



Easter In Autumn

At its conception, in the Northern Hemisphere, Easter was essentially a celebration of spring – after the darkness of winter the earth is born anew, the risen Christ as the sun, returned once more, as it does year in and year out, in perpetuity. By stripping the symbols and intentions to their essences we may subvert them to create a festival that has meaning for us here in this whenua.

Fundamentally, Easter is an act of faith, that although the natural world appears dead and barren it contains in it the seed of life that, after a period of restoration, will awaken to nourish its children. This is just as true in the autumn of Aotearoa as it is in spring, indeed our conviction must be greater as we turn away from light and warmth. In doing so, we must imbibe some of the pioneering spirit of our tīpuna who left the safety of home in their waka (or waka rererangi) for the promise of something better.

Easter is a moveable feast – falling on the Sunday after the full moon after the equinox. The equinox is the moment of equal night and day, where the sun crosses the equator to shine preferentially on the opposite hemisphere. Although we are passing into relative darkness, the fullness of the moon brings us the reflected luminescence of the sun, a heavenly beacon to encourage us to trust that the life giving light will return. That this falls on the sun's day, or Sunday, serves to emphasise its significance.

Much of this symbology can be seen in the egg – beneath the cold, hard, rock like shell lives the golden yolk, representing the sun, and also the potential for life. Although in the northern hemisphere, eggs are traditionally decorated in pastel colours with flowers, we can equally use fallen leaves and autumnal colours, particularly the rich red brown of the onion skin, to create adornments more appropriate to our season.

Another way of connecting with the natural world at Easter is to gift and plant bulbs. Though shrouded in a cloak of brown dry scales, seemingly inert, they can be entrusted to the earth throughout the winter to populate our springtime with colour and life.

Perhaps the most captivating of Easter symbols, from the small child's perspective, is that of the bunny. Traditionally this was a fertility metaphor – the returning light corresponding with *leporidae* breeding season. However, if we look to the characteristics of the hare a different picture emerges. The hare stands tall on hind legs, inspiring boldness and courage, with long ears and wide eyes displaying a willingness to engage with the surrounding world. In mythology, the hare is depicted as sacrificing self for the greater good, but is also capable of being alone and self-sufficient. These qualities would serve us well as we enter into darkness.

Rosheen FitzGerald (School Parent)



Mark Your Calendar

March 23	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	David Urieli-Looking in Goethe's MP Faust Part 1
March 26-29		Class 10 Marae Week
March 28	6:30 pm	Class 7 Parent Evening
March 30	All Day	Good Friday
April 2 & 3	All Day	Easter Break
April 6	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Filipa Hope-How NVC Supports Parents
April 11	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	He Reo Ora Consultation hui - Whare
April 12	11:00 am	Community Assembly
April 12 & 13	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Drama Club Play "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens

SCHOOL NOTICES

He Reo Ora Strategy Consultation

Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura

At the end of last year we ran a piece in the Grapevine outlining the development of the He Reo Ora Strategy. How in 2015, Dr Huia Tomlins-Jahnke, a professor of Māori and Indigenous Education gave a community talk at Taikura which inspired a group from the Tū Mai Taikura whānau to take the first steps towards creating a reo me ōna tikanga (language and customs/culture) strategy for Taikura.

The first stage was to conduct a survey and the community were invited to participate in this survey. The survey results were then compiled and they were a rich resource of ideas and wishes from parents, staff and students that voiced two key ideas:

- real appreciation for the quality of education here at Taikura, and gratitude for those key people who have carried te reo and tikanga Māori elements so strongly in the school over the years, especially Val Maioha, John Robin and Troy Gardiner.
- a clear vision for where Taikura could further evolve to integrate reo and tikanga Māori into the fabric of school life. This vision was an overwhelmingly positive one that acknowledged two vital elements: the importance of grounding our Steiner pedagogy within this land, Aotearoa; and the very close alignment between the Waldorf pedagogy and te ao Māori – the Māori worldview.

Many of you will have seen in our school wide Strategic Plan development that this initiative was picked up strongly and work is now being carried out towards consultation for, and development of, the reo strategy for the school.

The work towards the reo strategy acknowledges that language is cultivated in an environment that authentically reflects the culture within which it resides – that tikanga Māori needs to be considered at all levels of the school structure and community if the implementation of any programmes is to be truly successful. The Steiner pedagogy at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School provides a rich framework for this to be built on.

We appreciate that there are many different cultures and languages alive within our school, and it is our sincere hope that, by nurturing te ao Māori within Taikura, we will provide the foundation to celebrate all of these cultures and languages. But, in strengthening te reo and tikanga Māori, we value and honour Te Reo as an official language of our country, and we acknowledge the connection of our school to this land, Aotearoa.

We would like to invite the community to a hui on **Wednesday 11 April at 6.30pm in the Taikura Whare** where we will discuss this strategy and the role the community can play in bringing it to life. We look forward to your feedback, thoughts, and ideas as we take up this initiative as a community.

Mā ngā huruhuru Ka Rere Te manu
With feathers a bird will fly
With everyone's help the project / mahi will succeed

Nei anō ngā mihi tino mahana, nā Pippa Caccioppoli

SCHOOL NOTICES

Supporting CARE At Taikura – How To Get Involved

A group of parents and grandparents has come together to support the CARE Group with fundraising. We have named the group H3: Head, Heart, Hands. Our focus is to find ways for the CARE Group to access the funds and resources they need to provide therapies within the School including curative eurythmy, Anthroposophical nursing, extra lessons and our listening programme. H3 will be holding fundraiser's throughout the year and will approach parents to help out. These will include sausage sizzles, cake stalls and events. Please get involved where and how you can; a sustainable CARE offering in our school benefits all our children.

Jess Barron – Chair, H3

Crazy Hair Day

All Day Friday 23 March Be A Part Of The Fun!

Hello I am Ray Solis from the Student Council we are organising a Crazy Hair Day to help support Shave for a Cure. The organisation collects donations to help Kiwis who deal with Leukaemia blood cancers and help fund research for a cure.

Crazy Hair Day is a fun way to help the cause and we would love it if all students could participate. You can rock up to school sporting, curly hair, spiked up hair, multi coloured hair or a funky wig. Challenge your friends to a who can wear the wackiest hairdo. I will also be at the gate on Friday morning collecting any money people wish to donate. So come along, bring a gold coin and help this worthy cause.

Ray Solis - Student Council

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. All meetings are baby/toddler friendly and you are welcome to bring them along and come and go as you need. Gatherings are held at the Hastings Taikura Kindergarten community space. Guest speakers begin at 9:00am with tea and coffee available from 8:45am.

Our next meetings:

Friday 23 March: David Urieli is a highschool Maths and Drama teacher as well as Class 8 sponsor. Last year David brought to the Parents Group insights into Goethe's masterpiece, Faust, part 1 and by request is willing to continue taking us on this journey. If you missed last year not to worry, as each talk on Faust is not dependent on any prior knowledge and equally enlightening.

Friday 6 April: Filipa Hope is a past parent of the school and the Parents Group coordinator. She has been teaching Nonviolent Communication (NVC) for parents and educators for 8 years. She will give a two hour introduction into "How NVC supports parents to build the resilience of internal motivation in our children".

Any offerings, suggestions or questions please contact Filipa Hope 027 451 3445 filipahope@gmail.com

Easter Market

Class four will be having a stall at the Easter market. We will be selling produce such as, pears, apples, lemons, onions, pumpkins, hot pumpkin soup, green veggies and some preserves. Come and pick up some yummy homegrown treats!

Thanks Melissa

New Zealand Certificate Of Steiner Education

Registration and Fee Payment

All students have been issued with a registration form for 2018. For your convenience a registration form has been included in this edition of the Grapevine. Please ensure registration and payment of \$145.00 is made to the School Office by 31 March.

**TAIKURA RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL
NEWZEALAND CERTIFICATE OF STEINER EDUCATION
REGISTRATION FORM**

Students Name.....Class.....

**Seeks registration for the New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education (NZCSE)
qualification for 2018.**

**S/He has already achieved Levelor gained discretionary entry through the
NZCSE Coordinator.**

**I/We agree to abide by all the regulations set down in the NZCSE Student
Handbook.**

Signed.....(Parent).....(Student)

Please sign and return this form to the office.

Registration and Payment is due by 31 March 2018

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FEE PAYMENT 2018

FEE per year of entry into the NZCSE \$145.00 (GST incl.)

This charge will appear on your child/s account

Last date for payment of fees is April 8 2018

Please contact the office with regards to any issues around the payment of this fee.

Registration and payment should be made through the School Office

SCHOOL NOTICES

Easter Market Thursday 29 March 3:00 pm

Easter Crafts in abundance! Bobbing for Apples!

Sweet and Savoury Treats from the kitchens of Class 2.

Hot Chocolate, both Dairy and Vegan, lovingly prepared by Class 1.

Warm up with Class 4CY's Hot Pumpkin Soup!

Class 4CY will also bring apples, pears, lemons, green veggies, pumpkins, onions, preserves, strawberry plants and plum crumbles (Please bring your own reusable bag).

Class 9 SM will be offering scrumptious Easter bagels... the evocative fragrance of spice and peel, combined with stewed apple, makes for a tasty treat. Individual bagels will be available, hot buttered, on the day. Packets of frozen bagels will be available as take home items...ready to pull out of the freezer for Easter Sunday brunch. \$11.00 for a packet of six.

Contact Tracy 027 2627014 to pre order.



Calling All Crafters

If you're interested in getting together with a group of Taikura parents to do some crafting, please come along to the parents' room at Taikura kindy on a Tuesday morning after drop off. Bring along any craft project you make be working on or just come along and join in on other ongoing projects. No skills necessary! So come for a cuppa and a chat, it's a lovely way to connect with other parents you may not have yet met. We're usually there until 10:30 or so, so you can still fit lots of other things into your day. See you Tuesday!

Te Rawhiti Kindergarten Teacher

Part-time, Fixed-term

Our lovely Kereru group is looking for a wonderful, experienced teacher for *2 days per week, for Term 2 2018* and possibly beyond. The Kereru group is one of three groups on our Raumati South site.

You will have a strong interest in Waldorf education; some Waldorf teaching experience is desirable. New Zealand teacher registration and a current practicing certificate are essential.

Please contact the Te Rā Waldorf School office for an application pack.

Applications close 6 April 2018 Ph 04 2990812 office@tera.school.nz www.tera.school.nz

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School 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. Click on the date you wish to read.

Taikura High School Drama Club Proudly Presents

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens, Script by Mark Fitzgibbons.

When: Thursday 12 and Friday 13 April

Venue: The School Hall starting at 7:00pm

Tickets \$5:00 on sale from next Monday outside the Hall Foyer after school. They are also available from the School Office, or on the night at the door.

A Tale of two cities is a masterpiece by Charles Dickens that happens around the beginning of the French Revolution. It has perhaps the best known beginning and ending lines of any book in the English language. More about the story next week.



A Tale of Two Cities



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Love steaming food but it scares you a bit?

Wish you didn't burn things when you get distracted?

Want to be able to make your own flour, icing sugar or other milled foods?

Want to prepare and cook a whole meal (Chicken, Rice and Veges) in one appliance?

This is just a small list of things the Thermomix can do. The Worlds' smallest kitchen could be yours!

Please contact Gemma or one of the Class two 2018 Parents for tickets or details.

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<https://www.thermomix.co.nz> to see what else the
THERMOMIX can do!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Lotus Centre Open Day

Sunday 18 March 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The Lotus Centre is under new management come and check us out!

Yoga classes all day for koha - come down and experience any or all of the following styles of yoga: laughter, pregnancy, hatha, yin, nidra, dru and shadow.

Massage for koha - 5 minute chair massages or foot massage for koha. All proceeds from the day will go to the the Hawke's Bay Breast Cancer Trust.

Go to the website www.thelotuscentre.nz for more details or check us out on facebook.

Reiki Master Treatments & Training

Reiki Master Treatments & Training, Heart Centred Clairvoyant Guidance sessions, Property Clearings, Intuitive Development, Reiki Share Gatherings and Wish Game evenings, Retreats. www.lovingvoice.com 027 4747342

Rental Wanted

Tidy and trustworthy professional in her mid-30s is looking for a rental or flatting situation where she can bring her little dog and little cat. Please contact Eva 021 02238553

Kittens Free

We have three kittens looking for happy homes. There is a ginger one, a black one and one with grey stripes. Seven weeks old. Please phone Zoe 0273213812

House For Sale

For sale in Parkvale a 4 bedroom house. This 1930's bungalow sits in a large, mature organic garden with natives and a variety of fruit trees, chicken run and veggie garden. It has been fully insulated, re-wired, re-roofed, re-piled and has modern bathrooms (2) and kitchen. Double carport, workshop/ hobby room. If you are interested, call Sabine & Peter on 8735292 or 0276-873529 to arrange viewing.

House For Rent

From former Taikura School parents, from the 29 June to the 18 August. A three bedroom house, all fenced, with a garden, wood fire and off street parking. Fully furnished, wifi included, power and firewood excluded in the price. A five minute walk from the school through a lovely park. \$325 pw. Please contact Aurelia at 0226749450 or email aurelialorenzovazquez@gmail.com

Room For Rent

Mother and three children looking for a boarder or flatmate for our house in Waipuna St Mahora. Do your own food or have meals provided of mostly organic food. Enjoy a good sized garden with chickens. Room opens onto back porch with garden view. Contact Hannah 2809813 or 022 1049867.

BePure

Ben Warren and the BePure team are excited to bring our upcoming seminar '**Tired, Stressed and All the Rest**' to Havelock North on the Tuesday 27 March.

Ben's latest seminar is here to support you in understanding your unique body, why what works for you when it comes to diet and lifestyle is personal, and how to unlock your energy to live the life you really want.

We think that this would be really valuable for anyone who is dealing with fatigue or high stress levels, and wants to **boost energy and find their calm**.

We'd love to offer you a special discount code for \$10 off tickets. Please use the code BEPURE at the checkout for General Admission tickets.

You can purchase tickets at <https://www.bepure.co.nz/blogs/events/tired-stressed-and-all-the-rest>.

SPIRITUAL SCIENCE

Knowledge of Higher Worlds – Decoded

A weekend seminar with Ian Trousdell

24th – 25th March 2018

A detailed introduction to Rudolf Steiner's path of self-development enabling perception of non-physical dimensions for the purpose of knowing reality better



Detailed hand-outs clarify the whole book including all the exercises, combined with 'living thinking' practices, clarifying Rudolf Steiner's 'Path of Reverence' which forms the basis of Spiritual Science, a method for researching deeper aspects of reality than the physical.

Seminar: 9am - 5pm Sat. 24th / 9 – 4, Sun. 25th March 2018

Lecture: Saturday 25th March. 'Birth of the Higher Self.'

7.30 pm to 9 pm including question time

Anthroposophical Centre, Hastings

Corner of Nelson St. and Whitehead Rd.

\$150 fee. Registration or for more information

contact Ian: ian.trousdell@gmail.com

The Art of Well-Being 2018

Meet yourself, know yourself, be yourself



March 11-16

June 10 -15

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Grow your understanding of anthroposophical Special Character by becoming part of Taruna's 'Art of Well-Being' in 2018. Three week-long seminars explore themes of:

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The Certificate is an introductory course to Rudolf Steiner Waldorf Education. This part-time year-long programme will give a broad overview of the many faceted dimensions of Waldorf pedagogy, curriculum and culture. Alongside lectures and workshops that will deepen and extend your understanding of child development and approaches to teaching and learning you will have the opportunity to engage your creative side with many practical activities including arts, crafts, music and movement.

The course is designed to meet the needs of:

- Teachers new to Waldorf education. This includes teachers who have a new position teaching in Steiner Waldorf schools as well as teachers in mainstream schools, seeking professional development, who wish to enliven and reexamine their classroom practice.
- Homeschooling parent-teachers who wish to follow or incorporate a Waldorf Curriculum.
- Teacher aides in Steiner-Waldorf classrooms.
- Parents who wish to accompany their children's development and education with greater consciousness or who simply wish that they had enjoyed the kind education their children are now receiving.
- Student teachers who think that Waldorf Education might be a direction they would like to pursue.

Contributors: Rosie Simpson and Peter Lee together with a range of experienced Waldorf practitioners.

2018 Dates:

Seminar 1: 15-20 April 2018

Seminar 2: 15-20 July 2018

Seminar 3: 1-5 October 2018

Cost per Seminar \$1,000

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