

UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETINGS
	KMC Thursday 6th March
	Proprietors Meeting Thursday 21st February at School at 7:00pm
	Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday 13th March at 7:15pm

FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours

Clare has returned refreshed from her summer holiday. Welcome back, we are so pleased to see you! **Clare is in the office on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 1pm.** Clare is the management assistant, Kindergarten Licensee and manages large projects and issues such as the roll cap. **Andrea, the Administrator, works Mondays 9am – 2pm, Tuesdays 9am – 12noon and Thursdays 9am – 2pm.** Andrea manages day-to-day administration such as banking, preparing the newsletter, Kindergarten payroll, ordering supplies and is the Board of Trustees minute secretary.

Parent Update Forms

Please find attached a parent update form for your attention. Please complete and return the form to the office by the end of this week. It is vital that we have 2 emergency contacts on hand. Thank you.

New Enrolment?

If your child is new to the School or Kindergarten we must have a proof of NZ citizenship on file. Please bring in your child's birth certificate or passport as soon as possible for copying. Thank you.

Kettle Donation

Thank you Linda Miles for the very fancy new stainless steel kettle that she donated to us. It is in the Kindergarten kitchen/staffroom and makes our tea taste even better!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The first 2 weeks of Kindergarten have been a big settling in process for the children and for our new staff members, Roslyn and Jo. At this time we all no doubt have thought of Ceinwen who resigned at the end of last year. We wish to express our gratitude to Ceinwen for all her work over the previous years. We are very lucky to have Towa in the Kindergarten who has been able to provide some continuity for the children and many thanks to Roslyn, Jo and Towa for creating a calm and happy atmosphere in the Kindergarten.

We realize it has been difficult for parents to sort out administration issues (such as children's sessions and payments) in the first 2 weeks. Clare worked incredibly hard over the summer and took a well-deserved break with her family over this time and Andrea's hours are almost all dedicated to the school administration. Thank you Andrea to promptly attending to any Kindergarten issues. Forms for changes in booking times are posted on the notice board. Please complete these and leave in the office for Roslyn to determine if your request is possible.

Thanks to everyone who took on some of the tasks to get the Kindergarten ready. This is an ongoing job and Roslyn will gradually put together a list of wishes for the Kindergarten. First is new aprons for the children – can anyone sew some new aprons please? Roslyn would also like items for the sandpit such as non-breakable pots, bowls, teapots, spoons, etc. If you have a spare large bowl for bread making, it would be appreciated and a large soup pot with a lid.

We would like two new parents to join the Kindergarten Management Committee also to share the jobs and assist in fundraising. The current KMC parent representatives are myself and Karen Pessione (Clare and Roslyn make up the remainder of the committee). The KMC meets monthly, but not in the months with school holidays.

Also thank you to Linda Miles who has donated her Waverley house to accommodate Roslyn and her husband and to Merrall MacNeille Jr. who has loaned Roslyn a car. We are incredibly lucky that Roslyn

has been able to get here for the start of Kindergarten and she will need some time and space to get organised and run the Kindergarten in line with Steiner philosophy.

Roslyn, Clare, Andrea and I will be meeting on Thursday to work on establishing better systems for welcoming new children, setting session times, etc. We will update the parents on our discussions in the coming weeks.

Kirsten McAuley, for the KMC

Biography of Roslyn Webb

I grew up in a rural town situated in inland N.S.W. where the summers are hot and the land flat. I spent a lot of my childhood riding horses and helping out on my Uncle's property. My family still live there. I have also spent many years living in Tasmania. During the last eight years I have lived in Gippsland, Victoria, where we still have a property. I have raised four children, Melinda, my step-daughter now 31 and soon to have her own child, Angie 28, with three children, Thea 24, and Isaac 23.

I first became interested in Steiner Education during 1988, while living in Tasmania and home educating my own children. My husband was learning about Biodynamic agriculture and I started reading about Steiner Education. I attended a Steiner Teacher Training course in Launceston, Tasmania during 1989. This meant driving one and a half hours each way every second weekend. Steiner Teachers from Melbourne were our lecturers. During 1990 we moved to Bowral in NSW where my husband found employment and the children attended Bowral Steiner School. This was an enriching experience for me. During 1994 we moved to Melbourne where the three younger children attended Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School and I completed my Steiner Teacher training. During 1995 I started my Bachelor of Education in Primary teaching, studying externally, through the University of New England in NSW Armidale.

During 2000 we moved to the Gippsland and I started promoting Steiner Education in the area running a Steiner playgroup and inviting guest speakers. Unfortunately, we never could get a school started. While living in the Gippsland, I studied my Graduate Diploma in Extra Lesson. I travelled to Sydney for this course. Extra Lesson was started by a Steiner teacher in England who, using indications given by Steiner, was able to develop a movement and artistic program for children experiencing learning difficulties. During 1994 I travelled to Sophia Mundi Steiner School in Melbourne (a long way from home) to work two days a week as the Extra lesson teacher.

While living in the Gippsland, I have taught in many different primary schools and have spent the last three years working part-time in a school for children with intellectual disabilities. I decided I loved working with younger children and last year studied my Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood. During this time, I travelled to Little Yarra Steiner School in Yarra Junction (one hour each way) to spend time in the Kindergarten.

My husband received a possible job offer in Dunedin and I then remembered there was a Steiner School here and contacted the school. You know the rest.

I want to thank you all for a very warm welcome and I want you to know I am very happy to be working in your school and to at last be in a Steiner Kindergarten.

Apple Peeler Fundraiser – Only One Left

We are down to our last apple peeler! These retail for over \$40, but we are selling ours for only \$25. If you are interested in purchasing the last one, please visit the office soon. Please make cheques out to the Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten.

SCHOOL NEWS

Class Four children are now well into the Norse Myths and enjoying the bold and cheeky exploits of Loki as he acts and talks his way into and out of tricky situations! We have spent the last two weeks warming up our bodies and brains with stomping and clapping rhythms to the Poetic Edda, are experimenting with knotted forms in addition to translating in and out of the Runic script used by the Old Norse. In the next two weeks we will take a closer look at the use of alliteration and explore the 'kennings' which we find peppered throughout Norse poetry, before beginning a new Main Lesson introducing fractions in early March.

Scooters & Skateboards

Are welcome in the school and have proved a popular activity at morning tea and lunchtime. However, as safety is a priority, no child will be permitted to use 'wheels' without a helmet and shoes. If your child has a helmet please send it along with them in the morning. Alternatively, perhaps a child-sized helmet might be donated to the school so that there is always a helmet available for use?

Sunhats

It is again reminded that sunhats are compulsory at break times (for teachers and children!) and if not brought children are required to spend break times indoors (!) Please do not forget to send children properly equipped; once again, it may be of use to have a number of ridiculous hats on hand to encourage persistent forgetters to bring their own whilst avoiding time spent indoors unnecessarily..? Thanks for your understanding.

Lee Noyes

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

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.

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

Choir starting Wednesday 12th March at 6:00pm

Gathering a collection of world music and coming together to sing our hearts open. Dates to note on your calendar 12th March, 26th March, 9th April, 14th May, and 28th May. All welcome.

Organic Co-op Order

We will be placing an organic co-op order at the end of the week. Please have orders to Tracy (tracy@sculpture.co.nz) by the end of Friday 22nd February. If any of our new families would like to be involved, please contact me on the above email or phone 478-0411 – early in the week would be appreciated as it takes a few days to find your way around the catalogue and collate and order. Thank you,

Tracy Botica

Spinning Workshop

There is a workshop on the 15th and 29th March (Saturdays) from 10am – 12noon. If you would like to learn to spin wool please give me a call. The cost is around \$20 and it is for the fleece. You will need your own spinning wheel in working order. Catherine Barriga 473-8302