

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Thursday 19 November, 7.30pm	Kindergarten Parents Meeting	20 November 5.30pm	High School Vision Group
Sunday 13 December, 10-4	Port Chalmers Christmas market stall.	Wednesday 2 December 9am	Kindergarten Management Committee
14-16 December	School camp Whare flat + school end of term.	Thursday 10 December 7:15 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday 18 th Dec	Kindergarten end of term		

*A child should be able to develop sound in body, free in soul and lucid in spirit.
 - Rudolf Steiner.*

FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you to Adam for scanning the curriculum documents into the computer for us so they can be edited. Our volunteers will be contacted this week with editing to be done.

Thank you to Ulf and Menno who spread the wood chips for the upper path.

High school vision group

Our second meeting is this Friday 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.

Steiner Stall at the Port Chalmers Christmas Market

On Sunday 13 December between 10-4 we are taking part in this big Christmas market! Our last stall at the Farmers Market (Oct 24) attracted much interest and we would like to hold various stalls throughout the year at various markets -for PR as well as fundraising and advertising. We are going to sell some fair leftovers, crafts and elderflower and lemonade drinks and we need a few more helpers for the day. Please ring Linda if you are able to help -472-7646

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Class 1, 2, 3 sleepover

What a wonderful time was had by all. The highlight of the evening was the fireworks display courtesy of Junko. Thanks to Merrall and Alex for all the sausages and the milk. Also to Menno for teaching us how to cook damper. The Yurts proved to be delightful places to sleep with the moonlight coming through the cupola. Class 3 did finally get to sleep at around 10.30pm only to be awoken at midnight by an alarm going off!

ALL CHILDREN NEED A SUNHAT EVERYDAY PLEASE!

SCHOOL CAMP - WAIORA / WHARE FLAT 14-16 December

We are still waiting for some permission slips to be returned. Please return to the office ASAP thank you.

Class 5

Class 5 had a wonderful trip to the Steiner Olympics in Hastings. We look forward to a report in our next newsletter. Class 5 will return to school on Tuesday after a couple of days recovery from their high energy journey.

This week's Yurt sweepers are Degas and McAuley. 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

Kindergarten Parents Meeting. Thursday 19 November, 7.30 pm.

A reminder that our parents' meeting is this Thursday. This will be for parents of children who are remaining in kindergarten next year. The discussion will be around the transition of the four year olds into the Kowhai Room, to let you all know about the kindergarten staffing next year and also to look at the kindergarten's income (the \$1 hour donation for the 3 and 4 year olds and the flat weekly fee for the five and six year olds). It will also be an opportunity for you to ask other questions about the kindergarten. We hope to see someone from each kindergarten family at the meeting.

As the weather is still 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.

If you would prefer your child to have their own sunscreen please supply to the appropriate room clearly labelled. Thank you.

Just a reminder that if your child is unwell or will not be attending Kinder on any given day, please phone and leave a message with the office.

Please remember to bring a vegetable each Tuesday for soup. Thank you for this weeks bounty we had fantastic soup.

It is preferable to use sandwich cloths or paper rather than plastic lunch wrap, not only is it easier for children to manage but kinder on the environment.

Thank you for all the hard work that has gone into the kindergarten playground redevelopment to date. The children are really enjoying the extra sand and bark chips, the new paths and gardens.

Teachers Tips:

Keeping children's lunches simple is a great way to encourage them to establish good healthy eating habits. Too much choice often causes confusion and discourages completion of anything.

Kowhai Room

Parents please help us to keep the cloakroom tidy, hang or encourage your children to hang their things on their hook and put their slippers away on the shelf each day. We have put quite an amount of lost property in a basket by the sign in table. Please check this before next Friday as unclaimed items will then go to the charity shop.

A reminder to please bring fruit for shared morning tea on both Thursday and Friday and a vegetable for the soup on Tuesdays.

Every second Thursday afternoon, the children in the Kowhai Room have a visit from Lukas's sign teacher, Ella. During their normal story time after rest the children have been engaging in small sign

exercises, songs and stories. This will support an additional method of communication within the group.

Matua Nick is away on placement as part of his ECE training for 3 weeks from 9 November to 30 November. Thank you to Junko for assisting in the Kowhai room during this time.

Rata Room

Please remember to return your child's journey book this coming week; they are required in order that they might be updated prior to the end of term. Thank you.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Our Friday playgroups are sorry to farewell Lea-Ann as co-facilitator. Thanks for all your wonderful support! We are lucky to have Liquin helping us for the rest of the year.

A big thank you to Rita and Daniel Brent of Havelock North for the beautiful rainbow fairies that have come to live in the Rata room! The playgroup and kindergarten children are delighted by them.

Our playgroup summer celebration is planned for the 4th of December at Woodhaugh Gardens (December 11 is the rain date). All playgroup families are welcome to join us for a marionette show and shared lunch.

CRAFT GROUP

Tomorrow, we would like to specially invite Playgroup parents to our doll making morning. This is a great project you can do for your little ones. We are aware that it can be difficult for you to stay for the whole session, because of your child's needs. Don't worry, just come and go as you need to. We would love to see you. If you are not sure where Ravensbourne Hall is, come around to the school at 9:00, and we can go together. If you are late, please ask at office. Any questions, please ring Marie 471-2181.

Tuesday 17th November 9:00 – 1pm	Ravensbourne Hall, Wanaka St	Making little dolls for 0 – 1 1/2 year olds Bring sewing tools, sewing machine and extension cords if you can.
Saturday 21 st November 10.30- 1pm	Kate's - Waitati. Call Kate for directions 482 2625	Work on your own dolls with your own materials or make dolls for the craft group with our materials.
Tuesday 1 st December 9:00 – 3pm	School ground	Candle making for school children and kindergarten kids (to be confirmed).
Tuesday 8 th December 9:00-1pm	Ravensbourne Hall, Wanaka St.	Flax basket making with Liselle. Bring 8 blades of flax leaves, shredding gear (such as dog's comb), a dozen pegs, and scissors.

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.

Organic Co-op order

The co-op will be placing an order this week with Ceres. Please send your completed orders to Michelle (michela.alex@gmail.com) by Wednesday night. If you don't have an order form yet, please email Tracy (tracy@sculpture.co.nz). We may order some items from Chantel following the Ceres order if some things are unavailable. These orders will be the last ones for the year so stock up for the summer.

Wooden Toys

Cecil and Man's wooden toys are now available from the office display. 10% of all purchases goes to support the playgroup.

Miro House Kindergarten

We seek an enthusiastic ECE trained teacher or teacher in training for our Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten in Hamilton. If you have experience working within a Steiner Kindergarten or are willing to learn about and work with our special character philosophy we welcome your application. Excellent support and professional development provided. This is a permanent teaching position. Duties to commence 1st of February 2010. For more information please contact our Kindergarten Manager - Carol Webb ph. 07 855 8711 or email mirohouse@xtra.co.nz

BRIGHTON BEACH HOUSE

AVAILABLE 4-6WKS OVER SUMMER. MID DEC - END OF JAN. 2
BEDROOMS FULLY FURNISHED \$300pw
Sarah 4811966 or 0215063000

HOLIDAY HOME FOR 2 RATS REQUIRED PLEASE

SARAH AND BREEZE ARE HEADING NORTH FOR SUMMER &
SHIA & STRAWBERRY + THEIR CAGE ETC WOULD LIKE TO STAY IN A
LOVING HOME UNTIL THEY RETURN!
(preferably where they won't be gobbled)
IF THAT LOVING HOME IS YOURS PLEASE RING US!
4811966 OR 0275063000

Linda invites everyone to a lazy afternoon/evening at Whareakiaki beach on Saturday 28 November. Afternoon tea, music playing, lazing, dancing or playing from 4pm and later a fire and food cooked on. Please bring some food, drink and a bit of wood! Go way down the beach and turn left past the little house and into the trees. It's only on if the weather is so I'll send an E-mail at 2pm on the day to say yay or nay. . If not - the following Sunday 6 December.