

# Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



27 July 2017



Welcome to our third term. We start this week in a sunshine filled lull between winter storms and it is hard to believe that the term will conclude with our maypole dancing at the Spring Festival on Friday 29 September. The holidays have provided a much needed space for a flurry of activity to be undertaken in preparing for our upcoming Joseph performance. A huge amount of effort has been put in by staff, particularly David Urieli, France Te Weehi and Cherie Youngman in managing and running rehearsals. As always our actors will be finely dressed thanks to our experienced costume department with some additional support from Jade Powell in the form of a rather special coat. A vast range of students are involved in this production from Class 3 to Class 12 and their involvement has been supported by many in the parent community. This production is a lovely picture of community spirit and participation and we are incredibly grateful for all who are making it possible. Please support this event by coming along to one of the performances.

At the end of last term we had great delight in announcing that Corrie Levick was the successful applicant in the position of Kindergarten Associate Principal. This is a fixed term position until the end of the year and allows the Kindergartens, during this time of transition between principals, to be equally represented at a management level.

Currently our Board of Trustees are working on our new five year Strategic Plan. This document is integral to the direction of our school, influencing our annual goals, budgets, staff individual appraisal goals and cultural and community development. Your input is vital as our desire is to create a plan which reflects who we are and where we want to go. Please make some time to share your views and be a part of this process.

An important date to mark in your calendar for this term is the Class 12 Project Presentations. These presentations are a culmination of up to a year of work for some students. This is an opportunity for you to appreciate and question our graduating students and allows them a chance to share an insight into their learning journey which they have undertaken on a topic of their choice. These presentations will happen on the weekend of Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 September in the school hall and list of times, students and topics will be circulated later in the term.

Due to community request our Grapevine is returning to a weekly publication. The deadline for any content is lunchtime on Tuesdays and a link to an online version will be emailed via the Liaison Parents.

We hope the nasty bugs are over for most of you and we wish you a happy and healthy Term Three.

Kelly Sutton and Pippa Caccioppoli – Acting Principals

## Mark Your Calendar!

August 1	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Class 11 Parent Evening ICT Room
August 2	7:30 pm 9:00 pm	Class 8 SM Parent Evening Room 7 EA
August 3, 4, 5	7:30 pm	Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
August 4	8:45 am 9:00 am start	Herman Veluwenkamp "Nature and the Etheric Realm"
August 7	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting
August 11	8:45 am 9:00 am start	Rosie Simpson Talk TBA Taruna College
August 16	7:30 pm 8:30 pm	Class 8 DU Parent Evening
August 18	8:45 am 9:00 am start	Catherine Schillenger - Dental Hygienist - Holistic Approach
November 19	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Taikura School Fête

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Update on Principal appointment

Over the last couple of months the Board of Trustees has been discussing the options around Leadership within our School. As a part of this conversation we have been talking to different groups within our School with regards to how they feel about Leadership and what to them this may look like in terms of a Principal role into the future. So far the appointment group has consulted with the Teacher faculty and the Office team. The next group that it is felt vital to engage with are our parents. To this end, over this week, the intention is to talk to as many of you as possible via the Strategic planning sessions being held in the School. The discussion really is about what you as parents feel is the best way forward for a School such as ours with a strong special character and a broad range of pupils to foster and care for.

The appointment group is very keen to hear your views. If you don't take the chance to come along to one of the consultation meetings please feel free to give me a call on 021554337 to discuss. If as a class group you would like someone to come along to one of your class meetings please ask your class liaison person to get in touch so we can plan a conversation.

Some of the things to take into account when thinking about Leadership within Taikura may be;

- The range of education we provide from Kindergartens through to High School.
- The increased workload demanded of us by the Ministry of Education and how that has a vital impact on our funding.
- The number of teachers both full-time and part-time that need support and development across all of the Schools areas.
- Involvement with other Steiner Schools nationally to ensure we have a united voice when it comes to curriculum and special character.
- The vital engagement with parents that is so important to the overall health and character of the School.

**Please let me know about your thoughts.** I look forward to us all crafting a future for our school that puts our children first and foremost but creates a sustainable Leadership role that will take us into tomorrow.

Erin Simpson  
BOT Chair and School Parent

## 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 meetings:

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

August 11 - Rosie Simpson talk TBA Taruna College

August 18 - Catherine Schillenger - Dental Hygienist Holistic Approach to Oral Health

Any question please contact Filipa Hope 027 451 3445 [filipahope@gmail.com](mailto:filipahope@gmail.com)

## Sports Notices

Congratulations to a past Taikura student, Marnie Sykes, who graduated from Taikura in 2011. Last weekend Marnie became the NZ National Cross Fit Champion. This is an awesome personal achievement in a rapidly growing competitive sport.

Marnies mum is Jo Sykes who is currently employed as a Teacher Aide at Taikura.

Janet Osborne Sports Co-ordinator.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Wearable Arts Awards

The last Friday of Term was the judging for the Pak'n'Save Wearable Arts Awards. We had two entries:



Tess Lethbridge and Olivia Achten with an entry entitled "Athena" constructed from plastic bags, tins and a Mentos crown. This was modelled by Olivia Hope. All the girls are from Class 9.

Riki Pekepo with an entry entitled "Hine - nui - te - po" a dress and cloak constructed of Potato Chip Packets. The model was Lua Vulhena from Class 8 SM.





# SCHOOL NOTICES

## The Proprietors Trust

Many families may not be aware of the proprietors or who is a member on this board. Sue Simpson, John Hudson, Scott Jefferson, James Taylor and Aimee Hawke are the small team that work in the background to carry the responsibility for the schools buildings, finances and special character. We made the difficult decision to implement Attendance dues this year which alongside continued donations will help to secure steady income to ensure the schools viability. We thank Pippa and Selena for their efforts in rolling out attendance dues and to our community for supporting this transition.

The proprietors are responsible for buildings and what we've experienced is that every major earthquake in the country changes the building code and we have the responsibility to ensure that our buildings meet requirements for the utmost safety of your children. The school carries mortgages which the bank closely monitors, requiring us to show how we will not simply maintain but improve our financial viability. We are very grateful to John Hudson who works closely with Selena Crouch spending many an hour on school business.

The proprietors are also responsible for early childhood and we are very grateful to have Aimee Hawke on the trust. Aimee has supported our Kindergarten with assistance in clarifying and evolving the complicated structures in areas such as ministry funding as well as the development of the playgroup.

In all we are five people carrying considerable responsibility for the school. James Taylor and Sue Simpson are also on the Board of Trustees as proprietors representatives and we have the steady support of Scott Jefferson with whom we can consult with on legal matters.

If you do want to know more about the proprietors and our work please contact us.

Best wishes  
Sue

## 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.

Each meeting will cover the same things so come along to the session that suits you best, there's no need to attend more than one.

- 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.

## Taikura Community 'Working Bee'

Te Kakano Rudolf Steiner Playgroup is moving to the Anthroposophical Centre across the road from the School. We need help to create an outdoor play environment for the children and whanau, so we are having a "Working Bee" this Saturday 9.00 am - 12 noon. Unfortunately due to the nature of the work on the day it will not be a suitable place to bring children.

Contact Yvonne if you can make it on 027 310 7189 or through Taikura Kindergarten 878 7363.

# SCHOOL NOTICES



## Dear School Community

Life is hotting up around our production of Joseph. In the second week of the holidays we had 4 days of rehearsals of our 90 strong student cast including students from Class 2 to Class 12. It has been lots of hard work and lots of fun. The run up weeks still involve lots more to do and a huge commitment by our students, (and those long suffering parents transporting them to and from rehearsals). We are really looking forward to showing you the finished musical. I know that there is a strong New Zealand tradition of leaving buying tickets to the last moment and then buying them at the door but it would be such a pity if we had only moderately full houses for Thursday and Friday and were turning people away from the last performance or trying to squeeze extra seats in somehow on Saturday. So please, please break with tradition and buy your tickets either from the school office at any time during office hours, or the Class 3 parents selling them on the entry path to the school beside the Class 1 - 3 play ground, after school. You might even want to do what I do which is to always try and make it to the first performance and then if I really enjoyed it, I come to another performance and tell lots of people about it in between!

Looking forward to seeing you there - David Urieli

## Street Art Course In The Holidays

Taikura had a group of 10 -15 students who worked over the holidays creating a mural in the alleyway between 1014-1016 Frederick Street. Mauricio Benega, a Kindergarten parent and Artist, was the tutor. In between the rain, wind and snow they worked over the two weeks of the holidays to complete the project, with the help of Hastings District Council, who supplied all the paint.

The Frederick Street neighbours were great, welcoming the students with music assistance with made for a lot of fun. Residents have been walking by and giving really good feedback too.

I think we can be very proud of our students efforts in the community and a big thank you to Mauricio for providing this opportunity.



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Exhibition Invitation "Taikura All Sorts"

Hastings Community Arts Centre  
Dates 29 October – 11 November 2017

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. 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](mailto: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.

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

Lesley Cox

## Music News

### Orchestra Concepts

Thank you to all those who responded to the NZSO Concert this Thursday 27 of July. Unfortunately the Howard Shore Guitar Concerto has had to be replaced with a Rodrigo composition because of the first guitarist being unwell. Mark your calendar for Thursday 14 September when a pianist will play 6 different pieces for orchestra and piano. The same deal applies for every 6 students (\$10 each) going with a music teacher, 1 adult can attend for \$20.

### Chamber Music Concerts

There are two left for this year on Thursday 24 August and Thursday 28 September. Please mark these on your calendars.

### Learning an Instrument

It is not too late to start learning an instrument at Taikura and most of the tutors can fit in another student. Please see Frances with any questions and/or tutor details so you can discuss possibilities for your child.

Frances Te Weehi

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## School Canteen

Parents or Caregivers are able to ring or text orders in to either 020 40259211 or 027 3271466. You may then pay on-line to: M.W and M.J Bristow ANZ 01 0422 0003105 00.

Children may order at morning teas for special dietary requirements and/or priority pickup at lunch. We assist younger children with healthy choices and good manners.

All are welcome to use the canteen which is open between 8:30 am 2:00 pm, but for security and legal reasons you **must be known to the school**.

We are also available for all forms of catering from anything from birthdays/anniversaries through to weddings and conferences. We can also do freezer packs of sweet and/or savoury plus gourmet soups.

## Price List (August 2017):

Mince Pie, Lentil Pie, Vegetarian Quiche (all gluten free)	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese Calzone	\$4.00
Spinach and Feta Roll	\$4.00
Samosa	\$4.00
Stuff Baked Potatoes	\$4.00
Bean Nachos	\$4.00
Hot Dogs	\$4.00
Soup with Toast	\$4.00
Sushi	\$4.00
Pizza Bun	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Toastie	\$1.50
Cakes, Muffins and Slices	\$2.00
Apple Pie	\$2.00
Frozen Juicie, Lemon/Honey drink, Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
Biscuit or Crackle	\$1.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.00
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Mini Biscuit	\$0.50c

## School Website

If you would prefer to read the Grapevine on-line via the school website please go to [www.taikura.school.nz](http://www.taikura.school.nz) Under the heading: Key Dates, News & Events select Newsletters from the drop down box, the latest copies of the Grapevine will be on the left side of the page.

## Board of Trustees Policies Community Consultation

The following policies are available for public consultation until: **5:00 pm Monday 7 August**

Finance Policy Documents

The documents and a response sheet can be found in the Policy File in the school Office.

Rachel Williams  
Board Secretary



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Flag Poles For Sale

We have three flag poles for sale, these were standing at the Taikura House car park. They are around 10 meters (3 stories) tall and come with a base that you can bolt to the concrete or make a new pad. They can be cut down in height and will also require new ropes. You will need to arrange your own transport. Price is \$100.00 each. If they do not sell within the week they will be taken to scrap metal yard.



If you are interested please see Liam or contact the office on 878 7363

## Swimming Lessons



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## Accommodation Available

Accommodation available on Waipuna St, Mahora. I have a room available for long or short term. The room has double doors to the back deck and large back yard with a large lemon and other fruit trees. A good quiet street. The house is shared with myself and three children (6, 9 and 11) who are at Taikura. Please phone Hannah on 022 1049867

## 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](mailto:eric@coxworldtravel.co.nz) for a free quote.

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# 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](mailto: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 of parenting - that leave you knowing you have contributed to the whole family's well-being. NVC supports building our capacity to live and model our values strongly & compassionately such as; inspiring intrinsic motivation & cooperation, building emotional intelligence & communication, turning conflict & disconnection into connection, power 'with' strategies, healing and growing...and more.

### NVC is a practical 'how to' that works ~ in harmony with Life!

Many parents at the school have done this workshop. If you would like to talk one of them please let me know. Cost: \$220 w/\$50 by July 28

Filipa Hope 027 451 3445 [filipahope@gmail.com](mailto:filipahope@gmail.com)

More info about NVC and Filipa's background: [www.nvc.org.nz](http://www.nvc.org.nz)

### COMING UP....

- NVC Foundation workshop Sept 9 & 10 9–5pm both days in Hastings
- Parenting with NVC Sept 23 & 24 in Gisborne
- Parenting with NVC Oct 14 & 15 in Dunedin.

## 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](mailto:robyn@wellspoken.co.nz) 06 878 3496 021 217 8688

## Accommodation Needed Please

Taikura kindergartens are hosting our NZ Early Childhood Conference in the next holidays and we are looking for accommodation for our attendees.

The Conference is from 1 to 5 October.

- Would you like your house sat and pets fed while you are away?
- Do you have a room you could offer to accommodate a visitor?
- Thank you for sharing our Hawkes Bay hospitality.

Please contact Barb on 8787363

## Violin And Recorder Lessons

Violin and recorder lessons available for children (from 3 years) and adults in Hastings. I teach with the Suzuki method (which is very good for developing the ear, memory, confidence and technique in a child friendly way) or traditional. Group lessons as well as individual lessons available. Ph: Hannah 0221049867