

# NEWSLETTER

## RUDOLF STEINER TRUST

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 7.30-8.30pm	Parent Education evening, Class 1 and 6	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February, 9am	Kindergarten Management Committee meeting.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 7.30-8.30pm	Parent Education evening, Class 2 & 3	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February, 7.15pm	Board of trustees meeting.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February, 7.30-8.30pm	Parent Education evening, Class 4	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm	Proprietors meeting.
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and	Otago Anniversary day.		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Teacher only day – school and kindergarten.		
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 7pm	Quiz Night Port Chalmers Golf Club		

### FROM THE OFFICE

Tracy would like to apologise for misspelling Whaea Liqin's (not LeChen) name in last week's newsletter.

Parent update of information forms have been handed out to children today. Please make sure that these are returned by Friday. We ask for these to be updated every 6 months.

Welcome to Carla and Hannah from Germany who are helping out around the school this week.

#### Quiz Night

Mark your diaries and talk to your friends to start organising your team! – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7pm. Port Chalmers Golf Club. A fun evening which can be a great fundraiser too. Other schools have made around \$2,000.

**We need:** 2 raffle organisers to write or phone previous supporters to request prizes. Then set up raffle ticket pages and draws etc.  
 A Quiz night planner to liaise with our MC Steve Walker.  
 Someone to make up a poster to advertise this event.

If you are able to help with these roles, please speak to Clare.

#### Trade Aid School

We now have another opportunity for fundraising as we have become a Trade Aid School. Thanks to Linda for arranging this. Products are sold through the school at the recommended retail price with the profits going to the school. Order forms and a box for orders will be available in the office soon. A great way to get your tea, coffee and chocolate.

#### National Standards For Primary Schools

We have copies of the national petition in the office requesting that National Standards be trialled before their introduction. Please sign the petition if you are a supporter. Extra forms are available if you can take some away to collect more signatures. The NZEI (teachers union) is running a National Standards School Bus Tour around the country to raise awareness and collect signatures. This tour will be in the Octagon, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week if you would like to go along to find out more or share your views.

### **From the Board**

The Board wishes to thank Paula Mullins for her enthusiasm and work with the board and around the school. Thanks for all the great work on the school camp organisation. We also farewell Renee and Harvey.

### **Blooming Bulbs**

Katje (Tamatea's mother) will be taking orders for bulbs this year in the Blooming Bulb fundraiser. If you would like a catalogue please let her or the office know so that we know how many copies to order.

### **Calendar update**

An updated calendar is being emailed out and put on the website. The update on it this month is the Quiz Night on Friday 30 April. We have confirmed that the school teacher only days will also be kindergarten teacher only days.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Please do come to the parent education evenings. These are an excellent opportunity to sit with the other parents and hear about what your child will be doing this year and to ask questions of the teacher.

Class 1 and 6 this Tuesday in their classroom at 7.30-8.30pm.

### **Class 1, 2 and 3 Felting - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Wet felting with craft group parents. Each child needs to bring their own old bath towel and bar of soap.

### **Greetings from Class Six!**

Well, most of the time, anyway! The class are keeping a running record of the number of times I inadvertently refer to them as 'Class 5'; thus-far it's approximately one in three, but I'm getting better!

In any case, we hit the ground running last week. It didn't take long to get into the swing of things, even with changes to the morning rhythm including a shortened morning circle and even more emphasis on the written work than the previous year, as we keep our sights on high-school readiness at end of Class 7. We've begun the year with a two week main lesson covering the multiplication and division of decimals - which we are finding to be surprisingly easy!

The main theme (at least for the first half of the year) however, is undoubtedly Rome. We have already progressed in the story from Aeneas' flight from Troy to his establishing a line of Kings in the land of the Latins at the mouth of the River Tiber. This week we will begin learning our dialogue for a very short play about quarrelling brothers Romulus and Remus and winding up our maths-block before getting our teeth into our first big History block, one that will take us from the founding of Rome to the time of Emperor Augustus and the birth of Jesus Christ.

This theme for the year demonstrates a further descent into the cold, hard light of the 'real world' as exemplified by Roman dominance over man and matter. The child turning 12 is waking up in their thinking, becoming more self-conscious, comparing themselves to classmates and losing their natural, formerly unquestioning reverence for adults.

This challenge is met by an expectation that they will work hard! Making use of the model of the Roman forum, many expectations will be discussed and negotiated collectively; 'laws' will be made, they will be fair, will be enforced impartially, and punishments will be meted-out unquestioningly! There may be conflict and difficulty in the class this year, in contrast to the natural grace and harmony of Class 5. Again, the forum will be there to air disagreements and as much class-time as is necessary will be devoted to working on any social issues that arise.

At tomorrow's Class 6 Parent Meeting I will be discussing this, as well as other themes and subjects for the year. Opportunity will also be there to discuss options and ideas for field trips and camps exclusive to class 6, as well as a chance for parents to experience our current morning circle activities. Please also consider your stance on Sexuality Education and the level or form you might like to see it

expressed in the school for this class, for this year. I hope that one, if not both parents from each family will be able to attend -see you there!

The following link will allow people to download the 13-track album of Gypsy and Folk tunes recorded by the 2009 Class 5.

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/2180598/DRSS%20Class%205%202009%20mp3.zip>

And so here's to an exciting year of challenge, growth and 'finding ourselves'!  
Lee

### Music

Please bring stringed instruments for class 3,4 and 6 Lessons on Tuesday and orchestra and choir on Thursday.

### Shoes

Please ensure all children come to school with shoes that have arch support (ie: not just gumboots) and sunhats. Please be aware that children are not allowed to play in the flax bushes.

### Yurt Cleaning Roster

Cls	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9
1	Dunroy	Xu	Barton	Tamang	Furnell	Holmes	Algar	Henderson
2/3	Walrond	Cain	Wood	Schweikert	Stevenson	Cunningham	Oswald	Holoway
4	Stichnoth	Miles - Seeley	Noyes	Cohen	Degas	Tapealava	Barriga	Whitehead

Reserve families: Botica, MacDonald

Yurt Cleaning Duty consists of sweeping the yurt twice during the week (preferably on Tuesday and Thursday) either before or after school. Each yurt has its own broom, dustpan and brush. The duty family also needs to bring a bag of kindling for fire starting during the week.

Please arrange someone to swap with or speak to the reserve families if you are unable to complete your duty.

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

### Kowhai Room

Kia ora koutou from the Kowhai room.

We have begun the new year with 12 children, 2 teachers and an assistant for one of our young children. Already the year has been busy. Children are finding new corners, new toys and feeling a new rhythm. Whaea Sandra and I will be introducing some new ideas into the yearly programme. Here is an overview of the weekly rhythm for the kindergarten rooms:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Activity/morning tea	Painting/ rice	Vegetable soup	Bread buns	Fruit	Popcorn Craft/Baking
Please bring		A vegetable		A piece of fruit	A piece of fruit

We will be cooking on Fridays with the children. We have made jam. We would be grateful for any donations of wool, feathers, straight smooth sticks, buttons, shells, ribbons and other things that will help with making craft. We would like to have insects and creatures in our room for closer observation.

Please note: All papers, lunch wraps etc will be sent home in children's lunch boxes.  
Could parents please ensure that the cloakroom is clean and tidy at the end of the day. Shoes/slippers should be put on the shelf underneath the bag hooks. Coats and bags should be hung up. The floor should be clear and free of shoes, boots etc.  
thank you for your help in keeping this area tidy.  
Does anyone in the community have a dehydrator we could use to dehydrate the fruit we are enjoying?

Please be prompt in collecting your children at 1pm as there are other children who are settled for a rest at 1pm.

Te Reo Word list:	Raumati	-	Summer
	Ngata	-	snail
	Mahi	-	work
	Kohatu/pohatu	-	store
	Hami	-	jam

Last week we heard from Sarah and Breeze who have decided to stay up North. Thanks to Sarah for all her efforts supporting kindy, particularly with the clothes for the fair and farewell to Breeze. Also farewell to April who has gone on to a local school.

### **Rata Room**

Nga mihi mahaa ki a koutou. Warm greetings to everyone from the Rata room. We have 2 new teachers: Whaea Ros and matua Nick who are getting to know the children and their whanau in the Rata room. We appreciate the guidance of Whaea Liqin as we settle in. There have been lots of changes already this year with 12 children leaving us for the Kowha room. We welcome Seda and Lukas and their families who have joined us this term.

Our new playground pump is working well and produces great volumes of water. Wonderful for watering the garden in this dry spell. The children are loving this but do need a change of clothing please.

In order for the Rata room teachers to move promptly into the Kowhai room at 1 o'clock we need parents to have collected their children by 1pm please.

Please remember to bring a vegetable for our soup on Tuesday and a piece of fruit for morning tea on Thursdays.

-Matua Nick, Whaea Ros and Whaea Liqin.

## PLAYGROUP NEWS

Welcome back to playgroup! It has been a joy to come together again after a wonderful break. We are welcoming many new families to our various sessions this term, and have had to say goodbye to a few friends who have moved overseas or to other cities- we will miss them!

There are likely to be a few spaces still available- possibly two in the Wednesday 1:30-3:30 session (Maia), and one each in the Thursday 10-12 (yacht club) and Friday 11-1 (Maia). Please speak to Cecil to enquire about a space, or if you need to change the session your child is currently enrolled in. Thanks, Cecil 472-8683

## CRAFTGROUP NEWS

Dear Community,

We had a great couple of sessions last year, with many new parents with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We hope to have more growing, stimulating and sharing experiences through craft works this year, so come and join us!

First session of this year will be on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb., assisting school children to make their own wet-felted cushion. There are many new children this year, and your support will be much appreciated. Please bring a big towel and a pair of rubber gloves, as well as your lunch.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we will have flax weaving workshop. We will make a small box. Beginners are welcome, and it will be \$3 for the session fee. Experienced weavers are also welcome, and you can leave the finished boxes to the craft group as always, or buy them at half of the retail price.

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9:00 – 13:00 (?)	Yurt	Wet-felt cushion making with school children. Please bring a big towel and a pair of rubber gloves.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 9:00 – 12:45	Ravensbourne Hall	Flax weaving with Marie. Please bring about a dozen leaves, a pair of scissors, and a kitchen knife.

## 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](mailto:office@dunedin.steiner.school.nz).*

### **House Available**

My house at Hunt St, Andersons Bay is vacant. If anyone needs any short term accommodation at negligible cost, please give Linda a call 472 7646.

### **LOST JACKET**

Tamatea has lost a light summer jacket which is pale red and light blue with a hood and a zip on the middle of the back. If you have seen it anywhere could you please leave a note in the office for Katja.

### **Missing Hat**

On the first day of school my hat went missing. If anyone has seen a blue wide brimmed sunhat around, please give me a call. Ann-Louise 471 2300.

## Outram School Twilight Mardi Gras

Saturday 20th of February 2010

5pm to 11pm

Entrance fee: a gold coin donation per person

Come to our Twilight Mardi Gras and enjoy the many and exciting events we have planned. We have live music supplied by the fabulous band Delgirl's and others. Later on in the evening and under the stars and twinkling fairy lights you can watch the movie "Mamma Mia". There is a great range of tasty foods such as our gourmet pizzas to be washed down with Emerson's beer, McArthurs berries and cream, pig-on-a-spit and even homemade Elderberry fizz, ginger beer and lemonade – too many to list here but very delicious. There is a mini gourmet Farmers Market featuring Central Otago wines, oils, seeds, liquors and salamis, a Silent Auction, a Retro Alley selling second hand quality goods amassed over months, (selling as cheap as chips as we want to get rid of everything), farmyard corner to pet and admire animals, you can even milk a cow! Test your strength with the Rock Climbing Wall, Gumboot Throw, have fun with our crazy mini golf course and for those brave enough, a fortune teller. All the many attractions of a fair but with a whole lot of extras! So many things to do and see so check out our website for more details: [www.outram.school.nz](http://www.outram.school.nz) and click the "What's On" link.



### **Parents Inc Toolbox Parenting Courses**

Day & Evening courses

### **Game On-dads / Parent Support Group-mums**

Register now for 2010

0-6 years      6-12 years      Teenage

6 sessions; cost negotiable

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