

# NEWSLETTER

## RUDOLF STEINER TRUST

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Saturday 31 July 10-4pm	Working Bee – school & Kowhai room	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 7pm. Pine Hill.	Proprietors meeting.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Teacher only day – school and kindergarten closed	Tuesday 3rd August, 1pm ( previously the	Kindergarten Trust Management committee)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July, 9.15am	Spring Fair meeting. ALL WELCOME!	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm	Parenting Support Group
Sunday October 31 <sup>st</sup> 11-3pm	Spring Fair	Friday August 13 <sup>th</sup> , 5.30pm	High School Vision Group
		Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> of August, 7.15pm	Board of Trustees Meeting

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Working Bee

We look forward to seeing many of you at the working bee this Saturday. We appreciate that those Rata room families who were part of the big insulation day will not need to come along (but are welcome if you are keen of course). The day runs from 10-4 – but please do come for either the morning or afternoon if you are unable to be here for the day.

There are many jobs to be done which will be listed in the front office. These include: general cleaning of windows and kitchens, gardening – including planting trees from Joan and sand pit creation. More details and other projects will be confirmed and added to the list after the proprietors trust meeting on Tuesday night. If you could sign up in advance on the list in the office and indicate which parts of the day you will be available, that would be helpful. If anyone is interested in coordinating the day, please see Clare.

### Spring Fair

This glorious weather reminds us that winter will not last forever and eventually Spring will arrive. So it is timely that we begin to turn our thoughts to planning and preparations for the Spring Fair. This is our major fundraising event of the year and also a key opportunity to present our school, kindergarten and playgroups and their special characters to the wider community. This year the fair will be on Sunday October the 31<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 3pm. Mark your diaries and calendars!

This is **our** fair and as such requires input from everyone. Please give some thought to what you can contribute: new ideas for stalls or activities, fresh energy for stalls and activities that we've offered at previous fairs, planting/growing for plants to sell, promotion and planning etc, perhaps a theme? (last year was our medieval fair). If you are new in our community please talk to families that have been with us longer to find out more about the fair and the sorts of things that can be part of it – but don't be limited by only what we've done before!

Next week we will have our first **fair meeting** on **Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at 9.15am** in the staff room/kitchen. Please do come along and bring some enthusiasm and ideas to get things rolling. The more the merrier as many hands make light work and we would love to spread the tasks so they do not land on the same shoulders of those who have carried them before (is that a record for clichés in one sentence?). It would be great to have input from a range of parents to brainstorm ideas and set up a fair committee for overseeing the journey towards a fabulously successful fair!

### Trade Aid

We will be placing an order next week. Trade Aid order forms are attached for those who receive the newsletter via email or will be sent home with children. The order forms are also available on our website under "community". We would like to minimise the paper use so if you are able to use the computer forms, please return the unmarked paper form for reuse. Please have your orders in by Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.

### Lost Property

Yes sir yes sir, 3 bags full of clothing and assorted items have accumulated and have been around for some time. They are in the sleep room next to the staff toilet by the office. Please come and check through as any items not reclaimed by Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> will go to our Fair collection or an op shop.

### Kindergarten Trust Meeting

The parent reps – Pamala Walrond, Kirsten McAuley, Kate Tanner and Jooske Buddingh and Elan Chenault meet with Violet and Clare to look at Kindergarten strategy and management. Next meeting is 1.15pm in the Rata room on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Please speak to the parent reps if you have any suggestions, concerns or questions for the Trust.

### Parenting Support Group

Good news! If you wanted to attend the session on balancing parenting with partnership but just couldn't make it last Wednesday, Jooske and Nick have decided to re-run it on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July at 7.30pm. Please let Jooske or Nick know if you intend to come, otherwise we won't proceed. Some questions we will be considering during this session include: How do you approach the challenges of keeping a balance between parenting and partnership? How do you create moments for quality time with your partner?

### Chicken Support

Please could we have a local family (or a rotation of local families perhaps) to feed the chickens on the weekends. Please talk to the office or Whaea Sandra if you can help with this. It would be much appreciated.

### Emergency Contact Details Update

We are required to update these forms every 6 months. Forms are being sent out today. Please make any changes or sign if it's all correct and return by next Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.

### Plastic Bags

Thank you for sending in plastic bags. Please keep them coming as we need a lot for all the poi.

### High School Vision Group

Our meeting has been postponed to Friday August 13, 5:30.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Class One

It has been a pleasure teaching Class One over the last week. We have been having a lot of fun making up a Dwarf Dance for the play. On Wednesday we are having a "Wee Dwarves Morning Tea". I would be grateful if the children could bring a wee plate to share for morning tea.

-thanks, Whaea Jocelyn

### Cello Class

We are having cello Class tomorrow so please remember to bring your instruments. If anyone can think of a good song to make carrying our cellos easier, please bring it to class tomorrow.

### Yurt Cleaning Roster

The **Botica, Schweikert and Miles** 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.

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

### Kowhai Room

We have a new boy in the Kowhai room. We welcome Tomas and his family to the kindergarten community.

We are sending home the children's paintings and drawings today. Please return their journey books to the Kowhai room. We hope you enjoyed reading them as much as the teachers enjoyed collating the child's work.

Please remember warm jackets (dried out at night please) and suitable footwear, preferably gumboots, for outside wear and also warm hats.

We would welcome any seeds or plants for our garden. We would also appreciate any dried fruits and seeds or nuts for "koalinga iti" / "little fruit/little nuts" .

Junko will be away for a few weeks. She has gone to Japan for a family bereavement. Our thoughts are with her and her family. Kia kaha Junko.

- Whaea Violet, Whaea Sandra and Julie.

### **Rata room**

We are so much warmer in the Rata room that we don't have to use our heaters nearly as much as we used to so thanks heaps again to everyone who helped with our ceiling insulation and lovely new lights. Your efforts really have made a huge difference to the feeling of our room. Thanks also to Colin and helpers for our new playground toolshed which is really handy for keeping our tools safe and close to the sandpit.

This is te wiki o te reo Māori (Māori language week) so we will be using lots of Te Reo with the tamariki.

Matua Nick's days have changed; he now works Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Tuesday he attends class for his Diploma of Early Childhood Education.

- Whaea Liqin, Matua Nick and Whaea Ros

### **Te Reo**

Whenua - land, ground (also placenta)  
Rākau - tree  
Huawhenua - vegetables  
Huarākau - fruit

## PLAYGROUP NEWS

It is wonderful being back in session for the term; all the children have grown so much in the holidays! We just wish to clarify some confusion in relation to the Pine Hill site. We are in the process of preparing the space to hold playgroups, but we do not intend to shift all our current playgroups to that site. The Yacht-club group is discussing whether to shift to that space, and how best to accommodate the needs of the families if that occurs. However, none of our other groups would be changing.

A friendly reminder please to bring playgroup books along to your next session: it's wonderful if we can keep them circulating so everyone has a chance to explore the ideas behind Steiner Education.

We wish to acknowledge Tace for all her wonderful work facilitating the Waitati playgroup. She has passed the torch along to Kate (Hazel and Keita's Mum) and Miriam (Amelie and Lucia's Mum). A big thank you to you all!

-Cecil

## CRAFTGROUP NEWS

We are going to make sheep out of real wool and pipe cleaner tomorrow. A great project for beginner needle-felters. If you have, please bring a cushion (that you don't mind having damaged) or needle-felt mat, and a felting needle (available from the office).

On 10<sup>th</sup> July, we are going to have "finishing" session. Over the weeks/months/years, you might have some projects that you haven't finished..... this is a chance to finish them all up! For people who haven't got any unfinished projects, we will have small projects such as gnome making, carding, puppet making etc.. Come and have a relaxed crafty morning!

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 9:15 – 12:45	Ravensbourne Hall	Needlefelt sheep making with Izumi.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 9:15 – 12:45	Ravensbourne Hall	Finishing felting bag, finishing whatever projects you still haven't, and carding.

## 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](mailto:office@dunedin.steiner.school.nz).*

Dear parents,

Do you and your children want to participate in a creative dance class series taught by one of our national dance treasures, Kilda Northcott?

These 1 hour sessions are to be held in Port Chalmers for boys and girls aged 4-9 (and capacity for 3 year olds to attend if they are okay with not being able to do everything the session covers). The cost per child would be around \$ 5.00 each session. With enough people on board, classes are also possible for smaller age-group brackets, and a boys' class is also in the pipeline.

Kilda, one of our leading senior dance performers and choreographers, has performed nationally and internationally in many of New Zealand's renowned dance companies and was named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to dance. She has so much knowledge and experience to offer as a teacher and performer and this is an amazing opportunity for our children, right on our doorstep in Port!

We 'd really like to get an idea of who's interested in the Steiner community by the end of this week so if you want to know more please phone Alice Bartlett on 472-7928 .