



8 February 2018



Dearest Community,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and I welcome you all back to this new school year. Like many of our students and staff, this year marks the beginning of a new journey as I take on the role of Principal at Taikura however my journey at this school began many years ago. My earliest memories are of playing in the Taikura Kindergarten garden, under the magnificent magnolia, which still stands proudly there today. I then crossed the road and made my way up through the school, experiencing the joys and challenges of class camps, plays, festivals and working through the constantly changing social dynamics of a class as we learned and grew and matured over the years. I had three younger sisters who attended Taikura and our mother Fran became our school Librarian. I was one of the youngest in my class and so at the end of Class 12 I transferred to Havelock North High School to complete a second final year at school before heading off to Victoria University in Wellington to study English Literature and History. Following my degree I completed a Post graduate diploma in Teaching and returned to Hawkes Bay to take up a teaching role at Karamu High School. During my time at Karamu I became a Dean and began a Classical Studies and Drama department.

Since my transition as a student to Havelock North High School my aim had always been to return to Taikura to teach, motivated initially by my love of the curriculum and having experienced first-hand the alternative. Finally an opening came up at Taikura and I returned to pick up Class 6 as well as teach English and Drama in the High School. It was during my first few years at Taikura that the decision was made to include Class 8 in the High School and I became the founding Class 8 Sponsor and transition teacher for a number of years.



In 2007 I had to leave school abruptly mid-year due to the premature arrival of our twin daughters and due to ongoing medical issues I took a number of years off from teaching to focus on the health and wellbeing of our family. When our daughters were eventually settled into the Taikura Kindy I returned to teaching in the High School part time. In 2014 our High School Associate Principal left us mid-year and Shirley Brooker and I stepped in to carry this role for half a year before I took it on officially at the start of 2015. At the end of Term 1 last year the school found itself without a Principal and my colleague Kelly Sutton and I took on the role Co Acting Principal.

Taikura has been through a number of changes in recent years including many at a Management level so I am hopeful that my appointment to Principal can provide a period of consolidation, to build on the foundations which already exist and to strengthen and celebrate what it is that makes us unique as a Steiner School. I am very fortunate in that I am supported in my new position by a strong Management Team of Kelly Sutton and Corrie Levick and the individual responsibilities of our administrative team. Collectively we believe that there needs to be a strong connection between Management and the three key areas of the school and we each intend to continue to represent the Kindergarten, Lower School and High School respectively at a Management level as well as stay informed and engaged with our students through hands on teaching in the classroom. It is the activity between us as teachers and support staff which creates the necessary environment for our students development and our relationship and engagement with the parents and community is an equally necessary ingredient in this journey.

Last year saw the re-enlivening of our parent body through Liaison Parent Evenings, the Parent and Family Association initiative, the CARE Fund initiative and the development of our Strategic Plan and we look forward to building on these positive foundations with our community as we move into this year. The Powhiri for new students, staff and families on Monday was a wonderful way to formally acknowledge the beginning of our year and on Waitangi day it was lovely to enjoy a very relaxed and fun family picnic at school and to see families enjoying the pool, games on the field and building relationships in the beautiful sunshine.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and productive 2018.

Best Wishes,
Pippa Caccioppoli

Green Stone Necklace Found

Green stone necklace on plaited cord found end of Term 3 outside school. Please see Adrienne in the office if you think it may be yours.

Parking Outside School

With the start of the new year parents are asked to be made aware of the new yellow parking lines outside the school pedestrian crossing. These are on the Gym side of the crossing and extend over the emergency entry/exit by the Gym. Please **do not** park over these or climb the kerb and park on the grassed foot path area. The Hastings District Council and the Police **WILL** be monitoring this and issuing tickets. These line have been put there for the safety of your children please do not park there.



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.

Mark Your Calendar

February 19 - 23
February 21 - 23
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February 22
February 26 - 2 March
February 27

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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Class 9 Tongario Camp
Class 5 Camp
Class 4CY and 4TM Parent Meeting
Class 1 Parent Evening
Class 8 Waimarama Camp
Class 2 Parent Evening

SCHOOLNOTICES

Dear Community

Welcome to a New Year. The Proprietors Trust are excited to start the new year, welcoming our new principal, alongside our new children, students and families. Late last year the Trust made the very difficult decision to close Taradale Kindergarten. Over the summer - we received multiple offers for the purchase of the Kindergarten and we have agreed to the sale of the kindergarten to the Kohunga Trust. We thank John Hudson for his efforts and negotiations in achieving a great result for the school. We saw alignment between what Taradale Kindergarten offered the community in the past and what the Kohunga can potentially offer the community the future.

We thank Corrie Levick and her team of Kindergarteners for all their efforts in this time of transition.

We wish all families that have transitioned from Taradale a warm and gentle settling into your new kindergartens, and the continuation of your Waldorf experience.

Warm wishes
Sue Simpson

Surfing Club

Will start Friday 9 February

This is a loosely formed club run by Clayton Gibson. It consists of a group of parents and students numbering between 10 and 35 depending on the weather and surf conditions.

We meet at the south end of the domain at Waimarama beach at 4:15 pm every Friday during the first and fourth terms. There is a wide range of surfing abilities within the group. There is also a keen group of parents who surf along side their children.

Surfing lessons are provided to children and adults during the first hour after our arrival at the beach. Those who wish to have a lesson need to request one as soon as they arrive at the beach. The school has a set of surfboards available for these lessons and any spares not being used are able to be used by students without their own boards.

This activity is suitable for children from Class 3 onwards.

The school does not provide supervision for children in the water. Every child who attends must have an adult with them who is prepared to supervise them in the surf and on the beach. At times parents designate one adult to watch a small group of children while they are surfing then swap over. But this is a private arrangement and not monitored by Clayton.

The reason Clayton is unable to supervise this activity is because he is focusing on giving lessons to individuals or out surfing himself. Any child receiving a lift in another families car should provide them with a koha towards petrol.

Could regular attendees please pay \$10 per child for the term, to the school office to offset the price of surfboard wax, repairs, leg ropes etc

Thank you.

'Bee' Safe Wear Shoes:

Welcome back to school! Our main field always attracts the buzz of our friendly little workers of the flowers. To ensure the children are safe from harm please check that they have suitable shoes on at all times. This is up to parents and staff to enforce. If you see one of our children on the field without shoes on, please ask them to go and put some on.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Communication for Connection NVC workshops

FREE Introduction evening:

Sunday February 25 6.30 to 8.30pm

Come along and find out what others are talking about and if you are interested...

Foundation NVC Workshop Starts Wednesday 28 February 9.30am to 12 Delivered over 6 consecutive Wednesdays

At HeartSpace - Yoga & Lifestyle: 208 Heretaunga Street East

Learn new skills to untangle the tangles in your communication and connection. Through gaining a clearer picture of the snares and the supports to communication and connection, the answers that emerge are the ones you've been looking for. NVC is relevant, practical, and an empowering 'how to'!

Registrations: **Filipa Hope 027 451 3445 filipahope@gmail.com** Tuition: \$250 More info about NVC and Filipa: www.nvc.org.nz

The 26th New Zealand Juggling and Circus Festival is nearly here!!!

Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 February. At the A and P Show Grounds (Gate B or C). Workshops and lots of fun on Friday and Saturday for a day ticket. An amazing Gala Public Show on Saturday night for all the family.

Facebook, New Zealand Circus and Juggling Festival for lots more information on day time events. Food and coffee is available along with all the colour, fun and learning you would expect at a Circus Festival! All tickets can be bought through Eventfinda. Book yourself a seat in the Big Tent (from Karamu Road, gate B) for the Gala Show. Very funny people, amazing juggling, super hula hoopers, aerial performances, a strong man and much, much more! Come along and join in the Art Deco circus fun!



There will be a special, Taikura tent flap price for sitting on the grass or standing-room-only for \$10.00 per person as seating is limited. Show at 7.30. Flaps open at 7:00 pm! No promises on how much room we will have!

And Special Breaking News: The Common Room is having the circus come to them on Thursday 15 February! 8:00 pm-ish: Strongman Mitch Pitch and Kozo Kaos: The Fastest Juggler. For more information go to Facebook for details.

Gentle Hatha Yoga for Wellness Classes

Tuesday mornings 9.30 – 11 am. Beginning Tuesday 13 February in the Violet Room, Lotus Holistic Centre 1024 St Aubyn Street, Hastings. Classes \$48 for 4 weeks or \$15 per class.

Contact Michele Ph. 8771877 or 027 250 2678 or e-mail michelenysse@xtra.co.nz

Goddesses of Aotearoa

Hear the stories, discover your personal connection to them, paint /draw your response. This is an art and self-development course. No previous experience in art expected as art instruction given.

Fridays 1-3 pm: 23 March and 6,13,20,27 April - 4 May. Steiner Centre Hastings. \$170.00 with art materials included. Please contact Eva Urieli for further information evaurieli@gmail.com 8786028 text 21 0277 1201

Eva's After School Art Class For Children

Thursdays 3 - 4:10 pm. Explore new art techniques, look at interesting images, listen to a story. Suitable for children 8 -13 years. \$16.00 per session, commitment for a term. At the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson St. Hastings .Contact Eva Urieli evaurieli@gmail.com 878 6028 or text 021 0277 1201

Deadline Sale

Character 1905, 3 bedroom home in Parkvale in a cottage garden setting. Deadline Sale by 18 Feb Trademe reference FQP116. View by appointment. Ph 0212301623.