

# NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
		<b>Wednesday 4 March</b>	<b>KMC</b>
		<b>9-10am</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3 March</b>	<b>Vision &amp; Hearing Test</b>	<b>Thursday 12 March</b>	<b>BOT</b>
<b>9am</b>	<b>for 3 &amp; 4 year olds</b>	<b>7.15pm</b>	

### FROM THE OFFICE

#### Phone list

Please find attached an updated phone list for Term 1. This is arranged in class order which will help parents when we send messages out on a telephone tree for your child's class. When you get a call, please phone the next person on the list to pass the message on. If they were not there then call the next person down. The last person on the list should phone the class rep to let them know that everyone has got the message. If you had to miss someone on the list, keep trying to get the message through and if you fail then let the class rep know. Volunteers to be class reps needed!

#### KMC Meeting

If Kindy parents have any issues they would like discussed then please speak to the parent reps – Kirsten & Pamala or to the office / teachers.

#### Blooming Bulbs - Fundraiser

Katja (Tamatea's mother) will be organising a sale of bulbs this year – with some of the profits to the school. Look out for the leaflets and the order forms.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to the teachers who looked after my class while I was in Australia and to those of you who helped us through this time with your messages of sympathy.

Our new homework system was somewhat disrupted by my absence. Spelling and tables homework comes home on Monday in the children's colourful bags. It is to be done on 3 nights only and is due every Friday. Please help your child establish this routine by reminding him/her. The first week's homework was beautifully done!

We are in the middle of a Maths Main Lesson on linear measurement, learning all about the measurement units of the ancient Egyptians and Romans, undertaking lots of practical measuring tasks and practising our tables and number bonds to 20 each day.

The children have made colourful cylindrical pencil cases from the woollen felt they made during Summer Camp. Brenda

#### Bothmer Gymnastics:

The **Class 3** Bothmer programme has begun and the class are proving themselves to be particularly motivated and enthusiastic, much to this teacher's delight. We have begun the year with skipping exercises and staffwork. Over the course of the year will do much work on balance and rhythm, and play many, many games.

After just two sessions **Class 5** are becoming quite adept at hurling the javelin. One or two individuals are already showing a natural aptitude for casting a long, beautiful arc; it has been wonderful to show off our abilities to the parents who gather on the top field before 3pm to watch while waiting for their children. Be careful not to come too close!

Class 5 Bothmer is from 2-3pm on a Tuesday, 2-3pm on Thursdays for Class 3. Could I remind all parents, particularly those of Class 3 girls, that a t-shirt and shorts or trackpants are the ideal clothing for this activity. If girls are to wear skirts and tights on these days, please send something they could change into.

#### **Footwear:**

During the indoor sessions of **Bothmer** children are barefoot. However, we end each session with a game, either on the top field or the netball court.

I ask that parents please help their children to remember to bring good, solid **sports shoes** for their gym day, especially as the weather cools.

Class 5 have a Woodwork session 2-3pm on Mondays, and **MUST** have shoes that **cover the toe**.

Tuesdays during the middle session are spent with Christoph carving and sculpting with pocket-knives (affectionately dubbed "*Knives at Noon*") so again, **sturdy footwear** is required.

The forested area at the bottom of the school is set to be explored again, as is the land reaching down to Ravensbourne Rd, therefore a pair of **gumboots** at school for your child could come in very handy for exploratory walks and play.

#### **Daytrip to Springbank Farm**

Class 5 awaits news from Shirley Sheat that the farm has dried enough for our visit - something we hope will take place this week or next.

As we are able to travel in a single vehicle without requiring parent-help for transport, we should be able to travel at short notice so I'd ask that parents fill in and return the permission slip attached and return as soon as possible. Should the trip be given the go-ahead the phone-tree will provide notice the evening before or sooner.

#### **Cycle Week**

This week marks cycle week, including Wednesday's **No Car Day**. Linda has offered to accompany children and any interested parents from the Port Chalmers side of the school; I am happy to lead a group from the Dunedin City end, meeting at the Marina and riding a route along the Harbourside cycleway and up Adderly Tce before tracking along Manapouri St to school. I envision meeting at the Marina at 8:30am and am keen to do this each day of this week from tomorrow, **Tuesday March 3rd**.

Any interested parties should call either Linda or myself at home this evening: Lee - 467 9940 or Linda - 4727646.

Thanks, Lee Noyes

## KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY NEWS

Hello Everyone – Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Thank you to parents for your efforts in sending fruit and vegetables on the appropriate days and for labelling your children's belongings, sending spare clothes and all weather gear. The children have been thoroughly enjoying experiencing the outdoors in different weathers.

We were sorry to have to farewell Anam and her family on Thursday but wish them well in their move to Auckland.

#### **Requests to parents for help:**

- ~ Cloakroom: Please help the children to keep the Kindergarten cloakroom areas tidy. Slippers bottom shelf, boots and shoes top shelf, coats and bags hang up.
- ~ TV - We have noticed recently that there has suddenly become a lot of discussion about different movies, DVDs and TV programmes. We find this has a detrimental effect on the children's attitudes and play and request that parents of children enrolled in the Kindergarten avoid this influence. The whole gentle and caring Steiner atmosphere of respect for people, places and things can be destroyed by such viewing.

#### **Visitors**

We had three visiting early childhood teachers from Tapanui in the Kindergarten and Nursery for a short time on Wednesday morning last week as part of their professional development day. One of the teachers, Michelle, had been a Steiner teacher for seven years in Rotorua. She brought with her some most thoughtful gifts: a large jar of honey and a Steiner doll in a cradle, previously owned and loved by her daughter who wished it to go to a loving home in a Steiner Kindergarten. Both gifts are being used with delight.

On Monday of this week Dianne Darker, an ECE teacher, will be visiting our Kindergarten.

**Staffing:** This week Violet and Lea-Ann will be back to their normal rooms.

Ka Kite Ano - Rennie Bremner, On behalf of the Kindergarten / Nursery teaching team: Miss Rennie, Whaea Violet, Miss Lea-Ann, Matua Nick and Liqin.

*Liqin, what would we have done without you! Your time and talent so generously given in the Kindergarten, especially over the last week during teacher absences, is received with gratitude.*

## CRAFT GROUP

Tomorrow is our first craft group session for the year; we are making a special big flax basket. Please do come. A friendly reminder: please pay outstanding amounts at the display in the office.

Tuesday 3 March	9am to 1pm Ravensbourne Hall	<b>Flax Weave a Large Basket with Marie</b> Please remember to bring these items as they will not be provided: 20 leaves of flax (quite hard), 10 clothes pegs with springs, cutter, scissors, shredder , <i>\$5 donation</i> . Flax leaves can be cut a week before and left in a bucket of water.
Tuesday 10 March	9am to 11pm At the office	<b>Housekeeping</b> We need to clean our display, price some items, and take on some new projects – all 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](mailto:office@dunedin.steiner.school.nz)

### \*Organic Co-op\*

The first co-op order for this year will be with Ceres organics. If you would like to be involved please email <[tracy@sculpture.co.nz](mailto:tracy@sculpture.co.nz)> and I will email you a catalogue/order form. Please have orders in by March 2nd. For more information or if you would be keen to help with the co-op orders, please speak to Tracy or Paula.

### Pilates Class

Change of time to suit Kindy Mums! Port Chalmers town Hall, Thursday 11 – 12  
\$40 for five weeks, Phone Lucy 472 8830

### ***Tribe's dance***

*Inspired by 5 rhythms from Gabrielle Roth, this dance is about you, no previous experienced required. Every Wednesday, King Edward Court, 7pm - 9pm, Room 208 (top level) \$10 per night  
For more info call Marie, 471 2181*

House for Sale in Waitati North Facing Cottage on 2378 square metre section. Set up with environmentally responsible living in mind. See photo on school office door.  
Phone 472 8598 (mornings)

Kia ora tatou,

the link below is for a leukaemia fundraiser.... AND will make Cassino look like a decent human being again!

<http://www.shaveforacure.co.nz/home/index.do>

Please take a look - if you do decide to donate click the SPONSOR/DONATE button and search for CASSINO to be sponsored.