

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Thursday 22 nd July	Vision Hearing Team	Monday 19 th July, 7pm, Rata room	Class 2/3 parents meeting with David Jordan
Saturday 31 July 10- 4pm	Working Bee – school & Kowhai room	Wednesday 21 st July 7.30pm, Rata room	Parenting Support Group
Monday 16 th August	Teacher only day – school and kindergarten closed	Tuesday 3rd August, 1pm (previously the	Kindergarten Trust Management committee)
		Thursday 12 th of August, 7.15pm	Board of Trustees Meeting

"If much reverence, rightly guided, has been part of the experience of childhood, it acts as a seed that comes to fruition in old age as strength for active living. If devotion and love were not fostered under the right guidance during childhood and youth, it leads to a weak and powerless old age. Reverence must take hold of every soul that is to make progress in its development".
-Rudolf Steiner.

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to Term 3. A wonderful clear day for the start of the term, that ends with the Spring Festival in September.

We would like to welcome David Jordan who is our Class 2 and 3 teacher for the remainder of this year. David has been teaching at Taikura (the Rudolf Steiner School in Hastings) for many years and is here during his sabbatical year. There will be a class night for the class 2 and 3 parents tonight. This will be in the Rata Room (kindergarten) at 7pm.

Many thanks to all the help we had over the holidays on various projects. Lee Vandervis brought the two new (second hand) yunca fires down from Christchurch and Peter Stevenson and Mark Walrond installed one in the Class 6 yurt on Sunday. It is putting out a lot of heat. Lee Vandervis also completed the anti algae spray on the Class 6 yurt that Frank and Colin had started. He also tried to get the waterproof coat on but hit technical difficulties and then the weather closed in. Thanks also to Frank and Colin for coming and putting the lights in the yurts – these are much appreciated.

Mark Walrond is thinking of looking at doing the class 2/3 fire this week on Wednesday evening at 6pm. Could a couple of people help him with this? Give him a call on 466 4767 (work) or 482 1131 (home).

And then there was a lovely turn out for the work bee at the Pine Hill site – where we have taken over the former Playcentre and Plunkett Building. Many thanks to all those (mainly playgroup families) who were able to come and get started there.

We have a work bee on the 31st of July so we look forward to seeing many school families then.

Other events this term

There is also a teacher only day on the 16 August when the kindergarten and school will be closed for the Monday. We have visits from the police who will be looking at Road safety with the children in the weeks commencing the 2 August and 9 August. The older children will be asked to bring bikes for one of these sessions and the younger children (class 1 – 3) will be heading out for a walk. We look forward to welcoming a new German volunteer Rico – he arrives in Mid August. Please would families let Clare know if you can help with accommodating him for a month or so. Term ends on the 24 September which will be the Spring Festival Day – celebrated from midday.

Website updated

Our website has been updated and now has pages on the Te Aroha home-based care and also the High School Vision Group. The upcoming events page has also been updated – it will take the information from the top of the newsletter for this. Many thanks to Matthew Dwyer for effecting these changes and for keeping the site updated with the new events and the newsletters. We are still seeking up to date photographs so please do not hesitate to send these in to the office as they become available.

Trade Aid

Another Trade Aid order will be going in soon so expect forms this week. Linda will collect the forms at the end of next week. \$115 was donated to the school from the previous order.

Kindergarten news

The 20 hours free scheme has now been extended to five year olds – as of 1 July. This means that if you have signed an attestation form that confirms you are not claiming these hours elsewhere then you can access kindergarten, without any fees, for 20 hours a week. We do however ask that parents make a \$1 an hour donation for these 20 hours. If you have not completed a 20 hours free form for your five year old (or if their hours have changed since turning five) then please come to the office to complete or amend a form. Hours in excess of the 20 hours free are charged at \$4.50 an hour up to a maximum weekly charge of \$50 per week including the \$1 an hour donation.

Volley ball posts

Would anyone have volley ball posts or the makings of some that they could give to the school. Even an old tyre with posts concreted into it would help.

Vision Hearing Team

The Public Health South vision hearing team will be visiting the school this Thursday the 22nd of July. They will be mainly checking the 4 year olds and the children in Class 6. If your child is not in those groups but you have concerns and you would like them to be screened, please talk to Clare.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

At the teachers meeting in the holidays, we considered the option of doing some swimming with the school children in Term 4. First we would like to get a feel for what level of swimming the school children are at so we are sending out a short survey this week. Once we have the results of these we will decide on whether swimming would be an appropriate activity in Term 4.

Please note that there will be no cello lessons tomorrow – children should leave their instruments at home. Jocelyn hopes to have cellos back to lessons the following Tuesday.

Please send in plastic bags for Classes 1,2 and 3 to make Maori poi. Plastic is used in contemporary making of poi for the timpanic sound and these poi will then be cloth covered.

Mrs MacNeille is away until next Thursday (29 July). Jocelyn is taking her class for that period.

Orchestral Music

Begins this term and will be held on Friday between 2 and 3pm. Please remember to bring instruments to school on this day as well as on Tuesdays for those that have instrumental music lessons. Class Six will begin guitar lessons in the 12:20 to 1pm slot on Fridays from this week and for the duration of the term. Children may bring their own instrument, or guitars can be supplied.

News from Class Six

Welcoming everyone back from a restful yet productive holiday break; we in Class Six now look forward to a busy and productive ten weeks as we prepare for our production of a Roman Play to put on at the Spring Festival... certainly a task to engage all our creative powers, as we adapt character-assignment and stage-direction for a class of five children and one teacher!

However, we begin the term with the much-anticipated 'Business Maths' main lesson, where within the context of an Ancient Roman slate-seller, we will learn the ins and outs of small business management. This will allow us to really put into practice the fractions, decimals, percentages and ratios we've learned this past year and a half as we come to grips with profit

and loss, cost-price and markup, paying tax, calculating interest and working on commission. We will apply these skills as quickly as we can toward our own business, raising funds for our dream trip in Term 4 to see every interesting or significant rock-site between here and the top of the South Island! Part of this fundraising is sure to include busking at the Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings also; we invite everyone to see us there.

In Practice Lessons during this first 4 week block we will have an intensive focus on handwriting in the cursive style, as well as honing basic research skills ahead of preparing to research the biography of a significant personality from Roman history. Later in the term we will be working on public speaking by presenting 'Talking Statues' - taking on the role of the person we've researched, telling stories from their life and fielding questions from the class in a question and answer session.

As we promised at the end of last term, we include in this newsletter recounts written by Class Six of their experience at Naseby Winter Camp, 2010 (see the end of the newsletter – after Craft Group news). Between them, they manage to cover most of the significant events, experiences and feelings of these few days; days that passed all-too-quickly, such fun we had. A huge thank-you from this teacher to everyone who contributed to the success of the camp this year which, perhaps because of the lack of skateable ice, was filled with more variety than we could have planned or foreseen. An extra special "Thank You!!" must go to Alex MacMillan's father, Kyle, who drove the trip to Naseby on the assurance the ice was ready for Ice Hockey, only to be told the contrary on arrival! Your patience, understanding and dedication are to be admired, Kyle! Warm thanks from myself and all of the children.

- Lee

Yurt Cleaning Roster

The **MacDonald, Cain and Stichnot** families are on yurt duty this week.

Cls	W1 - 19/7	26/7	2/8	9/8	16/8	23/8	30/8	6/9	13/9	20/9
6	MacDon	Botica	Dunroy	Xu	Barto	Tamang	Funnell	Holmes	Bendall	Henderson
2/3	Cain	Schweik	Stevenson	Cunningh	Oswald	Holloway	Whitehead	Alger	Carter	Walrond
4	Stichnot	Miles	Noyes	Cohen	Degas	Tapealava	Barriga	Dwyer	McMillan	Robson

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

Kowhai Room

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and we look forward to the term ahead.

- Whaea Violet, Whaea Sandra, Junko and Julie.

Rata room

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new children Jasmine, Fergus and Lucy who are joining us this term. Please return journey books this week.

- Whaea Liqin, Matua Nick and Whaea Ros

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Welcome back to all our playgroup families as we start term 3! We look forward to getting to know the new families joining our various groups, and to the children starting their kindergarten journey, we wish you well!

Exciting times lie ahead for the playgroups as we continue to gather momentum with the expansion to Pine Hill. Our new spaces there require some work before we are ready to move in, but we aim to have a playgroup started there within the term. A huge thank you to all those who came out on Friday to help with the initial clean-up!

We have recently decided to offer families the option of making their koha by direct deposit. By donating directly to the playgroup account, one is eligible to claim a tax refund of 33%. If all playgroup parents claimed this rebate, we would collectively be reclaiming around \$1320 from the IRD!

Here are the details:

Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten Playgroup Account.

Westpac

03 0903 0458928 25

Please include your name as a reference so you can be issued a receipt for tax purposes.

Thanks! From the current and future playgroup facilitators:

Anna, Cecil, Elan, Jorinde, Kate, Miriam, Nalani, Ros, Sally, Tace & Ursula

CRAFTGROUP NEWS

We are going to make sheep out of real wool and pipe cleaners next week. A great project for beginner needle-felters. See you there.

New product at the craft shop

Starry window decoration for your windows! Our "Do It Yourself – Transparent Stars Kit" includes 100 sheets of special Kite Papers and instructions to make many different stars. German-made Kite Papers are very special --- crisp, easy to fold, transparent, great colors and yet strong. It is also suitable for cut out art. For star-making, age 8+ is recommended. \$10.00

Saturday 24 th July, 9.30-12.30	Miriam's house; 307 Ravensbourne Rd	Doll Making
Tuesday 27 th July 9:15 – 12:45	Ravensbourne Hall	Needlefelt sheep making with Izumi.

CAMP RECOUNTS

When we got to camp as soon as we were allowed we had a giant snowball fight and my team won. My team was William, Lee, Eden and me. After that we went on a walk around the camp and surrounding area while Lee went to the rink and got some sledges – two small ones and one big one. Then we hit the slopes and we were all speeding down the hill with two tracks one difficult and curvey and one long and smooth. Then we had spaghetti bolognaise for tea. Then the little children went to bed and Class Six partly made some star maps then we too went to bed.

The next day we had breakfast and went sledging again. But it had gotten icy, fast and scarey and two more tracks were made. Anyway then we went on a bike ride around Naseby and we went to the rink before curling, which was so fun and was the best thing on the whole camp. When we got back we had a second snowball fight which we lost. Later that night we went star gazing and we played spotlight which me and William won. Then Class Six finished their star maps and did some more star gazing. Then we went to bed but the next morning we did some more star gazing at 6:00am then we went to help in the kitchen. Then we packed up and went to the rink. There I got a blood nose and my front tooth went through my upper lip. Then we played candle sticks. First Sarah was in then I was in. Then we went home to school.

-Alex MacMillan

Day One: We woke on Wednesday morning half an hour earlier than normal. We set off half an hour after that, drove at precisely 51mph but we were the first ones to arrive. We unpacked the car. Sarah arrived next and wondered where everyone was. At that moment Mrs Plant came, we loaded up our things in the back of her truck. Next thing we know we had forgotten our sleeping bags. Then Jasper arrived and Oliver and before I knew it all of the Class six were here. Mrs Plant's truck was half full by now and more stuff was on its way. When we finally went underway Mrs Plant said her car was not the fastest and that we were to encourage her. When we came into Waitati we started to sing Old McDonald Had A Farm it was a long trip but we were going to see snow. The road went in a bend and we could see that the road went through a snow valley. We were disappointed when we came on a flat where where there was no snow but we took a turn down a gravel road and then the snow came back. We were happy mainly because Mrs Plant said only fifteen more minutes till we reach camp and we could get out of the car and touch Naseby snow.

We drove up the drive of the camp and came to our cabins. We unpacked our things and went to our rooms. We set everything up and went up to a top field with snow all over it we made two snow forts and made lots of ammunition (snowballs) and started a snowball war. I DECLARE WAR!! Part of a snowball hit our fort "Call in the bomber!" bououououou poof a big clump of fell on the enemies fort. "Call in the infantry!" the sound of snow shotguns in our ears.

After that we came in and had lunch. We did sledging it wasn't terribly fast but me and Alex got gold for the longest record. Then it grew dark so we went back to camp and had dinner. We thought about stargazing but it was clouded over so we could not , but then Andrew had this great idea to play spotlight but it was late so we postponed it to Thursday. We were just going to go to

bed but instead waited till all the other children had gone and then we made some star charts and Lee told us a really good riddle. It was "what city is in the very very centre of Czechoslovakia?" The answer was xxx. We kicked ourselves so bad that we, well we wanted to jump off a cliff.

Day Two: We woke up the next day at 7:02. Alex said I got up three times quicker than you can say apple sauce. Well anyway, we woke up from a sleepless night and had our breakfast. Then we took our sledges up the mountain. The snow was all icy so the sledges would go at 365kmph (I took my bike helmet). Once again, me and Lee got gold. We then went on our bikes and rode them in town. I had a bit of trouble with my bike and Zoe had a lot of trouble with her bike. She had back suspension which made it super hard to go up hills. We met the other classes on their walk and then we all went back to camp and had our lunch. Then we went curling. It was the most fun I have had in a long time. It is a game where you have big granite 20kg stones and people with brooms. You sort of bowl the bits of granite (it's on ice you don't wear skates). When a person bowls the two broomers take in front and broom it if needed if it passes the centre of the circle the opposition team can broom so it goes further. The point is to get the stone in the centre of the circle. After that we went star gazing and played spotlight. Me and Alex got gold (we were up a tree) then we all went down to camp and made Class 3 & 4 go to bed then we went up and went star gazing again but the moon was too bright so we decided to go in the morning.

Day Three: 6:01 nerrroun / / I was up out of bed in 0.00001 seconds. When we were all ready we headed up the mountain to do some more star gazing. We saw many stars, including the Square of Pegasus. We then went down to have breakfast. We found that a lot of people were feeling sick (I was too but I refused to show it). In short time we packed up all our things and packed them into the the cars. We all set off for the ice skating rink and began getting our skates on. My ones had no grip at all – they were dead blunt but I managed them and did not fall once. We then had morning tea and then did more skating. Then we went back in the cars and set off for home. Well, actually it ddidn't work like that: the camp thought we had taken a key for a cabin (and it was the only key for the cabin) and a pillow. Well with that sorted we then finally set out for home and when we got there we were so sore in the legs we couldn't move.

Well that's my story. Thank you for reading.

-William Dwyer

Day 1: We drove to Evansdale on Wednesday and met Linda, Rosa and Gabriella and we began the drive. We had a lot of fun in the car. We put stickers on our faces, we played games and sang songs and talked about the holy mountains. When we got there we found our room and joined a deadly snowball fight. We went sledging down a little hill, then went sledging down a scary hill that had a pond at the bottom. Sadly no one fell in. Later we went and had lunch. At night time we played music and class 3 & 4 went to bed. Class Six statred to make star-charts. When I got back to my cabin, Rosa, Sarah, Zoe and Eden were all playing, then Mrs Plant did my hair in a French plait. Then I went to bed and Rosa was so annoying and kept pushing me out of bed.

Day 2: We woke up at 7:00. It took an hour to get ready for breakfast. We had porridge, then we went sledging and all of the tracks were icy. After that we went biking. We biked through the middle of Naseby and had a look at the ice rink, then we went curling. My team was Mrs Plant, Sarah, Rosa and me (Ola) against Joseph, Grace and Gabriella. We lost!!! but it was lots of fun. Then we had lunch and after we had afternoon tea and then we had dinner. Later at dark we did a little bit of star gazing and then we played spotlight. Rosa, Gabriella and me his behind a tree and we got 3rd. The class 3 & 4 went to bed and we did some more star gazing at 10:30 and decided that we should go back at 6:00 the next morning because the moon was too bright.

Day3: We wentstargazing at 6:00. After that I felt sick and went back to my cabin and found out that Zoe and Mrs Plant were also sickso we went to bed. Later Sarah was also sick. Sarah and I got better and went to the ice rink. It took me 20 minutes to get my skates on, then Rosa and me played bunnies. I was Peaches and Rosa was Tulip. Later we played candle sticks, then I went home with Sarah, Adam and Oliver. I got carsick and so did Sarah. When I got home I put on my rollerskates and rollerskated until Maja got back.

-Ola Szukiel-Deans

DAY ONE When we got to Naseby we got settled in. Then, as the snow was perfect, we had a *MASSIVE *snowball fight with two teams, forts, ready made snowballs, everything. Unfortunately, nobody actually "won", so to speak, as we had to stop, but I'm 98% sure the team I was on would have won or drawn because, as everybody knows, the underdogs always win (or

draw) as the New Zealand (or 'Australasian') soccer team proved. Then we hired three sleds (there was no ice for skating on) and went down a hill at a super sonic speed.

DAY TWO We woke, had breakfast, then more sledding! This time we exceeded the speed of light. After that we went hiking around Naseby. We passed the ice rink and then headed back to camp. There was still no ice for skating, so we went curling. Our team won! We won the first game with one point, the opposing team won the next two games with two points for each and then, when it looked like we'd only get one point on this last game, Jasper aimed, walked really fast, and with a bit of directing from the ice sweepers (me and Pete) it hit the blue team's only stone out. We won 6-4. We stayed up late star gazing, but we couldn't see much because the moon was so bright. We did manage to spot all three crosses.

DAY THREE We (class six) got up at six in the morning for more star gazing. We saw the Square of Pegasus, Scorpius and Triangulum Australe (or 'Ozzy Triangle' as all class six agreed it should be called). Ice! Well, some of it. We went to the outdoor hockey rink to go skating. We had to stay on half of it because the ice was cracking on the other half. Then we had morning tea, then a loooong drive back to Dunedin. **-Oliver Robson**

Note: some truths may have been twisted.

Day 1: When we got to camp we unpacked our bags and sorted out the bedrooms. When we finished that we had lunch, then we went out and had a huge snowball fight in which me, Oliver and some other kids were against basically everybody at camp. We made a snow fort for each team. Unfortunately our fort was a lot smaller and thinner, but I think we triumphed in the end. We went for a walk on the mountain biking track while Lee biked to the ice rink to see if we could go ice skating. We returned from our walk and Lee gave us the news that the ice had melted but we could go sledding! Lee and Pete went with the trailer to hire the sleds. When they got back we had lots of fun sledding; it was dinner time when we got back to camp. We had spaghetti for dinner. After dinner, Lee showed us some star charts and some sheets of paper on which we got a star wheel each. Afterwards we went to bed.

Day 2: I got woken up with a pillow in the face after a terrible nights sleep. We had porridge and toast for breakfast, then we did some more sledding on which I nearly did a 360°! We went biking with Class 4 through Naseby. When we got back we had morning tea, then we went to the rink and played some curling. It was AWESOME! My team won by 1 point! We had lunch and then went back to camp. At camp we had another snow fight then dinner. We had a game of spotlight then went star gazing. The moon was too bright to see most of the constellations, so we agreed to wake up at 6 o'clock the next day.

Day 3: I got woken up after a wonderful nights sleep at 6 o'clock. We got dressed and went star gazing. It was a lot better! We saw twice the amount of stars as last time! We had apple crumble for breakfast. We packed our bags, went ice skating and left for home. **-Jasper Holloway**

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.

Lost

A small silver bracelet, engraved with initial M.E.G and a date in 1975. Of great sentimental value. Please contact: emmeline@inspire.net.nz.

Also Lost

Rosa has lost her dark blue cello folder with her music in. Please let her or her parents know if you have it 472 7646.

Car For Sale
1992 TOYOTA CARIB SPRINTER 4WD RV SPECIAL
\$2,500

1600cc, 5 speed manual, Full time 4WD. Odometer 201,531km.
Much loved and very reliable, serviced regularly. Only two owners since new.
New WOF and Registration (both expires this December).
Please contact Izumi. ph. 472-8592



TARUNA
ESSENTIAL EDUCATION

Would you like part-time work and a live-in situation?

Do you have an interest in people of all ages, and in their life journeys?

Taruna is a tertiary educational establishment where New Zealand and international adult students participate in courses inspired by the work of Rudolf Steiner.

Are you fit enough to help maintain over an acre of gardens, all year round?

Taruna is sited on Te Mata Peak Road in Havelock North, Hawkes Bay, where tui, kereru, silver-eye and 'possum play among towering gums and New Zealand native trees.

Do you like to potter about, seeing what needs doing and fixing?

Are you able to clean (dust, vacuum and mop), right into the corners?

Taruna consists of a 2-storey Homestead (that was rebuilt after the 1931 earthquake), some outbuildings, as well as three Classrooms and a 7-bedroom Hostel. In the winter, fires are set in the dark oak-panelled library and in the common room.

Would you enjoy setting out and joining in the morning and afternoon teas for the students and tutors?

Taruna has a wisteria-covered verandah for sunny days and a log-fire for wintry days, where the tea trolley and urn, cheese and biscuits are set out.

Our Caretaker / Cleaner / Caterer has left Taruna and the self-contained bed-sit to be with family. We need someone who would like to be part of 'our Family' here at Taruna. If this interests you, please contact Lesley at lesley.w@taruna.ac.nz or 06 877 7174