



19 October 2017



Looking Ahead

In last term's Grapevine we spoke of the Lower School journey between class and teacher, and how to review and work with this journey in a way which best meets the needs of our students and those meeting them. As a part of our school wide discussions on student journeys it was acknowledged that there are obvious benefits to having a Class One teacher who has previous experience with this age group and who understands the necessary forms that support the children adjusting to Class One.

Through much pedagogical discussion our intention is to appoint a Class One Specialist teacher alongside a class teacher. The Specialist teacher will be experienced in the social, learning and developmental requirements of this age group and will remain in Class One, welcoming each new group of children. The gift of two teachers in Class One will lower the teacher/child ratio during their first year of school whilst giving us the capacity to strengthen the transition to school by enabling relationship building between school, Kindergartens and whanau.

We are happy to announce that Sue Hull will take on the position of Class One Specialist role. While it is with celebration that we announce this decision to the wider community, we understand that her current class will feel her loss. From past experience we know that the seeds and gifts of what Sue brings to a class at this time will continue to bear fruit well into their senior years.

Sadly the end of the year will see another class farewell their beloved teacher as Rhiannon Arnott moves south to be closer to her family and to begin another adventure. As our current Class 7 look towards their transition into the High School we can announce that their class teacher, Johnny Ryan will stay where he is and will work closely with Peter Lee and his class to allow Peter some well-deserved breathing time next year.

Applications for Class 1, 2 and 4 Teacher positions are currently open and we look forward to welcoming new staff and we will communicate these appointments in the middle of November.

Recently we have had another significant development which is the closure of the Eurythmy Room. The Trust has had specialists undertake an assessment of the Eurythmy room in terms of its structural safety in the event of an earthquake. Unfortunately the result of that assessment was that the structure is in need of strengthening and the decision has been made by the Trust that the Eurythmy room is now out of use for the foreseeable future. This is a recent decision and we are still working through all of the implications. However time-tabled lessons are continuing in alternative venues for all classes and will continue to do so until the end of the year.

Pippa Caccioppoli and Kelly Sutton

Mark Your Calendar

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
October 31		French Conversation Group
November 3	7:30 pm	Class 8 Sm Play Evening Performance
November 19	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Taikura School Fête

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sports Notices

Congratulations to:

- Niamh Jefferson for being selected as a finalist for the Hawkes Bay Secondary School Sports Awards in rugby and a big good luck to Niamh with her trials for the NZ under 18 sevens team.
- Lara Watson who was selected for the under 15 HB football representative team.
- Kail MacKenzie, Bayden MacKenzie and Orla Jefferson for passing their Surf Lifesaving lifeguard award in the holidays.
- Karljeet Singh- Cappie who won the A grade plate final in the Hawkes Secondary School Badminton Champs, a pretty outstanding result up against 16 and 17 year olds!
- Finn Barker who had an outstanding run at Hawkes Bay cross country champs and came 3rd in the year 8 boys section.
- To Rachel our extra lesson teacher for being part of a team who won a Bronze medal at the long distance waka ama champs last weekend paddling for 28km!

Taikura Summer Social Sport

Starting from this week we have two netball teams playing in the social twilight league one is a staff/parent team and the other a high school student team. Good luck to both teams, will be a lot of fun I am sure! We have high school students playing social leagues in hockey and futsal this term. Friday Surf Club will start up again this term, more information in next weeks grapevine!

Thanks to Selena Crouch, Morag Wilson, Ann and Bill Hilton, Johnny Ryan, Troy Wathey and Clayton Gibson for input into these teams. It's a great time for the students to play some social sport alongside peers, family and staff members.

Volleyball

We have several lower school teams playing volleyball this term, most will be playing in the local kiwi volley league. Thanks to Brendan, Chyna-Rose Solomon, Hinauri Tiopira-Hawkins, Amira and Tia Gardiner and Ruby Powell for helping out with coaching and umpiring these teams for the season.

Waka Ama

We have one Lower School team this term. Thanks to Troy Gardiner for coaching the team.

Tennis

Casual tennis sessions at school every 2nd Saturday starting 10:00 am October 28 for high school students and family members. Come along for some fun casual tennis, gold coin donation per player to cover ball costs. We have rackets available to use.

Contact Jenny Speedy or Janet Osborne for any more information.

Ki-o-rahi

The school has a team entered in the Friday after school competition held at Karamu High this term. Thanks to Johnny Ryan for coaching this team.

National Award

Well done to Brendan Hamilton-Gibbs for receiving a National Service award for his many years of volunteer work in surf lifesaving. Brendan has given hundreds of hours of his time in coaching, teaching and lifeguarding to clubs in Whanganui and Hawkes Bay.



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Finance

Thank you to those families that have paid in full or are paying by AP to cover their attendance dues and donation contribution for 2017.

As you all know, we changed from full donations to a mix of attendance dues and donations this year. We were reluctant to do this as it meant that people could no longer claim the tax rebate on the dues, but with a steadily declining commitment to donations we needed a certainty of income. It was also done to try to raise the consciousness within the school community of the need to actually pay, to honour the commitment they made when their children started at the school. For the school to fund the activities that contribute to its special character we need people to pay both the attendance dues and the donation. The dues only cover the bank costs, the donations cover everything else such as specialist teachers, extra lessons and additional staff.

Since changing to a combination of attendance dues and donation starting this year, 89% of attendance dues have been paid. Thank you everyone who has paid. This is a great effort. However, only 36% of donations have been paid.

In summary, the income to date is:

- Attendance Dues (Compulsory fee) - 89% received
- Special Character Donation - 36% received
- Kindergarten Donation 47% - received

If we are to continue to fund the additional costs involved in meeting the special character of the school, we need the donations to be paid. So please take this seriously as the money received directly affects the running of the school.

Please contact our accounts department to discuss payment of your attendance dues or if you have any queries relating to your contributions.

Happy Campers Ahoy!

Dear Community, next week we will be hosting a an Ashton Scholastic Book fair here at school. There will be books available for purchase in the School Library from 2:45 - 3:45 Thursday 26 and Friday 27 October.

Book themed and fun activities will be happening in the younger classes throughout the week. The theme of our book fair is Happy Campers, so please do look out for the bright orange tent and campfire at school next week. Those Classes involved will have brought home a timetable of activities along with a catalogue of some of the books available for sale. There will be a range of books for sale, suitable for teens as well as younger children.

Please consider purchasing a book as all sales support the purchase of new books for our Lower School book room.

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

French Conversation Group - Soirées de Conversation

Our next meetings are:

31 October

14 November

End of year celebration - 28 November.

A bientôt Kura

Taikura Fête

Sunday 19 November



10am - 3pm

taikurafete@gmail.com

[facebook.com/taikurafete/](https://www.facebook.com/taikurafete/)

www.taikurafete.co.nz

*When human beings meet together seeking the spirit with unity
of purpose then they will also find their way to each other*

Rudolf Steiner

Taikura Fête Sunday 19 November 2017

Fête is creeping up on us again. With just a month to go it's time to get busy. Please clear the date in your calendar now.

Taikura Fête is an accomplishment of the creativity, dedication, generosity and skill of the entire body of families, children and staff. By opening our school to the wider Hawkes Bay community we offer something of our school's special character that endures beyond the festivities' conclusion.

As a state-integrated school, Taikura Rudolf Steiner School receives no funding for school facilities. These are funded from within the school community. Taikura Fête is the most important fundraising event at our school.

Your Participation

Taikura Fête depends on EVERY whanau's help and participation. There are many ways to contribute according to our individual skill and ability.

Crafting

Small handcrafted items are needed for sale in the Children's Shop, and for the Lucky Dip. There should be no less than 15 of each craft item in the shop, but ideally 20-40 and we will need in excess of 400 items in total. In the past we have made origami flowers and butterflies on sticks, needle felted bees, ladybirds and spiders, little knitted mice, a small crystal in a covered match box, tiny wool angels, gnomes, gold painted walnuts with a bell inside, hair clips and badges. The crafts should reflect the special character of the school and be made from natural materials as far as is possible. If anyone has a desire to craft but feels that they need mentoring, we will be meeting on

Tuesday mornings from 9am to 11am at Taikura Kindergarten Parent Room.

Completed items can be dropped off at this time or to the Office.

Thanks to everyone who donated craft materials. Unfortunately, due to poor turn out we were unable to produce enough crafts to warrant a larger stall so this year we will focus on the Children's Shop. Unused materials will be retained for use in subsequent years.

Class Food Stalls

Each class is allocated one food item at the Real Food Market. This is where the bulk of the income from the Fête is generated. Your class is responsible for sourcing ingredients, following recipes, preparing food in a safe environment and storing food hygienically in advance of the Fête. Food Coordinator Suzan Bart will advise Liaison Parents about what is required. For more information, call Suzan on 021 206 59 09 or email taikurafete@gmail.com.

On Fête Day

This year we'd like to change our community thinking around how we contribute so that the fête can run as smoothly as possible, and so that we all get some time to play as well as work. Rather than attempting to give a little to each of our children's classes or kindergarten groups, we ask that each parent or whanau spend half of fête day working on just one stall and the other half enjoying the fête. If you have a special skill, such as face painting, hair braiding, or horse handling please volunteer preferentially for these activities.

Shifts for **Children's Activities** are

Morning	9.45am-12.30pm
Afternoon	12.30-3.15pm.

Shifts for **Food Stalls** are

Set Up/Serve	9.30-11.30am
Lunchtime	11.30am-1.30pm
Serve/Pack Down	1.30-3.30pm

If you have volunteered at a stall in the past and are willing to do so again, please let us know by email at taikurafete@gmail.com or you can call Rosheen on 027 777 07 59.

Books

We urgently need someone to coordinate the Book Stall. This is a relaxed, quiet space at the Fête that attracts many visitors from far and wide. If you are available to assist your contribution would be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Suzan on 021 206 59 09 or email taikurafete@gmail.com.

Natural Materials

We still need natural materials- seeds, shells, decorative grasses, dried flowers for the Clay Play activity. Should we not source enough materials we will not be able to have this activity at the Fête. Please drop to the Office.

Pony Rides

Dante's Dream are unable to assist with Pony Rides this year. If you know of anyone who would be willing to provide this activity, please contact Rosheen on 027 777 07 59 or email taikurafete@gmail.com.

You are invited to

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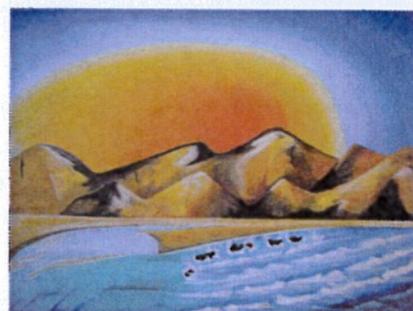
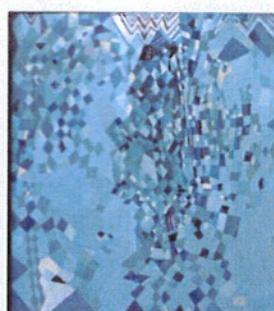
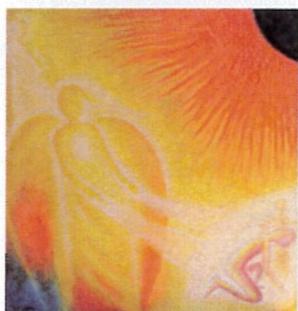
ALL SORTS



Friday **3** November

Opening with live music, drinks and nibbles at 6pm

Hastings Community Arts Centre





Taradale Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten has places available and is currently enrolling children for 2018. You are invited to encourage friends, family and people from the wider community who may be interested in a Steiner kindergarten education for their child to come along to our

Taradale Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten

Open Day

Market • Sausage sizzle • Story time • Meet the teachers

Saturday 4th November 2017

10am - 12 midday

**Kindergarten hours 8.30am to 2.30pm, Mon- Fri, from 3 years
Thursday Playgroup for Parents and young ones, 9am to midday**

**Celebrating 35 years of
Early Childhood Rudolf Steiner Education in Napier!**

**Taradale Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten
68 King Street, Taradale, Napier**

**For more information contact Helen on 06 844 2486
or email taradalekindergarten@xtra.co.nz**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Communication for Connection NVC Workshop

FREE Introduction evening: Come along and find out if you are interested...

Sunday Oct 29 6.30 to 8.30pm

NVC Foundation Workshop Nov 4& 5

Parenting with NVC Workshop Nov 25 & 26

A simple and practical 'How to' for enhanced communication and connection.

NVC identifies the language that disconnects us from ourselves and others and helps us strengthen the language that builds and empowers relationships - with others, and the all important one we have with ourselves. This tool-set helps awaken for us the skills and consciousness for the life serving capacities we want for ourselves and our families in our busy lives and fast changing world.

Tuition: \$250 (Save \$30 w/early deposit) **Filipa Hope 0274513445 filipahope@gmail.com** For more information about NVC and Filipa: www.nvc.org.nz

Class 8 Project Mentor Needed

S.O.S! I have lost my mentor.

I have started building a chicken house and run but unfortunately my mentor can't commit any more of their time. I was hoping there was someone in the community, perhaps a carpenter, builder or handyman who could help me finish my project. Please contact Markus Hirczy 06 9762004

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.

Child Care Over The Holidays

Christmas holidays are looming quickly with holidays beginning on 13 December this year. Do you need childcare over the Christmas break for your kindergarten child? Or would you like to earn some extra money by offering childcare for a fellow Taikura parent?

Frederick St @ Home can help families by accessing your 20 hours ECE.

Please call Jess if interested or have any questions on 871 0874 or 021 02993576



Viewing The Grapevine On-line

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. Click on the date you wish to read.