

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Monday 20 th July 10:30am	Vision & Hearing Testing	Thursday 30 th July 7:15pm	Board of Trustees meeting
Tue 18 th - Thurs 20 th August	Winter Camp: Naseby	Wednesday 5 th August	KMC
Friday 25 th Sept	Last day of term 3		

“Example is the school of mankind and it will learn at no other.”
Edmund Burke

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back to Term 3!

Cot Mattress

If you have a standard size cot mattress going spare – could you loan it to the school please?

Fair

Sarah has left a box in the office for the collection of second hand clothes for the fair.

Is anybody interested in working with Chris on advertising or poster design and distribution or signage? We need to be ready months before the fair. If you can help please phone Chris on 4736088. Thanks.

Fires!

Many thanks to Peter and Mark who came out on their holiday weekends to get the stoves in. There are now fires in both yurts!

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

There will be no ice skating this term. Orchestra will start on Friday afternoons from this week and will include Classes 2, 3 and 5.

Class 3

It was wonderful to arrive back to enthusiastic welcomes from children and colleagues. As you would expect our first Main lesson of the term will be maths – Time and Space, where we consolidate measuring skills and learn to tell the time. Congratulations to the children on an excellent performance and a huge thank-you to Jocelyn for all the superb work in Maori Studies.

Class 5

We begin this second half of the year with the first Science Main Lesson of the year: Botany, where we'll be looking at the plant world and drawing characterisations from the different realms (from fungi, lichen, ferns, flowering plants to trees) and comparing to the human being. Having just arrived from Taruna College, this teacher is feeling enthused and full of ideas and activities. Later in the term we'll be making our first forays into the world of Ancient Greece. I also pleased to inform that Peter is continuing and increasing his level of involvement in the class; his efforts are proving invaluable.

Winter Camp

As announced last term, Winter Camp at Naseby is booked for the fourth week of this term (August 18th to 20th). Teachers are meeting today to finalise transport details and related organisational matters. Camp information will be

going home with children shortly.

KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY NEWS

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa –

For many of us – adults and children, it was our first experience of a Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten lantern festival. There was a lot of anticipation before the event and the fact that the wind blew the little flames in the lanterns out on the lantern walk did not seem to detract at all from the fun. Thank you so much for making the effort to attend, sharing this special experience with your child, and for once again providing wonderful, healthy finger food for a communal meal. Thank you also to all those of you who helped me with the dishes on Friday night (when the school plays, musical items, communal meal and school lantern festival were on.)

Matua Nick will be working in the Kindergarten on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays from the beginning of Term 3 to enable him to attend the early childhood education teacher training course through New Zealand Childcare Association. To accommodate this change you will notice other slight staffing changes – same staff, different sessions. We hope Nick, Tracy and their family have had a wonderful time on their holiday in Tonga. Nick will be back working in the Kowhai Kindergarten Room with us again on Mon 27 July. Liqin will be covering in the Kowhai Room for him this Monday and Tuesday.

A big thank you also to Marie for all the time she has spent painting the beautiful pictorial symbols we use for the children's names. The children love these. We hope Marie, Christophe and family all have a wonderful time overseas.

No prizes for guessing what seasonal focus we have for this term! You may like to help your child select something from nature that shows winter is here to bring along for the season's table.

Please let us know in the communication books at the sign in table if you would like us to apply sunscreen to your child's skin before going outside during Term 3. Our policy states that it will be applied in Terms one and four but we are very happy to accommodate the wishes of individual parents in this regard.

Lost and Found: We see there is a box of wool in the staff room. Does anyone know who owns it or who it is for? If it stays there too long it might disappear into the Kindergarten!

Visiting speaker: We are very fortunate to be able to draw on the knowledge and experience of Marjorie Theyer who will be visiting our Kindergarten, Nursery and Playgroup next week: Mon 27 – Thurs 30 July. As one of the speakers at our Taruna Steiner training course we know that Marjorie is entertaining to listen to and is a fount of knowledge on children and Steiner education. To get an indication from you as to whether you would like to attend a question and answer evening with her on Mon 27 July, Tues 28 July or Wed 29 July (6-8pm) please indicate in the parent communication book in the entrance porch. Marjorie is from the North Island so such an opportunity to have her here offering to do this for us is rare. She will be available only one evening but please indicate your preference and we will try to book her for the evening which suits the majority of you. This is an open evening to anyone interested so bring your friends and come along to learn more about those little challenges on two legs. This list is not to bind you but to help us plan for the occasion and Marjorie needs to know what she is doing.

Looking forward to seeing you all again - Rennie – on behalf of Kindergarten and Nursery Staff.

PLAYGROUP

A message from Matua Nick –

Waitati playgroup will be held on Friday morning (24 July) this week instead of Wednesday 22 July as the usual venue will be unavailable on Wednesday this week.

Playgroup parents please read “Visiting Speaker” in Kindergarten News.

CRAFT GROUP

This term, we are planning to make lots of nice little things, especially for the November fair sale. Production line is starting! We have some quick and easy projects, which potentially lead to a more complex and artistic piece. Come and join us at our workshops (with lunch and tea bags!), or if you cannot come but are willing to help producing items for fair, please talk to Izumi. Also, if you have any ideas/suggestions for workshop, please let us know!

First workshop will be crochet hair accessories. We will make flower hair pins and bands with wool. Very cute gifts for little angels! They are easy, even if you have never touched crochet, you can make them!

28th July Tuesday - Crochet Hair Accessories with Izumi 9:00-13:00 - Ravensbourne Hall. Please bring your crochet needle, around 3.5mm.

Craft Group Workshop runs like this, any person with an idea will lead the session (normally Tuesday between 9:00 and 1:00). Everyone in the community can join the workshop (unless numbers are limited) and if you like, you can bring your friends (but please check us just in case). Craft Group provides material. You might need to bring some tools. Participants will learn how to make things in a fun and social setting, and basically leave the finished products to Craft Group. If participant wants to keep what she/he just made, she/he pays half of the retail price, which will be decided among the group.

Products will be sold at office or fair, and sometimes donated to relevant sector (Kindergarten, Playgroup etc.). Collected money through the sales will be used for material purchase etc and for donation to the school/kindergarten/playgroup.

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

Beautiful purebred Light Sussex rooster needs a new home on a farm. Phone Chris on 4736088.

Honda Civic hatchback, 1989, automatic, white with a red stripe, in great condition. Phone Chris on 021 1489677.