

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Friday 4 July 5.30 start	Last day of Term Lantern Walk Proprietors Party 1pm finish to allow for afternoon rest	Thursday 3rd July 7.30pm	KMC At School
Monday 21st July	First day of Term 3		

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.

FROM THE OFFICE

For 16 months now a small group from our community has represented us all in what has proven to be a sustained and complex dialogue with the Ministry of Education, in order to be allowed to have sufficient children at our school for us to be financially viable and to offer a true Steiner education. The resourcefulness, commitment and creativity required have often tested us!

There is now a way in which the whole wider community can support this initiative. The Minister of Education, Chris Carter, is taking this next four weeks to make a decision on the size of our school roll. If, each day of this month, all of us can keep the community will for this to happen alive through whatever form of meditation, thought and prayer we practise, then we all share in creating this reality of a strong, vibrant school for our community. Any time of day will do!

We can set a time of 9pm for those of us who like to share a meditation time. If you would like verses or a format, you can email me at home (bhawke_54@hotmail.com)

Or even drop me an email if you will be taking up this request. This mutual support creates a very firm foundation stone for our school.

SCHOOL NEWS

Helpers needed:

School finishes at 1pm on Friday in order that the children can rest before our big celebration. From 1-2pm we need help to prepare for the evening. Please help if you can at this time (the children can play!)

Tidying and cleaning classrooms

Preparing food

Preparing the fire and BBQs

Please fill in the Friday pick-up and helpers form at the end of the newsletter and return by Wednesday.

Winter Festival

This Friday 5.30 pm

Come celebrate the beauty and magic of winter

Join us in celebrating the hard work and diligence which saw us receive a raising of our roll to 40, and a further concerted effort by our school to have it lifted to where it needs to be – 100 children!

The Evening Program:

5:15 Arrival – lower classroom

5:30 Concert – prompt start

6:10 Lantern Walk

6:45 BBQ

7:30 Proprietors' Celebration - fireworks!

Parents and visitors, please bring any homemade lanterns you have (– no torches) as it will be a dark night! Please bring along a loaf of bread to share at the barbeque meal. We will be frying sausages from Alex and Merrall and also vegetarian patties. If you have a favourite sauce or pickle, bring that along too. Dessert will be provided by a well known French chef!

If anyone has a barbeque that they can lend to us then please would they let Clare or Leonie know. The school barbeque alone might not be enough!

Please remember that throughout this evening your children are in your care – especially with fire and fireworks present. The bush area will be out of bounds on this evening.

Ice Skating

We completed our term's ice skating last Friday and I'm happy to report that the whole school can skate better than I can – even Louis!

Due to the generosity of the Dunedin Ice Stadium management we were able to skate for a much reduced rate. The school children's activity fee covers their skating. All other skaters will need to pay \$5 per person per session. We have kept a record of most sessions. Due to events and changing staff responsibilities, we also need EACH FAMILY to fill in the attached form indicating how much their family owes for skating and to send it in an envelope with cash or cheque payment. The Stadium will send us a large account very soon!

The Winter Camp

Last year we had a marvellous time at Winter Camp and had wanted to offer the same experience this year at the end of July. However, Lee is having surgery on his knee on the first day of term and will be out of skating action for weeks. Alex also will not be back on deck for vigorous outdoor pursuits by this time. On the suggestion of parents, we have decided instead to offer a weekend Winter Family Camp (Friday – Sunday) in mid August (probably 16th – 18th). Lee is negotiating the details with Larchview Holiday Park and the Maniototo Ice Rink. We would travel up early on the Friday, returning on Sunday.

Class 1/2/3

Today the children are bringing home a special maths art work which has come from their Main Lesson work. This week we are having a relaxing hands-on week after all the maths and writing we have mastered this term!

On Monday and Tuesday we will be making our lanterns.

On Wednesday we will cook lunch and have a concert. (Soup and rolls)

On Thursday and Friday we will practise for the Festival.

On Wednesday please send a vege for the soup, and a musical instrument if your child plays one at home. Thanks.

On Thursday or Friday please check your children's cubby holes and the classroom for clothing and other items that belong at home.

Please check the end of the newsletter and your child's bag for the forms which need to be returned to school by Wednesday.

Have a wonderful winter holiday together!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have made our lanterns for the Winter festival. The children have loved the story of Snow White and the little song Snow White sings as she cleans the dwarfs' house. We are now singing it as we clean our room after play and it motivates the children to clean like Snow White did.

We said goodbye to Towa last week as she decided to resign. Towa is going to focus on her studies and go to her college in Christchurch for three months. During these three months she will attend lectures and receive assistance with her assignments. Towa will attend the lantern festival and will visit the kinder to see the children. We wish you all the best Towa.

Remember the Lantern festival starts at 5.30.

Roslyn

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

Last Saturday, Tracy, Liselle and Linda looked after the Craft Group Stall at the Farmer's Market. They sold around \$120 worth of crafts. Thank you very much to the three of you.

Tuesday 1 st July	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne hall	Make a Felt Needlebook with Paula Bring your lunch
Tuesday 22 nd July	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne hall	Flax Throwing Game with Catherine (three rings that children throw onto a wooden baton)
Sunday 3 rd August	10am to 3pm	Doll making Workshop with Cecil

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.

Would you like to be involved in knitting some farm toys for the kindergarten?

If so please speak to Catherine, 473 8302

This is a great way to learn/improve your knitting!

Donations of 4ply wool gratefully received.

Stephne Bennett, our anthroposophical nurse, is back in town and available for therapeutic treatments on Thursdays and Fridays. (tel) 488 5617 (cell) 021 296 8074

Quirky flatmate/s required for unusual living situation in rural situation - house sharing with family & assorted other creatures in a house that has communal facilities. Shared kitchen, lounge, office, toilets, shower & laundry facilities. Must have high tolerance level for children of various ages dogs, cats, & others coming & going at will. Also interest in gardening or farming a plus as emerging permacultural gardens need maintaining. There is a need for conservative use of water awareness, & own transport is necessary. We are not a commune but do have community spirit as a guiding principal. The lands we look after are varied in their need for maintenance ranging from bush walks, to pastoral management, & various garden projects. Rent is negotiable dependant upon your input . Enquiries to: Volco 4737883

Glow Worm Walk Linda and family are going to see the glow worms at Nicol's Creek on Sunday evening, 6th July, if fine. If you would like to join us, ring Linda. (472 76 46)

Return by WEDNESDAY please:

On Friday my child,, will be picked up at 1 pm by

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I am able/unable to help with cleaning and food preparation on Friday

Skating:

People from our family who skated on Fridays at the school sessions and the number of times they skated, eg:
Brenda 3 times,

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Our family owes for ice-skating this term.

Please find enclosed a cheque / cash for this amount

Signed:

Date: