

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



16 March 2017



Autumn Festival

As autumn begins to settle very gently around us we turn your thoughts towards the Festival which we will be hosting at Taikura next Friday 24 March. After a busy, exciting morning and a picnic on the field with hopefully lots of you attending, we will watch the younger classes perform the play of Saint Michaël and the Dragon.

Rudolf Steiner spoke a great deal about Saint Michaël as an Archangel and Time-Spirit of our present World. Steiner also gave a number of pictures regarding this spiritual being and his place in the season of autumn. Like the play, these 'pictures' can be seen and understood on many levels, for the ideas and imaginations they represent are ancient. Steiner often spoke of the meteoric iron of which Michaël's sword is a symbol, with the meteorites that flash through the autumnal night skies like sparks from the blade. Steiner highlighted the importance of the meteoric iron and its work outside of us in the World and also inside of us at this time of year.

Iron permeates our daily lives, It has changed our modern world dramatically through the ages, and even the iron contained in our food and our bodies was once made in the stars. Modern scientists tell us that stars, in fact quasars, are the stellar factories of iron production as they blaze their way across our Universe. Just as we see in space during these months a flashing of iron meteorites (a condensed form of this cosmic iron) coursing across our night skies; so too, says Steiner, is our blood filled with a "million upon million-fold" of a meteoric counterparts.

Our blood is indeed full of minuscule meteorites and the iron is the very centre of much of the work it does. The average human adult has around five million red blood cells per cubic millilitre of blood. That equates to approximately 25 trillion red blood cells in your body. Within every red blood cell there are roughly 280 million haemoglobin proteins and each one of these is made of four 'heme' molecules. These molecules are the tiny secret to our breath of life. At the heart of each 'heme' molecule is an atom of iron: the core to respiration; and the reason our blood is red. If there are four molecules to every 'heme' and there are 280 million per red blood cells, that means we have on average over a billion iron atoms in every cell which must mean we have at least 5 600 000 000 000 000 000 of them in our bodies. Over five quintillion iron atoms coursing through our being, and every one of them made in the star-foundry of the Universe. Beings of the stars we are!

Parents are warmly invited to join us for a **picnic lunch on the field at 12.30 pm** and a game of Taikura Crummock between parents, staff and students. The **Saint Michael and the Dragon Play** will take place at **2:00 pm in Scannells Garden**

If we have **wet weather** there will be **no lunchtime picnic** and the play will be performed in the **Gym at 2:00 pm**

Johnny Ryan
On behalf of the Festival Group

Mark Your Calendar!

March 16	7:30 pm Anthro Centre Library	Open Evening
March 24	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	David Urieli: High School Maths Teacher TBA
March 27-31	Noho Marae - Taupunga Marae	Class 10 Waimarama
April 5	The School Library	Community Health Consultation with Gee
April 7	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Margaret Mary Farr - Anthroposophical Art

SCHOOL NOTICES

Staff Appointments

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Rachel Williams to the position as Office Manager. Rachel will begin in a few weeks' time. We have also been very fortunate to have found an experienced and knowledgeable Counsellor in Maxine Andersen. We will profile these new staff in our next Grapevine.

French Group

We are starting a French conversation group for Taikura students. The group welcomes students from Classes 1 to 12 of all French language levels, who want to speak and hear French in a supportive, friendly environment. The focus of the sessions will be to build up camaraderie, trust and support, and will include interactive activities, board games...and French food! Our initial get-together will be at lunchtime on the last Tuesday of the term, and will run fortnightly. If you are interested in your child participating please contact kura.rutherford@gmail.com or speak to Stasia Rutherford-Busck (Class 11) at school.

Looking for a Mentor!

I am currently in Class 12 and have chosen to do my class 12 project on "What is fear and how to overcome it". I am looking for a mentor to help me with my project. If you know anybody who could possibly be interested in helping me please contact me on 020 4095 3113.

Thanks Anna Bristow

Bus Users

Could all families who use the various bus services remind their children to remain seated while on the bus and that polite behaviour at all times is expected. We have received some concerns around behaviour on our Napier bus run, and would very much like to avoid the removal of students from this service.

Along with this, a request from the Bus Company. If your child's bus service requires payment, can you please ensure that they are prepared with enough money to cover their travel costs.

Thank you for your support.

Kelly Sutton - Associate Principal Lower School

Parent Handbook Update Reminder

Can you please let me know as soon as possible any changes in address, contact phone numbers and email addresses. The Parent Handbook will be a smaller edition with contact information only. This list will be finalised in Term 1 from our student management system – we hope that this way we will reduce errors. Thank you to those who have already advised me of changes. The best way to advise the office of these changes is via email to office@taikura.school.nz.

Many thanks - Adrienne Burt

Sports Notices

We are currently taking names for winter sports teams in the Lower School. Please check your emails and confirm your child's availability to play. All parents whose child has shown interest in joining a team, will be emailed the information. Once confirmed, registration forms will be posted home.

High School Hockey Trials are complete and students should know the team they are in this week. High School Netball Training started last Friday and will continue on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

Congratulations to Orla Jefferson who took part in the New Zealand Ocean Athletes National Champs this month. Orla and her team won "GOLD" in the Board Relay event. Fantastic achievement Orla and team!

Janet Osborne - Sports Co-ordinator

SCHOOL NOTICES

Career Advice For School Students

Exploring career options early

Class 11 and 12 students should start to explore their future study and career options as early as possible. In the final two years at school, students face many competing priorities – leadership responsibilities, academic pursuits, and an ever-increasing social life. Often a focus on further study and career options is left to the last minute. Also, students might not see themselves as “career ready” or else they may be afraid of making a decision.

“Why focusing on “the job” is irrelevant”

Due to technological advances, jobs are changing all the time. This means focusing purely on the outcome of getting a certain job is redundant – after all, the job might not exist post-study, or the type of skills required for it might have changed. That means students need to focus on opportunities to develop transferable skills that allow them to be agile and able to navigate a range of industries and professions. Problem solving, financial and digital literacy, teamwork, creativity and communication are in demand. These important skills will serve graduates well in many industries.

“How to make a good decision”

As early as possible, students should attend tertiary open days and talk to staff about what's on offer. They should also explore various industries by speaking to people in a range of jobs. This is a great way to research trends and reality-test different options. A student can then choose a course of action to support their ideas, ensuring it's as broad as possible in case they change their mind.

Next university visits

March 21 University of Canterbury 3:15pm Taikura House Level 3 Parents Welcome

March 22nd Waikato University 3:15pm Taikura House Level 3 Parents Welcome

March 28th Otago University 3:15pm Taikura House Level 3 Parents Welcome

Lesley Cox

Careers/Gateway/STAR Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

Careers - Past Student

Monique Bartosh, a 2012 Class 12 Graduate, visited Taikura on Wednesday 8 March to talk to students. After Taikura, Monique did a gap year working for PGL, an Outdoor Education company in the UK and Europe whose motto is "To realise the inside go outside" PGL is more than just a job: it's a lifestyle, an experience. It is being part of a team, making a difference, learning, growing and most importantly having fun doing so. They create life enriching adventures every year and give schools, groups and adventurous kids an experience they will never forget.



After her OE she applied to Toi Whakaari for the Diploma in Costume Construction. The Diploma is a two year full time, intensive vocational and highly practical course covering all aspects of costume work with an intake of only between 4-7 students each year.

Monique was successful in being accepted into this prestigious degree, as this is the only course in NZ that specialises in costume for stage and screen and aims to provide students with skills in all forms of costume construction. She graduated from Toi Whakaari last year and is now working for the NZ Ballet. Her goal is to travel back to Europe and design costumes for live theatre companies.

Monique talked to the students about her reflections and what had helped her. The importance of main lesson books, main lesson presentations, Class 12 speeches and Eurythmy. And being able to present things orally and visually. She felt the experience of Te Reo and the tikanga of our school was also beneficial. Her ability to do things outside of what is requested has held her in good stead.

Thank you Monique, for the wonderful gift to the school of two period costumes she designed while completing the Diploma. These will be used for future plays and cared for in the Costume Room.

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 Workshop This Sunday 19 March 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Monthly workshops will be running to create crafts for sale at the Fête. This month we will be sewing and knitting costumes. We will be working in the High School Handwork Room. We will be starting woodwork and felting next month. Bring a plate to share for lunch. Contact Rosheen on 027 7770759 or at taikurafete@gmail.com.

Fête Crafting Workshops Tuesdays, 9-11:00 am

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). Come and learn how to play Cribbage!

Sandra Jordan

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 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

Update Attendance Dues

Thank you to the families that have returned their Attendance Dues form. We appreciate your timely response. There are a number of outstanding forms and we will be following these up this week. Please remember it is a legal requirement to return these forms.

Found - Necklace

Silver heart locket, "Love is a 4 legged word" . Also:- Silver birds on chain, found in the school grounds Please see Adrienne in the office to claim.

Anthro Centre Library Open Evening:

Thursday 16 March from 7:30 pm

All welcome to browse, borrow and converse. Gold coin donation. Do come and enjoy this treasury of collected wisdom every third Thursday.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 Parzival.

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 Through 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

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Sleep Out Available

We are a family of 4 and have a self-contained and furnished sleepout available in Hastings on a back section. We are looking for someone who is happy to pay rent, or help out with gardening and other household jobs (our preference), or a mix of the two. All enquiries to Matt or Melissa 06 873 5566 (after Hours).

Yurt Building Workshop

Outline Of The Day

The workshop involves making a yurt in a day using upcycled materials. Many of the labour intensive tasks have been done to facilitate the learning and speed up the process. We will finish off the walls and rafters, cut out the roof and wall material to fit and assemble.

At the end of this day you will have a good idea about how to make a yurt.

I suggest bringing pen and paper and camera depending on how you want to remember the detail.

Saturday 1st April 2017 **Time:** 10am – 5pm **Venue:** Haumoana (15min from Napier)

Cost: \$100 per person, \$30 deposit. Limited to 10 people for best teaching outcome.

More information: Visit my website rubberbandray.com

Enquiries and/or Bookings: email razedward@gmail.com or phone 0223482332

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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

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 nine 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

Wanted

Home to Rent for a kind and caring family of four. Two - four bedroom, ideally with an old garden to take care of. Although we are open to anything. Shahn on 06 261 1144

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Tuesdays 10 am - 12:00 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.

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

Holiday Programme

Needle Felting Class for Children.-

Would you like your child to explore the beautiful Art of Needle Felting?

I am doing another Needle Felting class in the holidays and am wondering if there are more children in the community who would like to learn this beautiful craft.

Please phone Sabine at Goldkinder Crafts on 8751905 or 0274928444

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