

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS

Friday 21st – Tuesday
25th March
Easter Break including
Otago Anniversary

KMC

TBA

Friday 18th April
Last day Term 2

Proprietors Meeting

Thursday 20th March at
7:00pm at School

Monday 5th May
First Day Term 3

Board of Trustees
Meeting

Thursday 13th March at
7:15pm

from the office

Website

Our website is nearly ready! It has several photos of the School and Kindergarten children. When children enrol, we ask parents if they are happy for us to use any photos of their children. However, if you would not like your child's photograph to be used for this purpose, or have any questions, please speak to Andrea or Clare.

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.

school News

Activity and Materials Fee 2008 – applies to School families only!

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.

Beach Clean-up: Wednesday, 5th March

As part of National Sea-week, the children of Classes 4, 5 & 6 will partake in a clean up of the shoreline around Maia on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 5th March**.

As we will be working near the water, the presence of extra adults to aid in supervision would be greatly appreciated; to ensure a ratio of 1 adult to 3 children we would need three parent volunteers. Permission slips are attached.

Gloves: We would also be very grateful if anyone in the community were to have gardening-style gloves that could be loaned for the day, which children could then wear for the handling of rubbish. If you do, please ensure they are named and labelled clearly for safe return.

Permission Slip for Beach Clean

I/we are happy for our child(ren) _____ to take part in the Maia beach clean up on Wednesday 5th March.

Please tick your option below:

I am happy to help supervise the children.

I am unable to assist with supervision.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Kindergarten News

It's lovely to see the children becoming more settled and arriving happy and keen to start the day. They are feeling safe and their play experiences are starting to become more meaningful. They are developing their social skills and learning the rhythm of the days and weeks.

The dolls have been very busy in the Kindergarten. Sometimes they are playing games and sometimes they are busy with their domestic duties. They are also role playing in some of our stories. This has encouraged respectful use of the dolls in the Kindergarten as the children see them as part of the kindergarten 'family'.

March has brought Autumn and a change in the weather. We have been listening to a harvest stories last week with 'The Enormous Turnip' (we added the harvesting of potatoes to our story as we were digging some potatoes in the Kindergarten). This week we are telling the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and adding autumn activities to our circle time.

Things to Do At Home

By sitting together at meal time and having a verse and candle it helps to make our meal a special family time and brings a feeling of respect and gratitude for our food.

Onion Skins

Please collect your brown onion skins for Easter Egg dying and bring into the Kindergarten in the weeks leading up to Easter.

Thank you from Roslyn

Kindergarten Parent Evening

On **Tuesday 11th March**, we invite all Kindergarten parents to a meeting at **7:30pm** to discuss the Kindergarten fee structure and session times.

Please make sure that you can come.

Thank you from the Kindergarten Management Committee

Bulb Fundraiser

The KMC is selling bulbs from Blooming Bulbs until the end of March. Every family in the community will be given a 2008 catalogue to make up an order for yourselves, friends and family. Please complete your order and return it to the office by **Monday 31st March with your payment**. Funds raised will be put towards items that the Kindergarten requires both indoors and out. Planting of the bulbs make for a lovely family activity and the children will love seeing their bulbs bloom in Spring. Many thanks for your support!

craft group News

Craft Group Meeting

Our next meeting will be at the School, lower classroom. We notice recently that there is more and more people taking craft from the display on credit please pay what you owe.

Thank you.

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

Tuesday 1 st April	9am to 1pm	Finish Crochet Ball
Tuesday 15 th April	9am to 1pm	Flax Weaving with Junko.

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

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

Bio Dynamic Field Day

Sunday April 27th from 10:30am to 3:00pm with a shared lunch.

Stir and spread 500, build a compost heap, cow pat pit, garden prep. Talk as we work with Colin Rawle and Warrick Thompson. Entry by donation please.

Community Choir

Starts Wednesday 12th March at 6:00pm. Please bring music or a song to share. See you there!

Sea Week Activities – here are just a few of the activities that are on this week!

Play the Little Blue Penguin Game, 2 - 9 March

The blue penguin, or korora is the Seaweeek 2008 mascot. Find out about the penguins, the threats they face and ways we can help to look after them through an interactive game developed by the NZ Marine Studies Centre: Penguin Pathways - Plight of the Little Blue. Play the game when you visit the NZ Marine Studies Centre during Seaweeek and visit our website to download your own copy: www.marine.ac.nz

TUESDAY 4 MARCH

Music 4 Maui

The Hector's and Maui dolphins are the world's rarest marine mammal. Hear about an Otago student's creative campaign to save the Maui dolphins from extinction - by involving prominent NZ musicians! Followed by an update by expert Dr Liz Slooten on the management of Hector's and Maui dolphins. Presented by Students for Environmental Action at Evison Lounge, Clubs and Societies Centre, 84 Albany St from 5:30 – 6:30pm.

SATURDAY 8 MARCH

Extreme Make-over – Penguin Style!

St Kilda Marine Environment Trust is proud to invite you to give the korora (blue penguin) a helping hand by helping erect some sturdy, cosy nest boxes for a local breeding area at Smaills Beach. The trust is providing finance for 15 nest boxes. We need you to help us build them and bury them into the hillside. Meet at Tomahawk Beach Care Nursery (turn right off Southdale Rd, Smaills Beach) at 2pm. Timber for the nest boxes will be pre-cut and the boxes ready to assemble. Once assembled we will carry them a short way to the nesting site and site them securely into the slope. Please bring a spade and/or grubber and a hammer. Afterwards there will be sausage sizzle at the Plant Nursery.

SUNDAY 9 MARCH

The Great Dunedin Coastal Cleanup Competition

Be it sandy beach, rocky shore, harbour, saltmarsh or estuary; DOC and DCC invite you to celebrate Seaweeek 2008 by giving the Dunedin coast, from Waikouaiti to Taieri Mouth, an autumn cleanup! Free sacks and gloves can be collected from DCC and DOC offices or from the Farmer's Market prior to Sunday. While searching out inorganic rubbish you might come across some special jetsam – painted with a blue penguin. Bring this and your collected rubbish to Hancock Park, St Kilda, between 12.30 and 2.30pm to receive your reward and go into the draw for the main prize (drawn at 3.30pm). Special guests will award a heap of prizes, there'll be a free sausage sizzle and More FM on site. Make your coastal cleanup a family affair! Call into DOC or DCC for more information.

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