

# NEWSLETTER

## RUDOLF STEINER TRUST OTAGO

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UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETINGS
	<b>7.15pm Thursday 12 Board of Trustees meeting at School</b> <b>February</b>
	<b>To be advised</b> <b>Kindergarten Management meeting</b>

### FROM THE OFFICE

We would like to welcome the new families who have joined the school and kindergarten this year. Reef and Trixy Cain (Class one and Kowhai Room) have come from the Christchurch Steiner School. Other new children in the Kowhai Room are Miranda Xu and Lilith Alger who have both relocated from the North Island. The Rata Room has expanded significantly with Ren Bartlett, Caeli MacDonald (Connor's sister), Harvey Tucky, Minami Uchida and Tsugumi Watanabe. We are sad to be saying goodbye to William Zernikov from Kindy as his family is moving to Waldronville. His last day is this Friday. We wish him and his family well.

Kindergarten families have all been asked to complete attendance slips which were put in the pigeon-holes outside kindy. Update of parent information forms have also been distributed to everyone – these are completed twice a year to ensure we have correct details. Please return these to the office.

#### **Six year olds enrolled in kindy**

In Steiner Schools formal academic learning is not normally started until the year in which a child turns seven. This is integral to our educational philosophy. The Steiner Schools in New Zealand have a special Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education which allows six year olds to remain in kindergarten, even though they are enrolled at the school. Kindergarten children in this category who are enrolled at the school (but not yet attending school) are required by the Ministry to attend Kindergarten for our normal school hours of 9am to 3pm daily. We offer this – even if a six year old goes into the classroom for Friday afternoons. It is clearly the parents' decision if they decide that it is not appropriate for their six year old child to attend kindergarten each day from 9am to 3pm. The school has an obligation to report any absences of over 15 half days in a term to the local Truancy Officer who currently has good working relations with us and understands our approach. Please come and talk to Clare about this if your child's sixth birthday is approaching so that we can confirm their attendance arrangements.

#### **Phone list**

Attached to this newsletter is an updated school and kindergarten phone list. Please let us know at the office of any corrections.

#### **Thank you**

A big thank you to Adam Robson who has supplied a new photocopier from Ricoh, free of charge. Here at the office, we are very appreciative.

Like wise, we are appreciative of Matthew Dwyer applying his expertise to the office computer.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### The yurts

Our beautiful yurt village is finally complete. Thank you to all wonderful helpers. What is left to do is to put the grommets in the bottom edge in both large yurts and finish the cable net to secure the yurts to the pads. Helpers please call Merrall at 472 8683. Donations of a small sofa, shelving and cupboards would be appreciated

### Swimming

All children in class 1-4 will be attending swimming lessons at the Ravensbourne pool on Fridays, beginning this week. Transport is needed to the pool. Pick-up will be at the pool at 3pm. Please make sure the children have togs, goggles and towels. Instruction will be by the Jill Clarke Swimming School. Please make sure permission forms are returned by Wednesday.

### Class 1-4 Summer Camp

What a wonderful day we had at Long beach on Thursday. Thanks you to the parents who came and helped. We postponed the walk to Mt Cargill due to the inclement weather. Tomorrow we will be wet-felting and on Thursday going to the river at Hindon for a swim and a picnic.

## KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY NEWS

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa !

– Hello to you all – families and friends

One year into the new year already and what a treat it was to start our 2009 year watching a puppet show, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, – and such a splendid one it was with puppets all dressed in silk. A big thank you to those involved in lovingly preparing and performing it for us.

If you are a parent who is new to the Kindergarten / Nursery, you may find the handbook useful for ideas on preparing lunches. Our parents try to avoid plastic wrapping for lunches.

If you would like food scraps please bring a bucket with a lid and make an arrangement with the Kindergarten or Nursery room teachers.

We are very fortunate to have Chen Liqin willingly volunteering her time to help in the Rata Room. She has a daughter, Xu Yuwei, in the Kowhai Room. They have recently shifted here from Havelock North. Please make them feel very welcome. Chen Liqin spent four days last week helping us and is looking forward to getting to know you all and to joining the craft group.

Would parents please name children's clothes so they are not lost.

Nursery Room change of activity Monday and Thursday morning.

Please note: Both rooms will do painting on a Monday and there will be rice for morning tea. Drawing will be on Thursday morning in the Rata Room.

The Rhythm of the Week will be:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rata Room Nursery	Painting Rice porridge	Vegetable soup	Bread making	Drawing Fruit	-----
Kowhai Room Kindergarten	Painting Rice porridge	Vegetable soup	Bread making	Fruit soup	Drawing Fruit & popcorn

Please send a vegetable with each child on Tuesday and fruit on both Thursday and Friday so we can continue making delicious morning and afternoon teas.

Please remember to send a raincoat and waterproof footwear for your child. We are struggling to rustle up enough spares!

Thank you

Rennie Bremner

On behalf of the Kindergarten / Nursery team - Miss Rennie, Whaea Violet, Miss Lea-Ann and Matua Nick

## PLAYGROUP

- will be meeting first at 10am on Friday 13 February. The session will run from 10am to midday and parents can then discuss the best times for the term. Everyone is welcome. Bring a piece of fruit and a gold coin donation. Cecile is our contact for the Playgroup.

## CRAFT GROUP

Welcome back everyone. Fantastic news for 2009: we have a lovely new space to work in. We will share the small yurt with the woodwork class. We will meet, as we did last year, on Tuesdays, 9am to 1pm. First up, we need to talk about making a large felt mat to carpet the yurt. Please come to a meeting on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in the office, where we will create a special committee for this purpose. All welcome. We need you!

*"The true aim of education is to awaken real powers of perception and judgment in relation to life and living. For only such an awakening can lead to true freedom." - Rudolf Steiner  
From Colin.*

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

### **Lost & Found**

*Dark blue waterproof jacket was left at a working bee in January. Please phone Linda 472 7646*

### **Pilates Class at Port Chalmers**

*12-1 Mondays, at the room opposite the library. \$10*

*Come and strengthen up! Phone Linda 472 7646*

*(I am not the teacher!)*

## **CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES**

**TERM 1 2009 AFTER SCHOOL** 1st Floor – Room 104 KING EDWARD COURT (KEC) Cnr Stuart St and York Place

Suitable for Ages: 5 – 14 years

\*Drawing & Design\*Painting\*Sculpture \*Print-Making\*Pottery\*Mask Making

Materials Provided / Two Tutors

\$15/2 hrs = \$150/10 week Term \$20 for over 2hrs up to 3 hrs = \$200/10 wks . (GST Incl.)

OSCAR Approved: Subsidies Available for Eligible Families Tutors: Matthew Robertson BFA Dip.Tching,

Registered Teacher Fiona Shaw-Robertson BFA

Ph: Hm 472-8072 or KEC: 477-6112 Mobile: 021-1147-971 [ma-fiarts@clear.net.n](mailto:ma-fiarts@clear.net.n) <<mailto:bobson@clear.net.nz>>

ENROL NOW Fee from when you start

## SUSTAINABLE LIVING - ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION

This interactive eight-week course will assist you to: a. Learn and share practical tips that make a difference and can save you money b. Meet others in your community who are interested in living more sustainably c. Gain support for introducing lifestyle changes you want to make. Facilitated by Dr Maureen Howard, c/o Water and Waste Services, Dunedin City Council.

### UPCOMING COURSE

RAVENSBOURNE - Daytime Course (8 Weeks)

Start Date: Tuesday 10 February

Each Tuesday: 10.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Renaissance Gallery

All courses are free but a Koha/Donation is requested (\$25-35 recommended) .Courses are restricted to a maximum of 14 people. REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL Registration or enquiries to Maureen, Phone 4739967, Email [mhoward@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:mhoward@slingshot.co.nz)

### **Port Chalmers Swim Club Junior 'Try'athlon**

Tuesday 17 Feb 2009, Cancellation date 19 Feb  
Registrations 5pm at Port Chalmers Swimming Pool  
First race 6pm.

*For further information, please see notice board in corridor*

### **Northern Gymnastic Club - Open day**

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2-3pm , Burt hall, King Edward Court, (Entrance of Tennyson st)*

*Fun, affordable classes in a supportive environment. Recreational and competitive programmes for girls and boys in artistic gymnastics. Come and have a go!*

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