

UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETINGS
	Thursday 31 st July KMC
	Thursday 14 th August BOT
	Thursday 21 st August Proprietors' meeting

FROM THE OFFICE

Attached to this newsletter is a form to update emergency contact details. Please complete this and return to the office by Friday 15th August.

SCHOOL NEWS

Class 4,5 and 6 are enjoying their study of the history of writing and paper-making. They have made beautiful, natural recycled paper using silk thread; and are painting with charcoal as well as red and yellow ochre - like the original cave paintings. They are also learning musical notation and creating rhythmic ostinati in 4/4 time.

Class 1/2/3 have joined the upper class in the afternoons to learn some new rounds and folk songs. They have found all the letter forms and sounds and are embarking on their first reading books together. The extra lesson exercises we do each day support our literacy learning as well as developing spatial and bodily awareness.

Please make sure your child has gumboots and a warm, waterproof coat for this winter weather.

Please read the attached notice about an outing for all the children this Friday.

The Minister's decision is due and, we hope, imminent!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

What a busy first week we have had. Some children have come back looking rested and grown up and some have been sick during the holidays. We have been very happy to see each other.

We have a visit from our little friends the head lice. All parents need to check their child's hair as we have had an outbreak in the kindergarten.

Some children have had chicken pox. We have information about this from our health nurse, Cathy Sampson. It is on the notice board.

I would like to hear your ideas on sleeping arrangements. I am aware that the afternoons are filling up and the sleeping box covers are becoming fragile. We also have a shortage of space for any more. Some schools have a bag sewn for each child with sleeping gear. Each parent would have to help prepare their child's sleeping equipment. I will also check with Christchurch Steiner School.

Are you able to make a couple of pot holders for the kitchen?

During the holidays, it was necessary to clean out the clothes boxes of spare clothes. We need more trousers from size 3 up to 6 for girls and boys. Undies and tights would be good also. It is so wet outside that children need water-proofs if possible.

Food for Thought

'We must give the child experiences and activities which can arouse strong and deep moral feelings. In this way we may truly care for the inner being of the child (so often sadly neglected) and awaken an active life force within him' Buhler (1980, p10). Children are naturally delighted with the world and in Steiner Education we strive to arouse interest in things and to bring feelings of reverence and wonder towards nature and other people. When the child is subject to too many sense impressions (from radios, television etc) then this sense of wonder and reverence is weakened. Also, these sense impressions go with us to our sleep. Buhler (1980, p 10) explains how '...when we are asleep at night our souls are inevitably under all circumstances, exposed to the harmful effects of the kind of sense-impressions we have spoken of. That is, unless, during our waking life, we are able to exert the counteracting, balancing influence of conscious thinking, or artistic experience'. The child is very open to all sense impressions and an over load of the wrong

impressions weaken the nervous system. It is interesting to note the difference in a child's sleep, restfulness and energy the next day when television is eliminated.

Buhler, W. How to overcome Sleeplessness, New Knowledge Books, 1980

Thank you Roslyn

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup Sessions

After having a little rest towards the end of last term, Playgroup is ready to recommence sessions starting next Wednesday 6th August at Ravensbourne Hall, 10.30 - 12.30pm. We will continue our weekly sessions at the Hall for the duration of this term and look forward to making our permanent space ready. We are very grateful for the use of the community hall in the meantime and to Colin Rawle for helping us lock a room so we can keep our toys at the Hall in between sessions. This Wednesday we will be getting together to move our toys over to the Hall. We look forward to the warmer weather and the days of Spring.

Children's Pre-loved and Used clothing

Many thanks to those who have already donated clothing for Playgroup to sell at the Advent Fair. We are calling for only children's clothing that is in very good condition (ie. not badly stained or with holes) and of natural fibre (with the exception of rain and swim wear). We are happy to receive shoes only if they are in very good condition. Clothing received that is not suitable for our Stall I will pass on to the Opportunity Shop. Please see Pamala if you have any questions. Many thanks for your support.

Pamala Walrond

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

Sunday 3 rd August	10am to 3pm	Doll making Workshop with Cecil
Tuesday 5 th August	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne hall	Dry felting with Marie Make a ball, a doll and a baby in cradle. Bring a cushion or towel.

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.

Organic Co-op

I will place another co-op order next week. Please have your orders to me by Monday 4th August. Please remember to include codes and line numbers with your order. Please send orders or enquiries to:

Tracy@sculpture.co.nz or ph 478 0411.

There is still fruit available from the biodynamic orchard in Marahau too. Gold kiwi \$2.50 Green Kiwi \$1.50 Grapefruit \$2 plus \$15 per 14kg box. Box orders only please ie: minimum 14kg but easy to combine with others if you arrange it yourselves. Send fruit orders direct to Tom and Ingrid : ingridandtom@gmail.com - please mention that you are from the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner community. I recommend having the boxes sent to the school to avoid surcharges if your home is further from town.

thanks

Tracy

Southern Gymnastics Academy Sportgym Classes Term 3

Our fun Sportgym classes are based on the Kiwi Gymfun programme where children work through six levels systematically building their skills. Classes are on Mondays at 4-5pm for 5-7 year olds and 5-6pm for 7-10 year olds. Come along and see the programme in action any Monday at 256b Vogel Street or contact us on 477 5855.

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

School Community Choir

Would people who would like to be involved in the choir this term please call Linda to work out the most suitable times. (472 7646)

Is anyone interested in starting a parents gardening group to assist with the vege garden and with beautifying the school grounds? Or anyone interested in sharing a potato plot? Please contact Liselle 478 0604 liselle@softtech.co.nz

Wanted to Buy

Does anyone have a 50 litre (or bigger) stainless steel pot or keg to sell? Contact Catherine 473 8302

Class 1/2/3 Excursion
Mid-winter Swim
This Friday 1 August
1pm – 3pm
Moana Pool

Pick-up: at the pool at 3pm.
Bring: Swimming togs, towel, goggles, snack
.Please consider helping. We need 5 adults to watch the children.

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Please return this slip by Wednesday:

I give permission for my child,, to attend the Moana Pool excursion on Friday 1 August from 1 pm to 3pm, travelling by private vehicles.

I am able/ unable to assist with transport and can take children

My child will be picked up at the pool by

Signed:

Contact Phone number:

