

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Thurs 13th August	Day Camp: Naseby	Mon 10 August 5.30 – 7pm	High School Vision group
See details below			
Monday 24th August	Teacher only day at the kindergarten	Wed 2 September 9am	Kindergarten Management Committee
Tuesday 15th September	Sue Simpson's evening talk	Thurs 3rd September	Board of Trustees
Friday 25th Sept	Last day of term 3		

"The desire to enjoy impression after impression merely blunts the faculty of cognition.

Rudolf Steiner

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome to Menno

We would like to welcome Menno, a volunteer from Germany, who will be with us for nearly a year. He will be supporting Brenda with the building main lesson, assisting in the woodwork lessons and working on other projects around the school. Menno is staying with the Oswalds until 10 September.

Sue Simpson's visit

Sue Simpson, the secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand is visiting us from 14 September. Sue is an excellent speaker - last year's talk on the temperaments was much enjoyed. Sue will be giving a talk on Tuesday 15 September and would like to know what are the current areas of interest for a talk in our community. If you would like a particular subject covered then let the office know.

High School Vision Group

Just a reminder that our meeting is scheduled for tonight - Monday the 10th August 5:30-7. We are meeting to discuss the long-term vision of creating a Steiner High School, and to identify preliminary steps to allow that vision to be realised.

The Fair

Meeting for all fair organisers please!!!!

Next week Wednesday 9am. Lets see how preparation are going. Linda

Come come one and all

Put your spare clothes in the box

For the **CLOTHING STALL**

Natural fibres plus rainwear galore

In great condition, washed please

We need more, more and **MORE**

The November fair's not far away

Start sorting through those drawers

Send unwanted clothes **OUR WAY** -YaY-

Sarah Parker

Organic Foods Hamper Raffle

Thanks very much to Katja for the basket for the organic goods raffle. It is in the office slowly being filled. Please remember that we are asking each family to donate least one item of non-perishable organic product. Tracy 478 0411.

HELP NEEDED

We need someone to do the design and possibly printing and distribution of our Medieval Fair poster!! This is a very important part of our fair and we need to get on to it! The Medieval Society is giving us lots of help and they have sent me all sorts of images and ideas to help in the design of a great poster. Arty people please come forward!

Blackcurrant bushes

Rennie is donating two blackcurrant bushes and some cuttings. These are not going to be used at the school. If any parents are interested in them please come and collect – a small donation could be made in exchange.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Naseby Day Camp

A reminder that the trip to the ice rink in Naseby is this Thursday, 13 August. We are leaving by 8 am from the Maia bus stop at the bottom of Jessie Street, returning by 4.30. There will also be stops to collect people at Waitati and Evansdale – but you must let the office know if you want to meet the bus at these stops. Please ensure your child brings a hearty lunch, a change of clothes and is dressed warmly.

In the classroom

Class 1 and 2 have been calling on snow in poetry and song in honour of winter but we haven't had much effect on the weather. We've been writing out the words to some of the songs that we know for our books and are practicing the tables with our jumprope.

Out of the classroom

Last Thursday and Friday Alex was at the New Zealand Steiner Schools' two day meeting on establishing a Steiner Curriculum that meets the National Curriculum. This is an interesting and worthwhile project which will continue for some months and it is important that our school is involved. We would like to thank Violet and Linda for stepping in and supporting the younger classes in her absence.

Class parent reps

Thank you to parents for taking on the class parent rep roles. Katja Schweikert (Tamatea's mother) is the parent rep for Class 1 and 2, and Liselle Wood (Saffron and India's mother) is the rep for Class 3. We are waiting to agree a rep for Class 5 – a volunteer is wanted!

Yurt Sweeping and Kindling Roster!!!

I have created a roster for the rest of this term for the families of class1/2 and 3 children. If this week does not suit you please try to swap with another family or contact me (Linda).

Sweeping and Kindling 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) and bringing a **bag of kindling** for fire starting during the week.

Week	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Class 3	Miles	Wood	Holloway	Cohen	Mullins	Degas	Noyes

Week	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Class1/2	Kimura	Schweikert	Cain	Barriga	Cunningham	McAuley	Walrond

I will put up a copy of this roster in the office.

The teachers will really appreciate this help –let’s all get in and do some of the everyday tasks that are much more difficult in a yurt with no power or running water!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Well, what a very different week we are going to have this week with Whaea Violet and Whaea Dianne away in Christchurch visiting the Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten up there. We are looking forward to seeing them back, filled with enthusiasm and ideas. Whaea Dianne will be back this Wednesday and Whaea Violet on Monday next week as she will also be visiting the Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School. Thank you to our relievers for stepping in to cover for them.

Urgent plea for journey books. If your child’s journey book is at home please return it even if you haven’t finished with it as the teachers need to put stories in them. Thank you.

Colin is making a drying rack for the Rata Room children’s paintings. Thank you, Colin.

Playground : You may have noticed the kindergarten playground is changing as the playground plan gradually takes shape – vegetable garden changing position, flaxes being shifted , measurements being made, boat moved. Thank you to all of you involved in the process. I know there are many of you and others working hard and involved behind the scenes. Norman has familiarised himself with the early childhood playground regulations which we are required to meet – eg depth of woodchips required, allowable height of climbing frames etc. Trixy’s Dad, Mark, has offered to dig out the area which is to have woodchips in it. Merrall has been measuring up for a verandah, Pamala will be applying for a grant for a shade and will contact the cancer society for information about this. A water pump has been ordered by Kirsten.

Since Marjorie’s visit the children’s free play time has been extended. We are noticing that the play has become more complex involving more toys and therefore it takes longer for them to tidy up but they do manage it!

The Kindergarten will be having a teacher only day on Monday 24 August so children will not be coming in on that day. The teachers have a considerable amount of paperwork to catch up on and planning for the time ahead.

Wishing you all a happy week
Rennie

Flax bushes

Thank you to all who have helped to dig out the flaxes in the kindergarten playground. They are now available for people to take and plant in their own gardens if they wish – so please do come and help yourselves if you are interested.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Our Friday session was pleased to participate in “the big latch on” as part of New Zealand’s Breastfeeding Awareness week. Thanks Anna for organising this. We are still trying to confirm a venue for our town playgroup. The three playgroups are thriving, and although we don’t have space to welcome new families, we are happy to include visitors who wish to experience a session before they sign up for our new group.

CRAFT GROUP

Flowers are out, and so are Spring fairies! We are making classic Steiner needle felt fairies this week, for the seasonal table or as children’s playmate. Come and learn how do needle felting. If you have your own felting needle, please bring in. If you don’t, craft group has some. CHANGE OF VENUE: As Ravensbourne Hall can be quite cold and it costs us money, we are going to have this session at the Kindergarten Staff Room ---- but we can’t be too noisy!

After that project, we will make Origami mobile with various geometrical shapes, all made from simple paper parts.

Tuesday 11 th Aug 9am to 1 pm	Kindergarden Staff Room	Needle Felt Fairy with Liqin. Please bring felting needle (also available at office), and a little cushion.
Tuesday 25 th Aug	To be advised.	Origami Mobile with Motoko . Just bring yourself.

Dollmaking Circle

Join us to make Steiner dolls on Saturday August 29th from 10:30-1 at Leigh's place. All are welcome to come along and either work on your own doll with your own materials, help finish playgroup dolls for the new playgroup room, or work on dolls for the fair and office display with craft group materials. Please call Leigh on 455- 5931 for queries or directions.

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

Epiphany Toys – “Our vision is to provide quality wooden toys and play creations, not only to the Tauranga Steiner but also the wider community locally and nationally. Our inspiration being our two young daughters, who attend the Tauranga Rose Ring Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten. You can see more about us at www.epiphanytoys.co.nz (although the website is still under construction, it already shows much of our current range).”