

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



21 September 2017



Ka tangi te pīpīwharaua, ko te karere a Mahuru

When the cuckoo cries, that is the herald of spring.

Everywhere around the world, throughout all ages, spring is greeted with joy and relief – what is lovelier than that first soak in the sun? Even though rough weather might yet come, the knowledge that spring is here is enough. In ancient Māori society, the rising of the star Aotahi (Canopus) announced the arrival of spring, as did the flowering of the Kowhai, Rangiora, Kotukutuku and Clematis. In the Northern hemisphere Easter is celebrated during spring – carrying a most powerful and universal symbol of life and new hope – the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Traditionally in the Southern hemisphere we do not have the same outward support for honouring spring and the forces at work in it. Physically and emotionally spring can be a difficult time of ups and downs and a time of trying to find balance and readjustment. We can easily feel pulled out of ourselves on a bright spring day, as well as experience its beauty. How does your whanau celebrate spring? In your home do you create a space for those who enter to stand a moment and appreciate spring's beauty? A pause to honour the season, the season where we prepare the earth so she is ready to grow and produce for us our food.

Over the last few years there has been a move towards holding our festivals at school during the week rather than on the weekend. This is a decision which has not been made lightly or without a great deal of consideration and it has come about as a result of careful reviews of previous festivals. We are very aware of the importance of festivals for our whole community however increasingly the reflections of weekend festivals have been that while they have provided a wonderful opportunity for families to connect socially, for the students the inner experience of the festival is sometimes lost in the social atmosphere of the day. Sometimes on weekend occasions it can become unclear for students if the responsibility sits with parents or teachers. We appreciate that for some parents it is difficult to organise time off work during the week however we have been very pleased by the numbers of parents and whanau who have been able to join us during the week. Our recent reflections of week day festivals are that there has been a greater engagement in the festivals by all our students, particularly those in the senior school and that the mood of the festival has been able to be held more strongly. The move to weekday festivals is by no means set in concrete and like all of our work at school we will continue to reflect on what we do to make sure that it is meeting the needs of our students first and foremost, but also our community. Feedback and suggestions from our parents and community are always welcome and we are looking forward to actively involving our parents increasingly in our festivals moving forward.

We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating our **Spring Festival at 11:00 am on Friday 29 September**. Please see inside for details.

Pippa Caccioppoli and Kelly Sutton on behalf of the Festival Group

Mark Your Calendar

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
September 29	11:00 am - Onwards	Spring Festival Periods One and Two
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

Spring Festival

The Spring Festival this year is being held on **Friday 29 September** and parents, families and the community are invited to join us.

The day will begin at 11:00 am with classes decorating their pole on the hard court behind Class 2 and 3 – all children are asked to bring some spring foliage from home in the morning to their classroom to contribute to this activity.

Once the poles are decorated there will be a procession to the field where the poles will be raised. There will be a Welcome from Erin Simpson our BOT Chairperson followed by:

- Kapa haka and Waiata performed by Class 5
- Maypole dancing by Class 4 accompanied by music from Class 5
- Community song – Pipiwharauoa – please see below for the words and your children should be able to help you learn the tune
- A Mummers Play performed by Class 9
- A shared grace

The Festival will finish with a shared picnic lunch on the field with parents, students and staff – there will be food for sale by a number of fundraising initiatives.

Wet Weather option:

- Students still to bring in foliage and take it to Class 4
- 10:50 am – Classes, parents and community to gather in the Gym

There will be a Welcome followed by all of the events listed above.

The Festival will finish with a shared picnic lunch in classrooms with parents and students and staff – there will be food for sale by a number of fundraising initiatives.

Pīpīwharauoa

Nā Hirini Melbourne te kaitito.

Pīpī pīpī manu e
Pīpīwharauoa
E pīpīpī ana e
Mō pāpā māmā wharauoa
Kei whea kē koe e pā e?
Kei whea kē koe e mā e?
Kimi atu, kimi mai.....kei whea kē kōrua e
Kūī kūī whio!
Korowhiti korowhiti
Kūī kūī a!



SCHOOL NOTICES

Principal Appointment Update

The Board of Trustees submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Education outlining a multi-Principal alternative to the single Principal position.

The Ministry has declined support for the proposal.

The Board of Trustees mandated the Appointments Committee to re-advertise for a single Principal. This is now in process.

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.

- **October 27** - Kaye Keates - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist - TBA

Any question please contact Filipa Hope 027 451 3445 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

Abacus Calendars

Coming Soon - For the 10th year! Abacus Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Notepads & Mouse Mats. Perfect & affordable Christmas Gifts!

For nearly a decade this great fundraiser was run by Jackie Blair who pursued it with dedication and enthusiasm. I would like to acknowledge and thank her for all the hard work she put in to make it such a success. She has now passed it over to myself (Iris) and I will be carrying it henceforth on behalf of Class 3CY. Please make a note of my details below as I will be the new contact person if you have any questions.

A copy of your children's own artwork or photo may be used to produce beautiful greeting cards with envelopes, laminated calendars, diaries, note pads or mouse mats.

Prices:	Art Calendars	\$10.00	Cards (Pack of 8)	\$12.00	Diaries	\$15.00
	Photo Calendars	\$10.00	Kids Notepads	\$12.00	Mouse Mats	\$15.00

All the Lower School teachers have by now received the art paper on which the children will complete their drawing. If you have an existing work of art you would prefer to use, please contact me for more details as some specific conditions apply.

From the first week of **TERM 4**:

- **Artwork will be available for viewing** in a blue box in your child's classroom
- Examples of **products will be on display** in the hall foyer
- **Order forms will be sent home**

Closing date for orders **FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER**. Further instructions next term.
Any queries please phone Iris Kouzounian 873 4035

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"

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

Social Media

Just wanted to say a big thank you to the parents and students who turned out for the chat on social media last week. It was a very open, honest, and enlightening talk and best of all, it was just the beginning!! I would encourage everyone to keep an eye out for the date of the next meeting, as it's really important for us to come together as a community to discuss the ever increasing role of social media in our children's lives.....And it's never too early!!! The more knowledge and awareness we hold now will enable us to better negotiate how to navigate this tricky path ahead. So please, parents from the Lower School, come along!!!

Christine

Accommodation Wanted

Laura Lopez, and adult student on the Early Childhood Seminar held in the Hawkes Bay from 5 - 10 October (after the Conference) is seeking accommodation during this time. Please contact Peter Lee on 878 6081 or email Laura - laura.lopez.76@hotmail.com

SCHOOL NOTICES

Big Thank You

Thank you to all the amazing, kind and generous people who attended the fundraiser for Zachariah Marshall. It was a very enjoyable day and from the generous donations and contributions it was a great honour to handover \$4500.00 to the Marshall family.

Thank you and blessings from Teresa

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 for a job description and application pack, or call 0276 889 204 for enquiries.

Applications close Monday 2 October.

Sports Notices

Cross Country was held Tuesday 12 September. Brendan and I took 20 students from Classes four - seven who had qualified from our School Cross Country event to compete in the Hastings and Districts Primary School Cross Country. A fantastic event with a great atmosphere and over 1000 students competing.

Taikura students did the school proud finishing well and in good spirits, with some outstanding results adding to a fabulous day. Very notable achievements given the number of students competing in each section.

Finn Barker	1st - Year 8 section.
Willow Barker	2nd - Year 6 section.
Rene O'Sullivan	3 rd - Year 7 section.
Imogen Gilbert	6 th - Year 6 section.
Hazel Hatcher	9 th - Year 7 section.

These students go onto the Hawkes Bay champs along with seven other students who qualified with good times. This event will be held next week. Well Done to all competitors.

Janet Osborne





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



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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Panel Discussion & Question & Answer session
on
**SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S WELLNESS
NATURALLY.**

Where. The Space at Oh My Goodness Breads
106 Queen St, East, Hastings

When Thursday 28th September

Time 7-9pm.

Come along and be part of this discussion and hear how these local health professionals are able to support your child's health. Bring along your questions and concerns too.

There will be a Naturopath, Chiropractor, a Medical Herbalist, Nutritionist, Homeopath, Acupuncturist, Massage Therapist, Weleda Pharmacist, Anthroposophical Nurse and other health professionals and parents.

Gold Coin donation to cover room hireage.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Communication for Connection NVC Workshop

FREE Introduction seminars:

Come along and find out if you are interested...

Sept 24 - 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm **Sept 27** - 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm **Sept 29** - 9:00 am to 11:30 pm

Workshops are on offer: 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. Cost: \$220 w/\$50 early deposit.

Filipa Hope 027 451 3445 filipahope@gmail.com

More info about NVC and Filipa's background: www.nvc.org.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

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 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> 06 878 6028

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.



With you all the way...