

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Sunday 28 th June 10 – 4pm	Working bee	Thursday 7.15pm 2 July	Board meeting
Tuesday 30 th June 9am	Vision & Hearing Testing	Tuesday 7pm 16 th June	Proprietors meeting

"In the Waldorf Schools much that still hovers remotely before us (in State education) as our goal in education, has here become a reality".

Dr Goede, Chief Inspector of state education, Germany, 1920's

FROM THE OFFICE

Class 1/2/3 walks

This week – or next, depending on the weather - we plan to walk to the far end of Manapouri Street to Christina Gibb's bush reserve. Please remember warm clothing and suitable footwear.

Job vacancy

If you are available on Monday mornings and would like to earn a little extra money perhaps you would like to be our new newsletter writer. Please see Paula at the office if you are interested.

Working Bee

Sunday 28th June
10 - 4 pm

We need to have a working bee to dig trenches, do some maintenance, hopefully install the fires etc. We need shovels, spades, rakes, wheelbarrows. Please phone Chris 473 6088 if you can help.

Playgroup helpers needed

The Playgroup is looking for volunteers who can come and help the playgroup coordinator at their playgroup sessions. This would suit someone who can come without children and who can help with setting things out, clearing up and generally supporting the parent coordinator. Playgroup is a social time – and a good introduction into Steiner education – it could be really nice to have someone there who can speak to new parents from their experience of having a child in kindergarten or school. If you would be able to volunteer in this way then please call Cecil 4728683. Playgroup runs in Maia on Wednesday afternoons from 1.15pm and Friday mornings from 9am.

Steiner school fair 2009

We now have a definite date for our fair this year: Sunday 1st November. It may seem a long way away but please think of how you can contribute. It's never too early to start making things. If you would like to be involved in organising the fair please phone Linda 472 7646. We do need more planners. A fair organisers meeting will be held on Thursday 25th June at 9am.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear parents, Kia ora,

A huge thank you to the parents who supported the tamariki on our marae visit. Being part of the powhiri process was a very special experience and reminds us that culture cannot be learned from a text book. The tangata whenua loved our waiata as well as our kai. Thank you also to Liselle for providing us with our koha of native trees. Happily they have now reached their destination at Puketeraki Marae. The total cost of the trees was \$16. So far we only have \$5. Please make a donation of 75cents if you haven't done so already. All donations can be taken to the office. E no reira, kia ora.

Class 3's main lesson this week is on Tane and the stars. Junko is coming in on Tuesday to make flax kete with the children. We shall be making our own special stars to place in our kete.

Jocelyn

Class 5

I am taking Lee's class till Friday. Lee is working on other projects and hopefully having some rest. I enjoy working with Class 5. They are doing a main lesson on Egyptian myths. The stories are ones that really capture the children's attention. I am looking forward to my days with them.

Peter

KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY NEWS

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Here we go round the mulberry bush on a cold and frosty morning!

Winter has begun with a few frosts and some forecasts of snow so our season's tables are reflecting this change and also activities, songs and circle.

In the kindergarten playground you will notice Joan has been very busy digging, and making a new garden path with rocks and fine gravel. Connor and Malin enjoyed helping her bring gravel in the wheelbarrow and spreading it over the rocks. The boat has travelled from its previous mooring. Being in a new place it is sparking off new adventures. The Rata Room have also planted some tulip bulbs in pots and we look forward to seeing what happens. Already the double freesia bulbs and muscari (grape hyacinth) bulbs are turning into plants. Some children have enjoyed combing sheep's fleece.

*My hands are feeling chilly, my fingers turning blue, when I try to warm them up, this is what I do
I can shake them, shake them, wiggle them around, clap them, clap them, bang them on the ground.*

The Kowhai Room children have been hearing about St Francis and his kindness at story time this week. Whaea Violet has been telling this story so beautifully and so apparently has Matua Nick. There is a picture of St Francis on the season's table and one of the children remarked, "St Francis looks like Matua Nick." The likeness is definitely there!

Remember the symptoms of Swine Flu virus include: sudden onset of respiratory illness with fever, cough, runny nose, aching muscles, fatigue. People are infectious for approximately 1 day before getting ill for up to a week after they start showing symptoms. Treatment includes rest and drinking plenty of fluids. Prevention: Some of the best ways of minimising the chance of infection from influenza are: Frequent and thorough hand washing and drying, cover any coughs and dispose of tissues properly when used, stay home if sick, where possible avoid close contact with sick people, keep frequently used surfaces clean (benches, door handles).

Thank you to relievers, Liqin and Catherine for helping us out while Lea-Ann and Nick have been absent this week. Reminder – parent interviews this week – Mon, Wed/Thurs, with Violet and Lea-Ann for parents of Kindergarten and Nursery children. See list on wall by sign in table.

Best wishes from all your Kindergarten / Nursery staff for a warm and happy week

Rennie

PLAYGROUP

This is the last week of playgroup sessions for the term, and we finish off with our Lantern Festival for all the playgroup families this Friday from 11-1 (please note the normal Friday playgroup session from 9-11 is cancelled). We will have a simple puppet show, a walk with our little lanterns, and shared lunch- see you there! The playgroup facilitators meeting is scheduled for Friday the 26th of June from 10 in the Rata room. Anyone who is interested in being a facilitator at some stage, or simply wishes to be more involved is most welcome to attend (children welcome of course...)
Our normal playgroup session will resume in term three- the week of July 20th.

CRAFT GROUP

Next week, we are going to make New Zealand icon - Sheep - with pipe cleaners and natural wool. Easy and very cute project, and we hope we can make a great flock! Once you learn how to make a sheep, you can make other animals as well, using a similar technique. Please note that it will happen on WEDNESDAY and not on regular Tuesday.

Wednesday 24 th June	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Hall	Needle Felt Sheep Making with Izumi. Please bring one felting needle (available at office).
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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.*

Kindergarten Teacher Vacancy (x2)

We are seeking two enthusiastic teachers who are either early childhood trained or in training to join our wonderful team at Miro House Kindergarten in Hamilton. These positions call for those who have experience working within a Steiner Kindergarten or who are willing to learn about and work with our special character philosophy. Excellent professional development and support will be provided

Closing date for applications is 9am Monday 29th June.

If you are interested and want to find out more please contact Carol Webb 07 8558 711 or email to mirohouse@xtra.co.nz