

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
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	Friday 18 th June, 5.30pm Rata room	High School Vision group meeting
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.

Farewells and Greetings

We said our goodbyes to Brenda on Friday evening and presented her with the gifts and card from the community and wish her well as she heads to Australia to care for her grandson. We also marked Menno's imminent departure (on the 25th June) with gifts and a card. Both of them have given so much to the school and will be missed!

We welcome Wendy Russell who is teaching in class 2/3 for the last weeks of school. We will update the class parents on the teaching plans for Terms 3 and 4 later this week. We also welcome Tilo, a German volunteer who is helping out – mainly with Menno and in the office – for the next few weeks.

Proprietors Trust

The Proprietors Trust meet this week and will be planning the improvements to the yurts that will be done over the next month. If anyone feels they can be actively involved in this work, you would be very welcome to the meetings at Angela's house this Thursday at 7.30. Please ask Clare for information.

Marjorie Theyer Visit

We look forward to welcoming Marjorie Theyer, the Steiner Federation's Early Childhood advisor, for a visit next week. Marjorie will be with us from Monday to Wednesday next week. She will spend time with the kindergartens and playgroups and give a talk on Monday night.

Lantern Festival

On the 2nd of July we will hold our Lantern Festival for the School and Kindergarten at Ravensbourne hall. We will have a shared meal at 5pm followed by a lantern procession across to the playing field opposite. We have decided to use the hall as a venue so that if the weather is poor, we can still proceed in the hall.

We would appreciate two volunteers from the community who are prepared to look after road safety at the crossing to the playing field. Please contact Clare if you are willing to do this.

School Bus Update

You may be aware that we are trying to organise a school bus from Waitati, through Port Chalmers, to Maia. So, to keep you up to date, here is the latest news from Kanuka Simpson who has been working hard to find us the best solution...

"Our trial to get a government funded bus run was unsuccessful for the following reasons:

Eligible are (in short) children over 5, who live in Waitati, which leaves 9 children.

The per capita price limit from the ministry is \$7.50, but the 86.8km at \$3.00 a kilometre (their calculation), gives a per capita cost of \$28.93.

I will be looking into this further, as I do not easily take "no" as an answer, but in the meantime, we are looking into other alternatives. The considerations are: Renting a bus would be prohibitively expensive and hiring a bus with driver would also be prohibitively expensive.

So, with the option of having a school owned bus:

Who would buy the bus? Where would the bus "sleep"? Who would drive it? Who would pay for the special licence required? Which price would therefore need to be passed onto the families who use it? Would the need out value the end cost? Could kindergarten children use it? if yes, how often would it run?

Any comments on these questions (or others) can be addressed to Kanuka Simpson, 472 82 93 or ikan.ukan@yahoo.com

Curriculum

The School Board and Proprietors met last week and formally adopted the new Dunedin Rudolf Steiner curriculum which will be followed by the school from now. There is a little finishing off to be done and then the curriculum book will be available to parents through our library.

High School Vision group

Thanks to all those who attended our community meeting - we had fruitful discussions and the opportunity to share our vision with a wider group. The group have plans to organise a panel of Steiner high school graduates for a question and answer session, later in the year. Thanks to all those who have returned your expression of interest forms. It is really helpful to be able to collate and forecast demand. Our next high school vision group meeting is this Friday in the Rata room. See you there!

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Farewells

We are sorry to say goodbye to Larissa from Class 6. Her parents decided that she would benefit from the larger social group at her local school in Sawyers Bay School. Her mother Lea- Ann will still be coming through to playgroup with little sister Lylith.

Lateness

Please would parents try to ensure that their children are at school on time. It would be helpful if children could be here by ten to nine so that they have sorted themselves out, caught up with the news from their peers and are ready to start the school day at nine. Any children who are late need to practice the art of entering the classroom discretely and greeting the teacher without interrupting the flow of the morning.

Mid year reports

These are coming out to parents this week. These reports are not for the children to read, but the parents. A notice about Parent teacher interview times will be sent out this week.

Skating

We have our last session of skating this Friday. Please send appropriate clothing with your child(ren).

Winter Camp

A letter is coming out tomorrow to parents of children going to the Naseby camp.

Class 1

Boys and girls come out to play
The moon is shining bright as day
Come with a whoop and come with a call
Come with a good will or not at all

While the older children are at skating camp in Naseby, Classes 1 and 2 will have a schoolroom camp on Thursday night the 24th of June through Friday morning.

Please bring a camping mattress, pillow and sleeping bag. Please also bring a vegetable to make soup for dinner, to go with home made bread. Breakfast will be porridge with fruit. Permission slips will come home with the children.

P.S: French does continue on Fridays but is now with Mrs MacNeille.

Yurt Cleaning Roster

The **Bendall, Alger and McMillan** 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.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Please remember when you are collecting your children at 1pm from either the Rata room or Kowhai room that children are resting in the Kowhai room so please be quiet.

Kowhai Room

We look forward to seeing you at parent/teacher interviews this week and at Marjorie Theyer's talk next Monday night.

- Whaea Violet, Whaea Sandra, Junko and Julie.

Rata room

At the end of the week we say goodbye to Fern and wish her well for her studies at the Auckland University of Technology. Fern has been with us for 4 weeks in the Rata room and we will all miss her energy and enthusiasm.

Some of our children have been getting cold hands during outside play. At this time of year a pair of mittens or gloves in your child's bag would be good for cold days (named if possible please).

-Matua Nick and Whaea Ros,

PLAYGROUP NEWS

The yacht club playgroup had its last session last week until next term. Our playgroups have been busy completing little lanterns to prepare for our festival, June 25th 11-1 at the Rata room. All are welcome to join us for our lantern procession, marionette show and shared lunch (egg-free please!)

We are excited to announce the conception of a Steiner playgroup in Alexandra! Thanks to the craft group for their kind donation of rainbow cloths, candles and other small Steiner crafts as a gift for their initiative. We look forward to a fruitful relationship with this new Steiner community.

CRAFTGROUP NEWS

Thank you to Tace, Simon and Olive for hosting our doll making circle. We had a wonderful productive morning. Our next gathering is scheduled for July 24th at Miriam's house.

Winter is a lovely time for sitting down and making something in front of fire! If you have some time to spare at home, please contact Izumi (472-8598), we have simple projects that need many hands. Our last workshop for this term is felt bag making. Beginners welcome.

New product at the craft shop

SLIPPERS FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN – All natural material, handmade slippers. Please try them at the craft shop at the office. SM \$25, M \$28. If you cannot find the size you want, a pair can be made to order.

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.
Saturday 24 th July, 9.30-12.30	Miriam's house; 307 Ravensbourne Rd	Doll Making

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.

Japanese Classes Moving

Dear School and teachers,

Due to a lack of spaces, our Japanese class has relocated to Pine Hill School last week. We want to thank you for allowing us to use your school to teach our children.

Yours Sincerely,

Junko Kimura and J-Kids

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Key on a keyring with Gillian on it. Please see the office.

Yoga For Children

School Holiday Yoga For Kids at The Yoga Studio. Age groups, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13. If you have a keen 4 year old, I would be happy to put them in with the youngest group. One session each week of the holidays for each age group. Please pre-enrol and prepay for your child - \$20 for two sessions. If you have more than one child in your family I'd be happy to give a discount.

Ages 5-7

40 minute class, 10-10:40am Wednesday, July 7 & 14

Ages 8-10

60-minute class, 11-12pm Wednesday, July 7 & 14

Ages 11-13

60-minute class, 10-11am Friday, July 9 & 16

THE YOGA STUDIO

2nd Floor

492 Moray Place

Central City

Dunedin

Phone 03 477 1180

www.dunedin yoga.co.nz

Emma

Lantern Making Workshops: Make a lantern for the 2010 Dunedin Midwinter Carnival and join the Lantern Procession. This year's theme is 'Creatures of the Sea'. Trained instructors are available to help. All ages welcome. Children bring an adult. Allow 2 hours to make a lantern - morning and afternoon sessions available. Book online at www.midwintercarnival.co.nz or phone 03 477-3350

Workshops 5 & 6: Central City

Date: 19-20 June

Venue: St Paul's Cathedral Crypt, The Octagon

Time: 10.00am & 3.00pm

Cost: \$5 per lantern

Taruna Job Advertisement:

Do you want to play a leading role in helping farmers and growers learn how to change to organics or Biodynamics?

Do you want to be part of the team that provides Taruna's award-winning *Certificate in Applied Organics and Biodynamics*?

People from all over New Zealand, from Australia and further afield, are participating in this programme. They come to us from all walks of husbandry: sheep, cattle and dairy farmers, growers of grapes, pip fruit, stone fruit and herbs, and a range of specialist/niche growers.

The *Certificate in Applied Organics and Biodynamics* is delivered over 30 weeks, with three 8-day seminars at Hohepa, Poraiti, and students completing directed study at 'home' during the periods following each of the seminars. A key part of the programme is the 'home' visit, where each student receives a one-day consultation from one of the programme's staff. It is expected that the Assistant Programme Director shares in these visits.

This is a part-time position; at 0.5 with the potential to increase hours. We aim to run with two groups or intakes of students each Summer and Winter.

You will need the following:

- A deep understanding of organics and Biodynamics
- Have the experience, or potential, to be an inspiring adult educator
- Good organisational skills, to maintain and develop an innovative tertiary programme
- Work collegially as a member of the Taruna College Council

This position becomes available from 15 September 2010, with an orientation week from 3 - 10 September.

Applications close on 30 June 2010.

For an application pack please contact
Lesley Waite at Taruna on 06 8777 174 or by email admin@taruna.ac.nz