

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Friday 12 th September	5.30pm Supper	Thursday 11 th September	BOT meeting
Roll Cap Celebration!	Fireworks to follow		
Saturday 13 th September	Working Bee	Thursday 18 th September	Proprietors meeting
10am start			

FROM THE OFFICE

Proprietor's Party – Come and celebrate the roll cap lift!

Supper (finger food only please) at 5.30pm .

Surprise entertainment from the teachers!

Fireworks, barn dancing...(thanks Linda and Rob!)

This Friday, September 12th

****Needed for party – workshop lights and long extension cords****

Working Bee

Everyone is required for the working bee this Saturday 13 September from 10am. Work on the yurt foundations will be done, the woodwork area moved and the basement cleared. Bring all weather clothing and gardening equipment.

School Fair

With preparations for the Fair starting to roll along and with the change in season, now (and in the following weeks) is a good time to sort through our children's clothing for suitable items for sale at the fair. We are calling for only children's clothing that is in very good condition (ie not badly stained or with holes) and of natural fibre (with the exception of rain and swim wear). We are also happy to receive shoes only if they are in very good condition. Clothing received that is not suitable for our Stall I will pass on to the Opportunity Shop. Many thanks to those who have already donated clothing. Items are being washed and priced ready for sale (or about to be)!! Any questions please see Pamala.

Thank you to those who have volunteered for fair help so far. When you make your preserves/jams etc please make sure you record ingredients and whether it's organic or not. Calling all grandmothers and grandfathers near and far; we need lots of quality crafts for prizes, lucky dips, and, of course, for selling. Who has time for such things? Grandparents! Please do your best to encourage them. Ask our crafty Mums if in doubt as to what to make. Thanks, Linda.

Raffle tickets are coming home with your child today. This is a good fundraiser for us with the prize – a term's art tuition – generously donated by Mathew Robertson. Please support it by selling/buying as many tickets as you are able to.

Commuter Train

Please read the notice in the community notices section about an upcoming public meeting. Merrall has made us aware of the current local move towards a dialogue about restarting the commuter train services which were once part of the Public transport system here. There are 2 lines – one north through the city and Caversham, out to Mosgiel., the other North, up the coast past Waitati. We would like to assemble a list of possible commuters. Please put your name on the list at the office.

School Staffing

With an increased roll our staffing grant from the ministry has changed. We are therefore reviewing our school staffing structure for 2009. An advert for 1.4 teachers is being placed in the Education Gazette, reflecting the need for permanent teaching positions.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Arrival Times

I do not like to nag, but several children come late with monotonous regularity, interrupting morning routines, which is unsettling for us all. Please try to picture what this is like for us in class. It is the adult's responsibility to have the children here on time. If you aim to arrive by 8:45am the children are settled and have chatted and played before school starts.

Tips:

Go to bed earlier

Pack lunch and bags the night before

Establish a consistent morning routine

Just do the essentials

CAN ALL FAMILIES PLEASE SUPPORT THE WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY BY DONATING SEVERAL HOURS OF THEIR TIME. We have a huge amount of work to do to clean, move and set up new rooms.

**Daisy's Delights
Class 1/2/3 cafe
THIS THURSDAY 11am – 12 noon**

All children in Classes 4/5/6 and the Kindergarten are warmly invited to sample the delicious gnome cuisine at our café. Staff and adult helpers as well! Children will need to bring \$2 or \$3 to spend. Each child in class 1/2/3 is asked to bring a plate of gnome food on the day (Thursday). A sheet of suggestions is coming home with the children today. All gnome food, as you can imagine is small, nutritious (and imaginative!) We will also make lemonade and a surprise platter at school. All our gnomes are very well trained in the ancient arts of computation and change-giving!!

Visit from a Sister School

On 6 November one of our sister schools – Lorien Novalis, from north west of Sydney are visiting us as part their tour of New Zealand. The children are in Class 7 and will sleep here at the school. We plan to have a Café Night with concert and supper on this evening.

Class 4/5/6

Otago Art Society is currently hosting a children's art exhibition and competition in which class 4/5/6 are taking part! Paintings are on show until next Sunday 14th – do pop up to the first floor of the Dunedin Railway Station for a look in; some of the paintings are for sale, with any and all proceeds going towards classroom supplies. Good luck class 4/5/6!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

KMC Report

Our thoughts are with Roslyn who is going to visit her sick mother in Australia next week. Please give her space to organise things for Rennie who is coming in to relieve until the end of term. Rennie will be supported by Lea-Ann and Alex.

We are interviewing for a new kindergarten teacher and nursery teacher to start next term. We plan to have the nursery room on a three morning programme; the days are yet to be confirmed. The playgroup would run in the nursery room on the days the nursery is not running.

We need to reorganise things to set up a new nursery room. This means we need to clean the basement, move the woodwork room down to the lower room, clear out the other furniture in the class 1 & 2 room. We will be doing this on

the Yurt form working bee day, the 13th September. We need everyone there please. You will be phoned if there are any changes due to the weather. Craft Group materials need to be stored down at Ravensbourne Hall. Can Parents please look out for things for the new nursery room. This can be wooden bowls, baskets, plain coloured clothes, or any other appropriate toys. We need to make this new room look beautiful too.

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

Tuesday 16th Sept	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Hall	Dry felting – make a ball with Marie
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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

For Sale

Bicycle : girls, 3 -5 years, good condition.

Make an offer : Marie & Christophe 471 2181

Ma-Fi Art Classes

Holiday Programme runs from 8am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

First Week: September 29 - October 3.

Second Week: October 6 - October 10.

Sessions can be for the full day or part of the day with 3 hours per day being minimum attendance duration. Preference is given to those who enrol for more than one day per week. Parents are urged to book in early to ensure their children's position in the programme. **OSCAR Subsidies available**

Fourth Term Programme: Monday - Friday, 2 or 3 hours between 3pm and 6:15pm commence on Monday 13 Oct. and follow the same time frame as the school term. Classes are also held on Saturdays: 10am-12pm and 2-4pm.

These popular classes are professionally run by Matthew and Fiona Shaw-Robertson. Both tutors are practicing artists and hold BFA degrees. Matthew is also a registered teacher with many years of experience in the classrooms of state schools.

Commuter train to and from Dunedin along West Harbour and North Coast
A public meeting is to be held in the Waitati hall, on Wednesday 17th September at 7pm, to gauge support for the reinstatement of a commuter train along West Harbour and the North Coast, to and from Dunedin. Wouldn't this be a great way for our children to travel to school! For more information contact Danielle Cameron 482 1233

Northeast Valley Junior Cricket Registration: Tuesday 16 September, 3:30 to 5pm OR Saturday 20 September, 2-4pm, Clubrooms, Gardens Ground, Bank Street. Boys and girls ages 5-13 welcome. For further information contact: Abby Smith 473 0150