

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 # 3
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UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETINGS	
	KMC	Thursday 6 th March
	Proprietors Meeting	Thursday 21 st February at School at 7:00pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting	Thursday 14 th February at 7:15pm

kindergarten News

Staff

Welcome to our new Kindergarten Supervisor, **Roslyn Webb**. Most of the parents had an opportunity to meet with Roslyn yesterday, but if you haven't done so as yet, please introduce yourself. Roslyn arrived from Australia on Saturday, so please provide her with patience and support during this time of transition for her.

Joanne Craig is also working in the Kindergarten for the next 6 weeks, alongside Towa and Roslyn. Joanne is employed by Pre-School Personnel and holds an ECE qualification. Please extend a warm welcome to Joanne too.

school News

Farewell to our Oldest Children

Due to the constraints of our very low roll cap, we were in the difficult situation late last year of not being able to accommodate all the children on our roll and waiting list. The School was faced with the dilemma of either not being able to accept any children into Class 1 or of not being able to provide a Class 7 for the older children.

The children from our Class 7 have gone to a local high school and intermediate school. Maja and Ikya are attending Dunedin North Intermediate, while Kieran and Joseph have gone to Logan Park High School. I wish all four a happy and successful year. You are already missed by your younger classmates and your teachers. Your inventiveness, musical talents, enthusiasm and hard work was greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a wonderful upper class in 2007.

We also farewell George, who is now also at DNI. Who will give us our daily weather forecast now?

Hello To...

We welcome Kairangi to Class 6, Wiremu to Class 4, and their parents Bob and Lou. We also welcome Renee Mullins to Class 1, and her family, and of course to Anni Watkins, who is teaching main lesson, French and dance.

The Roll Cap Saga

Meanwhile, we await the decision from the Minister of Education, Chris Carter, about our application for a maximum roll of 100. We currently have 4 children waiting to be enrolled. Delegates from the school met with Pete Hodgson, who continues to support us in our endeavours, by writing to the Minister. We have been given the end of this term as a likely time for a decision.

Parents' Action Group

Tanette has been busily compiling lists of jobs needing to be done as soon as possible. She is in the process of beautifying the notice boards where "The Call" will be posted. Thanks Tanette. It would be wonderful if everyone took on a task – get in early before your favourite jobs are taken!

Now for the 'Thank-You's!

A HUGE thank you to Vivien Dwyer for the massive undertaking of making a very large heavy curtain to divide the lower classroom. This curtain is so large that Vivien was thinking of laying it out down Baldwin Street and putting her sewing machine on a skateboard to sew it!

Another big thank you to Colin and Joan for giving us so much time in creating the garden, undertaking

numerous woodworking tasks (see the beautiful desktops in Class 1 and the Gingerbread House frame), cleaning and teaching!

Thank you to Junko, Chris, Emmeline, Monica, Marie, Catherine and Alex, for cleaning and beautifying the Kindergarten for Roslyn's arrival.

Thank you, Wayne, for finding and fixing lots of little things in the Kindergarten. Your resourcefulness is amazing!

Thank you to Clare, who spent hours on school admin throughout the summer, and is enjoying a well-deserved holiday with her family.

Thank you to Vivien, Junko, Anni and Alex, for giving up a week of your holidays, so that we could present a puppet play for the wider Dunedin community. Your talents have been noted for future reference.

Thank you, Lee, for giving up 2 weeks of your holidays, to develop your skills as a Bothmer Gymnast, and to Liza, Amon and Lucas who made this possible.

Brenda: for the College of Teachers.

Proprietors News

Dear Steiner Parent Community,

The Proprietors, as a group, wish to express again the needs of the School for 2008. We will have extra costs of approximately \$20,000 this year, primarily from the extra teachers and wages we need to provide. We want to remind everyone that if families make their donation before the 31st March (end of tax year) you will be able to claim a third back this year. Or if you make a donation after 31st March you can claim it back on next year's taxes. Please see Andrea to make a donation, or for a receipt.

So, we welcome anyone from the School, Kindergarten or Playgroup, able to contribute increased financial donations for the growth of our school, to do so as soon as you can.

We will also be setting up a Skill Bank that will list our community's skills base, so please consider your strengths and add to the possibilities we already have available. As what comes around goes around, please put your energy towards this endeavour. Please visit the office notice board to add your name to the Skill Bank.

With blessings and thanks.

Love and Let your Light Shine,

Chris for the Proprietors

Remember that the Proprietors' bank account details are as follows:

Rudolf Steiner School Trust Otago 03-1726-0004961-00

Playgroup News

Playgroup will meet on Wednesdays from 10:45am to 12:30pm and will recommence on Wednesday 13th. All welcome.

craft group News

Welcome back everyone, this summer has been so warm, it seems that we all enjoyed it. Last year Catherine Barriga and Andrea Vaughan manned a stall at the Farmer's Market. They sold more than \$200 worth of craft that day. Thank you very much from your time, ladies.

Craft Group Meeting

Tuesday 19th February at 9:15am. For everyone who would like to do craft, please come and talk about what your vision is for the craft group in 2008. Please come with your queries and wants! Let's celebrate the start of a new year at Marie's house, 44 Ellesmere Street, Ravensbourne (471-2181). Children welcome.

Jars

Marie requires jars with lids – big or small. She will trade jars for fruit or full jars of jam. Ring her on 471-2181.

Child Care

Hi Tanette here. I am looking for someone to look after Ra for one hour after school for two weeks from the 18th of Feb, as I need to be at Polytech until four o'clock, for that time. I can do an exchange, thinking maybe a flax backpack, many thanks, Tanette Ph 4544486.

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

Stephne Bennett

Please be advised that our Anthroposophical Nurse, Stephne Bennett, will be away for approximately 6 months. Stephne has had to travel to Bay of Islands to care for her mother. If you need to contact her in an emergency, please ring her on her cell phone: 021-296-8074.

The Book Bus is Coming!

From Friday 22nd February, the Book Bus will be operating on Fern Road, from 10:25 to 10:55am. The St. Leonard's stop has been discontinued.

No Water Fluoridation (Northern Water Scheme)

Waitati-Warrington

Waitati Hall on 25th February at 7:30pm

Guest Speakers: Dr Bruce Spittle, of Otago Medical School, author and editor of the scientific journal "Fluoride", and Don Church, Fluoride Action Network NZ Committee member (www.fannz.org.nz)

The Fluoride Deception – a free screening of a documentary about the truth behind fluoridation.

Waitati Film Society is located at Harvey Street and Orokonui Road.

26th February at 8:00pm

For more information, please refer to the brochure in the office.

Reid Park Kindergarten Fundraiser

Hot Tips on Marriage and Relationships with Ian and Mary Grant

Thursday 6th March

7:30 – 10:15pm

Taieri College, Hislop Hall, 3 Green Street in Mosgiel

\$15 single or \$25 per couple

489-8066 or 489-2927 for details