



28 September 2017



The Lower School Class Journey

The image of the Lower School Class Teacher undertaking a seven year journey with their class has been a long held picture of the ideal and while we all aspire to this journey we are constantly reminded that alongside of the ideal there is the practical, the pragmatic and the possible.

In many New Zealand Steiner Schools there has been a conscious move away from seven year journeys in the Lower School to shorter three or four year cycles. The rationale behind this move has been to enable teachers to have a deepened understanding of the student's needs and the curriculum.

Our reflections at Taikura are that the seven year journey can hold both wonderful gifts and challenges. As a staff we have been exploring the tension and variance between these gifts and challenges, to work out the best way forward for our school. By building a shared and reflective process we aim to ensure that each class receives the right experiences at the right time for the healthiest educational journey and if change is required there is the opportunity and acceptance for this to happen. The needs of the children will always inform change and the delivery of the curriculum is the constant.

As a result of the above mihi we have developed a proposal which has been accepted by staff and will form the basis of our work moving forward in this area. At this point in the year we are starting to build our staffing pictures for the following year and we will communicate these to families early in Term Four.

Pippa Caccioppoli and Kelly Sutton



Mark Your Calendar

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 25	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Class 8 DU Parents Evening
October 27	8:45 am - 9:00 am	Kaye Keats - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist
October 30	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Meeting Room TH
October 31	6:30 pm	Class 3 RA Parent Evening
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

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.

Afternoon lessons are as per normal, however you may wish to take your children home during the lunch time, if this is more convenient for you.

Pipiwharauoa

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
Kūi kūi whio!
Korowhiti korowhiti
Kūi kūi a!



SCHOOL NOTICES

Te haka a Raumati!



This week Class 5 performed at the **Ngati Kahungunu Primary School Kapa Haka Festival!** The festival is an event where all Primary Schools, Kura Kaupapa, and Intermediates in the Hawkes Bay area are invited to celebrate and share waiata and haka in a supportive Māori environment. The class had been practising for the last term, and on Monday they did us proud....Ka mau te wehi! Awesome performance Class 5! I would also like to acknowledge Peterhead School who ran the festival and did this exceptionally well.... Ka tau kē koutou!

Waiata mai on Thursdays for Term 4!

Kia ora e te whānau o **Waiata mai!**

We will have 'Waiata mai' on Thursdays next term, from 12:30 – 1:00 pm in the Whare. So for all those parents who would like to learn the waiata your tamariki are singing at home or humming in the car, nau mai, haere mai te katoa! All welcome!

Nā, Troy Gardiner

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

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 - herbs to grow and use for your family's health. Cuttings, seeds and seedlings will be available. Bring your own to exchange.

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

Music News

Choir for Taikura

The music department is pleased to announce that there are plans to form a choir either next term or the beginning of next year. Please let Frances know if you have any special requests around this. Practices will very likely be after school and may include part of Period 4 on the same chosen day.

Opera, Orchestra and Chamber Music Concerts

There have been many more students taking the opportunity to attend concerts this year. The opera Carmen in February had over 70 students, the third NZSO concert this year had 50 students and parents, and 6 chamber music concerts had 20 committed students and parents over the year. We are very fortunate in Napier to have these opportunities and although the NZSO sometimes question the feasibility of travelling to smaller centres it is always a positive when young people attend. The sixth chamber concert is tonight featuring a wind group Imani Winds. This group formed to show that "coloured Americans could perform classical music and provide role models for other musicians like them".

Exam Results

Congratulations to students who received great results in recent Trinity College London exams. Cameron Puroto, Grade 6 piano and NZMEB Christian Porter Grade 7 piano. We acknowledge your dedication and hours of practice to reach this level.

Instrumental Lessons at Taikura

A number of students have begun lessons this term and although it is the last term it is a great opportunity to have a "taster" with the possibility of carrying on next year. We have violin, viola, voice, guitar, flute, cello, piano and drums being taught each week.

Special thanks to Angela Schmidt and Phoenix Davis who played in Lower School assembly this week. They both take piano lessons with Vicki Miller.

Frances Te Weehi (HOD Music)

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

Housing Sitting Offered

Do you require a house sitter in the next few months. Jill and I are available to look after your house and pets. Please ring David or Jill on 027 467 6696 or 021 085 10800

End Of Term

The School Office will be closed over the term break. School will reopen for instruction in Term 4 starting Monday 16 October. We hope you all have a relaxing break with your family.

Website

If you would prefer to read the Grapevine on-line via the school website please go to 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.



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

Communication for Connection NVC Workshop

FREE Introduction seminars:

Come along and find outSeptember 29 at 9:00 am - 11:30 am October 1 from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Next NVC Workshop November 4 and 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. Phone Eva Steinmetz-Urieli <evaurieli@gmail.com> 06 878 6028

Bio Dynamic Land Trust

Martin Large from UK will be speaking at Mangarara Eco Lodge 298 Mangarara Rd Elsthorpe at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4 October about "Farming for Life - Regenerative farming and making farmland available for new entrant farmers" Martin has established the Bio Dynamic Land Trust in UK and is the author of a number of books. Koha further information at www.mangarara.co.nz

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.



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