

# NEWSLETTER

## RUDOLF STEINER TRUST

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Friday 11 December 2pm	Shepherd's Play at Ravensbourne Hall	Thursday 10 December 7:15 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Sunday 13 December, 10-4	Port Chalmers Christmas market stall.		
14-16 December	School camp Whare flat + school end of term.		
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 12.30pm	Picnic for kindergarten and playgroup families		
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kindergarten end of term		

*"If young children have been able, in their play, to give up their whole loving beings to the world around them, they will be able, in later life, to devote themselves with confidence and power to the service of the world."*  
 — Rudolf Steiner

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Shepherd's Play

Please note the time has changed to 2pm, this Friday at Ravensbourne hall. All welcome.

### Request from Menno

Menno is off camping for the summer and he would like to borrow a cooker. He has a small tramping stove but he would like a larger cooker for when he is camping with his vehicle. Please let the office know if you can help with this. He will be away for the whole summer break. Thanks.

### Letter from Jocelyn

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the anonymous donor who has made it possible for me to continue teaching at the Rudolf Steiner School. It is wonderful that the children will have this opportunity to continue learning string playing. This is a unique thing in NZ schools. Thank you again to the donor for their generosity.

I am donating a ¾ violin to be placed in Linda's care, to help her worthwhile and selfless dedication to the orchestra and violin playing in the school.

Many thanks again, Jocelyn.

### Fair storage

There are a couple of boxes to take home and store for the next fair. Please see the office if you can help with this.

### Performance this weekend

The ice show Sleeping Beauty on Ice is on this weekend. Our very own Larissa, Ola, Kelepi, Grace and Asia are in the show.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>: 4pm-5.45pm

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 1pm-2.45 and 5pm-6.45.

\$10/ ticket at the Ice Stadium in South Dunedin

### Steiner Stall at the Port Chalmers Christmas Market

We have nearly enough volunteers for the our stall at the Port Chalmers Christmas Market this Sun13<sup>th</sup>. If anyone else can offer an hour between 10-4pm, please contact Linda.

### Quiz Night 2010

Our Quiz night will be at the Port Chalmers Golf Club on Friday the 30 of April. We need some raffle organisers to help with getting prizes from our regular supporters and finding more, drawing up the raffles and sending out and collecting the raffle sheets for presales. At least a couple of people would be great. Please contact Clare if you can help with this.

This should be a very good fundraiser for us if we all get in and support it.

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

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

School Camp.

All the information regarding camp is in your information camps. A reminder that children need to be at school at 9am on Monday the 14th to get the bus. Pick-up is 11.30-12mid on Wednesday at Whare Flat. There will be a Eurythmy demonstration from 11am if parents want to come a bit earlier to see that too.

This week's Yurt sweepers are Holloway and Kimura. 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

A big thank you to Class 3 for providing the lovely music and singing for the Kindergarten Spiral Walk and to all the willing helpers for preparing the spiral, candles, stars etc. Thanks also to the playgroup Mum's for the lovely marionette show.

Please note 12:30 on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> December will be the date and time for our shared picnic lunch at school to mark the end of the Kinder year. We welcome the playgroup families to join us for this.

Reminder to please let the office know if your child will be attending on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

With regards the first day of 2010, please bring your children to the room which they are currently in at the start of the day. For those moving on to school there will be a rose ceremony as part of their transition from the Kowhai Room. Those children moving on to the Kowhai Room will be guided from the Rata Room by this year's teachers and welcomed into the Kowhai Room by their new 2010 teachers. All going well Lea-Ann aims to be there to take part in this.

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. Please apply sunscreen to your children prior to Kinder to ensure they have coverage for early morning play. If you have specific requirements for your child please provide labelled sunscreen to the class teacher.

### 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.

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

Welcome to Julie McLeod who will be in the Kowhai Room working with Lukas.

### Rata Room

If anyone has a spare nativity scene that they might lend to the Rata Room for their seasons table this would be greatly appreciated, please speak with Dianne.

## PLAYGROUP NEWS

Last Friday we held our Summer celebration in Woodhaugh gardens. Despite threatening clouds in the early morning, the day was lovely and we splashed in the paddling pool, watched the marionette show and shared delicious food. Our story was of Pou, Mahaki and the first kahikatea tree so it was very special to bring it to Woodhaugh gardens, which is home to some of the few remaining kahikatea in the area. A big thank you to Anna for finding the story and to all those who offered their time and energy to create our marionette show.

This Friday at 10am, we will be holding our facilitators' meeting in the Rata room. Anyone who wishes to facilitate playgroup someday or simply wishes to be more involved is most welcome to attend. Playgroup sessions resume the first week of February 2010.

Remember we have been invited by the kindergarten to join their end of year picnic on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm at the Kindergarten and also to the last Craft Group session. Please bring food for sharing. Have a lovely holiday season!!

## CRAFT GROUP

Dear everyone,

This Tuesday will be our last session of craft group. Don't miss out! Everyone welcome. Please bring flax and tools (see below) and food for a shared lunch. We hope to see lots of you and especially some Mum's from playgroup.

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 9:00-12pm  12pm to 1pm	Ravensbourne Hall, Wanaka St.  <b>Sharing lunch</b>	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 478 0804
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## 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).*

### Tahini for sale.

The co-op ordered a bulk bucket of Organic Unhulled (dark) Tahini so there is some available to buy in the office at \$12.30 /kg (it's usually over \$16/kg). Marie has kindly offered we can pay through the Craft group system ie: pay cash and write it in the craft sales booklet in the drawer under the craft display. Alternatively email [tracy@sculpture.co.nz](mailto:tracy@sculpture.co.nz) with how much you have taken and I can give you the account for an internet deposit. It would be great to get this sold before the end of term. It's very yummy, versatile and a great source of calcium.

### Organic Co-op order

You should now have been emailed your accounts for the Ceres order. The Chantel accounts will follow for those who got stuff from them too. No more orders until next year – phew. Thanks to all those who lent a hand.

Ratsitters still desperatley wanted!!!! Please !!!

Strawberry and Shia are our 2 little Rats

Very delightful and not like the ones usually eaten by cats

They come when you call them and are ever so cute

Snuggly, curious and forever liking food

We are off till March venturing North

and would really love it if a rat sitter came forth

Food and a cage with them will come

Best friends for the summer for that special someone xx

MA-FI ARTS  
PRE-XMAS & JANUARY HOLIDAY  
CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES  
1st Floor – Room 104  
KING EDWARD COURT  
Cnr Stuart St and York Place

Large, warm, well  
equipped studio : two experienced,  
professional Artists/Tutors.  
\*Drawing & Design\* \*Painting\*Sculpture\*  
\*Print-Making\*Pottery\*Mask-Making\*

\*TWO TUTORS\* CLASS SIZE RESTRICTED, 20 MAXIMUM.

PRE-XMAS: Friday 18/12 & Monday 21/12 to Thursday 24/12  
&

JANUARY 2010 CLASSES:  
Mon-Fri 11th– 29th JAN

Daily: 8/9am-12 noon & 1-4/5/5: 30pm

Preference given those enrolled for more than one session

3hr sessions: 15 hrs - \$100 (5 days @ \$20/time)

4hr sessions: 20hrs - \$130 (5 days @ \$26/time)

All day session available

All Materials Included.

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES  
throughout School Terms 2010:  
OPEN: Mon-Fri 3:00-6:15pm, Sat. 9:00am-12:00 Noon & 2:00-5:00pm  
Fees: \$20 for 2hrs &/or up to 3hrs

### Aotearoa Youth Summer Gathering

The World and I: Meeting the World and Shaping the Future

Venue: Te Ra Waldorf School, Kapiti coast. Thurs evening 21<sup>st</sup> Jan – Wed morning 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2010.

For youth 18-35, \$150 all inclusive.

See poster in the office for more info or [www.summergathering.co.nz](http://www.summergathering.co.nz)