

UPCOMING EVENTS	MEETINGS
	Tuesday 10 March Proprietors 7pm At Chris Cohen's house
	Wednesday 11 March KMC 9.15am At school
	Thursday 12 March BOT 7.15pm

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Let me cut no tree without holy need. Let me not tread into a flowering field. Let me always plant trees. The gods look with goodwill upon those who plant trees along roads, at home, holy places, crossroads and houses.

When you marry, plant a wedding tree. When a child is born, plant a tree. When a loved one dies, plant a tree for his or her soul.

*At all festivals, for all important occasions, visit trees. Prayers are hallowed by trees.
From a Lithuanian prayer*

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FROM THE OFFICE

Fundraising

The Grant group met on Monday 2nd March and includes up to date: Paula Mullins, Ulf Uchida, Alice Bartlett, Linda Miles, Emmeline Nicholson, Chris Cohen, Katja Schweikert, and myself as co-ordinator.

We are reviewing dates for grants to apply for this year. We do not apply to pub charities as a matter of principle. A number of ideas for fundraising and grants are currently being put to the proprietors and if approved will be mentioned in the newsletter. We are also working on making sure all grants received last year are spent. Emmeline has also had a bike donated to the school which she is going to raffle off, more details in next newsletter. Paula is organising organic apples to be sold to the school community.

Kirsten McAuley

Hearing and Vision Tests

The Hearing and Vision technician visited us last week and did not test as many children as anticipated. Their current practice is to test all the four year olds and the five year olds, any new entrants who have not been tested since enrolling at school, eleven year olds and any children whose parents or teachers make a request for a test or where an earlier test indicated that there might be issues that the technician would like to recheck. When your child is tested the technician will leave you a note to let you know the outcome of the tests.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Huge thanks to Merrall for the two long days it took to construct the fence and gate for the kindergarten. Thanks also to Merrall's able helpers – David, Rob and Bernie.

Class 3/4

We hope to be bailing hay with Merrall sometime this week, if the weather permits.

The children really enjoyed measuring with the Pharaoh and now move onto Imperial Measurement with Caesar's golden foot and real tape measures! The children are very enthusiastic and diligent about their homework. Each day from 11.40 to 12.00 we read, assisted by Marie or Chris. Anyone else wishing to help is most welcome.

The primary school is alive with sweet sounds ... each morning all three classes play recorder, on Wednesday afternoon Mrs MacNeille and Mr Noyes take Chorus, preparing for the performance in May; and every Friday the older children have lessons on violin, cello or guitar as well as Music Theory sessions.
Brenda Hawke

Boating at Port Chalmers

Class 5's first session of boating went off without a hitch on Friday afternoon, the weather gifting us a calm and warm Sawyers Bay to test our abilities in the kayaks.
Mr Bain was rightly fulsome in his praise for the children - both in the listening and attention they gave to his many directions and safety instructions *and* in their ability to manoeuvre the boats once on the water. Well done, all of you.

The next session will be in a fortnight (**Friday March 20**) and will see the children given opportunity to test their cooperative abilities sharing a four person canoe. To give the maximum amount of time on the water we will also leave somewhat earlier, departing school at 12:45pm instead of 1:15pm. Because of this the instrumental music session will be at 9.30 am. All children are asked to have their instruments at school by 8.40 for tuning.
Lee Noyes

KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY NEWS

Hello Everyone – Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

In the Kindergarten and Nursery we have been having fun with sheep's fleece. We have been washing it, carding it and on Friday the Kindergarten children experimented – trying to make elderberry dye to dye the wool. It washed off our hands very quickly so we wondered how long it would last on the wool.
The Nursery children enjoy washing and have washed various items. They are good at cleaning up their tools, if given time, washing sand off them, after outside play.

Requests:

Please send marigolds, if you have some to spare, so we can dye our "windy capes" for the harvest festival. We would be glad of glass jars in the nursery for our water colour painting if you can spare some. Small jars, eg. baby food jars are ideal to hold the water colour paints. Medium sized jars are useful for holding water in which to wash the brush.

Our new first aid cupboard in the nursery – painted by the children and Liqin, is up and being used to hold the sunscreens also. It is easily accessible when indoors or outdoors, being just inside the door.

Thank you to the team for their efforts in my recent absence. Once again Liqin was there to help us out. Thank you so much Liqin and thank you also to Junko for relieving.

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

CRAFT GROUP

Dear Community,

For the last 3 years Junko and I have been organising the craft group, fortnightly on Tuesdays, from 9am to 1pm, plus some Sunday workshops.

A big thank you to Junko for the skill and energy that she has put into this. For this year, I am happy to be around looking after the display and organising a few workshops, but I would definitely like to step back from the craft group to be available for some new things. The craft group is a great way to socialise with parents as well as fundraise, learn new skills and learn more about Steiner philosophy through craft. You don't have to be there all the time. If you are interested in being part of the craft group, please do take on some projects; there is a list of easy ones. It does not matter how good you are, the only important ingredient is the commitment and the will you invest in it.

Today, the craft group has some space in which to work (the Yurt, or Ravensbourne town hall) some materials and money to buy more materials, as well as a well-stocked display area. All we need is some people who want to make it happen!

For these last three years I have really enjoyed being part of it and I look forward to helping anybody who has a project, hoping the craft group, the display and the craft fair keep going.

Yours sincerely, Marie

Tuesday 10 March	9am to 11pm At the office	Housekeeping We need to clean our display, price some items, and take on some new projects – all welcome.
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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

Lost & Found

Cristina has lost a pair of purple/violet trousers and a pair of handknit socks. Could you please look to see if they have mistakenly got mixed up with your children's things? Thanks, Catherine

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Earth Child Toys . Simple wooden forms of people, animals and structures .
Non toxic . Eco friendly . Handcrafted in New Zealand .
5% of sales to our community will be donated back to our school!
Catalogue in School Office

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Harbour Junior Rugby Club

Registration days: Sunday 8th March 12 - 2pm and Thursday 12th March 5 - 6pm at Clubrooms, Watson Park, Port Chalmers.

Fees: \$30 Individual \$40 Family

Club open day: Sunday 8th March 12 - 2pm Sausage sizzle. Meet one of the Highlanders.

Southern Gymnastics Academy Boys Gymnastics

Skill, Fitness, Agility, Strength, Balance and Flexibility

Come along and try out Gymnastics

Contact: Michael Eathorne-Gould 454 6101 or 027 237 2300

Walk to Work Day - Wednesday 18 March 2009

Timetable for train: departs 7.45am Waitati to Dunedin, 8am Mosgiel to Dunedin

Departs 5pm Dunedin to Waitati, Dunedin to Mosgiel

\$5 per person each way

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