

UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Break including Otago Anniversary	KMC	<b>THIS Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> at 7:30 at School Please note change of date.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day Term 2	Proprietors Meeting	TBA
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	First Day Term 3	Board of Trustees Meeting	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March at 7:15pm

FROM THE OFFICE

**Inappropriate Use of Community Email**

We would like to apologise for the way in which our email list was used last week. Many of you may have received an inappropriate email from a newsletter recipient. We are changing the way in which our email is sent out now. We would like to ask that everyone respects our school community and refrains from using any contact names they have for matters that do not relate to the school.

If anyone has a notice they would like to send to the community, please email it to the office and we will ensure that it is placed in the next newsletter.

**Vacancy for School Administrator (Part-Time)**

*We are looking for an experienced administrator with an interest in Steiner education. Duties include collating a weekly newsletter, maintaining School and Kindergarten records and databases, correspondence, ordering supplies, keeping financial records including GST and payroll. Three mornings (9:00am to 1:00pm). Please apply in writing with CV to Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School, 1 Fern Road, Maia, or email [office@dunedin.steiner.school.nz](mailto:office@dunedin.steiner.school.nz). Applications close Monday 3 March.*

Andrea Vaughan, our Administrator, is moving on after being with us for 5 years. We wish to thank Andrea for all her hard work not only in the office, but for her contribution to the Fair and Fundraising committee during the years Annabelle was at the Kindergarten. Andrea's husband has also be a great help with cutting the grass at the old location for two years and helping to build the Kindergarten fence here at Maia. We wish you well in your future endeavours!

**Parent Update Forms**

Thank you to those families who have returned their Parent Update forms to the office. If you haven't done so as yet, please return yours as soon as possible. This is a Ministry of Education requirement.

**Dental Nurse Staff Shortages**

Due to staff shortages dental services for your children may be delayed this year. For any enquiries or emergencies please contact Mirren Peterson on 479-9569 or Helen Paterson on 479-9568 to be put in contact with your nearest dental therapist.

Thank you from Public Health South

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We are settling in to the new year and the children are playing well together. The activities and circle are helping to build a rhythm in our day and week. A letter outlining details of the Kindergarten programme will go home this week.

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Please be sure that your children are getting enough sleep. We know that life with young children is busy, but please try to make use of the weekends for a catch up. We have noticed that some children are coming to Kindergarten tired on Monday mornings.

**Bio of Joanne Craig**

My name is Joanne Craig and I am with you as a relief teacher in the Kindergarten for 6 weeks. My husband and I have three children aged 6, 8 and 10 and have just moved to live in St Leonards from Auckland last November.

My qualifications include a Graduate Diploma in Teaching Early Childhood Education and a Masters Degree in Zoology. My teaching experience includes spending most of last year in a culturally diverse centre in Auckland and, following on from this, relief teaching in Auckland and Dunedin. It is good to experience life in a variety of early childhood centres and to see how the different philosophies create the dynamic you experience. I am glad to be learning about the value of Steiner teaching approaches and am enjoying being part of the Kindergarten community.

*To the KMC and all those involved in working so hard over your summer break to find such a wonderful new Kindergarten teacher in such a short space of time, THANK YOU. I was fully expecting to find we had to have a non-Steiner trained reliever for the whole first term whilst we cast the net wider to find someone suitable. Thanks for all the hard work, we all know is involved in advertising, screening, interviewing and organising a new person to start. We will miss Ceinwen, but a warm, warm welcome to Roslyn and also to Jo and once again thanks to everyone involved.*

Regards Shelley Wrigley

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Activity and Materials Fee 2008**

The Board of Trustees has set the activity and materials fee for this year at \$100. This is payable in two instalments, \$50 this term and \$50 in Term 3. The activity fee covers swimming and skating lessons, some of the cost of our quality paints and papers, entry into performances, etc. The cost of the winter camp will be on top of the activity fee and the College of Teachers will issue a notice about this closer to the time.

### **Class 1, 2, and 3**

Through storytelling, art and drama the children in Class 2 are revisiting all their letter shapes and the sounds that they represent. Each day the children 'read' and play games with the words they write, developing beautiful handwriting.

Class 1 are amazed to find the letters all around them! Class 3 are learning of the stories of Abraham, Issac and Jacob, writing their own retellings and, in the process, mastering many new spellings.

We are also enjoying the gifts of a long summer! Warm, relaxing days, the birth of butterflies and the making of delicious apple jelly.

<p><b><i>Each child needs to bring a small jar (washed and labels removed) TOMMORROW to bottle their apple jelly.</i></b></p>
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### **Things to Remember....**

**HATS** everyday and **TOGS** on Tuesdays. Thank you.

**Thank you to Lee and Clare** for your wonderful organisational skills in creating more space in the back office.

*Thank you Merrall for continuing, ongoing, everlasting designs, submissions, yurt ordering... for own new classrooms.*

## CRAFT GROUP NEWS

### **Craft Group Meeting**

Thank you for the great meeting we had last Tuesday. The craft group will focus on the needs of the Kindergarten and School for the next craft meetings.

Thank you to the teachers for making a small room available. We will meet at the School from now on at the lower classroom.

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9am to 1pm	<b>Make an Apron</b> for the Kindy. Please bring your sewing machine and lunch.
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10am to 3pm	<b>Rainbow Dyeing Day</b> Cost is \$15 per person. Please leave your name at the office as places are limited. We will be dyeing cotton muslin lengths of silk and cotton clothes. Learn about dyeing different fabrics and techniques. Please bring 3 items of your own to dye, i.e. t-shirts, children's clothes and fabric (1 metre limit) all must be natural fabrics only. Bring lunch, a hat and sunscreen. Tea and coffee will be provided. <b>Cancelled if wet!</b> Questions? Ring Chris Cohen on 473-6088.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9am to 1pm	<b>Crochet Ball</b> for Kindy and School.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9am to 1pm	<b>Finish Crochet Ball</b>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	9am to 1pm	<b>Flax Weaving with Junko.</b>

Marie is always looking for glass jars with lid, large or small, please let her know by ringing 471-2181.

### **Scholarship Fund**

We are in the process of starting a scholarship fund to assist families struggling to pay School or Kindergarten fees (for children 5 and over). A portion of the Craft Group proceeds will be donated to this fund.

Our first step is to create a structure and process to administer the fund. Anyone interested in being involved with this committee, please contact Cecil Tamang on 472-8683.

### **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)*

**Delectable Clean Earth Soap** made with organic olive oil leaves skin cleansed and moisturised. Scented with natural essential oils, or unscented. Made in Takaka by a good friend of Michelle and Tanette's.

I would like to support her small enterprise by offering to send collective orders from our community every two months.

Samples to feel and smell and leaflet available on community notice board. Please ring Michelle on 473-7668 (or see handcraft teacher) to arrange an order.

**Parent to Parent** brochures are available from the office. They provide FREE services to families who have a child with a disability, special need or health impairment. [www.parent2parent.org.nz](http://www.parent2parent.org.nz)

On Sunday 2 March there is a "**Cardboard Boat Making Day and Race**" organised by the Navy at the inlet in Andersons Bay. Rosa and I watched last year and would love to make a boat and participate. Would any other families like to get together with us - preferably ones with boat making skills!! Cardboard is provided and most boats do actually float!--Linda M