

UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETINGS
This Thursday 7 Aug <i>How to Erect a Yurt</i> 7.15 pm	Thursday 14 th August BOT
	Thursday 21 st August Proprietors' meeting

FROM THE OFFICE

Proprietor's News

The arrival of the yurts is imminent!!!!

As such we need to educate ourselves as to how to erect them. To this end the proprietors are offering all school families the opportunity to attend a most informative and entertaining evening –

Learn how to erect a yurt

- A DVD will be shown
- Proprietor's Discussion, Q and A
- Supper - baked for you by the children!

This Thursday 7.15 – 8.30 pm

Please come if you are able!

Roll Cap

Yes, we are still waiting for our letter. The Minister's office says it will be with us by the end of the week. We are already implementing our last increase to 40, with the enrolment of Saffron Wood in Class 1, and of Christina Barriga and Anna Saima Walrond who remain in Kindergarten until 2009.

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back Lee and Alex!!

We had a wonderful afternoon of swimming at the Moana Pool on Friday. It was such a relief to get out after the bad weather siege of the past two weeks! Thanks to the parents who attended for the care you took in ensuring the children's safety.

Thanks also to Jocelyn for the wonderful job she did with class 4/5's *History of Writing* main lesson – especially the paper-making and ochre cave drawings.

Class 1/2 have begun their first reader – *Mouse Tales* and are showing much enthusiasm for reading. We embark this week on the first of our Saint's stories - Saint Francis of Assisi and in the process develop our pre-cursive writing skills, phonics in deciphering words and basic punctuation.

As more wet weather is forecast, please send rain gear every day. For the younger children (Kindergarten – Class 3) rain pants or snow pants are a great idea. The children really enjoy playing with all the rivers and lakes forming in our playground. They also need to go out for fresh air and exercise. Please speak to the teacher if your child is ill, otherwise they will be expected to play outside. We only play inside when it is actually raining, not just sprinkling or misty.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The children have settled in well to the Kindergarten routine.

This week we will have the story of Rapunzel. The children are enjoying our Winter Circle activities with a focus on movement and finger plays. We have started a series of exercises that help improve muscle tone and help eliminate the possibilities of learning difficulties. I will explain this more in the following weeks.

Many children are now staying for the afternoons, (we have 11 staying Mondays). If your child is now staying and doesn't have a sheepskin you will be required to obtain one for your child. We have sheets and little pillows and covers. You will be required to wash these periodically.

The wet weather has made it difficult with children inside most of the time. We really need to go out for a walk. Please try to send wet weather pants and coats. Delinky Designs (www.delinkykids.co.nz) has great gear.

We wish to welcome Helen & Norman Dunroy and there son Malin to the school. They have moved to Dunedin from London where Malin attended a Steiner Kindergarten. Helen works at the hospital and the children are very excited by the fact that Malin comes on a bike with his Dad each day.

We are also overdue to welcome India Wood and her sister Saffron to school. They love our school and India has settled in very well to Kindergarten. Liselle Wood is an enthusiastic gardener and is helping on Fridays at 11am to set up the new vegetable garden. You are welcome to come along and help if you wish.

KMC Report

The Yurts are due any time now at Port Chalmers. Resource consent is being finalised: this relates to the associated parking spaces. Then the land needs a bit more levelling before form filling and completing concrete bases. The erection of the yurts should be a relatively quick process. We appreciate Merrall's work in the planning and co-ordination of this whole process.

As we anticipate that the new nursery room will only be open for three mornings at the start (in the existing class1, 2, 3 room) the playgroup can use that room in the other two days. The community can therefore focus on the erection of one yurt only at the start, for the older school children (Lee's class).

To get the second kindergarten room ready we need to secure the woodwork area with gates, and we need to open a doorway between the two kindergarten rooms. These are the two jobs which must be complete. We are also recruiting staff for the new room. We aim to have these two tasks and the recruitment completed by the start of term 4. The community's participation will be sought for the Yurt erection and also the form work – probably later in August.

We would also like to insulate the ceiling of the new nursery group room, in the same way that the kindy ceiling has been done. We have most of the materials. We will be seeking volunteers to work on this.

Staffing

We are very happy to welcome Lea-Ann Hanson as our new kindy assistant. She has been relieving at Kindy for a while and applied for the post when Towa left.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup sessions this term will be held at the Ravensbourne Hall, starting this Wednesday, 10.30 - 12.30pm. Please bring a piece of fruit and a gold coin donation. See you there.

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

We are looking for some help. Marie would like to invite people to take part in the organizing side of the Craft group. The more people involved the less time each of us needs to find to make this work. Please talk to Marie if you would like to organize a session.

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.
Tuesday 12 th August	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Hall	Wet Felting with Junko Make a gnome with Junko

Community Notices

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

