

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



3 August 2017



Welcome to this issue of the "Grapevine". We were blessed this week with some crispy winter mornings. Jack Frost is showing himself in full spirit. The kindergarten children appear happy to be back and into their busy work of play. Of course children check out what's for lunch and are reminded by the aromas of the day's menu. This all provides a sense of security for the day ahead.

At Kereru kindergarten, we are celebrating with Bridget Berlin her completion of an Early Childhood degree while working part time during her full-time study.

During the July holiday four teachers from our school and kindergartens attended a child study conference in Christchurch. A child study is a unique process undertaken only in Waldorf schools all over the world. All our teachers had the opportunity during our last weekly pedagogical meeting to hear the feedback from the four teachers regarding their experience and their renewed inspiration and insights. The Christchurch conference was delivered by Christof Weichert a wonderfully insightful and engaging educator.

Early Childhood Conference 2017

The bi-annual Early Childhood Conference will be held at our school and kindergartens and starts on Sunday 1 October. Parents are welcome to attend and if you are interested the full programme is available from our kindergarten teachers. This is a great learning opportunity for all involved with early childhood education. The conference is being held in Hawke's Bay for the first time in many years and we are very pleased to be hosting it.

Parental Participation

Parents attending talks, seminars, conference, festivals, parent evenings / mornings, and working bees are essential to support your child's school journey. This school really provides an education with a difference, and the more we are all involved the better the journey will be.

During the time of your child attending our school / kindergartens you will be presented with the opportunity on numerous occasions to participate as parents in school activities. Please make effective use of those opportunities and if the times do not suit you please talk to your teachers and we will try to accommodate your diaries.

We look forward to meeting you at some of the occasions marked on the school / kindergarten calendar of events.

Warm regards - Corrie Levick

Mark Your Calendar!

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 10	6:30 pm	Class 1 Parent Evening
August 11	8:45 am 9:00 am start	Rosie Simpson "A common history of Taikura and Taruna" held at Taruna
August 16	7:30 pm 8:30 pm	Class 8 DU Parent Evening
August 16	7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening TH 3
August 18	8:45 am 9:00 am start	Catherine Schillenger - Dental Hygienist - Holistic Approach
August 25 & 28	No School	Mid Term Break
November 19	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Taikura School Fête

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.

Our next meetings:

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

August 11- **Held at Taruna; 33 Te Mata Peak Rd.** Rosie Simpson, past Taikura principal and current Taruna director, will generously host us with tea, coffee & cake.

Rosie will share the common history of Taruna and Taikura through the biographies of two extraordinary women: Ruth Nelson and Edna Burberry. Taruna was their home and is now an adult education centre, the school, originally known as Queenswood, their founding initiative to bring Waldorf Education to New Zealand.

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

Any question please contact Filipa Hope 027 451 3445 filipahope@gmail.com

Music News

Taikura students were very excited when the amazing guitarist leaned over the stage and gave his beautiful bouquet to Suzie Hales last Thursday night at the NZSO concert. We will definitely stick to sitting in the front row!!

Remember there is another concert on Thursday 14 September for piano and NZSO with permission slips available mid August. Let Frances know if you are interested.



Friday Market

A reminder that the Friday market is back on. Yummy baking, hot chocolates, soups, lemons and limes, pumpkins, and other fundraising treasures. In good weather the market will be in the area in front of Class 1 & 2, and if it's really cold or rainy it will be in the hall. Appreciate your support!

Many thanks Ronnie Chalmers (Class 1)

Found Go Bus Card

Found Tuesday 4 July in the school grounds. If this belongs to you please see Adrienne in the office to claim.

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

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 Sunday 11.00 am - late afternoon. 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

Planters Seedling Fundraiser - 3CY

Please support our annual class fundraiser by ordering your spring flower and vegetable seedlings through us, you are welcome to order for your friends and family too. At only \$3 a punnet they are a real bargain and have always been great quality. Simply complete the attached order form and return in an envelope with your payment to the office, or email your form to nickimcgavock@gmail.com and deposit payment into account 060645-0534405-00 with your name and planters as reference. Orders can be made any time up to 3:00 pm on Friday the 11 August. Seedlings will be delivered to school the week prior to Labour Weekend for you to collect in time for planting over the long weekend, this date will be advertised.

If you have any queries you are welcome to call Janene on 0211039563 or 8444683.

Thank you and Happy growing.

Class 3CY Seedling Fundraiser			
Order Form			
Name:		Phone:	
Vegetable Punnets (6 seedlings)	Qty	Price	Total
Broccoli		\$3.00	
Capsicum Red		\$3.00	
Coriander		\$3.00	
Courgette		\$3.00	
Cucumber - Telegraph		\$3.00	
Lettuce Mix		\$3.00	
Parsley		\$3.00	
Peas		\$3.00	
Silverbeet		\$3.00	
Spring Onions		\$3.00	
Tomato - Beefsteak		\$3.00	
Tomato - Cherry Red		\$3.00	
Flower Punnets (6 seedlings)			
Alyssum Mix		\$3.00	
Cosmos Dwarf Mix		\$3.00	
Impatien Mix		\$3.00	
Lobelia Mix		\$3.00	
Marigold Dwarf Mix		\$3.00	
Petunia Mix		\$3.00	
Portulaca Mix		\$3.00	
Salvia Red		\$3.00	
Single Pot			
Swan plant		\$2.50	
		Total	
Plants will be available to collect from the School on: TBA			
Seedlings grown by			
	418 St Georges Road North, Havelock North		
Orders and money can be handed in at the school office by 3pm Friday August 11th			

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Dear School Community

We warmly invite you to attend the School production of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Performances at 7:30pm on Thursday 3, Friday 4 and Saturday 5 August 2017 in the school hall. Adult tickets \$15, Children \$5. Tickets on sale at the School Office or at the front gate daily 2:50pm – 3:15pm. Or door sales on the night if not sold out prior.

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

More info about NVC and Filipa's background: 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

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

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