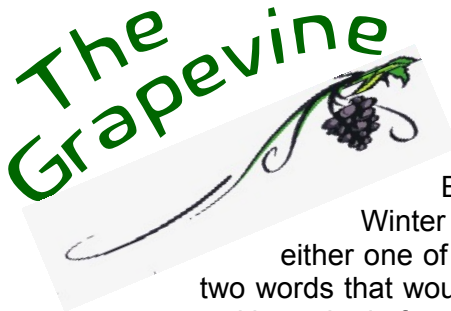




29 June 2017



Both Lower and High School students experienced their Mid-Winter Festival last week. For those who had the pleasure of being at either one of them, would have to agree, beauty and engagement would be two words that would spring to mind when describing these experiences. Along of course with gratitude from staff, for all those who contributed to make these possible.

There was a new format for the Lower School Lantern Walk, a smaller Scannell's walk completed with spiral on the big field. The Festival Group would like to thank the parent body for holding this new format and actively involving themselves to create a mood of hush and reverence.

"On the 21 July, the lower school celebrated the Mid-Winter Solstice, we walked through Scannell's, as we walked we followed a path made of luminous lanterns. We kept singing until we got to a circle above. The circle, strung from poles, were fairy lights, Class 4 sang songs while Classes 1, 2 and 3 walked a spiral. While we were in the circle some people's lanterns flickered out. But our teacher re-lit them".

Breanna Artless Class 4

"On Wednesday night it was the lantern festival, we paraded through Scannell's. We sang Rise-Up-Oh-Flame. In the sky you could see stars glimmering, they were beautiful. That night was the longest night of the year".

Oron Jones-Campbell Class 4

We are fast moving towards the end of the term and while some of us are beginning to slow down in the acknowledgement of Winter tiredness and ills, our Class 12 are in the throes of speeding up. All Sunday the hammers were banging and skill-saws whirring as they designed and built the set for their final Class Play. Their next two weeks will be full of rehearsals, costumes and dedicated work. All in preparation for their community performances during the last week of term. The Class Play is an integral part of our school curriculum, and I encourage you all to attend. Over the years we have seen audience sizes for our class plays diminish. Yet there is nothing more satisfying for a class of performers, than a full house, an audience to laugh and enjoy their hard work. I warmly encourage as many of our community as possible to attend. You will receive an interesting and humorous experience while also supporting and encouraging our Class 12 students. This year the play is called "The Golden Masque Of Agamemnon". It will be performed in the School Hall on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 July starting at 7:30pm.

Mark Your Calendar!

June 30	6:00 am	Celestial Star Compass
June 30	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Astrid Pook - Sounds of Language in Speech and Drama
July 4	6:30 pm	Class 12 Dress Rehearsal - School Hall
July 5 - 6	7:30 pm	Class 12 Performance "The Golden Masque of Agamemnon"
July 7		End of Term 2
August 4	8:45 am 9:00 am start	Herman Veluwenkamp "Nature and the Etheric Realm"
August 7	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting

SCHOOL NOTICES

Solstice - Matariki Hāngi

On Wednesday 21 June, the High School celebrated the Solstice with an amazing Hāngi Feast at lunchtime. There were 190 people catered for so we had a large gathering at the Whare.

All this could not have been achieved without the generosity and help of some wonderful people.

Thank you to:

- Russell Hope and the Lethbridge Family for the wood for the Hāngi - these were 5 foot long poles that had to be stacked the day before - if there are other families who have and are willing to donate wood to the school please let Troy know as we are able to store it for future use.
- Liam for making new Hāngi baskets and delivering wood and sharpening knives.
- John Marks for the Macrocarpa chopping boards and driftwood candle holders.
- Alistair, Tahn, Christian, Brynn and Francis, Class 11-12 students, and their whānau who supported them getting to school very early for Wednesday - also Liam, our Property Manager, and Brendan Hamilton Gibbs.
- Troy the Master Chef.
- Rewa and Ura for supervising.
- Lesley for organisation.
- Jade and Class 9 for the beautiful Winter Sweet and Table decorating.
- Kelly and Class 4 for making the Stuffing and cutting up loads of onions.
- Pauls neighbours for the extra Hāngi stones.
- Class 10 for Preparation of the Vegetables and Meat.

The core group of students who helped shift tables and chairs, build the fire and packed and cleaned up.

Ngā kai a Matariki nāna i ao ake nei!



SCHOOL NOTICES

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.

June 30 - Astrid Pook will talk about working with the "Creative Forces of the Word" in the Spirit of the Word School for Creative Speech and the Art of Drama, with a brief introduction to the upcoming three week "Orientation Course" 9 - 28 July 2017. There will be time for questions and a taste experience of the work.

August 4 - Herman Veluwenkamp will present on 'Nature and the Etheric Realm'



Announcing our drama club musical for this year
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!

This will be performed on 3, 4 and 5 of August at 7.30pm

The cast includes students from Classes Four to Twelve and all children from both Class Three groups.
A show for all the family, based on the biblical story and with lots of fun songs by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber

This is our first Drama Club musical for 10 years since we did the smash hit "Oliver!"

Posters up and tickets are on sale now!

We are seeking skilled make up artists to help with makeup for our school production of Joseph.

Please email Cherie at cherie.youngman@taikura.school.nz if you are able to help.

Therapeutic Support for our Children

For some years now at Taikura we have facilitated a range of therapies to support our learners. While our focus is the curriculum and learning, we are very aware that particular challenges in children, benefit hugely by being supported therapeutically.

Once received, these therapies will often create a readiness in the child, for deeper learning, strengthening the physical, so academic learning and skills are acquired more easily.

These extras are costly. In the past we have been able to fully fund many therapies; however we have reached a place where we are no longer able to continue with this model. We simply don't have the resources. Thus, to be able to continue to create access to some therapies, we will require families/recipients to contribute to the costs of some. Currently families contribute to the costs of the Leg-up-trust, (along with a private donor, who subsidises these costs to keep them manageable for families.), Extra-Lesson is funded through the government. In 2018 we will have to put a small cost on the listening programme. In addition from now on we will be requiring payment towards Eurythmy Therapy

Parents with children receiving Eurythmy Therapy will be contacted in a thoughtful and considered way as we are hugely aware of the financial strains on families in New Zealand. Long term (2018) there will be the creation of a fundraising group to support families to have access therapies.

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SCHOOL NOTICES

Careers

Experience Waikato Day is on in the Holidays

Monday 10 July 1:00 pm -4:30 pm at the Hamilton Campus

Experience Waikato Day is your chance to find out about the great study options Waikato has to offer and get advice on what's best for you. Spend your day on campus attending presentation sessions, talking to students and staff, touring the Halls of Residence and getting a taste of student life.

Students can register at www.waikato.ac.nz/study/key-university-dates/information-sessions#university-campus-events-2017

Waikato University have revised their school leaver scholarships to include NZSCE Level 2 and 3 results. If students pass NZCSE Level 2 with Highly Commended or Distinction they will automatically receive a scholarship - no application required.

The amount the student receives will vary depending on whether they achieve Highly Commended or Distinction, or a combination of both, at NZCSE Levels 2 and 3, up to the value of \$7,000.

The table below uses NCEA but it is also applicable for NZCSE level 2 -3 at Highly Commended and Distinction.

See Lesley Cox if you have any queries.

Careers/Gateway/STAR Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

School leaver scholarships – up to \$7,000

We have unlimited school leaver scholarships on offer. The value of these scholarships will vary depending on results at NCEA Levels 2 and 3 (or equivalent for CIE or IB).

Level 2	\$	Level 3	\$	Total
Achieved	0	Achieved	0	0
Achieved	0	Merit	3,000	3,000
Achieved	0	Excellence	4,000	4,000
Merit	3,000	Achieved	0	3,000
Merit	3,000	Merit	1,000	4,000
Merit	3,000	Excellence	3,000	6,000
Excellence	4,000	Achieved	0	4,000
Excellence	4,000	Merit	1,000	5,000
Excellence	4,000	Excellence	3,000	7,000

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Sporting Congratulations

Congratulations to Olivia Achten for being selected in to the Hawkes Bay Hockey Under 15 Premier Girls representative team, Well done Olivia!

SCHOOL NOTICES

Our Strategic Plan Journey Begins Here!

We would like to hear your views on where Taikura is heading in the next five years.

The Strategic Plan is written every five years and links our School Charter, our vision and our values and Annual Plans our management team writes every year. The Strategic Plan gives us an overview of our aspirational goals for the next five year period (2018-2022). The Board of Trustees is currently working on this document but it is vital we hear your voice so we can make sure the Plan reflects our community and what it wants for Taikura's future.

We are holding four meetings. Each will cover the same things so come along to the session that suits you best, there's no need to attend all four.

- Tuesday 25 July 7:00 pm in the School Library
- Wednesday 26 July 2:00 pm at Rudolf Steiner House across the road from the School
- Thursday 27 July 7:00 pm in the School Library
- Friday 28 July 9:00 am in the Taikura Kindergarten Parents Room

These will be interesting and worthwhile sessions so please encourage your fellow parents to attend. The best Plan will come through collaboration and open dialogue. What's important to you? What do you want for your children while they're at Taikura? Where would you like us to be by 2022? What is your wish for the School? We want to hear from you!

Jess Barron for the Strategic Plan working group.

Music Notices

Congratulations to Marian Stronach (coach and violin teacher) and musicians Miru Shimaoka, Jacob Grupp, Zach Marshall and Amy Gilbert for their hard work and beautiful playing which gained them a place in the HB final of the chamber music competition on June 15th. This was a first for Taikura.

Thank you also music tutors on drums, guitar, piano, voice, cello, violin, viola and flute for another term of stimulating lessons for Taikura students. With two terms to go it is not too late to try a new instrument or pick up one from the past. See Frances with any questions.



Orchestra Opportunity

NZ Symphony Orchestra opportunity on Thursday 27 July at 7:00 pm at Napier Municipal Theatre to hear the NZ premiere of Howard Shore's Guitar Concerto. Cost \$10.00. Please see Frances for details.

Class One Firewood Fundraiser

We have a supply of firewood available to purchase. It is mostly wattle which is fantastic firewood. It is not dry so can't be burnt this winter but we recommend you think about your supply for next winter now. It is for sale for \$100 per cubic meter (\$360 per cord if you prefer) thrown (means not stacked neatly, just thrown onto the trailer).

We would like this to be sold and removed from site directly, instead of moving to storage. For more information and to make an order please text Matt Durham on 027 485 8241 or email m.durham@competenz.org.nz

SCHOOL NOTICES

Exhibition Invitation "Taikura All Sorts"

Hastings Community Arts Centre
Dates 29 October – 11 November 2017

Dear Friends

We are having our Annual Exhibition of Artwork with parents, teachers, past and present pupils of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School at the Community Arts Centre in Hastings. You are invited to present your works for the show which will run from the 30 October – 11 November with both floors of the centre used for exhibits. Upstairs will be reserved for current Taikura students from Class 1-12, and downstairs for everyone else. So mark your diaries now.

You will be guaranteed at least one space/area to adequately display your work to its best advantage. I will need your:

- Contact details, cellphone number and email.
- Biography – this can be short and sweet.
- Title of works, medium and how much you wish to sell your work for.
- A digital photo for catalogue and curation purposes. This can be done at school if need be.

To display your work there will be a cost of \$20.00 per work as this will be used to cover the centre hire, advertising, catalogue and administration. This is payable to the office at Taikura by Friday 7 October. Cheques made out to Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. The commission of the gallery is 17% with GST included.

Please confirm acceptance of this invitation by email to me by

- 28 July (the earlier the better)
- The deadline for the Catalogue will be Friday 6 October.
- Payment by Friday 6 October.

This year we are again hoping to have a group of people and students involved in the organising, preparation and promotion of this event so if you would like to be involved ring me on 0272917111 or email lesley.cox@taikura.school.nz

This group will make a start early in Term 3. Urarii is already framing up student art work. For 2017 we will be focusing on Painting, Drawing, Projective Geometry and Craft and there is a fantastic assortment.

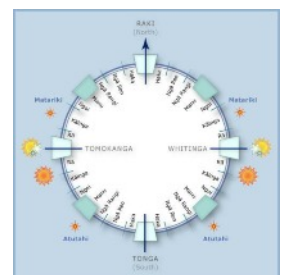
There will also be an official opening with drinks and nibbles, like previous years, at the venue on Friday the 3 November. We will be asking you to invite guests and RSVP for catering.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Lesley Cox

Reminder - Celestial Star Compass

This Friday.....**tomorrow** the 30 June at **6 amin the morning**, one of our school parents; Nathan Foote, who was the leading carver for the pou that make up the 'Celestial Star Compass' at Waitangi (which is the first turn on your right, as you go past Hohepa farm in Clive, heading towards Napier), will give a talk about these whakairo and what they represent, and Piripi Smith the Celestial Navigator for the double hulled waka – Te Matau-a-Māui, will also give a talk about Ngā whetū – The stars.



There will be koha (donation of money) collected from those gathered to gift to Nathan and Piripi. If it is raining it will be cancelled.

Mauri ora, nā Troy Gardiner.

CLASS 12 PRESENTS:

·THE·GOLDEN·
·MASQUE·OF·
·AGAMEMNON·



·A·GREEK·TRAGEDY·

Where: School Hall

When: Wednesday 5th July
Thursday 6th

Time: 7:30 PM

The Golden Masque of Agamemnon

A blood curse has its hold on the Greek Royal family causing kin to murder kin. Agamemnon the King of Greece is waiting for the tide winds to change to sail to Troy, after committing an unforgivable crime. His wife Clytemnestra the Queen of Greece goes mad with grief.

This gruesome play tells the story of the blood curse and revenge and how it passes from father to son.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Holiday Drama Program

Wednesday 19 - 21 July in Napier. Ages 7 to 14. Make a play in 3 days - 'Puss in Boots' - with our qualified teachers in a safe and supportive environment. Girls and Boys welcome. Lots of roles for everyone. To book go to: <http://www.thedramaworkshop.co.nz/play-on/>

Juliet Cottrell - Director - The Drama Workshop

Cajón Box- Drum Making Course

Dates: 8,9,10 July at the Woodturners Guildhall, Hastings. \$500 - includes all materials and a free lesson.

Only 4 spaces are available on this 2.5 day course run by Hawkes Bay's own expert Cajón maker, Phill Jones. Cajón drums are an Afro-Peruvian percussion instrument which are a bit like a drumkit-in-a-box. They are a valuable and versatile addition to anyone's percussion setup, and an excellent education tool. Hands-on, super durable, and low maintenance.

For more info please get in touch: Phill Jones 0272392262 Email - tukituki-instruments@gmail.com



Needle Felting

Holiday Programme

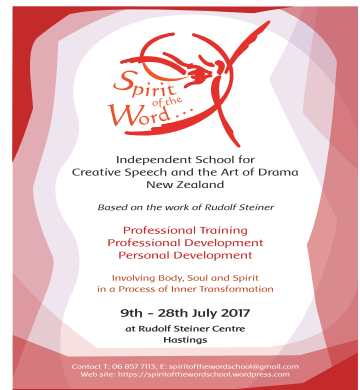
Would you like your child to explore the beautiful Art of Needle Felting?

I am holding another Needle Felting class in the holidays and I was 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

Orientation Course - something for everyone

The Spirit of the Word School is holding another 3-week course, **9 – 28 July 2017**, at the Rudolf Steiner Centre, opposite Taikura. It is open to anyone interested. All Welcome! Please see posters and Course Details on the notice boards around the school. Astrid, for the Faculty of Tutors: 06 857 7113 or starguide@xtra.co.nz.



Billets Required

For the Spirit of the Word School's July 9 - 28 'Orientation Course', we are needing some billets, preferably near the Rudolf Steiner Centre, for one, two or three weeks. Please contact us if you can help: Penelope Snowdon-Lait, t: 03 384 9768 m: 022 0931 098, e: penelope.snowdon.lait@gmail.com

Travel

If you're thinking of doing a student exchange, your big OE or just a holiday away, then contact me to discuss options or to keep an eye out for any future specials.

Travel deals change from week to week and costs are very much dependant on availability at the time of booking. Phone Eric Cox on 8358574 or email eric@coxworldtravel.co.nz for a free quote.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Eva's After School Children's Art Class

Children are encouraged to choose their own images, try out art techniques & listen to a story. Thursdays 3:00 - 4.10 pm. Steiner Centre 500 Nelson St Hastings. Cost \$160:00 for 10 lessons, art materials and one small canvas included. Commitment for one term. Contact Eva Urieli < evaurieli@gmail.com > 878 6028

Communication for Connection

Parenting with NVC - Aug 5 & 6 in Hastings

Add to your toolbox ways to meet the challenges in parenting that include; living your values, holding your boundaries, improving connection & cooperation, empowering your children, strengthening their intrinsic motivation (and your own), and more...

NVC supports us to express ourselves and empathise in ways that reduce tension and turn conflict into creative new strategies. We all benefit from improved communication, reduced stress and struggle, and enhanced cooperation and creativity.

Nonviolent Communication is also called 'A Language of the Heart' ... A "how to" process that empowers everyone!

Filipa Hope 0274513445 filipahope@gmail.com Cost: \$220 w/\$50 by July 25

More info about NVC and Filipa www.nvc.org.nz

(Many parents at the school have done this workshop. If you would like to talk one of them please let me know).

There are still two spaces available on this weekends NVC Foundation Course - July 1 & 2, if interested please contact me.

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

Seeking To Housesit

We are a family of four (teacher from Germany) looking for a 2-3 bedroom house to sit from the 11 -18 August in Havelock North - rural area. We would love to care for your home and pets while connecting with family. We are considerate, trustworthy and have experience house sitting. Please contact Pam on 021794 022 or email fishesinwater@hotmail.com

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