

# Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



24 August 2017



## Early Childhood Conference

October 1 – 5 2017.

Venue - Taikura Kindergarten and School Hastings

At the end of World War One there was a desperate search for a renewed way to restore and rebuild social order. It was during this time that Rudolf Steiner presented a series of lectures about the three-fold nature of the social organism. Those lectures are found in the book *“Towards Social Renewal”*

These lectures sparked the interest of the industrialist Emil Molt who decided to start a school that was to be a germ for free spiritual life. With the guidance of Rudolf Steiner this school came into being. The first Waldorf school opening took place August 1919 (quote from *“The Foundation of Human Experience”*).

That was 98 years ago! The educational revolution is a “slow train” - it travels to many different places all over the world. All over the world people gather regularly to connect with each other and tune into their educational needs related to place and time.

I'm sure you would agree that the world has changed radically for children since then. Early childhood centres have also had to change to meet this new world, both in structure and in practice. **Child development on the other hand has not changed.**

We as individuals have the “freedom” to meet the changing world; however, as teachers our responsibility is to remain true to the essence of Steiner / Waldorf education.

*“Towards Freedom and Responsibility”*

This is the topic of our Early Childhood Conference. This biennial Early Childhood Conference will be held at our School. Teachers and guests will come from around New Zealand and from new school initiatives in other countries. People are attending from as far away as the Philippines. This conference will begin on Sunday afternoon 1 October and finish on Thursday 5 October at lunchtime. Parents and friends are welcome to attend and if you are interested, the full programme, or just the morning lectures are available. Please contact your kindergarten teacher if you are interested in registering. This will be a great learning opportunity for all involved and we look forward to hosting this special event.

Corrie Levick.

### Mark Your Calendar!

August 25 & 28  
August 28 - 1 Sept.  
August 29  
August 30  
September 4  
September 13  
September 15  
September 20  
November 19

6:30 pm  
7:00 pm  
8:45 am 9:00 am start  
7:00 pm  
8:45 am 9:00 am start  
6:30 pm  
10:00 am 3:00 pm

Mid Term Break  
Class 11 Ski Week  
Class 3RA Parent Evening  
Class 5 Parent Evening  
David Urieli Steiner's threefold social order  
Liaison Parent Evening - hosts Pippa and Kelly  
Sue Simpson talk TBA  
Class 7 Parent Evening  
Taikura School Fête

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Careers

### Victoria Open Day Friday 1 September 2017 - 8am–3pm

Whether you're leaving high school, considering a return to tertiary study or looking to study for the first time, this day is your best opportunity to see all that Victoria has to offer and get a taste of university life in New Zealand's capital city.

#### We'll make getting around easy

Don't worry if you're not familiar with Wellington or Victoria. We'll provide maps, directions, buses and guides to make sure you can get around all the things you want to see.

There will be a free hop-on hop-off bus looping around Victoria's campuses and some Halls of Residence.

#### Explore your study options and the student experience

- Attend information sessions about subjects you want to study.
- Catch a **sample lecture**.
- Visit the **expos** showcasing Victoria's faculties, schools and student services.
- Check out the Clubs Zone for information on the 140+ clubs you might want to join when you become a student.
- **Ask questions**. If you don't know who to ask, start with the students in 'Ask me' t-shirts, who are ready to help you with anything you need.

Here is a link to the page with the Open day booklet available as a download.

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/events-visits/study-at-victoria-day>

## Victoria University Scholarships Dates Online

### Victoria Achiever Scholarships for School Leavers

**CLOSING DATE: 15-09-2017**

The purpose of this scholarship is to recruit academically-able school leavers to an undergraduate degree programme at Victoria University of Wellington. Students must be from one or more of the following targeted groups: Māori students, Pacific students, students with disabilities, students from decile 1-3 schools and students who can demonstrate financial hardship.

Scholarships for study in 2018 will be awarded competitively on the basis of academic merit and other criteria. The majority of these scholarships will be awarded at \$5,000 for the first year of study.

The top applicant in each category will be awarded the new Victoria Vice-Chancellor's Achiever Scholarship (ie. a total of five scholarships). These scholarships are valued at \$20,000 over three years of study.

### Victoria Excellence Scholarships for School Leavers

**CLOSING DATE: 15-09-2017**

The purpose of the scholarship is to recruit high-achieving undergraduate students to Victoria University of Wellington and to support them in their studies. Scholarships for study in 2018 will be awarded competitively on the basis of academic excellence. The majority of these scholarships will be awarded at \$5,000 for the first year of study.

The top 20 applicants will be awarded the new Victoria Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarships, valued at \$20,000 over three years of study.

## 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.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Board of Trustees Policies Community Consultation

The following policies are available for public consultation until: **12:00 pm Monday 18 September**

Hospitality Policy  
2017 Finance Policy

Gifts and Koha Policy  
Travel Policy

EOTC Policy

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

Rachel Williams  
Board Secretary

## Music Notices

Exciting Music Venture for Taikura High School Students

Taikura has many talented musicians who enjoy contemporary music and so we want to form one or more bands to develop individual and collaborative musicianship. Next Thursday 31 August at 12:45 pm there will be a meeting in the music room and a sheet on the music room door, next Monday, for you to write your name and instrument/voice preference if you would like to be part of this. A second meeting time on Friday 1 September also 12:45 pm will be a follow up for those who decide to be committed plus anyone unable to come on Thursday. It is a huge bonus that a parent, Brad Friis, has initiated and is prepared to support this venture in Taikura and we welcome any other parents who want to get involved and support this venture.

Look forward to seeing you on Thursday or Friday with your instrument and be ready to answer a few questions around your musical aspirations.

Thanks you Frances Te Wheei

## Donations

Dear Families, our move to Attendance Dues this year has resulted in a change to the way monies come into the school. The Attendance Dues pay for the buildings or bricks and mortar of the school, with the Donation aspect contributing to the Special Character of our school, those services and lessons that make our school special and an important reason to choose a Waldorf Education for your children. In the first part of the year all funds coming in go to Attendance Dues and once these are paid in full the funds then go to Donations. Attendance Dues have been paid regularly and on time, and for the majority of families these are fully paid and we thank these families for the efforts in making payment regularly and on time.

It is vitally important for the Donations, that you have pledged, to flow through to the school - this creates the lifeblood of our school and community and a sustainable environment which provides hand, heart and head learning for your child. We look forward to receiving your gifts in the coming months.

Warm regards Sue Simpson - Proprietors Trust.

## Class 8DU Presents Te Raukura

'The Feathers of the Albatross' by Harry Dansey

**When: Friday 1 September at 7.30pm**

**Where: Taikura School Hall**

This play has been chosen to help the students deeply explore the story of Parihaka and its people, as well as to mark the Crown's formal apology in June this year to the people of Parihaka for the invasion and destruction of this peaceful Taranaki village by colonial troops in 1881. Led by the prophets Te Whiti O Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi, Parihaka used non-violent strategies to resist the confiscation and invasion of their land by the colonial government in the mid-late 1800's. There are a number of waiata in the play, including one that Te Kaahurangi Maioha has composed and arranged especially for the play.

We invite you to come and share our exploration of an important part of our nation's history. Entry by gold coin koha.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Sports Notices Get 2 Go Challenge Team



Row, row, row your boat. Orla Jefferson, Lara Watson and Francesca Janke

### The Get 2 Go Challenge Experience

This was a marvellous day spent doing a series of challenges that were all tough, required physical and mental endurance and good team work. The challenges were: mountain biking, orienteering, kayaking and problem solving. We started off with the mountain biking which was a relay around a track and was rather bumpy! Mark was super fast on the bike. Orienteering, was basically a treasure hunt with a time limit and the treasure was a number of electronic beeper devices. This was probably my favourite activity because we ran a lot and had to work well as a team. Then we were off to Clive River where the kayaking and the problem solving took place. We used an inflatable kayak which held 3 people. We had to row it under the Clive Bridge and around some buoys. My team mates didn't hear me tell them the boat was backwards and then left without me and so I had to run through the water and get on the boat. We then proceeded to spin round in the water until we worked out that someone needed to rudder the boat to get us in a straight line. It was rather funny. This was a great way to spend a school day.

Finn O'Sullivan Class 8DU

## Dear Community

As some of you may be aware the government have presented to New Zealand schools, a Digital Technologies curriculum in draft form. Currently the Federation of New Zealand Steiner Schools are working on a submission to the Ministry of Education, the purpose of this submission is to ensure our special character and pedagogy remain protected. Over the next few days please look out for forwarded newsletters and information which will come to your in-box, via the liaison parents.

These newsletters will provide you with information about the draft curriculum and what it proposes, along with links to follow to on-line government surveys. We encourage you to share your thoughts to the ministry, via these surveys, as the more respondents the greater our voice.

Warm wishes Kelly Sutton

## Fundraiser for Zachariah

We are having a quiz night / concert to raise funds for our Class 11 student Zachariah Marshall. He is currently in Christchurch Hospital and we are wanting to support the family during this difficult time.

When: Sunday 10 September  
Time: 3:00 pm onwards  
Entry: \$20:00 which includes nibbles  
Where: The Common Room  
Heretaunga Street  
Hastings

Prizes and fun. Please come and give support to this amazing family.

For further details please contact Teresa on 022 1393025



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

September 4 - David Urieli will give us a further picture into the Steiner threefold social order.

September 15 - Sue Simpson - Secretary of Anthropology Society of NZ : Talk TBA.

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

## Student Representative Election

### For the Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Board of Trustees 2017

Nominations are invited for the election of one student representative to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form will be distributed to all eligible voters on the student roll. Further nomination forms can be obtained from the office.

Nominations close at noon Tuesday 29 August 2017 and should be accompanied by a candidate's statement. The voting roll is open for the inspection at the school and can be viewed during the hours the office is open. There will also be a list of candidate's names as they come to hand, for inspection on the Office Foyer notice board.

The poll closes at noon Friday 11 September 2017.

Janet Osborne  
Returning Officer

## Friday Market Egg Fundraiser

Next Friday I will be selling a limited number of free range eggs as a fund raiser for Class 6. All money raised will go to the class account. They will be sold as either a dozen for \$7 or 1/2 dozen for \$3.50. If you wish to pre order and pick up on Friday please contact me on either [ddsaint@iconz.co.nz](mailto:ddsaint@iconz.co.nz) or txt on 027 901 7592. Look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks Joanne Doig



## Kia Ora Malo e Lelei Hello All

At the back of this week's grapevine you will find a very informative description of what a small group of us are working on. Please take a minute to read it and feel free to help us do this good deed which will really make a difference to the lives of many children. Thanks in advance for your help and please let us know if you have any great ideas about how we can make this happen.

Please donate to: Tonga Roof - BNZ Bank 02 0655-0022016-006  
Or via: [givealittle.co.nz/cause/rooffortonga](http://givealittle.co.nz/cause/rooffortonga)

Please feel free to contact Esther Watson on 8709971.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Communication for Connection NVC Workshop

**Hastings - 9 and 10 September**

Discover how Nonviolent Communication skill & awareness Empowers!

Strengthen your relationships, your confidence, your creativity, and your ability to connect with yourself and others.

**NVC** offers communication skills for; getting heard & understood, inspiring motivation & cooperation, transforming conflict into connection, holding boundaries firmly, and staying compassionate connected with our self

**NVC is a practical 'how to' that works!**

(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 Sept 2nd

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...**

- 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

Thank you to all who have offered accommodation. We still require more places for the ECE Conference which is from 1 - 5 October.

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

Do you have a room you could offer to accommodate a visitor? \$25:00 per night Billet.

Please contact Barb on 8787363 or email [taikura.kg@taikura.school.nz](mailto:taikura.kg@taikura.school.nz)

## Art Class For Adults

Fridays 1 - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm sessions starting Friday 18 August. Exploring painting and drawing techniques; observation drawing; good company; listening to stories (the life of Buddha ), choose your own art project. Beginners and the more experienced welcome. Steiner Centre, 500 Nelson St Hastings.cost \$120.00, art materials and one small canvas included. Contact Eva Urieli on 8786028 or via e-mail [evaurieli@gmail.com](mailto:evaurieli@gmail.com).

## Art Class For Teenagers 13-18 Years

Explore & research your own images, try out different art techniques, listen to a story (the Girl with the Pearl Earring), gallery visits. Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:45 pm. Cost \$160.00 for 10 lessons, art materials and one small canvas included. Commitment for one term. Steiner Centre 500 Nelson St. Hastings. Interested? contact Eva Urieli [evaurieli@gmail.com](mailto:evaurieli@gmail.com) 878 6028 or text 02102771201.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Accommodation Wanted

I am looking for a bedsit, sleepout or self-contained space for employed, easy going female. Tidy, clean, responsible. Napier, Hastings or Clive. Please call Marija on 022 1655849.

## Housed Sitter Wanted

We require someone for two separate periods, this could be the same person.

1. 7 September - 5 October

2. 12 October - 28 December

We have an old house which is suitable for one person. Near Taikura School and shops. A small swimming pool (great in summer), and two cats to be fed. The garden will need some weeding.


804 Nelson Street North , Mahora, Hastings. Please phone Ailysen Caris on 873 5549 or 027 324 9855

## House Swap

Would you like to house-swap with an Auckland family in the October holidays?

A family of four is looking for accommodation from the 8 - 13 October, while the Mum studies at Taruna College. Their sunny, child-friendly 4 bedroom home is available for a house-swap. Location is Howick, East Auckland.

Please contact Stephanie on 021 139 9209 or [stephaniehnz@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniehnz@gmail.com) with any questions

**The New Zealand Biodynamic Association**  
in conjunction with the  
**Biodynamic Agricultural College (UK)**  
presents:

## Nourish to flourish: Introduction to Biodynamics

**Wondering what biodynamics is all about?**  
**Wanting to grow nutritious food for yourself and your family, or looking to take organic production to the next level on your farm?**  
**Keen to give it a try but don't know where to start?**

Connect with other students across the world in a 20-hour online introduction to biodynamics and learn how to apply the teachings in a practical way here at home. All tutors are biodynamic practitioners with real-world experience.

**COURSE CONTENT**

Principles of biodynamics • Global overview and context • Compost making  
Using the biodynamic preparations • Liquid manures • Tree paste  
The biodynamic planting calendar • Local biodynamic farm visits  
Online seminars • Video resources

**WHEN AND WHERE**

14-15 Oct: Workshop  
Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, Hastings  
16 Oct-11 Nov: 20-hour online course  
via BDAC, UK  
18-19 Nov: Workshop  
Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, Hastings

**COST**

\$360 plus £50/NZ\$90 paid separately to BDAC, UK  
Registration includes 1 year membership to the NZ Biodynamic Association for further contacts and support

For more info and to register  
[biodynamic.org.nz](http://biodynamic.org.nz)

# Mālō e lelei

## **A roof for Kanukupolu School, Tonga**

### **The need:**

Kanukupolu is a Government Primary School in Tonga. The roof on the classroom block is in dire need of replacement. In a community with limited resources this is an enormous undertaking in terms of finances, skills and materials.



### **The connection:**

In 2017, a group of 35 students (with five adults) travelled to Tonga on a cultural and sporting exchange. During the week's visit they were warmly received and hosted by the local school: Kanukupolu. Although the visit was full of riches: friendships were made, laughter shared, cultures honoured our students could see how little the children had. Rather than set out to remedy this in little ways we have decided to try and do something big, lasting and of benefit to all the children, the teachers and the whole community that centres on Kanukupolu School.

### **The project:**

Flights for the building crew and accommodation in Tonga have already been kindly donated.

Now our aim is to raise enough funds to purchase the building materials needed to carry out this work.

**Contact:**  
**Esther Watson**  
estawatson8@gmail.com

### **Donations:**

Tonga Roof—BNZ Bank

02-0655-0022016-006

Or via:

[givealittle.co.nz/cause/  
rooffortonga](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/rooffortonga)



# **A roof for Kanukupolu School, Tonga**



## **The target:**

Our estimate is \$15,000 for the roof materials. We aim to raise this with our Give A Little page and a “Roof Shout” concert on Saturday 28 October. We would really appreciate your support: “Many hands make light work”.



**Contact:**  
**Esther Watson**  
**estawatson8@gmail.com**

## **The team:**

A team of workers will travel to Tonga in December to strip off the old roof at the school and replace it with a new one. This will take a week. The team is made up of builders, roofers, handymen and an apprentice all volunteering their time.



## **“ROOF SHOUT”**

**Ben Throp and band**

**In concert**

**Sat 28 October**

**Bill Shaw’s Wooldshed**

**Te Awanga**

More information at:

[www.facebook.com/t3presents](http://www.facebook.com/t3presents)