

UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Friday 4 July	Last day of Term Lantern Walk Proprietors Party	THIS Thurs 12 th June 6.45pm	BOT Meeting Roll Cap discussion to start
		Thurs 19 th June 7.00pm	Proprietors Meeting At school
		Thursday 3 rd July 7.30pm	KMC At School

FROM THE OFFICE

Midwinter Lantern Walk and Party

The Lantern Walk will be held on the last day of this term – Friday 4 July.

There will be a school performance in the early evening followed by the lantern walk.

The Proprietors would then like to invite all families in our community to a party at the school: please come and help us to celebrate a year of wonderful growth and development.

A Short Biography of Colin & Joan Rawle

Most of you would have seen Colin and Joan doing some work around the School grounds and helping with Working Bees. This is just a short biography to tell us a bit more about them.

Joan was born into a large Catholic family in Hamilton N.Z in 1953 and her ambition was to become a nurse. Her ill health at the time prevented completion of her training but she found her way into other professions including care of intellectually disabled adults.

I was born ten years earlier in London but it seems destiny was at work when our family emigrated to N.Z in 1953. Joan and I met in Hamilton and were married in 1972.

I had always intended to be a famous adventurer in the tradition of the intrepid Colonel Fawcett, but took a cabinet making apprenticeship while figuring out the details. As events transpired my real adventure was nothing like I had imagined and was shared with Joan when in May 1979 we abandoned all normality and security and took off in an old bus / mobile home, with two small sons, to seek our fortune.

Our fortune or karma turned out to be Rudolf Steiner's anthroposophy which we encountered in Kerikeri within two weeks of our "great escape". We immediately knew that we had found what we were looking for and from then on anthroposophy became central to our lives. We had many weird and wonderful adventures on the road but were given an unmistakable "sign" while travelling in the Motueka area a few months later (our bus motor blew up) that this was the place we should settle for a while. We joined the local anthroposophical group, built an anthroposophical study centre and a small cottage - in that order - and were a part of the group which initiated Steiner education in the Nelson area.

Ten years later it was time to move on to the Hohepa homes anthroposophical community in Hawkes Bay where we worked with intellectually disabled folk and finally were able to enrol our boys in a Rudolf Steiner school.

From there we went to England and the Delrow Camphill community, an anthroposophical institution for intellectually and psychiatrically disabled adults.

A year or so later found us where we were really meant to be - the Kings Langley Rudolf Steiner school in Hertfordshire, where we lived and worked for three wonderful years. Joan was the cooking and gardening teacher and I the buildings maintenance man.

We returned to New Zealand in 1993 where we were drawn by mysterious means to Dunedin, a city completely unknown to us at the time. We met a kindred soul in Frank Jakobs and together we started an anthroposophical study group which still flourishes. We also involved ourselves for a while in the fledgling Steiner school when it was in Afton Terrace. Approximately a year ago we again united ourselves with the school in its new home and with its hopes for the future.

Website Updates

Sonya Malik has kindly offered to look after our website and add or change items as required. If you have suggestions of an item, or images of a recent festival or other school/kindergarten/playgroup related activity to be added, please email them to Sonya (sonyamalik@mac.com). It would be great if we can keep the site up to date. Thank you to Sonya for taking up this task.

SCHOOL NEWS

Last Friday at ice-skating Mrs MacNeille fell and broke her wrist. She is now resting at home in the care of Merrall, Buddy and Little Mai! We send you light and warmth and love to help you rest and heal, Alex.

As Alex will be off for at least 2 weeks I'm asking for some parent help in the form of assistance with handcraft (which many of you realise is not quite my forte). Could 2 parents please help each Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon until Alex's return. Please let me know ASAP. Also, as Lee is absent this Friday I need several more parents on the ice with the children. Thanks for your help! Thanks also to Paula and Janine for all your assistance last Friday.

Class 1/2/3 need lots of layers for warmth in this cold, wild, windy weather. Please dress them in tights or long-johns under their trousers; and at least 3 top layers with a warm coat.

Class 1/2 are busy mining gold with the 4 dwarves, digging and delving in the mine deep in the earth as they master the 4 maths processes. Class 3 are venturing into the tricky world of fractions! We're also enjoying our new Spanish play and beanbag work.

Thanks, Brenda

Class 4 children are now half way through a short block on Area and Perimeter, the objective of which is to accurately map the school grounds, buildings and main features as a continuation and refinement of last term's Local Geography main lesson. With the perimeter enthusiastically (and surprisingly accurately!) paced and measured, the next few days will be spent between measuring buildings and plotting features out on our maps.

I will be away this coming Friday performing a concert in Christchurch and hopefully spending an amount of time visiting our friends at the Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School. Anni will supervise Class 4 that day.

Lee Noyes

A DATE WITH THE TEACHER?

"Seriously!" as class 4 would say.

Thursday 19 June is Parent Teacher Interview day. This is an oral reporting of your children's progress and needs, as well as a chance to see their work.

Children are to be picked up at 12.30pm.

Interviews are 20 minutes long and begin at 12.40.

There is a timetable in the office for you to select a time and fill it in.

Donations to the school – a message from the Proprietors

Last week we sent out letters to all parents advising them of how much they had paid in 2008 and how this compares to the expected level of donations to the School. We are disappointed that there are some families who are behind in their contributions to the School. Please ensure that payments are made.

Everyone in our community should be aware of the significant sacrifices of money and time that some individuals are making in order to maintain our school. Everyone must be able to at least do their share and keep up to the minimum expected level of donation.

The Proprietors

Consultation on the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School's proposed Enrolment Scheme

The Ministry of Education has asked us to develop a formal enrolment scheme which governs how we prioritise the enrolment of students at our School. A copy of the proposed scheme is attached. We have been asked to consult with all schools in the Greater Dunedin area, and in particular with the school in our local network. **Most importantly, we need to consult with our own school community.**

Please have a look at the attached scheme and give feedback to the office before the 28 June. You may pop a note in the consultation box on the counter, speak to Clare on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings, leave a phone message or email us. **We need to prove to the ministry that we have consulted with you, so please respond, even if it is just to say that the scheme seems right for the school.**

The scheme describes the School as a Special Character School, and **all** families who enrol their children here are required to show a special connection with the Rudolf Steiner Special Character.

The points below also help to explain the priorities in our scheme:-

1. **Prioritising preference students who are children of Board employees.** The Board considers that this must take priority. Recruiting and retaining teachers who are registered and also Steiner trained is a priority for the school. If we do not have Steiner trained teachers here then we cannot offer the Rudolf Steiner education that we are committed to and which the Proprietors are bound to in their Integration Agreement. It is therefore vital that if we recruit a teacher from outside Dunedin, then their children must be assured a place at the School. Steiner teachers would not relocate to Dunedin if this were not possible.
2. **Kindergarten.** Rudolf Steiner education takes a holistic view spanning early childhood through to adulthood. It is therefore expected that most school enrolled children would be those who have already attended our kindergarten. The proposed Enrolment Scheme reflects this.
3. **Siblings.** The Board recognises that in many schools the siblings would take a higher priority. In our case the school would like to prioritise the students whose parents have shown their commitment to Rudolf Steiner education by educating their children at a Steiner school. In the majority of cases a younger sibling would be coming through the kindergarten anyway, and would have level two priority. In other cases it may be that the parents of the older child chose our school because of the particular needs of that specific child rather than a commitment to the School's Special Character. The Board therefore wishes to prioritise transfers from other Steiner schools over siblings.

We look forward to hearing your views on the scheme.

DUNEDIN RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

DRAFT ENROLMENT SCHEME

Maximum Roll

The school's roll will be managed within the maximum roll as prescribed within its integration agreement. The Board will make provision for likely population movements in the area served by the school predicted to occur and allocate available places for each coming school year following a pre-enrolment period.

Special Character

A student shall be given preference of enrolment when the Proprietors deem that the student's parents have demonstrated a connection with the Special Character of the School.

Priority in Enrolment

Applications for enrolment will be processed in the following order of priority:-

First Priority Will be given to preference applicants within the Greater Dunedin Territorial Local Authority boundaries.

Within this priority group if there are more applicants than there are spaces available they will be considered in the following priority order:

1. Preference applicants who are children of board employees of the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School
2. Preference applicants who are attending the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, in order of the length of time that they have attended the kindergarten
3. Preference applicants who, by the date of commencement as a student at the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School, will have completed no less than 6 months at another Rudolf Steiner kindergarten, playgroup, pre-school or school
4. Preference applicants who are siblings of current children enrolled at the Rudolf Steiner School
5. All other preference applicants

Second priority will be given to children outside the geographic boundaries, in the order shown above.

Waiting list: In each of the categories 1-5 above, applicants will be listed in order of receipt of their applications. The School will maintain a waiting list which records the date at which each application is received. In each of the categories, available places will be offered to students in the order in which their names occur on the waiting list for a particular year of entry. Prospective students may be registered on a waiting list at any time.

Pre-enrolment : Each year applications for enrolment will be sought by a date which will be published in a daily or community newspaper circulating in the area served by the school.

Roll Cap – the next steps

The Ministry has granted us 40 places at the school. As this is not sufficient to allow us to be a proper Steiner School which is also financially viable, we are returning to the Minister of Education with a request that the decision is reviewed.

A delegation from the school is meeting the Minister on 25 June in Wellington. If you would like to contribute to a discussion on our approach then we would like to invite you to join us at 6.45pm Thursday 12 June for a 45 minute session prior to the Board meeting.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

King Winter has made his presence felt chilling the earth and having fun.

We have a new Winter festival table in the kindergarten and our circle has lots of chopping and digging. The dwarfs are looking for treasure in the dark earth. The verses bring opportunities for the children to explore language and play with new words: 'Dig and delve in darkness deep, Searching where silver secrets sleep'. The playground has become a place of gold mines and many adventures as the children excitedly look for gold and treasures. This has been a joy to behold as

the digging and physical activities help the children to take hold of their bodies. We have also enjoyed morning walks when the need arises and the when we return, the kindergarten is truly a sanctuary for healthy play.

Lunch Box Ideas

I apologise if the 'lunchbox' ideas sheet have caused confusion. No we are not a 'peanut free' environment at present but would like to head that way. I was given these sheets at Christchurch Steiner School and thought they may be helpful.

Plastic Wrap

I have observed that many children have food wrapped in plastic wrap. Many educational settings now try to operate with environmentally friendly alternatives. It is good to try to avoid plastic wrap as it may contain chemicals that leach into food. Also plastics take a long time to break down and can cause damage to native animals. Some Steiner School families use cloths to wrap the food and these can be washed and re-used. Your children may like to help make lunch cloths and will feel they are helping the environment. Paper wrap is another alternative.

New Circle Mat

We need a new circle mat for the kindergarten. The one we have is too small. We need one with about a 2.7 m. diameter. If you know of any great deals or of a second-hand one please let me know. I would like someone to help take responsibility for this. Ideally, we would like wool. A pale pink or grey or another light colour is OK. The idea has been discussed of having a FELT MAKING workshop to make one. This is very ambitious, what are your thoughts? It may be fun on a cold day.

Shelves

Do you have a set of shelves that you no longer need? We need a new shelf in the kindergarten. 1.3 m high by about 1m wide would be appreciated.

Thank you and keep warm

Roslyn

Kindergarten Sock Fundraiser

Many thanks once again for everyone who supported this fundraiser. The amount we raised was \$97.45 which will certainly be well spent. We hope your feet are toasty warm.

Calling for Pre-loved and used clothing

Following last year's advent fair it was decided that the playgroup would once again organise a stall selling children's pre-loved and used clothing. We are asking for natural fibre clothing that is still in reasonable condition. Jackets and wet weather gear will also be warmly received. So as your children grow throughout the year please drop into the office any suitable clothing that you have. Many thanks for your support.

Pamala Walrond

Kindergarten Management Committee met last week and would like to report the following:-

- Towa has been away on a three week placement as part of her Early Childhood training. We would like to thank Chris Cohen and Lea Ann Hanson for covering her absence and doing such a great job in kindy.
- We do need additional assistance within the kindergarten and will be advertising soon
- We would like to thank Karen Pessione and Brenda Palmer who have been valuable members of the management committee and their contributions have been much appreciated. Brenda has taken a break from playgroup and Karen and Marco's son Nico is no longer attending kindy.
- To date the Playgroup has been meeting every Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.30 at Ravensbourne Hall. Thank you to Alex for supporting us in this transition
- Clare has updated the procedure on enrolling kindergarten children at the school to also show the option of looking at home-schooling – copies have been put in kindy cubby holes
- The kindergarten needs a new circle mat. We are looking for a round wool carpet (diameter 2.8m) in a pale colour (ideally pale pink!!). Is there someone in the community who could spend a little time trying to source such a carpet? Please speak to Roslyn or Clare.

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

There are some changes in the air of which you need to be aware. Firstly though, sorry for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of the doll-making workshop (due to Cecil's illness). Another workshop will be held at a later date. We have the opportunity to hold a stall selling candles in the Octagon at the Mid-winter Carnival/ lantern walk on Saturday 21st June. We are looking for two people to help with this.

One week later we will also go to the Farmers' Market and need two or three people to set up the stall and sell crafts. If you are able to help, please call Marie (471 2181). Without you we will not be able to make it!

For the above reasons, Marie is changing the date of the candle making workshop. Please find attached an invitation for family and friends. See you there!

Spin Day

Catherine and Paula are going to start spinning at Catherine's house every Thursday at 9.30. If you are interested come along with a spinning wheel and fleece or your spindle.

Tuesday 3 rd June	9am to 1pm At Ravensbourne hall	Flax stalk boat workshop with Christophe. Bring your lunch.
Sunday 15 th June	10am to 4pm Class 1	Candle making with Marie and Junko Listen to classical music and dip some beeswax candles. Please give the attached invitation to a friend.
Tuesday 17 th June	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne hall	Wet Felting with Junko Make another merino scarf and a bag or purse
Saturday 21 st June	Set up 1pm Pack up 8pm	Stall in the Octagon (Mid-winter Carnival)
Saturday 28 th June	7am to 12am	Stall at the Farmers' Market Selling our craft and promoting Steiner education

You are invited to an

Organic Beeswax Candle Making Workshop

Sunday 15th June 2008

10am to 4pm

at

Rudolf Steiner School

1 Fern Rd , Maia

Class 1

(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 over 4 years old are welcome – under parental supervision.

Bringing younger children is not recommended.

For more information call Marie 471 2181

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 11 June at 6:00pm**. Please bring music or a song to share. See you there!

Organic co-op Biodynamic fruit from Marahau.

Fruit boxes still available. Biodynamic Feijoas \$2.50, Golden Kiwi \$3, Green Kiwi \$2 – Freight \$15 box which holds about 14kg. If interested, please contact Tracy 478 0411 or Tracy@sculpture.co.nz

The Otago Art Society is again running its popular Youth Art Awards. The Exhibition is scheduled in term three with the opening on Sunday September 7th at 2.30 pm.

The theme is open with sections for ages 5-7, 8-10, and 11-13. Three prizes in the form of vouchers will be awarded in each section. All children will be presented with certificates acknowledging their participation. See notice on notice board.

DUNEDIN MIDWINTER CARNIVAL 2008

Saturday 21 June 5.30pm The Octagon

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

Come make a lantern for the Carnival. Light up the longest night at the 2008 Dunedin Midwinter Carnival. Attend one of our lantern making workshops and make a hand-held lantern to carry in the Carnival procession. All materials are provided for a koha/donation. Children must be accompanied by an adult. It takes 1-2 hours to make a lantern.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

**Dates: Saturday 7 June / Sunday 8 June
Saturday 14 June / Sunday 15 June**
Venue: Community Gallery, Princes Street
Time: 10am – 3pm

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS

Book yourself into a workshop as places are limited.
Phone 482 1274, or email lanterns@dunedinmidwintercarnival.co.nz
With your full name, number of people attending and contact phone number.

Puaka/Matariki Family Day

Art. Card-making. Mosaic-making. Weaving. Stories. Family fun
It's Free !

Saturday 10am – 2pm, 14th June 2008
at Approach Community Learning Centre, 177 Mornington Road
Lunch Provided.

Contact Alex on 487 7959 or 027 321 6169 to book a place.

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, Hastings

Relief English teacher required for Terms 3 & 4, 2008 and possibly Terms 1 & 2, 2009. Some History background preferred. Must have an interest and/or experience in Steiner Education.

Applications close Friday 13 June. Please send a CV and names of two referees to: The Associate Principal, Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, PO Box 888, Hastings 4156 or email: office@taikurasteiner.school.nz

Brenda is applying!!!!!!

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School

JUNE 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4	5 3.00 COT 7.30 KMC	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 3.00 COT 6.45 BOT (inc Roll Cap)	13 Lee to Christchurch Steiner	14
15	16	17	18	19 Parent teacher interviews (school) 3pm COT 7pm Props	20	21
22	23	24	25 Chris Carter meeting (Brenda, Kirsten, Clare)	26 3pm COT	27	28
29	30					

COT – College of Teachers; BOT – Board of Trustees; KMC – Kindy Management Committee