

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS		MEETINGS	
Tuesday 30 March	Vision & Hearing Screening Programme	Monday 29 March 7pm	Meeting about National Standards
Thursday 1 April 10am Kindergarten 12pm School	Harvest Festival School and kindergarten		
Friday 30th April, 7pm	Quiz Night Port Chalmers Golf Club		

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." — William Butler Yeats

FROM THE OFFICE

You might have noticed the changes in the office with Clare absent this week. Clare had an accident with her bicycle, breaking her collar bone, and is now recovering at home. All our best wishes go to her for a good recovery and hope she will be well again soon.

BIG MEETING ABOUT NATIONAL STANDARDS

Tonight, at 7pm, in the Edgar Centre, there is going to be a big meeting about **National Standards** and Anne Tolley will be present. This meeting is for parents. Please attend, if you can.

Trade Aid Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who bought products in our first Trade Aid order! We made \$60 for the school. We'll try to do 2 next term - one in week 4 and one in week 9. I'll try to get clearer order forms for everyone and also a coloured sheet showing all the products.

Report on the Borodin Quartet Concert - 9 March

An excited group of 9 students attended the concert by this Russian string quartet - one of the world's finest - in the Glenroy centre. The director of Chamber Music NZ was there and very thrilled to see our school group and even gave us a free programme! We listened to 3 string quartets by Brahms, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky and lapped up the voluptuous music. The children did very well in such a formal setting and though it was hard work to sit still and quiet there was a break between pieces which allowed us to talk or even run to the Octagon and back! We look forward to the next one in May.

Raffles

This year our main fundraising raffles are going to be held in conjunction with the quiz night. We will ask families to sell some tickets over the term holidays and the rest will be on sale at the quiz night when the raffle will be drawn.

We have created 3 different raffles from the wonderful prizes donated by our loyal sponsors. Each raffle has a first, second and third prize and is only \$1 a pop. We will also have an "organics raffle" which is only sold on quiz night.

Adventure raffle - 1st prize: a family trip on the Monarch, 2nd prize: 2 tickets on the Taieri Gorge Railway and 3rd prize: a family pass to the Aquarium.

Weekend Treats - 1st prize: Discovery World and Aquarium family tickets and a Tangente cafe voucher, 2nd prize: an hours massage by Andrea Vaughan, 3rd prize: Careys Bay Hotel voucher

Home and Garden- 1st prize: Clifton Wool N Things natural wool - enough for a jersey, and a \$100 voucher from Greys Studios, 2nd prize: 1 1/2 hour Garden Consultation with Michelle Ritchie and a Nichols voucher, 3rd prize: Olivier Home voucher

We will give each family just 10 tickets to sell. I'm afraid it is pot luck as to which raffle we give you - it's too complicated to give people some of each! If you can sell more there will be extra sheets at the office. We are printing 400 tickets for each raffle. Tickets will be going out Wednesday and Thursday - please have a look for them in your child's bag or your pigeon hole.

Quiz Night

We have collected a few prizes for the quiz night and need more! Pot plants, shrubs, a cake (on the night) !

We also need people to work on the stalls on quiz night (people who are not participating in the quiz). Please give your names to Linda

Let's try and make \$2000 from the quiz night for the "lighting up the yurts" project which Merrall and his team are completing!!!

Linda

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

As you may know Clare had a tumble from her bicycle last Thursday and sustained a fractured collar bone. The wishes of all of us go to you Clare for a speedy recovery and a restful break. A big thank you to all the parents who helped out at the working bee. The steps down into the forest and clean classrooms are much appreciated.

A reminder that our harvest festival is on this Thursday at the Ravensbourne Hall from 12pm to 2pm. The children will present a Harvest concert of songs, recorder, verses and eurythmy. This will be followed by a shared lunch of finger food. Pick up will be at the hall at 2 pm. Please remember to bring a gift of fresh food or preserves for the harvest table.

This week Mrs MacNeille and Mrs Hawke will be working on our own Dunedin Rudolf Steiner School Curriculum which is a document we are creating from a variety of sources to enable us to teach the traditional Steiner School curriculum, whilst making it possible for the children to achieve the objectives of the National New Zealand Curriculum. It is a work in progress which has already taken several months. We are being ably assisted by a number of typists from our wider school community to whom we are most appreciative.

Thank you to Mrs Plant who is taking the children in classes 1-4 for a variety of games, crafts and cooking activities as we celebrate the Easter season.

Brenda

Yurt Cleaning Roster

The Henderson, Holloway and Whitehead families are on yurt duty this week.

Cls	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9
1	Dunroy	Xu	Barton	Tamang	Funnell	Holmes	Alger	Henderson
2/3	Walrond	Cain	Wood	Schweikert	Stevenson	Cunningham	Oswald	Holloway
4	Stichnoth	Miles - Seeley	Noyes	Cohen	Degas	Tapealava	Barriga	Whitehead

Reserve families: Botica, MacDonald

Yurt Cleaning Duty consists of sweeping the yurt twice during the week (preferably on Tuesday and Thursday) either before or after school. Each yurt has its own broom, dustpan and brush. The duty family also needs to bring a bag of kindling for fire starting during the week. For Class 1 duty – could one of the sweeps please be Fri afternoon or Monday morning so the week starts with a clean Yurt.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you to Minami and her mum for bringing samples of organic rock and pumice from her field trip/work. Some children really enjoyed looking at these.

Recipe to share

“Mumble Crumble”

- Prepare and cut fresh fruits, for example, apple, banana, pear, wild berries and put into a baking dish. Dribble lovingly 1 tsp honey over fruit.
 - Mix in a bowl 1 Tbsp butter, 1 Tbsp sugar, 1 cup rolled oats, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp ginger
 - Place dry mix over fruit and bake up to 40-45 minutes according to oven at 180 - 200°C.
- Happy Eating from
The Kindergarten children

Our garden is looking great! Come and have a look. Can you help with more plants or seeds? This would be appreciated.

Harvest Festival

Bring food to the Kowhai Room

The circle will be celebrated in the Rata Room.

10am start
Marionette Show
Sharing of Food

12 o'clock
The School celebration at Ravensbourne Hall
People are welcome to visit that performance
Kindergarten will be open until 3pm

Please bring harvest gifts to be given to Joan Rawle for her community where she works.

Thank you children, parents and family for the lovely Term One that we have had.

Enjoy your holidays

From Whaea Sandra, Junko, Julie and Whaea Violet

CRAFTGROUP NEWS

Tomorrow is our last workshop of this term. We are going to make simple and very attractive cloth “snail”, using cotton and wool. Great toy for kindergarten or playgroup children. Come along, and if you can, bring something to share for morning tea/lunch.

Reminder: we checked our “honesty money box” at the office, and we are \$25.00 short. Please pay up whatever you haven't paid by the end of this week!

Tuesday 30 March 9:00 – 12:45	Ravensbourne Hall	Cloth snail making with Motoko. Bring your own sewing kit, and if you would like to recycle cotton or wool cloths, bring them with you too.
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Community Notices

Community notices in our newsletter will normally 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.

Walking bus

This continues as a do-it-yourself system at this stage. Great to see more families picking/dropping kids at the bottom of the hill. The DCC have given us some safety reflector vests for our walking bus. These will live in the office and can be borrowed from there at any stage. There are a range of sizes.

House to rent in Waitati

4 bedroom house for rent in Waitati, mid June until end of October, ring Tom and Vicky 4250705....

Private Board urgently required for 1st Year Health Science student.

Ex-Steiner student and daughter of a Steiner teacher from Christchurch. Preferably walking distance from University (and is a fit walker), and quiet atmosphere needed for focussed study. If you know of anywhere which might work, please contact Mary asap (03)3294365 or 0277721020 or email maryfryer@clear.net.nz

Message from Olive McRae

For those that do not already know, I am going to be standing in the local body elections for a seat on Council, and on our Waikouaiti Coast Community board. This message is to establish a support network for my campaign. There will be all manner of things that I need support with, from emotional support to practical support. Some things I will need on-going, some as a one-off. If you feel that you can help in some way then please email me on nomassmedication@gmail.com

MA-FI ARTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP

1st Floor – Room 104

KING EDWARD COURT

Cnr Stuart St and York Place

Large, warm, well
equipped studio : two experienced,
professional Artists will be your Tutors.
Drawing & Design *Painting*Sculpture*
*Print-Making*Pottery*Mask-Making*

WED-7th–FRI 16th APR

Daily: 8/9am-12 noon & 1-4/5/5:30pm

Preference given those enrolled for more than one session

3hr sessions: 15 hrs - \$100 (5 days @ \$20/time)

4hr sessions: 20hrs - \$130 (5 days @ \$26/time)

All day session available

All Materials Included.

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES - throughout School Terms 2010:

OPEN: Mon-Fri 3:00-6:15pm, Sat. 9/10:00am-12:00 & 2:00-4/5:00pm Fees: \$20 for 2hrs &/or up to 3hrs
Enquiries/Enrolments: Ph-KEC 477 6112 / Hm 472-8072 / Cell. 021-114-7971.

Tutors: Matthew Robertson BFA, Dip.Tchg, Registered Teacher
& Fiona Shaw-Robertson BFA
email: ma-fiarts@clear.net.nz

Website <http://www.ma-fiarts.co.nz>

OSCAR APPROVED: WINZ Subsidies available to eligible families.

Port Chalmers Holiday Activity Programme

Week 1: 1-4 pm Wed 7, Thu 8, Fri 9

Week 2: 1-4 pm Wed 14, Thu 15, Fri 16

Gold Coin Koha

All ages welcome

Week 1 (April 7, 8, 9)

Salt dough characters

Knitting flowers

Make your own scrap book

Week 2 (April 14, 15, 16)

Junk Band

Make your own instrument

Perform with the band

Daily Baking, Board Games

Guest Artist in Residence Jai Hall will give the children the opportunity to experience art making using locally sourced material. This is a method known as Arte Povera. Jai's theme "Through the Looking Glass" follows her current work in progress.

Parent help welcome.

Any enquiries to Julie 482 1779.

Netball Otago

Starting on the first Monday back after the holidays, Netball Otago is running a 7 week Future Ferns coaching programme for Year 4-6 boys and girls. The programme covers all the basic netball skills and is aimed to compliment any coaching that players receive from their school coaches and extend those with potential. It is a great opportunity to gain some coaching from some of Dunedin's top Premier Netball players.

Is anybody coming from town to the School's Harvest Festival? – Shelley Wrigley is looking for a ride there and back. Please call her at home if you can help. Ph. 467 9451.