



## Whitsun

On Monday next week the whole school will be gathering in the late morning before lunch to celebrate Whitsun. Rudolf Steiner thought this to be the most important of festivals for the images it brings and the deep connections it may evoke for our future.

Whitsun marks a special period of time after Easter. It is said the disciples had spent forty days with Christ after he had risen. He finally left them: a moment that is called Ascension and the disciples were left alone. You can only imagine how that might have felt... However, ten days later the Holy Spirit is said to have come to them in a rushing of wind. Above them appeared tongues of flame and they were given a vision of what lay ahead of them: they were to go out into the world and spread the teachings and message of Christ. To help with this they were each endowed with the power to speak in different tongues.



On Monday we meet in the hall, decorated with the white doves from the Lower School classes. These symbolize the Holy Spirit, the rushing wind and our individual futures. There are candle lighters who light twelve candles that symbolize the flames above the disciples and student speakers who read a short passage from the bible in different languages.

Whitsun is a festival rich in symbols but the students know it as a quiet moment in the beginning of winter when we sit under doves, listen to a story and eat white biscuits in the classroom when we finish. But if we have held the symbols correctly and supported the atmosphere within the hall, they should, with a tiny bit of luck and a ray of hope, come away with a change in their mood-of-soul. In that way, they will have marked a moment, enormous in its significance for our evolution but possibly insignificant to their daily lives. A little pause in the fabric of their Universe with a ripple that may spread.  
From the Festival Group

P.S. We apologise to parents: because of our hall size and the fullness of our school numbers this is the one festival where you sadly cannot be invited. Sorry. However, we encourage you to investigate Whitsun yourselves, and a hanging dove and a candle on the table at home will make a nice link with what your child has met at school.

### Mark Your Calendar

May 21	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting
May 21	All Day	Class 10 Geography Field Trip - Clifton/Haumoana
May 22	12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	French Conversation Group
May 23	7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening - TH 3.3
May 25	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Rosie Simpson - The history of Taruna and Taikura
May 27	12:00 pm	BOT Nominations Close
May 30	7:00 pm	Class 5 Parent Evening - In the School Library
May 30	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Kindergarten Parent Evening
June 1	All Day	Teacher Only Day
June 1	12:00 pm	BOT Voting Papers Sent Out
June 5	9:00 am	Photolife Class Photos
June 6	6:30 pm	Class 4TM Parent Evening
June 15	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	David Urieli - Goethe's Faust
June 22	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Kaye Keats - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist
June 29	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Sue Simpson - TBA

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Dear Community

This year we have had the privilege of welcoming a number of new staff members to Taikura. If you have not met them already over the coming weeks via the Grapevine you will. Each week there will be a short piece introducing a new staff member, along with a photo to help you to put a face to the name.

Kelly Sutton

## Nau mai haere mai Mr McArdle

Thomas has been a part of the Taikura community for several years but has just recently put down some serious roots. Known to many of you as Mr Sowerberry from Oliver!, but to others as the new Class 4 teacher. Thomas was born in Upper Hutt but has lived most of his life in Napier where he still can be found with his partner Sarah and three children. Unbeknownst to many, he has a very strong background in furniture design. A childhood spent in the back of the family upholstery shop making buttons for lounge suites saw him work in the family business and later set out on his own before the enticing call of the glamorous teaching profession drew him in. Thomas is also an amazing ukulele player and has been sharing his passion with Class 4. Some amazing sounds have been coming out that room recently.



## Nau mai haere mai Mr Throp

Ben has just joined the ranks of Taikura as the relief gym teacher, while Sanne is on maternity leave. However, there is more to him than track pants and a stopwatch. His passion is in music and singer-songwriting. He has released several albums and performed with a range of groups including *Hail To The Thieves* which interprets Radiohead songs. As well as being a full-time musician, Ben was also fundamental in establishing the musicianship programme at Havelock North High School. In spite of his musical streak, he is now really loving teaching PE which is what he was originally trained to teach and the experience is enhanced even more as it is happening in the beautiful setting of Taikura School.



## Board of Trustees Vacancy

Parent Election Notice: **Taikura Rudolf Steiner School**

Nominations are invited for the election of **ONE** parent representative to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations has been posted to all eligible voters. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form). Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

**Nominations close at noon on Sunday 27 May 2018**

The voting roll is open to inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

**Voting papers will be sent out by Friday 1 June 2018**

Janet Osborne  
Returning Officer

## Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday 5 June. Please hand your envelope into the office and make sure you have the correct money as no change will be given. If paying on line please state **paid on line** on envelope. The final day for photograph money to be in handed in to the office is **25 May. No later!**

## French Conversation Group - Soirées de Conversation

The meetings this term are: 22 May, 5 June, 19 June and 3 July - from 12:30pm to 1:15pm (location to be confirmed). Contact Stasia on [stasiapops@gmail.com](mailto:stasiapops@gmail.com) for more information.

# 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. 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 25 May:** To be held at Taruna College 33 Te Mata Peak Rd. Rosie Simpson, past Taikura principal and current Taruna director. Rosie will share the common history of Taruna and Taikura through the biographies of two extraordinary women: Ruth Nelson and Edna Burberry. Taruna was their home and became their initiative to bring Waldorf Education to New Zealand - and is today an adult education centre inspired by anthroposophy. For those who wish to join in Rosie will also lead us in a simple art activity.

**Friday 22 June:** Kaye Keates - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist offering her depth of knowledge and personal experience to support us in practical ways to support our families winter wellness.

**Friday 15 June:** David Urieli - High school teacher. This will be David's third talk by popular request looking into Goethe's Faust. Don't worry if you have missed the prior talks as each talk is a complete in itself. Everyone who has come along has found great value.

**Friday 29 June:** Sue Simpson - past Taikura principle - TBA

Any offerings, suggestions or questions please contact: Filipa Hope 027 451 3445 [filipahope@gmail.com](mailto:filipahope@gmail.com)

## Class 4 TM Parent Meeting

Class 4TM are holding a Parent Meeting on Wednesday 6 June at 6:30 pm in the School Library.

## Flute Lessons

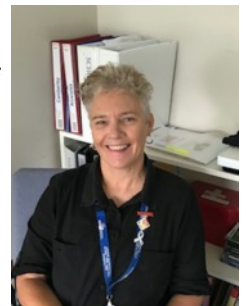
Our Itinerant flute teacher Susan Barham, has offered to give small group introductory flute lessons. This would entail a 45 minute lesson for 3 weeks at a cost of \$30 per child.

Flutes would be available from the school for these lessons at no cost. If, however, you would like your child to bring the instrument home over this 3 week period, this can be arranged through the schools Instrument Hiring process. This is a great opportunity for children to have a taste of flute playing, to see if this is something they would like to pursue. To register please contact Zahira at: [zahira.rickard@taikura.school.nz](mailto:zahira.rickard@taikura.school.nz)

## Hello Families of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

My name is Sandy O'Shea and I am the Public Health Nurse for the school. I am part of the Child Health Team for the District Health Board and my role in schools is to support families/children and the wider school community with addressing health issues which can impact on their learning or life. I hold a clinic for the senior children 3-4 times a term, and follow up any communicable diseases that can impact on the community.

I am happy to discuss any health concerns and can be contacted directly or through the school. I support teachers who are concerned for the wellbeing of a child.



**Text or phone call on 0272349379 or 8799440 Or email [sandy.o'shea@hbdhb.govt.nz](mailto:sandy.o'shea@hbdhb.govt.nz)**

I work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am until 4.30 pm

I will be in Gee's office on the following days:

Friday 18 May

Friday 1 June

Friday 15 June

Friday 29 June

Either make an appointment through Gee or text/email me directly.

Regards  
Sandy

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Fun Part Time Job

Pipi cafe is seeking a parent or two to help out 1 - 3 nights a week. We guarantee a fun night out where you come home with a bit extra to pay the bills. No experience necessary, we just need a positive attitude with a little humility, dignity, and integrity. Pay and conditions are OK, no one at Pipi really complains!

Email [pipicafe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pipicafe@xtra.co.nz) or text 021 707 510.

## Help Wanted

Saturday May 26 Time: 4:00 pm - 11.30 pm

Assistance with preparation of food, serving and clean up. If you have your own transport, have a passion for food and want a laugh, then come and help us celebrate.

\$20.00 per hour, if interested please call Aimee on 0279389845

## Join Our Food Rescue Team

We are local food rescue group Nourished for Nil looking for a produce coordinator to join our team. This role requires coordinating fruit and produce deliveries and pick ups, 3 mornings a week for about 3 hours. Some days there is nothing to do, other days more. Person ideally flexible and available during these times. This person will be the contact point for growers and organisations that want to donate to N4N. The person will be responsible for contacting the volunteers required to do the collection of goods or even do the picking up themselves. Contact Christina 027425 2316

## Dog Grooming

Dog Grooming available, by qualified vet nurse with grooming certification. All natural NZ products used.

Call or text Jasmine on 022 0527159

## Rental Urgently Needed

Kia ora. We are a family looking for rental accommodation. We are a family of 4: Myself, my wife, my two daughters (one of whom is in Class 1, the other is 2 years old). My wife is expecting and the baby is due next month so we are really keen to find accommodation soon. We can provide references and would be the best tenants ever. Please text or call John on 0220745031 if you can help us out. Short or long term. Nga mihi.

## Class 10 Fundraiser

Come along and join us for a portion of **Chilli Con Carne** with a bun and a show. Drinks available.

R13 Age Limit

Cost: \$25.00 **CASH ONLY NO EFTPOS**

Date: Saturday 26 May

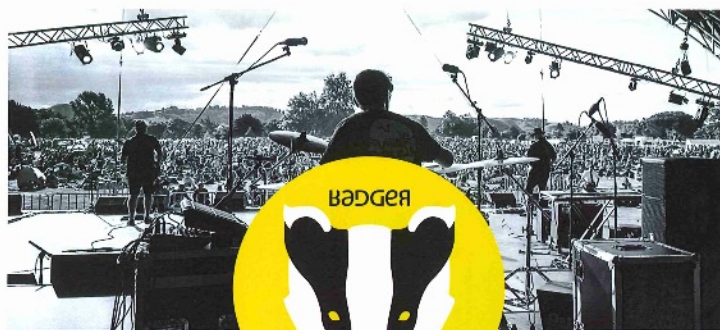
Time: 7:30 Start

Where: The Badger Cave

Tannery Road Jervoistown

Theme: Black and White Badger

Tickets on sale from Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Class 10 members or through email [achten@ruralkiwi.com](mailto:achten@ruralkiwi.com)



**BADGER**  
Taikura Rudolf Steiner School  
**CLASS 10 FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY MAY 26 - 7:30 START**  
**AT THE BADGER CAVE**  
TANNERY ROAD, JERVOISTOWN  
BLACK AND WHITE BADGER THEME  
ENTRY \$25 FOR DINNER AND SHOW  
(BRING CASH — NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE)  
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