

# Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

## Te Aka Kūmara



14 September 2017



Ngā mihi e te whānau whānui o Taikura! This week is a celebration of Māori language, and this year's theme is "Kia ora te reo Māori" – To enliven the Māori language. This is an ongoing goal that I strive for each day; at school, at home, and in other domains of my life, where at all possible.

Recently I attended 'Te Reo ki tua' – A Ngati Kahungunu language symposium, where some of the top Te Reo Māori language experts in the country shared their stories, ideas, and practical pathways to enlivening Te Reo Māori. One of the speakers was Lee Smith who shared some of the struggles and challenges that te reo Māori had faced in the early 70's and 80's. In his kōrero he talked about the different groups who had fought to raise the awareness of 'te reo Māori' – Ngā tama toa and the Te Reo Māori Society. He showed pictures of the members of these kapa, and in one of them I recognised my Te Reo Māori teacher – Cassidy Tangaere, who had helped sow the seed of te reo Māori in me – Ngā mihi aroha ki a koe e te Rangatira, nāu i whāngaia i a au te kākano o te reo i ruia mai i Rangīātea. No reira e moe mai i roto i ngā ringaringa o te runga rawa! Mr Tangaere organised a school trip around the East Coast, his home turf. One of the places we stayed at was in Rūātoki, a rural area bordering on the Urewera. This was a profound experience for me, as the first language of the people of that area is te reo Māori, I saw te reo Māori in its most natural state; living and breathing through this community!

Through the trials and tribulations of Te reo Māori, the message at the symposium was loud and clear – "The language is in decline, and to bring it back from this state, we all need to support the enlivening of Te reo Māori!" At Taikura, Te reo has grown and developed over the years, and will continue to do so. Te reo Māori is woven throughout the life of the school – Ka pai hoki tātou! However, my call to us all is to utilise Te reo where we can, no matter how small – "Kia ora!" is a good place to start, then challenge yourself to say "Kei te pēhea koe?" (How are you)...it's endless!

***Ko tōku nui, tōku wehi, tōku whakatiketike, tōku reo!***  
*My language is my greatness, my inspiration,  
that which I hold precious.*

Nā Troy Gardiner

### Mark Your Calendar!

September 15	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Sue Simpson - "Three Steps Towards True Individuality"
September 18	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Library
September 20	6:30 pm	Class 7 Parent Evening
September 22	11:00 am - 3:30 pm	Class 12 Project Display - Community View - Hall
September 23	8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Class 12 Project Presentations
September 26	12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	French Conversation Group - Soirées de Conversation
October 18	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 8SM Parent Evening - Room 7 Edwin Ayre
October 20		Hawkes Bay Anniversary Day
October 23		Labour Day
October 24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 11 Parents Evening IT Room
October 27	8:45 am - 9:00 am	Kaye Keats - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist - TBA
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.

- **September 15** - Sue Simpson - Secretary of Anthroposophical Society of NZ  
Talk - "Three Steps Towards True Individuality"
- **October 27** - Kaye Keates - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist - TBA

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

## Business Directory

An initiative is in its beginnings to create a school community Business Directory. The intention of the proposed directory will be:

- to bring awareness to our community of the vast variety of goods and services our families, and potentially friends of, have to offer.
- to make it easier to support our community by spending our dollar 'locally'.
- to strengthen our community through meeting new people and sharing business interests.

Please email any thoughts and knowings on how this can best be done. [11tracywheeler@gmail.com](mailto:11tracywheeler@gmail.com)

## Congratulations

We wish to congratulate Isaac Cox who achieved Honours Plus (full marks) in his Grade Six Communication Module, Practical Exam with the NZ Speech Board. Its good to see students getting involved in extra curricular activities.

## Mā ngā uruhuru

## Kā rere te manu

## With feathers

## A bird will fly

Recently, interested members of our community came together to discuss ways of generating on-going financial support. This support will enable wider availability of therapies for our students. It is our wish for students who would benefit from therapies to receive them. For some students it is the therapeutic support which will enable them to better access our curriculum.

We had 11 people attend, along with four apologies. This was a heart-warming response and produced a number of exciting pathways to pursue.

*A healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each soul, the whole community finds its reflection, and when, in the whole community, the virtue of each one is living.*

*Rudolf Steiner*

**Our next meeting will be on Wednesday the 27 of September at 7:30pm in the school library and you are warmly invited.**

At this meeting we will be finalising some small fundraising opportunities for 2017 and looking ahead to 2018.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Class 12 Speeches

Saturday 23 September

8:30 Reed Anderson "Why do we eat the way we do?"

9:00 Kassian Houben "What defines poetry?"

9:30 Danielle Le Bon "Social Media"

10:00 Zarah Moore-Wilson "Well being"

### 10:30 Morning Tea

11:00 Joshua Hughes "What characterises an Independent film?"

11:30 Lydia Wilson "Writing a children's story"

12:00 Gia Lane "Reiki – Does it really work?"

### 12:30 Lunch

1:30 Tahn Stalker "Home Brewing"

2:00 Niamh Jefferson "Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga"

2:30 Rosa Wadeson-Lee "Street Art"

### 3:00 Afternoon Tea

3:30 Anna Bristow "What is fear and how do we push past it?"

4:00 Alistair Porter "Rebuilding a Land Rover"

4:30 Antonia Richardson "Modern online literature – Fanfiction"

### 5:00 Finish and clean up

## Cafe

Please come along to the hall cafe while you are viewing the Class Twelve projects . Come and enjoy scones with jam and cream for morning tea and frittata, salad, and perhaps a slice of mud cake for after's.



Come and be served by the wonderful students of Class Ten, saving for their ski camp.

Rachel de Lacey

# 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

## Enriching our School Community

We are calling for parents to please join our COMMUNICATIONS TEAM. Enlivened communication is vital to our school health. All hands up for this initiative greatly welcomed.

Please phone Ruth 0273540844

## Waiheke Island Steiner School

Educating the head, the heart and the hands:

Class 1/2 Steiner Teacher, 2018

In May 2017 something special happened on Waiheke Island: Our fledgling Steiner school welcomed its first children. More than two years of commitment and vision lay behind this moment. We are now seeking a class teacher to join our school.

We are a small self-funded school, with a roll of 23 children, and growing. We are seeking a creative, experienced teacher who is highly adaptable and who brings a positive approach during this time of transition for our school.

This role is for a full time, permanent class teacher for composite Class 1/2. Must be NZ registered (or have the ability to become NZ-registered), with a strong grounding in Steiner philosophy, and be comfortable applying it in a modern setting.

Please contact Tania at [office@waiheke.steiner.school.nz](mailto:office@waiheke.steiner.school.nz) for a job description and application pack, or call 0276 889 204 for enquiries.

Applications close Monday 2 October.

## Music News

Reminder that tonight 14 September is the NZSO concert at the Napier Municipal Theatre. It is exciting to have over 40 Taikura parents and children attending this concert. Please meet in the foyer at 6.40 for your ticket.

The last chamber music concert for 2017 is Thursday 28 September with a wind ensemble, Imani, bringing together African, American, Latin and European influences. Today is an opportunity for musicians to meet and look at forming some contemporary band(s) at Taikura.

There have been a number of students taking the opportunity to learn an instrument this term, so please pick up a copy of the possible instruments and tutors here at Taikura from Frances or the Office.





# ECHOES FROM THE FUTURE

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE?

**5-8 OCTOBER 2017**  
ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

TAIKURA RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL, 505 NELSON ST, HASTINGS NORTH

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE: [www.anthroposophy.org.nz](http://www.anthroposophy.org.nz)



# 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)**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Communication for Connection NVC Workshop

Sept 30 & Oct 1 (or with a Parenting focus) Nov 4 & 5

Add to your toolbox enhanced connection skills...

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

NVC identifies the language that disconnects us from ourselves and others and gives us the language that builds and empowers relationship - with ourselves and others; improving our ability to be heard & understood, inspiring our natural inner motivation, shifting conflict into cooperation, holding firm boundaries, and much more.

**Not just wonderful ideals - NVC is a practical 'how to'!**

(Many parents at the school have found value in this workshop. If you would like to talk one of them please let me know). Cost: \$220 w/\$50 early deposit.

Filipa Hope 027 4513445 [filipahope@gmail.com](mailto:filipahope@gmail.com)

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

## Handcrafted Candles

Creamy soy candles handcrafted with beautiful scents in NZ... and wax melts, tea lights, room sprays, medicinal face and body oils, face clays and bath salts. Affordable exquisite gifts. If it's not yet on our website, please just ask - much more to come! [www.amberjack.co.nz](http://www.amberjack.co.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.

## Draw And Paint The Goddesses Of Aotearoa

You will be guided to create drawings and paintings using your imagination. Discover your personal connection to the goddesses of this land. Share your insights with others. An art and self development course. No previous experience in art expected as art instruction given .

When: Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:15 pm - starting October 19 for 6 weeks.

Where: Steiner Centre Hastings corner Nelson Street and Whitehead Road.

Cost: \$170 with art materials included.

Contact: Eva Steinmetz-Urieli <[evaurieli@gmail.com](mailto:evaurieli@gmail.com)> 06 878 6028

## Reiki Level One And Two

**Courses In September and October**

Reiki is a natural energy healing. Reiki One for opening a connection to healing energy is to be held on Saturday 23 September. Level Two on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 October is an advanced two-day course to extend the healing ability with Symbols and Mantras utilizing specific aspects of the energy. Level Three will be arranged later this year. Please contact Shu for further details and questions.

For booking, Shu 0210549035/877 1298 or Email: [crystal@naturallifenz.org](mailto:crystal@naturallifenz.org).

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Volunteer Gardener Needed

### For Taruna Memorial Garden

Do you have a love of gardening and some time to freely give to our small memorial garden at Taruna? Just below the homestead we have the ashes of nine people who had a close association with Taruna and of course the school. Some of the names you will know such as Ruth Nelson, Edwina Burbury and Edwin Ayre. We would like to see this memorial loved and cared for on a regular basis, most likely often in the Spring and not so much during the rest of the year.

If you are interested in helping to keep this special place and garden beautiful, please either pop up and see me, or call on 877 7174. It might be a nice time for two gardeners to share. Great coffee provided.

Vanessa

## Free Trial Swimming Lesson

Come along for a **FREE trial lesson\*** at Hilton Brown Swimming and soon you'll be swimming like a fish!

- Our monthly booking systems means that children are constantly assessed and progressed.
- Our qualified instructors offer quality lessons from infants through to adults.
- Over 45 years' experience successfully teaching swimming.



Call us now to book: Havelock North – 15 Donnelly St ph: 07 877 7202 [www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz](http://www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz)

\*One free trial lesson for new customers.

## Love Your Water

Calling all old Mobile Phones to help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways.

After \$2.5 million donated to the Starship Foundation from the sale of unwanted old mobile phones it is time for a new multi award winning NZ charity - Sustainable Coastline to benefit from this scheme.

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have.



Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School.

## 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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