

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Tuesday 7pm 15 th September	Sue Simpson's evening talk	Thursday 24 September 9am	Fair organisers meeting
Friday 18 th September from 11 to 1pm	Spring festival – Playgroup	Wednesday 14 October 9am	Kindergarten Management Committee
Friday 25 September	Spring festival – School – details to follow		
Thursday 24 September	Spring festival – Kindergarten from 9am		
Friday 25 th Sept	Last day of term 3		
Saturday 3rd October 2009 10am – 4pm	Sausage Sizzle fundraiser		
Tuesday 20 October	Anthroposophical Doctor's visit to the school		

"The need for imagination, a sense of truth and a feeling of responsibility - these are the three forces which are the very nerve of education." *Rudolf Steiner*

FROM THE OFFICE

Sue Simpson's visit

Sue Simpson is in the school and kindergarten for the first part of this week. She is bringing eurythmy into the classes and she will also work with the College of Teachers here. Sue works with rhythm, coordination and gestures which give expression to the sounds of our language. This Tuesday night she will provide a talk to the School community on the developmental "Crises" in childhood and also on the spirit of giving within our schools. Sue is an excellent speaker and everyone should try to come to hear her. She is the General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in New Zealand and former Principal of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School (Hastings).

The future plans for the school

Thank you everyone for such a good turn out to the meeting. Please make sure that parents of children in the Primary school and in the Kowhai Room return the forms as soon as possible – we hope to collate them all tomorrow afternoon. The forms provide feedback on class structures and donation levels – if you do not have a copy then ask me. *Clare*.

Hear Ye Hear Ye !!

Steiner School Medieval Fair Sunday 1 November

Only 7 weeks to go folks! Let's get organised now so it's not a huge scramble at the end of October. I'm away for three weeks from 29 September so am trying to get things done before the holidays.

Please think about your contributions to the fair – it's our main fundraiser for the year and we need to attract hundreds and thousands on the day! In previous years a few grandparents have made lovely items for the fair so if you have other (possibly less busy??) family members who may like to contribute as well please encourage them. We need lots of small crafty items for prizes, for lucky dips and for selling at the children's stall.

I am starting to construct a roster for the day of the fair and will try to contact all parents in the school and kindergarten over the next 2 weeks to see what job would suit them. I'm hoping that this year with so many more families in the kindergarten that we will have enough helpers for everyone to have some time off to actually enjoy the fair and spend time with our children!! There are of course many jobs that need to be done on the Saturday, Friday and week before as well !

Thanks to Jonathon and the Medieval Society we will have Medieval music, dance, games, decorations and costumed performers!! Medieval dress is optional for the oldies - the school children will be creating costumes to wear on the day!

Our fair poster should be coming out this week!!! A huge thank you to Sonya Malik who has worked on this year's poster from afar -in her new home in Auckland! She has modified her lovely design from last year and we hope it will look stunning. Also a huge thanks to our printer who has been able to supply us with so many copies for distribution! Every family will be given A4 posters to put up in their communities or wherever you think is appropriate. Next term we will give out small flyers for distribution to friends, neighbours and at your children's swimming, dancing, art etc classes.

Our Raffle for the fair (and for selling prior to the fair), the "Organic Raffle" is nearly ready for distribution and sheets of raffle tickets should be going home to families next week. Any last minute donations of organic items for the wonderful organic hamper prize can be dropped off to the office.

Please remember to fill in the **cafe food form** -or jot it down on paper and give it in to the office. Any enquiries to Liselle

With this year's theme there is no better chance to sell some creative "castle flags"! If you have some fabric scraps - shiny, artificial fibre, preferably one colour - can you please get in touch with Katja (Tamatea's mum) or leave a message at the office.

Does anyone know of any craftspeople/others who might like to have a stall at our fair???? It costs outside stall holders \$25. As long as it fits in with our culture the more the merrier!

We need to make jam, elderflower syrup (when the flowers come out) and all our grandmothers' favourite preserves and potions - and grow seedlings and plants for the produce stall. We need lots of Steiner crafts and other handmade crafty items. We need good quality children's clothes for the Clothing Stall

Any other IDEAS, CONTRIBUTIONS and INSPIRATIONS to make our fair the uplifting, special (and least stressful) day it always is please contact Linda or a fair committee member

There is a **fair meeting** for all organisers next Thursday 24th at 9am. Please come or ring!

Linda

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER Saturday 3 OCTOBER: 10am - 4 pm at Mega Mitre10

This is an event to raise funds for a climbing traverse wall for our school. We need 3 people on at any one time, between the hours of 10am - 4pm. We will be buying sausages in bulk (about 350), at approximately 50 cents per sausage (unless I find anything cheaper). Additionally we need about 23 loaves of white bread, lots of tomato sauce, serviettes, oil, utensils such as tongs, spatula, and hygiene gloves for food handling. Sausages are sold for \$2 each.

If anyone in the community has any ideas to support this, please let me know. I will be setting up a roster of people to help on the day, so please let me know if you are available, otherwise I'll have to ring people up!!

Many thanks in advance for your support of this fundraising venture!

Angela Oswald

tel. 473 0992

Catch the train on Car-Free Day

Thousands of people will be taking to the streets in cities around the globe on Tuesday, 22 September to celebrate the annual World Car-Free Day.

In line with its sustainability vision and principles, the DCC are supporting the day by chartering a commuter train from Taieri Gorge Railway for the Waitati/Dunedin route. See the notice at the end of the newsletter for more details.

Class 5 fundraiser for the Olympics

Class 5 are selling cheese rolls (\$5 per dozen) as part of our fundraising attempts to travel to Hastings in November for the Classic Olympiad. If you would like some then Lou and Lea-Ann are taking orders.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to Sue Simpson for bringing Eurythmy to the school children. Her visit is much appreciated – and unfortunately she cannot be here every Monday with a poem as one girl asked!

The Spring Festival plans are coming along. The festival will be on the last day of term – Friday 25th. More details will be sent out after our teachers meeting today.

This week's Yurt sweepers are the Degas and Stevenson families. Remember that if you cannot cover your week please arrange to swap with another family.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Spring Festival

The Spring celebration for Kindergarten will be on Thursday 24th September. This will follow a similar format to that held last year. On arrival children will make paper garlands with their parents. They will then sing their morning circle in their classroom (parents please join in) before sharing in a community morning tea in the Kowhai Room. We then hope to dance outside should Father Sun smile upon us.

As the weather is extremely changeable please remember to send your children with both a warm hat and a sun hat. It is our policy that children must wear a hat for all outside play.

Just a reminder that if you are in the Kindergarten playground outside of session times could you please ensure that all equipment is cleaned and put back in the cupboards outside the kitchen. Thank you.

Could all families please check at home for Kindergarten supplies that may have inadvertently found their way home via bags, lunchboxes, pockets. We are particularly light on teaspoons and block crayons (orange, red, purple) in the Rata Room. If anyone can pick up teaspoons or knives (bread and butter style) from an op shop for us that would be appreciated.

Dorli Bohn visited last week to advise and assist us within the Kindergarten. Dorli used to work at the school when we were in North East Valley and she has been a class teacher at Michael Park Steiner school in Auckland more recently

This week the kindergarten children will have the opportunity to enjoy Eurythmy with Sue Simpson.

Kowhai Room

Due to a slight change in the daily rhythm we have re-introduced little fruit to keep children going prior to a now later morning tea. Each family is asked to please donate a small bag of organic dried fruits for this purpose.

Rata Room

The teachers in the Rata Room need to get away promptly at 1pm each day. If you are held up collecting your child you may find that they have been taken through to the office to allow staff to meet their afternoon teaching obligations. Please remember that you will still need to sign them out.

We also need a volunteer to make up another two baking aprons. This would be greatly appreciated as we do not currently have enough for all the children.

At the recent Kindergarten Management Committee meeting we discussed the kindergarten's need for volunteer help. We thought it would be helpful if parents decided what type of activity they are best suited to. Parents can choose from the following groups – Playground (includes gardening and maintaining the outdoor equipment and grounds), Indoor equipment (for example sewing aprons, making mats, repairing toys) and Maintenance (bolting shelves, insulation work, fixing doors or gates). Could you please mark your name on the list at the sign in book to show which group you will join. Many thanks.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

This Friday we are celebrating our spring festival from 11-1 in the Rata room, Maia. All the families from our playgroups are invited to dance the spring pole, enjoy our marionette show and share lunch. This will mark the last week of playgroup for the term.

Our playgroup facilitators' meeting is on Wednesday the 23rd from 1:30 in the Rata room. We warmly invite anyone who wishes to be a playgroup facilitator at some stage, or simply wishes to be more involved (children welcome).

We are thrilled to confirm a space for our next off-site playgroup. Starting in term 4 we will be opening a morning playgroup session in the University Clubs and Societies yacht club. The day and time are yet to be confirmed. There will be several spaces still available in this group, as well as a few in new Friday session at Maia from 11-1 which will also be beginning in term 4.

CRAFT GROUP

There is a change in our schedule this week ---- we are having "Kowhai Baby" workshop on THURSDAY instead of TUESDAY. Kowhai baby is a little Steiner doll you can hang on walls etc., like flying fairy. Nice simple project for all!

Following week, we are also planning a beewax candle making session --- this time, we will only invite EXPERIENCED candle makers (which means, you should have attended candle making session at least once in the past), as we need to produce LOTS for the fair and we have to go straight into the production line. If any of you candle makers can help us, please come along.

We are still looking for people who can produce crafts for the fair. Please contact Izumi for details.

Thursday 17th Sept 9:00 – 12:45	Ravensbourne Hall	Kowhai Babies with Linda. Please bring your sewing kit.
Tuesday 22nd Sept 9:00 – 15:00	Ravensbourne Hall	Beewax Candlemaking Session (Sorry, experienced candle maker only 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

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The train is primarily aimed at commuters, although it is open to anyone. It will depart from Waitati at 7.15am, calling at Michies Crossing, Osbourne, Purakaunui, Mihiwaka, Sawyers Bay, and Maia on the way, and arriving in Dunedin at 8.15am.

The return trip departs from Dunedin Railway Station at 5.45pm. Tickets are \$5 per person each way and can be booked from the Taieri Gorge Railway booking office on 477 4449.

Purakaunui/Waitati-based public transport advocacy group 'Get the Train' will assist DCC and TGR in promoting the train service in the rural area. From Get the Train group getthetrain.blogspot.com

Need an AU PAIR?

I am Sonny from Germany. I have just got my Abitur at a Waldorfschool near Stuttgart and would love to come to NZ as Aupair for about 6 months from November 2009. I have experience in babysitting etc.



sonny_kersten@web.de

Biodynamic Fruit

Tom and Ingrid in Marahau still have some fruit for sale. Green kiwis \$2/kg, Grapefruit \$3/kg. \$15 freight for a 14kg box. Complete box orders only please so if you can't eat 14kg combine with others. Please send orders direct to Tom: ingridandtom@gmail.com or 03 527 8200.

Ma-Fi Arts Workshop

ART SCHOOL FOR KIDS

ROOM 104, KING EDWARD COURT

DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTURE, POTTERY, PRINT-MAKING, MASK-MAKING
plus many other art/craft related activities.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Sept 28 – Oct 9

OPEN: 8am – 5:30pm Daily Mon - Fri

From 3 hours & up to all day, sessions available.

TERM 4 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

OPEN: 3 – 6:15pm Mon – Fri

10am – 12 noon & 2 – 4pm Saturdays

Throughout school Terms.

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