

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS			MEETINGS	
Wednesday August	26	Pizza fundraiser at the school	Thursday 27 Aug 7pm – at school	Proprietors meeting
Wednesday August	26	A public talk by Elke Baubles – see community notices <i>Change of venue</i>	Wednesday 2 September 9am	Kindergarten Management Committee
Tuesday September	15 th	Sue Simpson's evening talk	Thurs 3 rd September	Board of Trustees and Proprietors
Friday 25 th Sept		Last day of term 3	Wednesday 9 September 7pm.	Meeting for all people in the community to discuss the plans for the next three years

"It is absolutely essential that before we think, before we so much as begin to set our thinking in motion, we experience the condition of wonder."

— Rudolf Steiner

FROM THE OFFICE

The school's upper classes – a meeting for all parents in school and kindergarten

A reminder that the school Board and Proprietors' Trust will be holding a meeting for the whole community to discuss how we can offer classes 1- 6 next year, whilst ensuring that we offer a sound Steiner education to all the children in the school. This meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday 9 September in the lower classroom. It is requested that one or both parents from each school and kindergarten family attend as the decisions made will impact significantly on us all.

Ice Hockey – celebrating a Steiner student's achievement

On Sunday evening Junko and Brenda, and our children, had the pleasure (or rather excitement) of watching an international ice hockey game between New Zealand Ice Blacks and Australian Ockers at the Dunedin Ice Stadium. The game was all the more wonderful as an ex- Kotuku Steiner school student, Paris Hyde, is in the Ice Black team and is an extraordinary player!

Reminder to school parents about Activity fees and skating money

If you have not paid for the activity fees for the second half of this year or for the skating trip, then please do so. The skating cost \$9 and the bus \$4. The activity fee is \$50 per half year.

A Steiner Inspired Parent Support Group

Nick would like to start a group that meets one evening every fortnight or month. He would like to find out who else would be interested. If you are interested then let him know (478 0411 or leave him a note in the office or email).

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

PIZZA LUNCH – this Wednesday!!!!!!

A reminder that class 3 will be selling pizza slices for lunch this Wednesday. There is an order form attached to this newsletter. Please send your order in **TOMORROW**, so we know how much pizza to make. Fresh, wholesome ingredients (organic where possible) will be used. Pizzas will be cooked in our wood-fired ovens!

The choices :

Vegetarian

Chicken and vege

Gluten free vegetarian

Slices are \$2 each

This fundraiser is to help us buy timber for our tree-house project. We already have over \$100 raised last year and are looking to raise another \$100 this term. Thanks for supporting us.

Class 3

Class 1

There Piped a Piper in the woods, fair music soft and sweet,
And all the little wild things came hurrying to his feet,
They sat around him on the grass, enchanted, unafraid,
And listened as with shining eyes sweet melodies he made.
The woods grew green, the flowers sprang up, the birds began to sing,
For the music it was magic and the Piper's name was Spring!

We've been very ambitiously writing a songbook and finishing this writing block with some thank you letters. For our next number block we'll do lots of hands-on work to reinforce what we learned about number and process.

Yurt Sweeping and Kindling Roster

A reminder to check the roster on the office noticeboard to see if you are sweeping this week

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We said our goodbyes to Rennie last week and wished her well for the future. Last week Violet and Dianne both had a very informative visits to the Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School kindergartens and would like to thank all those who stepped in to support the kindergarten staff in their absence. They have returned with some new ideas for our kindergartens which may be introduced over the coming weeks.

Today the kindergarten staff have been catching up on planning work for the time ahead and have established timetables which will still see Violet and Nick as the teachers in the Kowhai Room and Lea-Ann and Dianne in the Rata Room. We will also use Julie as a qualified ECE teacher in the Kowhai room for two days a week.

Please would parents remember to collect children on time. If children are not collected at 1pm as scheduled then this disrupts the timetable for the rest of the afternoon for the others. Please also remember to bring fruit for morning tea on Fridays (and a vegetable on Tuesdays and Fruit on Thursdays).

Rata Room parents have been surveyed on the wishes for afternoon sessions for their children in the Rata Room. Thank you to Alice for doing this. We will see whether a new session could start next term. For the rest of this term we shall remain with the sessions as they are.

A tisket and tasket we'd love some new baskets..... if anyone has any small or large baskets that the kindergartens can use for keeping things in then they would be very welcome!

Dear Rata Room Parents

You are warmly invited to a first day of Spring gathering, a catch up and some arvo tea straight after pick up at 1pm (1st September) in the Rata Room- or outside. This gathering is also to explore any workable options for mutual support for those times when we find ourselves torn between work commitments and keeping our sick children home from kindy. Bring your thoughts and I'll bring the scones. *Alice Bartlett*

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Our 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

We are looking for 3 – 4 people who can help Craft Stall at the Fair. We would like to share the work so that each will only look after the show 2 hours or so. If you can, please contact Izumi: izumi@slingshot.co.nz or ring 472-8598.

Tomorrow, we will make Origami mobile with various geometrical shapes, all made from simple paper parts. Come and join, with a little lunch for yourself!

Tuesday 25 th Aug	Ravensbourne Hall.	Origami Mobile with Motoko . Just bring yourself.
Tuesday 8 th Sept	Ravensbourne Hall.	Flax flowers with Izumi.

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

What is a Christian Approach to Work and Money ?

A public talk by Elke Baublies, anthroposophist and Priest of the Christian Community - (the Movement for Religious Renewal)
Wednesday 26th August, 7.30pm, Theosophical Society's rooms – in the new location which is in the lower floor of what used to be called the T&G building on the corner of Princes and Jetty Streets. The entrance is the first one you come to just around the corner from Princes St. Donations are requested to contribute towards air fares from Christchurch.

Southern Children's Choir

The Southern Children's Choir is actively seeking new members.
Who: Children who love to sing. Girls from 8 to 18. Boys 8 and over with unbroken voices.
When: Wednesday evenings from 7 pm - 8.15 pm
Where: Marama Hall, University of Otago

The choir sings in a variety of styles (classical, folk, popular) and languages, and gives a thorough education in choral technique. The ability to read music is an advantage. The ability to sing in tune is essential.

Informal auditions will be held on Wednesday Sept 2 and Wednesday Sept 9 between 6pm and 7pm.
Phone Sandy Garner or Anthony Ritchie 4762541 for further information or to book an audition.

Pizza Lunch

Order Form

Name :

Class :

Type of pizza	Number of slices
Vegetarian	
Chicken and vege	
Gluten-free vegetarian	

Return the form to the office tomorrow with \$2 per slice in an envelope.

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