

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Wednesday 2 December, 9am	9am Spiral Walk for the kindergarten children and their parents	Tuesday 2 December, 7pm	Proprietors Meeting
Friday 11 December	Shepherd's Play at Ravensbourne Hall – all welcome.	Wednesday 3 December 9am	Kindergarten Management Committee
Sunday 13 December, 10-4	Port Chalmers Christmas market stall.	Thursday 10 December 7:15 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
14-16 December	School camp Whare flat + school end of term.		
Friday 18 th Dec	Kindergarten end of term		

Early childhood learning is largely experiential, imitative and sensory-based. The education emphasises learning through practical activities.

Elementary school years (age 7-14), learning is regarded as artistic and imaginative. In these years, the approach emphasizes developing children's "feeling life" and artistic expression.

During adolescence, to meet the developing capacity for abstract thought and conceptual judgment the emphasis is on developing intellectual understanding and ethical thinking, including taking social responsibility.

-Rudolf Steiner.

FROM THE OFFICE

We wish to thank Harold Robinson, who lives at the end of the road above the school, for all the energy he has put in to Kindergarten playground. Over the weekend he dug the holes for the sail cloth posts, positioned the posts, lent his cement mixer and dug a hole for the hand pump. He also sold us vastly discounted gravel. This is addition to other work he has done for the school in the past. We are very grateful for his generosity.

Photos

Please send in photographs of school/school activities (on CD or by email) so we can build up our archives.

If you have spare plastic bags, please bring them to the office for various uses around the school.

Emails

We try to minimise the number of emails sent but occasionally we do send some on non-school business. If you wish to be excluded from emails about outside events or other non-school issues, please email back stating this.

High School Vision Group

We had a warm and inspiring meeting on Friday, and are now ready to begin distributing our Expression of Interest Form, which is attached to your newsletter. We hope to gain a sense of the potential demand for a high school over the coming years. The other topics discussed at the meeting

can be viewed in the minutes, which will be available in the office next week. We will confirm our next meeting for 2010 by e-mail.

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

Quiz Night 2010

The school has arranged to have a fundraising quiz night at the Port Chalmers Golf Club on Friday the 30 of April next year. Many schools and institutions in West Harbour use this venue for quiz nights and Steve Walker who is on the PC Community Board volunteers his time to help at the nights and be the quiz master. There are many groups around West Harbour who regularly go to these quiz nights

We need to find several people to organize this fundraiser and it would be good to sort it out before the end of the year. The work involves: making a poster and distributing it, contacting our usual raffle sponsors who we didn't contact for the fair this year and creating some raffles to sell on quiz night (and by families), liaising with Steve Walker, organising selling of tickets and the actual nuts and bolts of the night. Please contact Linda if you can help: 472 7646.

April 30 is the Friday at the end of the second week in the second term. Keep that night free!

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Class 1 & 2

Class 1 & 2 will be performing their play on Wednesday the 25th at 10am. Class 1 and 2 parents are welcome to attend.

Class 3

This week we are finishing off a major English project that is a gift to the school. This has been a very challenging project and the children have worked diligently for weeks - to create their best work and keep it as a surprise. We are also discovering some amazing number sequences and patterns in our big times tables chart, especially when we move diagonally or in staircases through the tables!

It would be great to have assistance to weed the garden bank just below our yurt, as the weeds are strangling the shrubs Joan planted last year and they are too hard for the children to pull out.

Class 1,2,3

There is no swimming this Friday due to the pump being put in the pool.

Hats Please!!!!!!

Class 5

Our first of two boating outings at Port Chalmers will be this Friday (very weather dependant). We will need 2 cars to help with transport. Please talk to Lee if you can help with this. We leave at 12pm. Children need to bring towels and old running shoes.

Thank you to Louie Ratapu for the report of our trip to the Olympics – see attached.

This week's Yurt sweepers are Noyes and Walrond. 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

SCHOOL CAMP - WAIORA / WHARE FLAT 14-16 December

We are still waiting on a few permission slips to be returned. These need to be returned to the office ASAP thank you.

Tuesday 1 st December 9:00 – 3pm	School ground	Candle making for school children and kindergarten kids (to be confirmed).
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KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who came to the kindergarten meeting on Thursday night. This was a useful time to talk about how the kindergarten runs and how children will transition in 2010. The new teachers for 2010 were also mentioned. These are Sandra Lukeman – who is already with us part time this term, and Ros Craven, who is joining us from the University Childcare centre. For 2010, Whaea Violet and Whaea Sandra will be in the Kowhai room. Matua Nick, Whaea Ros and Whaea Liqin will be in the Rata room.

We had a brief discussion on fees. It has been a few years since there has been a rise in fees. It was proposed that the weekly amount for 5 and 6 year olds be increased to \$50 per child, but that if there is sufficient commitment, this would be received as a donation so that families could reclaim tax on it. Please check your pigeon holes for a form regarding this.

The \$1 per hour for children receiving 20 hours free would remain. From July 2010 the Government is extending the 20 hours free to 5 year olds.

Would all kindergarten parents complete the booking for 2010 forms that have been left in pigeon holes. Please return them to the office by Friday 27th.

Thank you to Sandra for providing this Biography. We warmly welcome you to our staff.

☺ Kia ora my name is Sandra Lukeman and I will be caring for your children along with Violet in the Kowhai Room. I live in Abbotsford with my partner Ray, and we have been blessed with four children, one girl, Elisabeth and three boys, Joshua, Johnny, and William. Very recently we have been gifted with a beautiful grand daughter, Rosie whom we all adore. ☺

Our property in Abbotsford is a small farmlet with many animals, aviary birds and peacocks. Ray and I both love to garden, and have a variety of plants including many magnolias, rhododendrons in our large garden. ☺

My interests are very family orientated and we spend a lot of our time in Taieri Mouth, fishing and hunting, and I lovingly cooking for the gatherers and hunters. ☺ I also enjoy reading and relaxing in my garden. ☺

I am currently learning sign language and Te Ara Reo Māori. ☺ I am also a qualified Massage Therapist and Aromatherapist and work from home in my spare time. ☺

Some parents I have already met and I look forward to meeting the rest of you in the near future.

☺ Ka Kite ano, Whaea Sandra ☺

Kindergarten dates

Wednesday 2 December	From 9am. Spiral Walk for the kindergarten children and their parents followed by a shared morning tea
Friday 11 December	Shepherd's Play at Ravensbourne Hall – all welcome. Kindergarten children attending that day will see the play

Thurs 17 December	Last day for Rata Room in 2009
Friday 18 December	Last day of Kindergarten Kowhai Room

Kowhai Room

Matua Nick is still away on placement as part of his ECE training. He will return next Monday. Junko continues to assist in the Kowhai room in his absence.

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 playgroup year is drawing to a close. This is the last week of normal playgroup sessions, and our end-of-year summer celebration is planned for 11-1 on Friday the 4th of December at Woodhaugh gardens. We will meet by the paddling pool for a marionette show, songs and a shared lunch. If the weather is foul, our rain date is the 11th.

Our facilitators' meeting will be held in the week following our celebration. This is open to anyone who feels drawn to becoming a playgroup facilitator at some stage, or simply wishes to be more involved. Any questions to Cecil 472-8683

CRAFT GROUP

Last Tuesday we made a small doll and it was wonderful to have so many of us there. Lots of mums from playgroup and plenty of babies to hug and comfort. We all had a lovely time and the craft group wish is that we have many more sessions this well attended next year. We would like the Playgroup parents to know that you are always welcome at the craft group meetings and welcome to organise some projects too (please talk with Izumi or Marie). The next and last craft group meeting will be on Tuesday 8th December. Everyone is welcome for this lovely flax basket project. As a thank you, you will be able to take your project home, no donation required! As well, to celebrate the end of a busy year, please bring some food to share for lunch if you plan to stay.
-Marie

Doll-making circle

We had a lovely gathering on Saturday- thanks to Kate and Jason for hosting us! We repaired a Rata Room doll, continued work on an unfinished doll for sale, and started a few of our own projects. We plan to meet again in March at Tace's house- see you there!
-Cecil

Tuesday 1 st December 9:00 – 3pm	School ground	Candle making for school children and kindergarten kids (to be confirmed).
Tuesday 8 th December 9:00-12pm 12pm to 1pm	Ravensbourne Hall, Wanaka St. Sharing lunch	Flax basket making with Liselle. Bring 8 blades of flax leaves, shredding gear (such as dog's comb), a dozen pegs, and scissors. Please call Liselle if you need help for the flax 470 0604

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 order with Ceres has been placed and will hopefully Arrive by the end of the week. They were out of stock of most of the rices and also chickpeas. These and other items of smaller quantities will be ordered from Chantel later in the week. If you have any extras to add or missed the Ceres order, please email Tracy tracy@sculpture.co.nz ASAP.

Wooden Toys

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

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.

New home for dog

Phoenix – pure bred Kelpie. 2yrs old. Neutered. Obedient and agility trained. Needs new home due to lack of yard and fencing at St Clair. Michelle Helliwell 4555 614 / 027 477 5610