

# NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Wednesday 4 9.30am	Martin Curtis concert for school children	Wednesday 4 November 9am	Kindergarten Management Committee
Thursday 5 November 7.30pm	Talk at the School - Elke Baubles	Thursday 10 December 7:15 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
7 - 14 November	Class 5 Olympics trip to Hastings	20 November 5.30pm	High School Vision Group
14-16 December	School camp Whare flat		

*"By the time they reach us at the college and university level, Waldorf students are grounded broadly and deeply and have a remarkable enthusiasm for learning. Such students possess the eye of a discoverer and the compassionate heart of a reformer, which, when joined to a task, can change the planet."*

- Dr. Arthur Zajonc, Associate Professor of Physics, Amherst College

## FROM THE OFFICE

### How can we connect to the Angels of our children?

This is to confirm that Elke Baubles, retired Christian Community Priest, will come down to Dunedin and give a talk at our school on Thursday 5 November at 7.30pm. The topic is: "How can we connect to the Angels of our children?" Donations can be made at the door towards her travel costs.

The talk will be relevant for parents from playgroup right through to older classes. We would really like to encourage you to come along and support this offer for parent education from another perspective. Elke is coming from Auckland so I hope our community can show our gratitude and support for her visit. – Angela

### Volunteers required to help on the curriculum

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help with the curriculum. Packs are coming soon.

More volunteers are still welcome to help typing sections of text to help us to build up our school curriculum. This could be done at home or in the office. Please speak to Clare or a teacher.

### Other matters

- The Vision and Hearing technician is visiting the school on 6 November at 9am to see any new entrants. If any kindergarten parents would like to bring their children in to see her on the Friday then you are welcome to do so. Otherwise she can either see people at her clinic or back at school **in the** new year.
- We are looking at first Aid training for staff and wondered if any of the parent community need First Aid Training – full workplace training. Let us know and we could investigate doing it here at the school. *Clare*
- Remember that you can get your newsletter via email and save us time and trees. Please email the office if you can change from paper to email copies. There is always a printed copy in the office folder to refer to as well. Thanks – Tracy.

# The Fair

Our Fair was a great success. A very smooth and well presented event. It was wonderful to have good weather and so many people here for the day. Huge thank you to everyone for all their time, energy and enthusiasm. What a great community we are to bring this all together. There are many, many among us who have put in hours of preparation and planning as well as having a very busy fair day – thanks so much.

We are thrilled to announce that we have raised \$7,179 – more than a thousand dollars up on last year. Well done everyone!

As well as raising all this money, we also gave our children a fabulous day and presented our kindergarten and school positively to many new people.

Special thanks to Linda who did a wonderful job of coordinating it all. Also to the medieval society for giving our fair a unique style this year. We would also like to mention the efforts of Menno whose sword making was very popular and was flat out all day long. We are very fortunate to have Menno volunteering with our school and his fellow volunteer from Germany Tilo also helped out all day.

Please collect any items such as vases, plates, buckets etc from the office.

We are thinking about having a small stall at the Port Chalmers Christmas Market on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December to sell some of the remaining items such as clothing, seaweed tea, preserves and crafts. Let's catch our breath and then we can organise that.

## High school vision group

Our second meeting has been postponed to November 20th at 5:30. Anyone interested in advancing the creation of our high school is welcome to attend! Minutes of the first meeting are available in the office.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Board of Trustees met last week. They would like to acknowledge Linda for all her efforts with the school. As well as coordinating the fair, she also volunteered a lot of time teaching music and supporting the teachers this year. Thank you Linda.

### **Martin Curtis concert for school children**

Award winning singer/songwriter Martin Curtis will be visiting the school on Wednesday at 9.30am. Martin will give a short concert and do some music with the children. We are fortunate to have this very talented artist coming to the school.

### **Class 1,2,3 sleepover**

This will be Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> November. Children will need a sleeping bag and some form of sleeping mat. We will have a sausage sizzle with home made bread and a fruit dessert for dinner. Breakfast will be porridge.

### **SCHOOL CAMP - WAIORA / WHARE FLAT 14-16 December**

Many thanks to all our helpers, who have willingly agreed to help out at camp this year. We have some great activities planned. The parent help roster and a list of things the children (and the parents staying over!) will need to bring to camp will be out soon. We will be organising menus this week also, so if anyone has any special dietary requirements could they please see (or call) either Kirsten or Paula ASAP.

This week's Yurt sweepers are Miles and Barriga. Remember that if you cannot cover your week please arrange to swap with another family.

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Class 3	Wood	Holloway	Cohen	Miles	Mullins	Degas	Noyes	Wood	Holloway	Cohen

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Class1/2	Kimura	Schweikert	Cain	Barriga	Cunningham	McAuley	Walrond	Oswald	Kimura	Schweikert

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It was lovely to see so many kindergarten families at the fair. Thank you for your contributions to the fair. Our new children are settling in well. We are pleased to be having warmer days - please remember to pack sunhats.

A reminder to new families that you have a cubby hole in the foyer. Please check it regularly.

## PLAYGROUP NEWS

Our playgroups are all thriving and have enjoyed welcoming many new families. A few spaces may still be available in the Thursday yacht club session . Contact Elan 454-4483 for more info about this group. Any other queries to Cecil 472-8683

Playgroup sessions are as follows:-

Waitati-	Wednesday (10-12)
Yacht club (Marina)-	Thursday (10-12)
Maia (school)-	Wednesday (afternoon from 1.15pm)
	Friday (9-11 & 11-1)

## CRAFT GROUP

Thank you to all the wonderful craft creators. Our craft group stall was beautiful and popular. Well done.

The craft group is having a well earned break this week.

### **Doll Making Circle – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 10.30-1.00**

All our welcome to join us for a morning of doll making at Kate's in Waitati, You can work on your own dolls with your own materials or make dolls for the craft group with our materials. Call Kate for directions 482 2625.

## *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).*

### **Choir Concert**

A-Capella choir Sunny Side Up with Kavanagh College Choir performing together this Sunday 8 November at 2pm. The concert is in the Kavanagh College Auditorium and will be

about an hour duration. Come along for an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon of singing!  
Angela

Cecil and Man have been making Steiner inspired wooden toys for sale. If anyone is interested please talk to Cecil or call us on 472-8683.

***Te Puawaianga – End of year exhibition at the School of Maori and Indigenous Studies –***

*Richardson South Tower, Level 1, University of Otago 27 October to 6 November (Junko is an exhibitor of weaving at this exhibition)*

**Nappy Free and Baby Wearing Workshop**

\*The Dunedin Conscious Parenting group are running a free workshop on the technique of raising your baby without nappies, also known as elimination communication, and the benefits and techniques of carrying your baby in a sling or other ergonomic device during the in-arms phase. Sunday November 8th. 10-30 -1pm. Skeggs Gallery, the Octagon. (up the big concrete steps)

**Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School High School Initiative**

Titirangi is currently planning towards providing for secondary education. With plenty of space to expand, it has been part of the original vision of the school to be able to provide a Kindergarten to Class 12 education. Initially spearheaded by parents in the community, this development is a whole school initiative supported by the School's Trust, College of Teachers and the High School Group, a group of enthusiastic and dedicated parents.

It is an exciting development, not only for the school, but also for the Waldorf movement in New Zealand and worldwide. Peter Patterson is currently working with the College of Teachers and the High School Group coordinating curriculum, administrative tasks and communication.

The prospect of an independent Steiner/Waldorf High School has received much interest from current and potential parents looking for secure pathways to Steiner High School education, especially on one site.

There is a small but committed group of students wishing to begin their high school journey here with Class 9 next year - 2010. Although it is highly likely that more students will join this foundation high school class, once it is underway, these initial years will reflect an embryonic stage for the greater numbers of students who have already indicated the wish to attend in the forthcoming years.

Anyone interested in connecting with this impulse can contact the school office 817-4386 or email [trss.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:trss.enquiries@gmail.com) There is a High School Initiative Fund set up especially for donations in support of the initiative. All bank details are on the school's website [www.titirangi.steiner.school.nz](http://www.titirangi.steiner.school.nz) Payments by credit card are also able to be accepted from NZ and 57 other countries.

We are currently taking expressions of interest in enrolment for Class 8 & 9 students for 2010 and have an information evening planned for 4th November as an opportunity for students and parents to meet Steiner high school teachers and graduates, to learn more about the education and our plans for the future.

High School Information Evening at Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School - 7pm Wednesday, 4th November, Community Hall