

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETINGS
Monday 18 th August 3.30 pm Sustainable Gardens Meeting	Thursday 14 th August BOT
Friday 29 th August 10 am– 3pm Costume and prop- making workshop	
	Thursday 21 st August Proprietors' meeting

FROM THE OFFICE

Funding Application Update

We have gratefully received \$800 from the Port Chalmers Community Board to put towards costumes etc for our Spring Festival. Thank you very much to the Community Board.

We have put in a grant for violins, cellos and kindy chairs, but are not due to hear about this until September. The Transpower grant for solar panels etc was declined. Thanks to Linda and Joseph for all their work on this. Apparently Transpower received over 200 applications and could only award 20.

We are having a meeting with an environmental trust that both Leonie and Ulf are members of. The meeting is on the 18th of August at 3.30 pm if anyone is interested. We hope to be given some direction for alternative sources of funding for projects such as solar heating etc.

Cecil is currently preparing an organic gardening grant due in September and Paula has volunteered to assist with funding applications. Thankyou both. If anyone is interested in applying for grants for the school, please ring Kirsten. Kirsten will coordinate the grants. Clare will hold documents needed for applications such as financial reports etc. All applications need to be okayed by the Proprietors to make sure they are in line with our philosophy and fit with our strategic plans.

A list of funding bodies can be found on the Dunedin Public Library website. The database is called Fundview. If you know or hear of any funding opportunities please let Clare or Leonie know.

The school has recently been sent two application forms: one from the Mazda foundation "Win a Tremendous makeover for your school" for tree planting. This looks to be a very short application form closing on 30th September. The other is a national Fund to support positive nutrition environments (details in office). This one closes on 19th of September. Thanks to anyone who can help.

2008 Spring Fair

We need to get the ball rolling! Please come to a meeting in the backroom of the office, 9.00am, this Friday. Bring your ideas.

Ice skating weekend

Is anyone interested in going ice skating next weekend – Naseby/Tekapo? Daytrip or overnight? Call Linda 472 7646

2009 Term Dates

Term 1	Monday 2 nd February	to	Thursday 9 th April
Term 2	Monday 27 th April	to	Friday 3 rd July
Term 3	Monday 20 th July	to	Friday 25 th September
Term 4	Monday 12 th October	to	no later than Friday 18 th December

2009 Holidays

Schools must be closed in 2009 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following days:

Waitangi Day	Friday 6 th February
Good Friday	10 th April
Easter Monday	13 th April
Day after Easter Monday	14 th April
Anzac day	Saturday 25 th April
Queen's Birthday	Monday 1 st June
Labour Day	Monday 26 th October
Otago Anniversary Day	23 rd March

Also in Term 3 and 4 we will have two curriculum and planning days on Monday 14th September and 16th November. The school will be closed on those days.

SCHOOL NEWS

Curriculum Day

On Monday 8 September the school will be closed for the teachers' curriculum day. We began the school year 2 days earlier than most schools so we could have 2 curriculum days – one in term 3 and one in term 4. The teachers will be looking at Extra Lesson in the classroom, as well as literacy and numeracy practices.

Spring Festival:

One of the purposes of our Spring Festival this year is to reach out to our local community and help them to get to know us. To this end we approached the Port Chalmers Community Board for a grant (thanks again Kirsten!!) to help us produce the Festival. They most generously offered us \$800 toward the Maypole, the Spring play and promotion of the event.

At the Festival, Class 1,2,3 will be performing an original musical play complete with singing, dancing, recorder-playing and recitation. **SO what is the catch???**

This is a very creative venture that has 10 animal characters all needing costumes and masks, as well as the requisite gnome costumes! We also need a stage boat and an oak tree home! Pretty straight forward really! To this end we will have a workshop to begin to create these – on Friday 29 August from 10 am – 3pm at school. Please come if you can help. Seriously, the tasks are quite simple!! More details next week.

School Pick up

Last Friday 2 children were picked up very late. They were hiding and the teachers did not know they were still at school. Luckily Paula was still here and noticed. Thanks very much for staying with the children, Paula!

We have taken a look at our safety procedures around school dismissal and need to make the following changes:

After class dismissal, each child will be required to remain in set areas, supervised by their teachers, until his/her parent arrives:

Class 1/2/3: seated on the bench outside the kindergarten.

Class 4/5/6: under the big tree.

Please be prompt. If you are delayed for any reason please ring the school and leave a message. Over the past term, we have had a number of children still waiting to be picked up at 4pm.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Woodwork The children are loving hammering and doing woodwork, Do you have any small off-cuts you can spare as we keep running out? Also we have a couple or repair jobs that need doing in the kinder including replacing the legs on the outside seat as the legs are rotted.

I am going to ask parents to try and say goodbye to children outside the door as it helps them all to settle into their play if there are not too many disruptions. I am available to speak at 1.00p.m. Of course if you need to speak to me before school please do so.

I wish to let you know that I will be not be in the kindergarten next year as I will be returning to Australia. Working here has been an enriching experience for me and your beautiful children are a joy to be with. I am leaving as I miss my family very much and they need my support. You have a wonderful school community here and I know the school is going to grow and need your help. I think it is too early to say anything to the children yet.

Roslyn

We are very sad that Roslyn is not going to be staying with us beyond the end of this year. We are grateful for the huge amount of work she has put into the kindergarten and appreciate the fact that she has given us such long notice of her intention and provided us with ample time for handover and for building up the second kindergarten room. We will be sorry to see her go but understand the difficulty she has faced in being away from her family in Australia.

We are recruiting two more staff for the kindergarten – a supervisor for the main room and also a part time teacher for the second nursery room. If you are aware of any people who may be interested in these positions then please provide them with a copy of the adverts.

Nursery Room Teacher – part time DUNEDIN RUDOLF STEINER KINDERGARTEN

The Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten is a well established kindergarten for children aged 3 to 6 years of age. We are establishing a second kindergarten nursery room for the younger children in Spring 2008. We are therefore looking for a teacher qualified in Early Childhood, preferably with Steiner training, to run this new room alongside our existing well-established kindergarten.

The kindergarten is set in the tranquil grounds of the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School, overlooking Otago Harbour and has an excellent 2007 ERO report, a supportive College of Teachers and an active parent community.

It is anticipated that the nursery room will be open for three mornings a week at the start. The role could also be used to lead a Steiner Playgroup session for one other morning and for support in the established kindergarten room. The post may therefore be for four mornings – or 20 hours per week.

The new kindergarten nursery room will open on 13 October 2008 and the successful applicant will be in post before then..

Please apply in writing to Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, 1 Fern Road, Maia, Dunedin or by email to office@dunedin.steiner.school.nz.

Phone the office on 03 471 2163 or see our website www.dunedin.steiner.school.nz for more information and a job description. Applications close Friday 29 August 2008.

Kindergarten Supervisor
DUNEDIN RUDOLF STEINER KINDERGARTEN

This position offers an opportunity for an ECE qualified and preferably Rudolf Steiner trained teacher to run a wonderful and well-established kindergarten.

Set in the tranquil grounds of the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School, overlooking Otago Harbour, the Kindergarten offers morning sessions and afternoon day care for up to 25 children from 3-6 years of age. The kindergarten is thriving, with an excellent 2007 ERO report, a supportive College of Teachers and an active parent community.

The existing postholder is relocating at the start of 2009. We would like the successful applicant to work alongside her in Term 4 – starting 13 October 2008.

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PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup sessions this term will be held at the Ravensbourne Hall, Wednesdays, 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 19 th August	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Hall	Sewing with Junko Make a gnome with Felt

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

