

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Wednesday 18 th August, 9am	Spring Fair meeting, Staff kitchen	Friday August 13 th , 5.30pm	High School Vision Group
Tuesday 24 th August 9:15-3pm	Beeswax candle dipping workshop, Ravensbourne Hall	Thursday 26 August 7pm	Proprietors Trust meeting
Sunday 7 th November 11-3pm	Spring Fair – NOTE REVISED DATE		
Wednesday 2 February 2011	Term 1 starts 2011		

Morality is caught more than taught.

Tom Morris.

FROM THE OFFICE

Walking to School

Walking to school (if only part of the way) makes a healthy start to the day for everyone. Teachers often comment on how children are more ready to participate in their lessons if they have had some exercise. In addition we need to ensure that we minimise traffic congestion up at the school. If the number of vehicles results in complaints to the Dunedin City Council, then our future growth at this site is compromised. We would really encourage you to take the extra time so that your children can walk up from Maia and meet you there again at the end of the school day. Obviously the older children have the road safety awareness for this. For the younger ones, perhaps parents will continue with the walking bus ideas that were put into practice on Wednesdays.

Connected with these thoughts, and with awareness of the environment, the gardening group and teachers have started looking at ideas of forming a path down through our school property to the road at Burkes Drive. Over the last few weeks we have had a Periodic Detention team doing work on the drains and the grounds : moving on to use this team to create a walkway to the road is a possibility. The gardening group also has ideas about native plantings in that area.

The Gardeners

Alice would like to thank all those who came to the meetings and offered their time last week in formulating plans for the school. Thanks to Ryan, Michelle Ritchie, Jason Ross, Lee Noyes, Ulf, Chris Cohen, Norman, Joseph, Clare and Jelte. The group intends to meet again (perhaps Saturday 4th September) to look at the plans which comes from those discussions. Alice will keep people informed. If anyone can help in the mean time by bringing a trailer load of compost to the school (paid for by school) for the tree planting then please let Alice know – tel 472 7928.

A new fundraising venture all year round (if available)

Selling for only \$5 a kilo, a local and organic product, HARRAWAYS ORGANIC ROLLED OATS MEDIUM or JUMBO. Will be available from Wednesday in the office. There is a big plastic box where we will store it. Please put your payment and register your purchase in the Craft group drawer. *Marie*

Fair Notice

We still need a volunteer to help with a raffle fro the fair – the work would start now. If you have some time then please speak to Tracy (467 9877 or Linda 472 7646)

Organic Order

Fran will put a flour order in with Terrace farms on Friday this week coming so anyone needing any please let her know (tel 478 0058 or email franclark@clear.net.nz).

Parenting Support Group Please let Nick and/or Joeske know if you are interested in coming along to the Parenting Support Group meeting about balancing parenting and partnership this Wednesday 11th July. Interest is looking fairly low to date, so if we have fewer than 4 people we won't proceed.

Accommodation for Rico

Thank you to those who have volunteered to host Rico – our volunteer from Germany. Even if you cannot accommodate him then please think about inviting him round for a meal or out on an expedition with you to help him find his feet in Dunedin. He arrives this coming weekend – on the 21st.

Fences

A reminder – please no climbing on the fences. They are not made for climbing and at some points there are unsafe drops. For example the fence by the kindergarten climbing tree has a rather unpleasant hard landing on the other side – so ensure those little ones keep climbing the tree and not the fence.

A4 lever arch files

The office has quite a stack of these – which we got through the waste exchange scheme. If you would like a few then please come and ask – the office only needs 15 of them.

New phone lists

The new phone lists are coming out today. If you would like a hard copy and do not receive a hard copy newsletter then take one from the office counter.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

ROMAN FEAST

(A meal in three parts)

Gustus:

Gustum de Praecoquis (starter with apricots)

In Mitulis (sea mussels)

Cheese flatbreads

Cena:

In Ovis Hapilis (soft-boiled eggs in pine-nut sauce)

Lentils with Coriander

Stuffed Lamb-hearts

Columella Salad

Secunda Mensa:

Stuffed (Mock) Dormouse

Dolcia Domestica (home made dessert)

Patina de Piris (pear souffle)

Tiropatinam (dessert souffle)

Last week marked the end of our maths main lesson 'Business Maths' and so we leave behind our friend Costus Reasonabulus, one we saw make a very successful venture out of on-selling marble to the builders of Rome. He took loans, negotiated discounts, paid employees on commission and outstripped the competition through superior customer service and business acumen. The class emulated his success the best they could in their own business ventures, which included a wine importer, a gladiator training school, a horse-breeder, a supplier of exotic pets and animals for the games and... a rather dubious pawn-broker! The children also enjoyed writing their own multiple choice test to wind up the lessons, which tested their abilities in the areas of decimal/percentage conversion, tax, interest, commission and profit calculation as well as skills in interpreting the question and not getting duped by the tricky answers!

To celebrate the end of this main lesson and to help us get into character ahead of planning our Roman Play we will be having our great feast this Friday, 20th August. We will use money earned through busking to procure these exotic ingredients, but we would like to ask parents if they might lend any overly ornate/gaudy/over-the-top dishware, platters, plates, goblets or the like to serve the food on, just for the day. Of course anything loaned would be well looked-after and returned clean and intact.

Class Six parents are also asked if they may help the children acquire one or more large, white bedsheets to convert to toga, as this will complete the picture on the day as well as be of great use for the play.

The new Main Lesson block beginning this week is Physics, which opens with the study of acoustics. Time was spent last week carefully dismantling an upright piano which is now laid horizontally in the classroom with its strings and soundboard exposed. Among other basic experiments in the world of sound, we will make use of the monochord, first to examine whole number ratios of the single string to reveal the harmonious tones of the major musical intervals, before turning our attention to equal divisions of the string to explore the musical modes of Ancient Greece. The hope is that we will be able to re-tune sections of our open-piano to these ancient and beautiful modes. The children have also been taking extended recorder solos in morning circle and we have been experimenting with improvised rhythms in odd groupings, for example 7's, 9's, 14's and 15's. For those interested, photos and sound from our piano experiments, as well as some of our recorder pieces are displayed for sharing at <http://drss-class-six.tumblr.com/> Please feel free to visit the site or visit the classroom in person to see our progress!

Lee.

Friday Afternoons

We are taking a break from orchestra for a few weeks to do some folk dancing so no instruments on Fridays please till further notice. Class 2 will also join class 3,4 & 6 for folk dancing 2-3pm

Yurt Cleaning Roster

The **Barton, Oswald and Degas** 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

Please sweep the yurt twice during the week (preferably on Tuesday and Thursday) either before or after school and provide a bag of kindling. Each yurt has its own broom, dustpan and brush.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kowhai Room

Thanks to parents and children for letting the parent only day happen yesterday. It was valuable for the kindergarten teachers to meet and discuss future plans for the kindergarten, especially in preparation for the Education Review Office visit.

We are about to leave our winter time stories – spring is just around the corner. The little hens are laying, seedlings have sprouted, bulbs are bursting into colour and the scent can fill the room.

We thank the reliever teachers for coming in and giving their time to be inducted into the two kindergarten rooms – thank you Izumi, Vivien, Elwin and Miriam. We also would like to thank Miriam for the care she gives the kindergarten rooms and cloakrooms in keeping them lovely and clean.

We have had new bird feeder put up around the kindergarten. The children have helped to make them and the little birds have now found these new sources of food hanging in the trees.

Whaea Violet, Whaea Sandra, Junko and Julie.

Rata Room

Carpentry Wood - we need building off cuts that the children could use at the carpentry table. If anyone could donate some they would be much appreciated.

Little Fruit – Following Marjory Theyer's recommendation we have been stopping for a short fruit snack early in the morning session. (We call this little fruit time). Teachers have been supplying the fruit for this snack, which has been working very well, especially for those children who have an early breakfast. We are asking if each family could add one or two pieces of fruit to our fruit bowl each week. Many thanks.

Stories – if anyone has a special or treasured story that we could tell at storytime, we would love you to share these with us – Please see Matua Nick or Whaea Ros

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroups are all going well. Only the Yacht Club group has official spaces but visitors are welcome at most groups – please call the office to arrange these.

CRAFTGROUP NEWS

In a weeks time, the craft group is delighted to invite all the members of our Steiner Community (also welcome family, friend and kids) to our annual: BEESWAX CANDLE DIPPING WORKSHOP
Tuesday 24 August 2010 at the Ravensbourne Town Hall

Experienced people : Can come at any time, from 9.15am until 3pm.

Beginners: There will be 2 beginners sessions, please join at the start times and stay as long as you want .Beginners sessions will start at 10 am and 1.15pm.

Come along for the whole session bringing your lunch or pop in for a couple of hours.

Children over 3-4 years old are welcome-under parental supervision **all of the time**.

We will use the big room for the candle making, and the small carpet room will be available for tea, food and kids playroom (please organize parents turn to look after kids, we will provide some toys and mats).

You will be able to buy 5 candles per person (at discount because you made them!).

For more information, call Marie 03 471 21 81.

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.

Get The Train is chartering the Taieri Gorge train for Car Free Day on 22 September 2010.

We are fundraising to do so! The Otago Community Trust have given us \$500 and we need another \$1,250. We are applying to the DCC Small Grants fund, to Waikouaiti Coast Community Board and to Port Chalmers Community Board for funding also. So far 4 North Coast schools are doing their best to organise a day out on the train! Congratulations to them! The more people on the train, the less fundraising needs to be done! So can everybody tell everybody about the day and do your best to be on the train! Timing similar to last time, but more detail out later. Thank you so much! -Danielle

Massive Yoga Event at Equinox 18th or 19 September – see www.theyogalunchbox.co.nz