

UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Friday 21 st – Tuesday 25 th March	Easter Break including Otago Anniversary	KMC	Thursday 3 rd April at 7:30pm at School
Friday 18 th April	Last day Term 2	Proprietors Meeting	<u>THIS</u> Thursday 20 th March at 7:00pm at School
Monday 5 th May	First Day Term 3	Board of Trustees Meeting	Thursday 10 th April at 7:15pm
Sunday 30 th March	Working Bee 10am to 3pm		
Mon-Wed 26 - 28 May	Marjorie Theyer Visit		

Easter Festival

Please note the new date of **Wednesday 19th March at 1:00pm for the *Play for Easter***, followed by a shared lunch for both School and Kindergarten families. The date has been changed as two of the children will be away for a funeral on Thursday 20th March – this will be a music-based activity day.

FROM THE OFFICE

Donations to the Proprietors – Urgent Reminder!

Please would parents remember their commitment to the school and arrange their donations to the proprietors.

We recommend that the minimum donation is \$40 per week per child enrolled at the school. For a second child you get a 25% discount (\$30) and for a third child a 50% discount (\$20).

So far only half the families have set up their contributions. Please remember that you can claim tax back on donations. If you pay before 31 March you will receive this refund in the next few months.

**We prefer automatic payments (account no 03 1726 0004961-00) –
or you can write a cheque to : ‘Rudolf Steiner Trust Otago’**

Many thanks for your swift cooperation with this! If you have any queries or difficulties with this please ask Chris Cohen of the proprietors or ask Clare in the office.

WORKING BEE FOR SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN
30th of March. The First Sunday after Easter. 10am – 3pm

Job List

1. new sand pit for playgroup and kindy children
2. dig garden in preparation for new garden beds
3. finish thatched house (broom needed to be harvested; abundant in Dunedin surrounds)
4. clear grass at edges of fence
5. clean windows
6. building safe steps down to ‘green haven’, the forest play area

Equipment for Parents to bring

Drills, hammers, garden tools, window cleaning equipment
Bring all weather clothes and food. Hot drinks supplied.

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

Thank you to those parents who already paid their \$50 activity fee for the first semester. If you haven't paid your activity fee as yet, please do so as soon as possible.

SCHOOL NEWS

*Firstly we frown when faced with a fraction
Fricative the fracas we frantically make
Yet fret shall we not, nor fail, nor be fribble
For with frequency, frontiers we'll friskily break!*

Class 4 are now well into Main Lessons on fractions, which we'll continue to work with until the Easter break. Class 5/6 will be doing Easter crafts based on a local story, and will begin a Physics main lesson after the break.

Easter Play

Rehearsals for Wednesday's Michael Play have been progressing steadily and the children and teachers are anticipating an enthusiastic and polished performance! Props and costumes are still being developed; however, audiences are to be warned that the Dragon in this year's effort is particularly frightful and all small children must be held very tightly and given lots of assurance that our brave knights will subdue him with Michaelic light!

Beach Clean-up

Whilst the Wednesday afternoon we'd set aside proved to be too wet and nasty to partake in our planned Beach clean-up (though it offered ample opportunity to develop our indoor badminton skills!) we were blessed with fine weather the following day and, with much-appreciated help from Emmeline and Lou, the upper classes were able to collect several kilograms of assorted detritus from the small outcrops at the bottom of Jesse St.

Theories abounded as to how the rubbish got there in the first place, ranging from deliberately nasty-people leaving their ugly traces, to a windy culprit conspiring with the sharp rocks and seaweed, snagging rubbish at the high-tide mark

Highlights included the finding, capture and subsequent release of a multitude of crabs (surely pleased at the beautifying of their natural habitat) and watching Bede successfully haul a driftwood-yoke slung with 5 rubbish bags back up Jesse St and back to the school – no mean feat, indeed... well done Bede!

Thanks again to Emmeline and Lou for their help with supervision and to the children for their enthusiasm and contentiousness toward this task, making a memorable afternoon.

The school also must bid fond farewells to Bede, who will be leaving for Australia during the Easter break. Bede's sense of humour and energy has been an asset to his class and an inspiration to his peers; his presence will be missed in the school. Best wishes are sent with him and his family!

Parent rep

We still do not have a parent representative for the upper classes (C4/5/6). If you could take on this role please speak to Lee personally. Our first task would be the setting up of a phone tree for this new group.

Many thanks,

Lee Noyes

School Projects

Have you taken the time to look at the 'Projects' wall beautifully created by Tanette, in the office corridor? This wall display is working very well and several projects have been completed to date. Thanks especially to the Craft Group for your involvement in many of them.

This is a special call to all you DADs, GRANDADs and UNCLEs – many of the remaining jobs require a substantial amount of 'oomph' more appropriate for the male of the species. These include:

A small concrete wall

Making wooden cubby holes for shoes

Cleaning out the basement and re-packing it with the things we frequently use are accessible.

If you are able to help out, please speak to a School teacher.

Many thanks, The College of Teachers

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The children enjoy watching their wheatgrass grow and it has been extremely well-watered. This week we will dye eggs and then have an egg hunt. We will bake hot cross buns for baking and we will make extras for the parents of playgroup. This week the children will hear the story of the Easter hare.

Thank you to all those parents who turned up for our meeting to discuss our proposals on income for the kindergarten and our thoughts about how sessions might run in the future. Please read the attached proposal and provide your feedback to the office by 11 April. We would hope to introduce any changes at the start of term 2.

Marjorie Theyer Visit 26th to 28th May

Marjorie Theyer, our Federation Kindergarten advisor will be visiting for the above days in May. Marjorie will be speaking to individual parents on the Monday afternoon and may do a presentation on the Tuesday afternoon. We will issue an appointment schedule closer to her visit.

Things for the Kindergarten

Please collect your brown onion skins for Easter Egg dying and bring into the Kindergarten in the weeks leading up to Easter. We will need old pantyhose for the dying process as well.

If you have fabric scraps for the Kindergarten, please bring them in for the sewing basket.

Thank you from Roslyn

KMC Bulb Fundraiser

Please ensure your orders are in the office by **Monday 31st March with your payment.**

Please **make cheques payable to Dunedin Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten.**

There is a box on the office counter for these which is emptied regularly.

The Kindergarten will receive 20% of the order value - this will go towards equipment needed.

Please build up your order by getting friends and family to join up.

Many thanks for your support!

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

Thank you Chris for running this wonderful Rainbow dying workshop. We made heaps of rainbows without having a drop of water falling from the sky, pretty magic, isn't it?

Watch for the shiny silk, fancy socks and light muslin, all Rainbow, soon in the display.

A Reminder: could you pay what you owe at the Craft group display and indicate it on the cash record, please. It becomes more and more difficult to administer. It is so nice that everyone can help themselves, please be respectful.

Tuesday 18 th March	9am to 1pm	Crochet Juggling Balls with Kirsten and Linda. Bring your lunch, crocher hook no. 4, 4,5 or 5 – 8ply crochet cotton if you have it AND as many old children's socks as you can find. Beginner crocketers welcome. Non crocketers can make the staffed balls.
Tuesday 1 st April	9am to 1pm	Finish Crochet Ball
Sunday 13 th April		Doll Making with Cecil. All details will be announced in the next Newsletter
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!*