

NEWSLETTER

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| UPCOMING EVENTS | | MEETINGS | |
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| Tuesday 24th August 9:15-3pm | Beeswax candle dipping workshop, Ravensbourne Hall | Thursday 26 August 7pm | Proprietors Trust meeting |
| Sunday 7th November 11-3pm | Spring Fair – NOTE REVISED DATE | Friday October 22nd 5.30 pm | High School Vision Group |
| Wednesday 2 February 2011 | Term 1 starts 2011 | | |
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What ever separates man from God, also separates man from man.

-Edmund Burke

FROM THE OFFICE

Thank You

Thank you to Ulf and Christophe for sourcing and transporting shelves and filing cabinets from Natural History NZ to our school.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Rico, our new German volunteer to the school. Please remember to consider inviting him around for a meal or out on an expedition with you to help him find his feet in Dunedin.

URGENT – help needed

We really need a family or group of families to help look after our chickens over the weekends. A local family would be great. Please see Whaea Sandra if you are able to help.

A new fundraising venture all year round

Selling for only \$5 a kilo, a local and organic product, HARRAWAYS ORGANIC ROLLED OATS MEDIUM or JUMBO. These are now available 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*

High School Vision Group

The group wishes to express our appreciation to Vincent Rawle (son of Colin and Joan) for coming along to our last meeting. Vincent teaches high school biology at Kings Langley Steiner School in England. It was great to have the perspective of someone engaged in an established school setting. A theme of our meeting was how to go about supporting our future teachers to gain the necessary Steiner background to be founding teachers in our high school. Our next meeting is scheduled October 22nd at 5.30.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Poi Making

On Tuesday afternoon, Whaea Jocelyn will start making Maori poi for Class 1-3. Anyone who can come along and help would be much appreciated. Whaea Jocelyn would also be grateful if parents could send along a ball of wool for this activity.

Class 4

This term has been a busy one for Class 4! We have been learning how to use maps for our main lesson and have created several of our own, the most important being a map of the school grounds and buildings. We are now discovering geography and are going to have a trip out on Wednesday to do some more research! We have been learning some new songs and using new instruments from the Trade Aid shop to accompany them as well as using our recorders. We have been having lots of fun with Music! Best wishes to all from Class 4.

-Jane

Bothmer Gymnastics

A reminder there will be no gymnastics at the Ravensbourne Hall this week, Tuesday 24th August as we make way for the Craft Group's candle-making workshop. We'll be back in the hall as normal on Thursday. I'd like to add that the transfer of the Gymnastics programme to the hall has been a huge success in terms of the space it affords for vigorous movement; the children have all benefitted immensely from this and from the warm-up walk to the hall along the length of Manapouri St.

As an aside, however, please ensure children are picked up from the hall as promptly after 3pm as possible. Children who are not collected by 3:10 will accompany me back to school up Wanaka St, along Totara then up Athol Pl. to Manapouri St. This route will not change so as to allow pickups along the way. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, but lateness in collecting children these past weeks has been difficult for me personally. Many thanks, **-Lee.**

Yurt Cleaning Roster

The **Tamang, Holloway and Tapealava** 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 |
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| 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

Spring is here and our room is starting to display beautiful flowers. The colour and scent of daffodils is divine. Soon it is time to plant our seeds in our edible garden so we welcome any varieties of seeds and plants children can grow.

Our birdfeeders are much loved by the wild birds. The pinecones filled with fat and seeds will need to be replenished again this week by the children.

The ground outside in our playground is still very wet and boggy in places. Children still need gumboots and over trousers are ideal for slippery slopes.

Our room has many children being unwell and coughing. Home is the best place for children to rest and heal. Have you any home remedies you would like to share with teachers and parents? Our remedy to share this week is to rub the soles of your feet with a cold pressed oil, then gently rub fresh garlic on. The oil prevents burning from pungent, fresh garlic. Beware- your breath will prove if the remedy has worked. This is especially good for a nuisance cough and garlic is also a natural antibiotic. Vitamin C is also a general tonic and a great preventative to help with winter flu and colds. We cannot store this in our bodies so it needs to be consumed daily.

Happy Birthday this week to Sarah and Ruby from your teachers.

-Whaea Violet, Whaea Sandra, Junko and Julie.

Rata Room

Whaea Ros will be away this week to visit a Steiner Kindergarten in Christchurch. Aila's Mum, Elwyn will be relieving on Wednesday and Minami's Mum, Izumi will cover Thursday.

Although the days are becoming warmer and longer the children still need to be wearing warm clothes at kindergarten, especially for outside play.

Thanks to everyone who has been bringing fresh fruit for our 'little fruit' mini -morning tea. The children enjoy this very much each day.

We still need some off-cuts suitable for woodwork. Nothing treated or too hard please -pine or macrocarpa would be fine.

-Matua Nick, Whaea Rox and Whaea Liqin

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Many of our facilitators had the opportunity to participate in the wonderful story telling workshop a few weeks ago. It was a joy-filled opportunity to explore and create stories, and to reaffirm the importance of storytelling for children. On that note; anyone who like to be part of creating the marionette show for our spring festival, please talk to Cecil 472 8683.

A gentle reminder for families to please keep our books circulating – we have a limited number and many families are yet to have the opportunity to read more about the background philosophy behind our playgroups.

Mark your calendars – September 17th will be our playgroup spring festival. Join us to dance around the spring –pole, enjoy a story and share lunch.

CRAFTGROUP NEWS

Craft group is gearing up for the Fair! We will be running weekly workshops for making lots of crafts for the fair so please join us. This is our biggest fund raising event of the year. If you can make little toys at home please let Izumi know: 472 8598

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 tomorrow 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 organise parents 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.

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| Tuesday 24 th August 9:15-3pm | Ravensbourne Hall | Candle Making Workshop – see above |
| Tuesday 31 st August 9:15-12:45 | Ravensbourne Hall | Wooden Sword Making with Motoko |
| Tuesday 7 th September 9:15-12:45 | Ravensbourne Hall | Jingling Anklet making workshop with Cecil – bring your sewing kit please |

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.

Organic Co-op

There will be another co-op order at the end of August. Please email Fran for a current order form. franclark@clear.net.nz

Maan's Maintenance

Maan (Tupten and Jampa's father) is available for hoem maintenance: doors, windows, repairs and new constructuion, yard work clearing and fencing. Also: Portable Sawmilling. Reasonable Rates. Ring 472 8683

A few items to give away

Safe and Sound child car seat (from birth up to 18kg) purchased in 2002, Kathmandu child back pack, kapoochi front pack, sunshade for stroller. Call Pamala on 4821131 if interested.

BIKE WANTED

Wanted to borrow or buy - 20" bike for Gabriella, with gears and in working condition. Contact Angela or Manfred, 473 0992

Kombucha.

Does anyone have one growing? I had to leave mine in Hawkes Bay and would love to start up again. Please contact Kate on ph4727992 or kate.bendall@yahoo.com if you can help.

Mosgiel Early Learning Trust presents Nathan Mikaere Wallis

"Brain research and Learning: What We Need to Know"

Monday September 13th 7.30-9.30 Taieri College Hall, Green St, Mosgiel

Tuesday 14th September 7.30-9.30 Guthrie Pavilion (Bayfield High School), Shore St, Andersons Bay

\$5 – door sales although ltd spaces. To secure your seat send a chq to Mosgiel Early Learning Trust, 14 Prosser St, Green Island.

"....Current brain research contradicts a lot of practices parents and teachers have used for the last 100 years and think are aiding the child. This is especially true for the research regarding the rapidly developing teenage brain.Practices for working with people who have experienced early trauma will also be introduced."

See the poster in the office for full details. Tracy has seen Nathan speak and highly recommends him.

House For Sale: 38 Bellevue Place, Port Chalmers

Tranquil private property with an incredible view across the harbour. Three bedrooms plus sleepout/studio and garaging below from the street. The house has a Daikin Heat pump and a wood burner and is very simple to heat even on the coldest days. The 0.1012 hectare section is terraced with a beautiful private fenced garden up above the house with even better views than the house itself. There are many mature shrubs and a huge flowering cherry tree, plus rhododendrons and azalias and a magnolia.

We were incredibly happy here; it's the best of Port Chalmers without the noise of the actual port and the view is so relaxing. We'd still be there but family illness took us to Canterbury.

Selling privately, please contact Maryrose and Brian Crook 03 3294979,

or crook.crook@gmail.com <<mailto:crook.crook@gmail.com>> We work from home so call anytime.

There is no-one currently in the property so feel free to view from the outside.