil 472-8683

CRAFT GROUP

Urgently needed: helpers for our stall at the midwinter carnival, (Saturday 20th June from 4pm to 9pm). Izumi (472 8598) would love to hear from you if you can help. Without your help we will have to cancel our stall.

Sunday 7 th June	11am to 3pm	Candle dipping workshop with Junko, Emmeline, Izumi and Marie Bring your friends and family. Children under supervision welcome. Come for 1 hour or the whole session. Bring your lunch.
Tuesday 9 th June	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Hall	Felting-Colouring with silk tissue paper with Linda Bring sewing needles

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

Blue House Yarns

Catherine and Junko have an organic wool business. If you would like to see the website, the address is www.bluehouseyarns.co.nz. We will leave some wool for inspection in the office.

Any orders from this advert will attract a donation to the school of 5% of the value of the order.

CLYDE MID WINTER MARKETS

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2009

11:00am – 3:00pm

Clyde Hall (Fraser & Newcastle Streets)

FREE ADMISSION

Come join us for a FUN FILLED day of markets, food and friends.

There will be Face Painting and a Craft Table for the Kids, Devonshire Teas, Jewellery, Knitting, Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stalls, Jams, Chutneys, Homemade Soup, Whitebait Fritters and Mussel Patties, Recycled Steel Sculptures, Lotions & Potions, Local Artist Paintings & Prints, Fresh Bread and many more Craft Stalls

Supporting Clyde Playcentre & Clyde Primary Year 8

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Creative Fibre (previously known as Spinners and Weavers) is organising a beginners weaving course. It will be done over a weekend. Please contact Anne Stewart for further information and to register your interest. 477 7268 aestewart@ihug.co.nz

You are invited to a Winter Celebration

Organic Beeswax Candle Dipping Workshop

Free Entry

Sunday 7th June 2009

11am to 3pm

Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten

1 Fern Rd , Maia

Rata & Kowhai Rooms

(follow the smell of the wax)

Come along for the whole session bringing your lunch or pop in for a couple of hours, and listen to classical music while you dip candles. Bring friends, bring family. Children under 3 years old need to be carried in back packs in the candle making room. Older children will be able to dip one candle at a time supervised at all times by parents. Because of the growth of our community we will use the 2 kindy rooms, one for candle dipping and one for eating , resting and playing. Please don't forget to clean this room before leaving. You will be able to buy 5 candles per person maximum. The others will remain with the craft group for sale at the office. For more information call Marie 471 2181