

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Monday May 31st, 2-3pm, Rata room	High School Vision Information Session	Tuesday, June 1 st 1pm Rata Room	Kindergarten Management Committee Meeting
Monday 7 June	Queens Birthday Weekend – school and kindergarten closed	Thursday 10 th June, 7.15pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday 21 st June, 7pm Rata room	Marjorie Theyer Talk for kindergarten and playgroup families	Thursday 17 June 7.30pm	Proprietors Trust Meeting – at Angela’s house
Wednesday – Friday 23 rd to 25 June	Camp at Naseby for Classes 3-6		
Saturday 26 th June, 10am-4pm	Working Bee: kindergarten insulation.		
Saturday 31 July 10- 4pm	Working Bee – other work		

FROM THE OFFICE

*"It is our duty to create for the young generation traditions of Culture;
where there is Culture, there is Peace; there is achievement;
there is the right solution for the difficult social problems."*

Nicholas Roerich -Russian archaeologist, painter, poet, and spiritual teacher.

Queen's Birthday

Please note that the school and kindergarten will be closed Monday the 7th June for Queen's Birthday.

The Play

Thank you to Class 2/3/4 and their teachers for a wonderful performance of Les Douze Ermines at Ravensbourne Hall on Friday night. It was wonderful to see everyone there and the music and recitals from other classes too. We shall ensure that we have a separate occasion to farewell Menno before he leaves on 24 June. A collection of clothing left at the hall on the night is now in the office lost property. Please come and check if any of it belongs to your family.

The rain and the classrooms

Last week was unusually wet! The College of Teachers took the decision to move the twelve younger children of class one down to the lower class room exchanging rooms with Class 6. It was not anticipated that the following day the class 6 would be moving from point to point to avoid the drips. Class 6 is in Ravensbourne Hall for much of this week while their classroom is sorted. We will undoubtedly appreciate any help in the Class 6 yurt from parents and will be in touch once the College of Teachers has met.

Community spirit prevailed and at the weekend we had a number of families from the lower classes helping to assess the situation, to mop up and sort things out. Mark Walrond has levelled out a path down from the top field on the road side where things had got very slippery. Many thanks to all – the moppers, the people who provided path materials and the movers.

Proprietors Meeting – update to work bee planning

The Proprietors Trust met last week and agreed to purchase alternative fireboxes to help with winter heating and to insulate the Rata kindergarten ceiling with wool – just as we have in the Kowhai Room.

It was also agreed that the work bees would be rescheduled in the second half of the year so that they are early in term – while people are bounding with energy and while we can benefit from the work.

The next work bee is on 26 June. This will be focussed on the Rata Room insulation and so may be most appropriate for a team from the Rata Room and Playgroups to work with Merrall. If you are able to come and participate could you sign up in the office so that we know who will be there. Work will include moving things out of the way on the Friday and back in place at the end of Saturday as well as putting up the wool and wires and sewing the calico.

So there will be a work bee for everyone else on Saturday 31 July and this pattern will continue in Term 4 with the work bee on the second Saturday of the Term.

Trade Aid

Wow what a response this time to our fundraiser!! Over \$400 of yummy trade aid goods arrived last week and will be in the office for pick up from tomorrow. We made \$105 for the school! Please collect. Thank you!

Parenting Support Group

We had an excellent turnout at the last Parent Support Group (the focus was rhythms in the kindergarten and how we might bring these home), with people coming from as far away as Karitane! Notes have been prepared by Kanuka and Adrienne and are available for all to see in the kindy foyer just outside the Rata Room door.

We hope you can make it along to the next group, which is this Wednesday the 2nd of June, 7pm. The focus will be on the challenges for children around sharing.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Rain is falling all around
It falls on field and tree
It rains on my umbrella
And on the yurts, all three!

All the children need a change of clothes – especially socks – for the winter months. Please send this in a labelled bag.

Class 2/3

A big thank you to those who mopped and cleaned the yurt at the weekend and to all of you for coming to the play on Friday night. The whole evening was great fun!

School reports are coming home with the children today. I will be available for parent-teacher interviews next Tuesday the 8th of June, from 2–5 pm and Wednesday 9th June, from 2-5 pm. Please fill in the form with the reports with 3 preferred times and send it back ASAP. I'll let you know by this Friday what time slot you have. Thanks, Brenda.

Yurt Cleaning Roster

The **Funnell**, **Holloway** and **Barriga** 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.

Skating

Skating begins this Friday. Please make sure you have returned your permission slips. The children will need to have appropriate warm clothing to wear including gloves and hats. We have a couple of volunteers working with Lee and Marie. If anyone else would like to help, please contact Marie: 471-2181.

Winter Camp

We are still seeking parent helpers for Winter camp for Class 3,4 and 6, staying at Larchview Holiday camp in Naseby on the 23rd and 24th June. Please see Mrs Plant if you are able to help.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kowhai Room

Dear friends and family of the kindergarten,

Thanks you to parents who have put their names forward as helpers in our kindergarten rooms. We have had a great response so it is good to have a pool of people we can call on when staff are away. Our children need appropriate clothing for wet weather. Currently, some children's jackets are not suitable for the wet. Your children's coats will have to be dried overnight for the children to wear again the next day.

A reminder to please bring a vegetable on Tuesday and a fruit on Thursdays.

Te Reo Māori

Makariri	cold
Pōtae	hat
Waho	outside
Roto	inside

- Whaea Violet, Whaea Sandra, Junko and Julie.

Rata room

Please put a plastic bag for wet clothing into your child's bag. Please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket, warm hat, wet weather shoes or gumboots and ideally rain pants/overpants. These need to be on hand every day.

-Matua Nick and Whaea Ros,

PLAYGROUP NEWS

*Oh Star that shines so bright above
Bless each new birth with Strength and Love*

Welcome, welcome to little baby Mikaela who has joined Jess, Kristoffer and Cole's family (participants in Friday 11-1 playgroup).

We have three weeks of playgroups leading up to our Lantern Festival on June 25! Please bring along small glass jars (wide enough to let a tea-light be placed inside) to begin making our lanterns.

All playgroup families are specially invited to the craft-group session next Tuesday (details in Craft Group section). We will be making the little silk fairies that are the gifts for children turning three in our playgroups!

CRAFTGROUP NEWS

Thank you to all who came to king's and queen's crown making workshop. For those who intended to come but couldn't, please contact Izumi and we can arrange some materials at cost next week if you still wish to make a crown.

Next week, we are going to making lovely silk puppet that even the littlest children can play with their own hands. Simple and lovely project, especially for playgroup mums! Little children welcome.

On Saturday 12th June, Tace is opening her house for a Steiner doll making circle. Come along for this relaxed session and learn how to make a Steiner doll.

Tuesday 8 th June 9:15 – 12:45	Ravensbourne Hall	Little silk puppet making with Cecil. Bring your sewing kit, please
Saturday 12 th June 9:30 – 12:30	Tace's home: 18 Orokonui Rd., Waitati	Doll Making Circle – All Welcome! ph 482 1161 if you need directions.
Tuesday 22 nd June 9:15 – 12:45	Ravensbourne Hall	Felt bag making. Bring one big towel, some soap and a pair of rubber gloves.

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.

Story Telling Workshop

Allysen Caris will bring her story telling weekend workshop to Dunedin in Term 3 provided we have enough participants. The cost is \$120 per person. Jooske (Rata room mother) is organising the day so if you are interested please let her know: 472 7684 or jooske@gmail.com. Here is the blurb from the workshop flyer:

Why tell stories when there are DVDs, TV and movies? Can't we just read from a book? These forms of "telling" negate the bond that can develop between the teller and listener. Stories work on so many levels. They stimulate the child's ability to form their own pictures – now understood as the basis of creativity and intelligence. Stories develop concentration and the ability to listen, and enhance language skills (through exposure to crafted language). They are like a soul massage, stimulating feelings of fear, joy, excitement or sorrow, thus contributing to a healthy soul life.

This workshop will work with nature and develop a deeper understanding of fairy tales. We will work individually, in pairs and as a group, on exercises that will train our observation. Looking at nature we will find the kernel of a story which we will clothe in word pictures. Above all, you will create your own stories and learn how to weave the story spell!