Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School Trust
NGĀ KAITIAKI TE KURA O RUDOLF STEINER I ŌTAUTAHI

TERM 4 UPDATE - 2026

As we move into Term 4, we want to share a few updates with our community. The Trust works to protect and nurture the special character of our school. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, and we are grateful to the members who give so much of their time and care voluntarily.

As you might have heard, our school is experiencing financial difficulty, and we want to be open about that.

Artwork by Angela Lord *(for sale at our 2026 art exhibition alongside a collection of her works)*

Please contribute what you can to the Trust. Donations help fund the special character subjects and programmes at the heart of our school. Donations are voluntary, but they help sustain the special character that's woven through every part of school life. Your support helps keep that living fabric strong.

Last term, we shared the new perimeter fence. We are now preparing an **upgrade to the bathrooms**. This work will be funded by Ministry of Education money set aside for school property. The Ministry says, *"Proprietors are responsible for capital works on the school property. This could include major repairs, replacements or upgrades."* This money can be used for property work, but not for the school's day-to-day costs.

Work will start in a few weeks and includes the Hall bathrooms, Lower School toilets and Upper School toilets in readiness for 2027.

The Trust exists to protect and nurture the special character of our Steiner school. That means ensuring the Waldorf philosophy is a living, breathing reality for every child, every day.

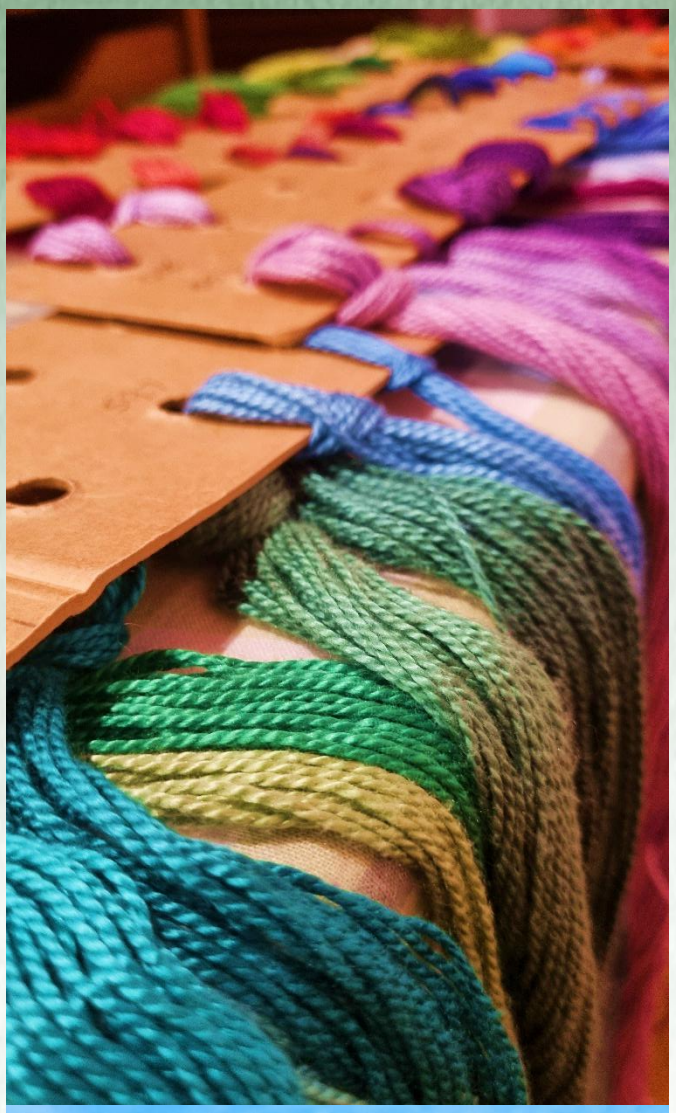
A CLOSER LOOK SERIES : Come along, connect, and ask questions! Parents are welcome at our "A Closer Look" evenings, where they can explore more of the education and curriculum their children experience.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND HANDWORK was on **Wednesday 14 October, 7pm.** Lovely to see all those that attended.

Next up is **EURYTHMY AND COSTUMES** on **Wednesday 21 October, 7pm**.

There'll be time to learn, ask questions and leave feeling inspired.

Your donations directly support these programmes and they are vital for us to continue having them as part of our special character curriculum.



LEARNING in TERM 4:

French classes for ākonga start next Tuesday 8am, 5 week course, contact Rachel for more info 0220911270.

Beginner Eurythmy with Simone, attend a class with her on 28 Oct, 4, 11 Nov. Book on Kindo.

Our 2026 **Art Exhibition** opening will be on **Friday 30 October**, from 7–9.30pm in the School Hall. Join us for good company, delicious food, a drink on arrival and live music from Amiria Grenell and Phil Norton, with Sally Stockwell as our MC. A limited number of **early bird tickets are available for $25**, including your arrival drink and food. The exhibition will also be open during the Fair on Saturday 31 October, from 10am–3pm -the icing on the cake of an already wonderful Fair day.

There will be an opportunity to purchase art works and this year a special focus on alumni wāhine artists.

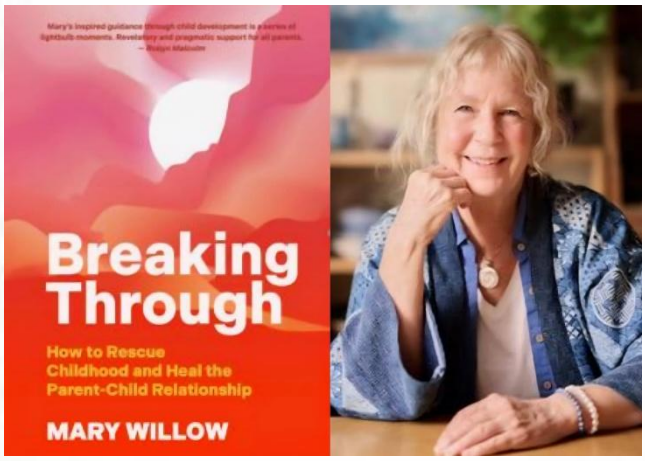
TERM 4 WORKSHOPS

We're delighted to be offering festive workshops for the first time this year, with four creative sessions for parents and the wider community: **Wreath-making**, **Art for Wellbeing**, **Ceramic Ornaments**, and a **Christmas Table Centrepiece**. Places are limited, so book your tickets through Kindo.

MARY WILLOW VISIT & BOOK LAUNCH

Mary Willow will be visiting in November for talks with our Kindergarten and School faculties, as well as two **community talks** with Q&A: **Friday 20 Nov 7pm**, and **Sat 21 Nov, 10am** for those that can't attend in the evening.

A parenting mentor and former nurse, midwife and Waldorf educator, Mary will share ideas from her new book, Breaking Through. Books will be available to purchase and have signed at the community talks.



ALUMNI EVENT

We're excited to invite alumni to drinks and nibbles at Pomeroy's on Tuesday 24 November at 7- 9pm. Join us for a catch up.

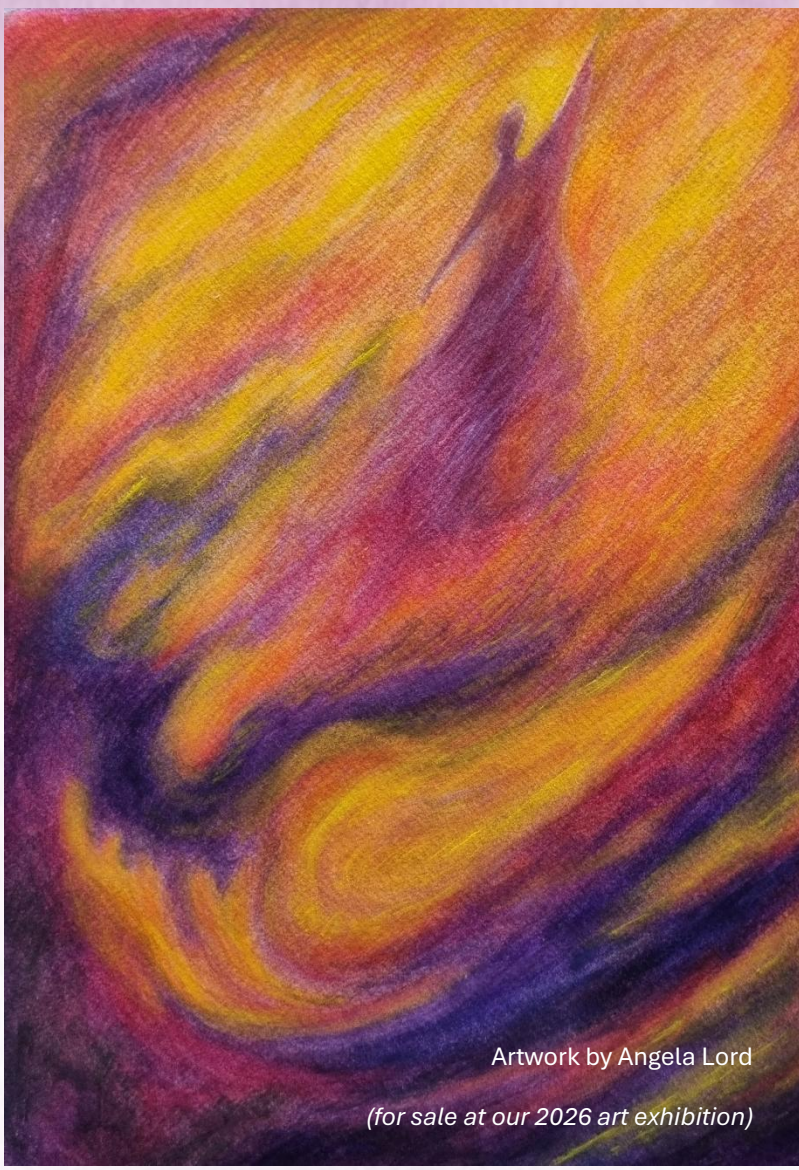
HOW TO SUPPORT

If you have found value in any of what you have read today — marvelled at your child's handwork creations over the years, heard about a Eurythmy session and felt something, watched your child in a class play, enjoyed their Main Lesson subject focus — please consider making your donation to the Trust this year.

These donations can be made on Kindo

The Trust is a registered charity, and all donations are receipted for tax purposes. **You can claim a tax refund of 33% on all donations.** For more information, please contact us.

Every small donation helps, please consider giving anything you can…



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Ngā mihi maioha,

Alan Cummins

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