

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



2 March 2017

The Grapevine



Tena Koutou Katoa

This past week has seen our Board of Trustees ratify our Annual Plan for 2017 and this has been sent on to the Ministry of Education (keep an eye on our website for this document). These things all happen by 1 March of each year. Alongside that, the Board has the unenviable task of setting the budget.

As with many schools in Aotearoa New Zealand, even though we are so blessed to have your financial donations, we still have to work very hard to ensure that we are putting all of our resources into the right places for maximum benefit for our children.

We usually make it fit, but the budget has little wriggle room. Imagine our delight, then, at the recent generosity of spirit shown by so many in our community. Firstly, harking back to our Fete at the end of last year, the school was in awe of the work undertaken by our hardworking Fete Committee and so many parents, caregivers, whanau and teachers. To then be presented with a cheque for \$25,000 was humbling, to say the least. We cannot thank you all enough for this.

This year has seen this generosity continue. One of our parents was extremely enthusiastic about the opera 'Carmen' and provided 60 tickets for our children to experience a musical and visual feast. This is an experience those children will never forget. One of our families very kindly donated \$10,000 towards an auditory development system which the school had committed to – helping to offset the very expensive initial outlay for the main pieces of equipment. A past parent sent in \$2000 in recognition of the education her child received some years ago. A staff member's sister had bequeathed some funds to the school, and so we have two new sewing machines in the High School Handwork room in memory of this woman who loved so much to quilt. We also had someone donate a lovely, new couch to the staff room; this person felt we needed somewhere comfy and nice to sit when we did get a chance to actually sit down.

Of course, we also see the generosity of time and energy, as well as resources, from families and staff. There are so many parents, caregivers and grandparents who generously arrange their lives to help in class and to support our outings, trips and camps; particularly in the recent call to action for Class 8 Surf Camp which was initially called off due to lack of supervisors. Within 24 hours we had the numbers needed to reinstate the camp. Well done, Class 8 families!

Communities thrive when there is a generosity of spirit flowing through all we do. Giving selflessly results in more than the sum of the parts. It results in a culture of aroha and compassion, focused around doing everything we can for our children and young people. This then becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy in that we create an enriching upward spiral – to the heavens.

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi

(With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive)

Nga mihi aroha
Carmel Spencer
Principal

Mark Your Calendar!

March 7	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Class 10 Parent Evening
March 8	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Class 11 Parent Evening
March 10	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Lara Shah: Healing with Sacred Hawaiian Hula
March 15	7:00 pm Library	Jen Burton: On the iLs Listening Programme
March 17	9:00 am Taikura Kindy	Jen Burton: On the iLs Listening Programme
March 24	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	David Urieli: High School Maths Teacher TBA
April 7	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Margaret Mary Farr - Anthroposophical Art TBA

SCHOOL NOTICES

New Initiative

The Lower School plans to implement a new learning support programme that is achieving significant success with private consultants and at Tauranga Waldorf School. This is the iLs Listening Programme, which is a high-tech system for extending auditory processing capability in people with normal hearing. Difficulties with auditory processing do not affect what is heard by the ear, but do affect how this is interpreted by the brain. If the brain is unable to correctly process what is said, the information may be misunderstood or lost. Auditory processing deficit can interfere directly with speech and language, but can affect all areas of learning, especially reading and spelling. The iLs Listening Programme strengthens the efficient processing of auditory information which is critically important for children and adults to be successful in learning situations, and also in their social development, relationships and overall emotional well-being.

The school is very grateful to have received a substantial donation specifically for the purpose to purchase our first three complete iLs Listening Programme sets for the school, and the opportunity for one other to be generously loaned to us from a school family.

Tauranga Steiner School is supporting us by enabling Jen Burton, who manages their Listening Programme, to come and spend three days with us here at Taikura School, from Wednesday 15 March to Friday 17 March. She will provide training to staff, assess our initial groups of children that will start on the programme, and give talks to the wider school community on what the iLs Listening Programme is, and the difference it has made for many students at Tauranga School since its implementation in 2007.

We are starting small, with just four sets, and will be looking at ways to initiate funding for more sets in the future. Our initial groups to start the programme will be drawn from older students that we believe are most in need of Listening Therapy. Permission slips will be sent out to families of these students before the programme commences. Our experiences with these initial groups will help us create smoothly running systems that will support the work of the class teacher with the wider class. We hope to establish listening sessions for all children at Class 1 over 2018 and 2019, funding permitted. We intend it to be an integral part of our 'Path of Learning' for the future.

Jen will be giving a talk on Wednesday the 15 March at 7.00 pm in the Library at the school. She will hopefully give another on Friday morning 17 March at 9.00 am at the Taikura Kindergarten.

We encourage as many people as possible to come and hear more about this exciting new therapy that we will soon be offering at the school.

If there is anyone in the community who feels they would like to have a stronger involvement in the iLs Listening Programme, and could volunteer (initially) some hours each week to support the programme, please get in touch with Rachel Hughes or Kelly Sutton.

On behalf of the iLs Initiative group

Taikura Parents Group - All School Community Welcome

Please come along and enjoy the opportunity to meet other parents and staff from our school in a relaxed and supportive environment - and if you have young ones don't worry as all meetings are baby/toddler friendly.

Gatherings are held at the Hastings Taikura Kindergarten community space a couple of Friday mornings a month. Guest speakers begin at 9:00+ am with tea and coffee available from 8.45 am.

Our next meeting:

March 10 - Lara Shah, who teaches Hawaiian Hula Dance in Hawkes Bay among other things, will be giving an introduction and sharing the basic steps used for this sacred dance. The graceful movements of hula engage and harmonize both hemispheres of the brain and thus is very healing for mind, body, emotions and spirit. Please come in comfortable clothing and expect to move your bodies and have fun.

March 24 -David Urieli - High School Mathematics Teacher - TBA

April 7- Margaret Mary Farr - Anthroposophical Art Teacher - TBA

Questions and suggestions to Filipa Hope 8799281/0274513445

SCHOOL NOTICES

Natural Materials Needed

With Autumn approaching now is the time to collect natural materials - seed pods, cones, nut shells, dried grasses and flowers, shells and stones - for use in the Clay Play/Fairy Gardens activity at the Fête. If you or your whanau are inclined to gather these at your property or on walks they would be gratefully received by Rosheen, or can be dropped at the office.

Contact 027 7770759 or taikurafete@gmail.com.

Crafting Materials Needed

Donations of Fabrics, Felt, Felting and Knitting Wool for creation of crafts for sale at the Fête would be gratefully received by Rosheen, or can be dropped at the office.

Contact 027 7770759 or taikurafete@gmail.com.

Fête Crafting Workshops Sundays 19 March and 9 April, 11am-2pm

Monthly workshops will be running to create crafts for sale at the Fête. This term we will be sewing and knitting costumes and crafting swords and shields. Aspiring carpenters meet at the woodwork room; and knitters and sewers at the Edwin Ayre Building. Bring a plate to share for lunch. Contact Rosheen on 027 7770759 or at taikurafete@gmail.com.

Fête Crafting Workshops Tuesdays, 9-11am

Taikura Kindergarten Parent Room

Weekly workshops will be running to create small crafts for sale at the Fête, in the Parent Room of Taikura Kindergarten, directly across from the Staff Car Park. We will begin wet felting insects. Contact Rosheen on 027 7770759 or at taikurafete@gmail.com.

Invitation to Parents :-Card Games and More!

Anyone who would like to improve theirs and their child's mathematics mind come and play games! Thursday 7th March 9:00 am (after dropping kids) in Room under the stairs in Edwin Ayre building 30-40 minutes long, three initial sessions. (There will be lots of tiny bits of equipment all around us so up to you if you can keep young children safe).

Sandra Jordan

Music News

Over seventy children, parents and teachers enjoyed the experience of the opera last Monday. The stage was full of colourful children and adults supported with beautiful music, sung and played, imaginative scenery and colourful costumes. We are so grateful for the generous sponsorship provided by Malcolm and Helen Cox. Thank you both so much for giving so many children such a great opportunity.

Callun Dunlop (021835766) is now teaching drums on a Friday morning at Taikura so please contact him if you are considering drumming lessons for your child.

Margot Wuts (068750660) is teaching voice again this year. Please contact Margot if your child is interested in voice lessons.

Trumpet, Trombone and Saxophone lessons will begin when we find a tutor. you will be informed as soon as a tutor is found.

Alexandra and William, travelling Troubadours, who are in their 49 country after travelling and performing for 22 years together, sang for Classes six, seven and eleven recently. Everyone enjoyed their music and hearing about their interesting travelling experiences.

The first of six Chamber Music Concerts starts this month on the 17 March at the MTG building in Napier. Please pay \$30 to the office by Friday 3 March. The years programme is available from Frances in the music room and please ring 02102923313 with any questions.

Thanks, Frances Te Wheei, Music

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sound Healing Gong Concert

Sound Healing Gong Concert at Taruna / Korimake Hall, 33 Te Mata Peak Road, Havelock North. March 21 at 7:00 pm. Marius and Jeltje are coming up from Golden Bay to share their beautiful Gong Sound Healing in a Concert. They are using big gongs, Didgeridoo, singing bowls and other acoustic instruments. You will have to bring a yoga mat or similar, a cushion and blanket, and drinking water. You will be lying on the floor to enjoy the sound. The concert is approximately 1.5 hours. Energy Exchange \$30 presale / \$35 at the door. E-mail Silke Whittaker silke@heartspace.nz for booking your ticket. More info on gong concerts on www.soulharmonic.co.nz

Heartspace Yoga

Heartspace Yoga is opening a new yoga room. I am very excited to open my new yoga room on Monday 20 February 2017. Upstairs at Aspyre Fitness, 208 Heretaunga Street East in Hastings (opposite Cornucopia). I am going to offer regular Hatha and Yin Yoga classes (6 am, 9:30 am, 12:15 pm, 1:30 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm). Showers, Changing Rooms and Sauna are available to students before and after yoga sessions. Prices range from \$10 - \$14 per session. First trial session for new students free of charge. For more info please visit heartspace.nz or e-mail Silke Whittaker silke@heartspace.nz to book your space.

Art Classes for Adults

Tuesdays 10 am -12 pm starting 7 March. Exploring painting and drawing techniques, observation drawing and good company. Listen to stories from Greek Mythology. Choose your own art project. Beginners and the more experienced welcome. Steiner Centre - 500 Nelson St Hastings. Contact Eva Urieli on 8786028 or via e-mail evaurieli@gmail.com.

Free Seminar On Personal Insurance: With Fera Divinci

Learn about Personal Insurance: For example:- Life Insurance, Trauma Insurance, Income and Mortgage Insurance, Health Insurance etc.

Date : Tuesday the 14 March 2017 Start Time 10.30 am Length of Time: 30 Minutes
Venue 1203A Karamu Road North, Mayfair, Hastings.
Please register. Email: fera@insuresecure.co.nz or Phone/Text: 021 1874192

Kia Ora Taikura Community!

I am respectful and house proud working mother of three (two youngest at Taikura Kindy) in urgent need of a lovely warm, safe 2-4 bedroom home for my family. We promise to fill it laughter and song, and treat it with love and care. We have excellent references and are reliable responsible tenants. PLEASE call if you know of any current or upcoming homes for rent, with thanks, Erena Tomoana 0274894433 - 8733054 - emtomoana@xtra.co.nz

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Kairos Centre: 2017 Year courses

The Heart of Art: Strengthening the Heart Chakra through inner contemplation. A Practical Course.

Year One: 7 weeks per term THURSDAYS - 8:50 am - 12:15 pm

This course offers an opportunity for the beginner to become acquainted with some basic artistic techniques e.g. Wet on wet painting, observational drawing, Form Drawing, etc. The Language of fairy tales . Costs \$250 per term.

Year Two: TUESDAYS - 8:50 am - 12:15 pm. This course is designed for people with prior artistic experience and is a continuation of year one. Veiling, Goethe's colour theory, The Story of Parival.

History of Art: 7 weeks per term through the year Tuesday - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm A study of Art History reveals to us the evolution of human consciousness. There will be a small introduction and artistic exercises included in this session. Costs \$180 per term

Curriculum Art for Teachers: Three seminars through the year. This course will provide a basis of techniques , wet on wet stroke/form/ charcoals, observational drawing etc to help the teacher become more confident and creative within the classroom.

Dates March - 23, 24, 25 July - 13,14,15 October - 5, 6, 7 Costs \$300. Per three days

Therapy Trough Art: One Day Workshop: The Yearly Rhythm and Me .

Meet yourself through the interplay of dark and light and experience the healing qualities of colour and rhythm through the year.

When: April 8 at 9.00 am 4.00 pm Cost: \$85.00

ENQUIRE NOW Text / Ph Margaret- Mary Farr 027 2484193

Email manawastudio@gmail.com Facebook. Margaret Mary Farr artist Kairos Artistic Endeavours

Situation Vacant

Pipi Café require waitstaff. This is a part time position for two - five evenings per week. Ideally this would suit someone with a couple of spare nights.

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Alexandra is looking forward to hearing from you; email is best picicafe@xtra.co.nz

To Rent

A Small furnished outside room in East Clive with amenities including unlimited internet in main house. Suit a quiet clean living single person that loves animals.

I work from home so would like someone that works or studies away from home between 9-3pm approximately. Room for your own vege garden. \$120.00 per week. Phone Julie 0277563417.

Water filter for home/workplace/classroom?

A group of parents are currently organizing a really good group discount on the BIO500 water filter from waters.co.nz. If you are interested in purchasing a water filter or any other products from them, please get in touch with Tineka on 0277255942 or tinkferg@outlook.co.nz to express interest. Thank you.

Maycenvale Junior Football

Registration is the 4 March at the Hawkes Bay Regional Sports 1-3 pm. Down by the football goal posts. Male and female players welcome, all ages.

For more information please contact Trish 0272132135

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Art Class For Teenagers 13 - 18 Years

Explore & research your own images, try out different art techniques, look at artists work and hear about their lives. Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.45 pm. Steiner Centre, 500 Nelson St, Hastings.

If you are interested please contact Eva Urieli evaurieli@gmail.com 878 6028 or text 02102771201

Art Class For Adults

Tuesdays 10:00 am -12:00 noon. Exploring painting and drawing techniques, observation drawing, good company, listening to stories (Term 1 : Greek mythology). Choose your own art project. Beginners and the more experienced welcome. Steiner Centre, 500 Nelson St Hastings. Contact Eva Urieli on 8786028 or via e-mail evaurieli@gmail.com

Soul Blueprint Healing for your Child

With all the spiritual and physical changes going on in the body of the child, it's important to uncover and clear any metaphysical issues preventing your child from being fully aligned to his or her Soul Blueprint (a.k.a the way we are each divinely designed). Now, as a conscious parent you know well, that at the root of all internal and external struggles are the unexpressed and unresolved experiences from the past. So as a psychic attuned to the Akashic Records, I look there for answers that help us understand the 'why' behind everything. Whether it's anxiety, depression, learning difficulties, anger or unexplainable behaviour - together we can help your child to climb over these low vibe energetic walls so that she or he can fully enjoy life feeling whole, healthy and confident about being in their own skin.

After all - that's all we really want for them right?

My discounted rate for our community kids is only \$111.00 which includes a 90 minute call and unlimited email support for 21 days following.

Call me on 021841602 to schedule your session.

Vicki Reisima

Well Spoken:

Is your child interested in drama, storytelling, poetry or public speaking? Rudolf Steiner brought huge insight into the art of speaking and drama and from my training in this and teaching, I can help students achieve a high degree of effectiveness, confidence and style. If your child would like to excel in speech and drama, call me for a free consultation.

Therapeutic speech lessons available for students over the age of 9 years. Speech formation is a great help in developing articulation, confidence, memory and well-being.

I am five minutes from the school and can set up times to suit you. Call Robyn to find out more.

Robyn Hewetson robyn@wellspoken.co.nz 06 878 3496 021 217 8688

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