



Celebrating Winter In The Home

Without the spectacle of Christmas to anchor it, finding focus for seasonal celebration in the home can present a challenge. But New Zealand's winter is so short and so mild in comparison to Western Europe and North America that we do not really need the distraction of a major feast of consumption to break the season into manageable bites. Instead, we can view these few weeks of relative cold and dark as respite from the seemingly endless sunshine and light with which we are blessed in this region. It is a time to turn inward, to home and hearth, and to a deeper understanding of ourselves.

For many of us, a period of rest and reflection is enforced by the coughs and sniffles that go hand in hand with cooler, damper weather. This can feel like a punishment or purgatory, but the act of conquering illness can reap rewards developmentally, for children and parents alike. If we have space to allow it, there is a magic to the suspension of our hectic lives, a grace in giving ourselves permission to do the bare minimum, not more, while we convalesce. While we are hale and hearty, we can scour cupboards or op-shops for a special book, game or craft project to be reserved for when we or our children are under the weather.

We can all find comfort in the acts of caring that winter invites. Not just nursing the sick, but in wrapping our children and ourselves lovingly in layers of winter woollens. Take time to enjoy nurturing the warmth organism at each of our cores. Enjoy coming together as a family to share in warmth by the fire side. The ritual of chopping, stacking, fetching wood, and building the fire provides a rhythmical anchor point to our days. For younger children, winter is the only season in which they will regularly experience darkness. How special it is to light candles against a backdrop of enveloping night.

As inviting as is the indoors, we cannot neglect the natural world outside. Fallen leaves mulch underfoot, bare branches reach skyward, mists rise. Our wider culture idolises youth and new growth, but we have much to learn from death and decay. With the abundance of greenery stripped back, we have room to contemplate the unyielding rocks and crystals beneath that form the basis of the winter seasonal table. In the quiet spaces that winter affords, we too can let go that which does not serve us, allowing it to compost down and act as sustenance for the new growth that will surely follow such a clearing.

Rosheen FitzGerald
(School Parent)

Winter Rain

Dripping, pouring down
getting pushed from side to side
never stopping as the wind whistles in your ears.

Rain beating down on you,
as you race ever closer through puddles
to your warm and inviting classroom.
Soon you step in. The warmth flows over you.

Mia Ransom Class 5

Mark Your Calendar

June 14	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Meeting
June 15	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Sandy O'Shea - Public Health Nurse
June 15	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	David Urieli - Goethe's Faust
June 20	6:00 pm	Victoria University Info Evening
June 21	6:30 pm	Mid-Winter Festival Lower School
June 22	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Kaye Keats - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist
June 25	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting
June 27	6:30 pm	Class 7 Parent Evening
June 28	11:30 am	He Reo Blessing followed by Hangi/umu for Lower School
June 29	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Sue Simpson - TBA
June 29	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Sandy O'Shea - Public Health Nurse

SCHOOLNOTICES

Matariki

Ka mahi ngā kanohi tikonga a Matariki
The ever-alert and protruding eyes of Matariki.

This proverb is said of a person who is wakeful and alert at night. The origin of this saying is the story in which Tāwhirimātea plucked out his eyes and threw them into the heavens, where they became Matariki. These protruding eyes are seen unblinking in the heavens, staring intently at the earth.

Thursday 21 June Day of the Solstice:

The **High School Festival** for winter will take place during the day. It is celebrated in the hall with a world map, candles, a talk and thoughts of a global nature. This year Class Seven will be joining them rather than the Lower School. A lunch of soup and buns will then be shared by all the High School classes and their teachers. However, Class Seven will return to their room for their own shared lunch.

The **Lower School Lantern Festival** starts at **6.30** that night.



Classes One to Six:

We will be working with the same format as last year with subtle changes in response to feedback received. This particular evening is one where we endeavour to create for the children a moment of deep stillness. The hush of winter surrounds them. Lighted lanterns guide their way into the winter spiral. This is a festival where, with the community, we strive to create a moment of inner quiet and stillness for our students.

A contrast to the silence of this festival are the festivities of the following week.

On the 28 June we hope you will join us for kōrero and kai at our Lower School hāngi/umu. This hāngi/umu will follow the community blessing of our He Reo Ora strategy. Please look out for your warm invitation, and information about both blessing and hāngi/umu, in next week's Grapevine.

On the night:

Children are to be dropped off at their classes at 6:30 pm. Parents then make their way to the big field outside the gym (Inside the gym, if it is wet). You will be directed to make a large circle around a spiral on the ground and there you will await the classes.

Following a bell at 6.45, the children will come from their rooms, lanterns lit, and walk to the field in long lines. We will start with a community song (see attached page to bring that night). We will then hear songs or music from Classes Four, Five and Six. There will then be two more community songs. While this music is going on, Classes One, Two and Three students will be walking the spiral in pairs/individually. This is their chance to 'meet' a moment in the darkest night of the year with a little help from their lantern and lots of help from the rest of us.

When everyone is finished and we have sung our lusty songs long enough, the inner most circle of young classes will be directed to move out and around the outside of the parent circle following a teacher. This is **your** chance to gently take hold of your own wandering child/children as they pass, so by the time their teachers have made a full circuit, everyone will be accounted for and back in your loving arms. When that is finished, Classes Four, Five and Six will do the same on the inside of the parent circle.

When completed, we encourage you to make your way carefully and **quietly** back to cars and home, saving the magic of the light and sound and spiral, to talk about over hot chocolate and a biscuit in the warmth of home!

Students to Classes, parents to field: 6:30pm
Circles and spiral songs: 6:55pm

Lanterns lit, walk starts: 6:45pm
End and home for a treat by: 7:30pm

If wet, we will have the spiral in the gym.

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Continued... Festival Songs

Rise up oh flame, by thy light glowing.
Show to us beauty, vision and joy.

When days are darkest the Earth enshrines the seed of Summer's birth
The Spirit of God is a light shines, deep in the darkness of Earth.

All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, oh keep me, King of Kings, beneath Thine Own Almighty wings.

Further Dates

June 25 - Kua hauhakea the harvest table we gather. This will be set up in the hall foyer for students and community alike to bring food donations over the course of the week.

June 28 – Mark your calendar. He Reo Ora Blessing 11:30am followed by Hangi/umu for Lower School. More information in next weeks Grapevine.

Navigation Compass

There is a whānau night at Ātea-a-Rangi – Navigation Compass in Clive.
Wednesday the 20 of June – 6 – 8 pm.

- Entertainment for the whānau – Story telling & Kōrero
- Viewing the stars from the Ātea-a-Rangi
- Nice and affordable kai for the whānau.
- This event is run by the Ātea Trust.



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

French Conversation Group - Soirées de Conversation

The meetings this term are: 19 June and 3 July - from 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm held in the music room. Contact Stasia on stasiepop@gmail.com for more information.

Parent Family Association

Join us Wednesday mornings for a cuppa and a chat just inside the gate at the school entrance at drop off time around 8:30am

Ideal Student Job - Lawn Mowing

Easy flat lawns in Hastings, mower and petrol provided, \$15:00 an hour, maximum of three hours work on a regular bases. Please contact Martin on 021 183 0862

SCHOOL NOTICES

Governance Workshop 11 June 2018

On a wet and wild afternoon all our teaching and support staff as well as members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Proprietors met with a wonderfully experienced facilitator to look at how our school is run.

We discovered there are some silos of understanding between the different groups and individuals and as we all come from different backgrounds, differing levels of experience with Steiner education and all have different roles. But we also found an impulse to offer what we have and work hard to bridge the gaps between ourselves.

Some of the session, which ran from 1:30 to 6:00, was learning from Carol Scholes, our facilitator, and some was sharing ideas between ourselves and increasing our collective knowledge by learning from each other.

Between us all we are accountable for the governance and management, the holding of Special Character, the teaching, and the supporting and running of the School. There are areas of shared responsibility and inevitably gaps where tasks and ideas fall between cracks where no one group holds ownership.

During the session we looked at three specific areas, which are particularly tricky for Steiner schools, but also areas that make us special and unique. These are our Kindergartens and how we run these, our Special Character and how we hold and articulate it, and our Culture. We heard from Carol about best practice and new ideas tried in other Steiner schools. We heard from our peers about their frustrations and their ideas for how we could work on these areas and we brainstormed a plan to begin to make change in some areas alongside strengthening what we do well.

Even though there are holes in our structure and in our understanding we are now working closely together to close these, to share our thinking, to have really conscious and proactive conversations and get some ideas turned into actions. We have shared our challenges but also our hopes for what Taikura could be in the future.

Thank you for enabling us to take this time to work together. We made good use of the afternoon and feel richer and more energised for it.

Jess Barron for the Board of Trustees

Orienteering Relay Teams Championships!

On Sunday 10 of June, there were 2 Relay Teams from Class 4 participating at the orienteering relay teams championships!

It was a beautiful frosty winter morning and we were all out on a farm at Craggy Range Road early. The children were full of nervous excitement to take part in this challenge. All children ran 1.6 km over fields with sheep, a watercourse in a little valley and up the hill and through the mud. They also had to find 13 coordinates that were put on their maps. So a mental and physical challenge.

It was amazing how these children were challenged and came home to tag their team mate and encourage them along! Plus a very happy smile of achievement!

Well done to Ashton, Evan and Menno, and Willoughby, Stella and Lily.

This brings an end to the orienteering experience for this school year, families that are keen to join the club for fortnightly family events are welcome, and you can find more information on their website www.hborienteering.com

And I will be happy next year to continue the orienteering journey with Taikura!

Pauline Korevaar - School Parent



SCHOOL NOTICES

Careers

Law Career Event - Tuesday 26 June at Pettigrew Green Arena 1:00 - 3:00 pm

If there are any students interested in this event please see Lesley Cox as we will be taking some students. The talk will be about how Otago's law degree works and the career opportunities the degree can lead to. These career opportunities not only include legal practice but also a wide range of exciting careers in business, government, and even international organisations. We will also discuss interesting law cases with the students, and introduce them to law students and graduates from the area.

Leading the presentation will be Dr Ben France-Hudson, one of our lecturers, who specialises in Property Law and the anticipated effects of climate change.

The career event is open to Year 12 and 13 students who have not yet decided what they would like to do in life, but feel that a tertiary education is an important next step.

Lesley Cox
Careers/Gateway/STAR

Holiday Courses At EIT

Please see Lesley Cox if you wish to attend



STAR JULY HOLIDAY COURSES

ARCHITECTURE Learn how to create sketches and drawings for building, construction and allied trades projects. 11-13 July 9am-3pm 6 US Credits, Level 2 \$180	INTRODUCTION TO BARISTA Prepare real espresso beverages and gain knowledge of the hospitality industry. 9-10 July, 12-13 July, 16-17 July or 19-20 July 9am-3pm 4 US Credits, Level 2 \$200
AUTOMOTIVE Perform general servicing checks on a motor vehicle. 17-18 July 9am-3pm 3 US Credits, Level 2 \$135	INTRODUCTION TO SCREEN PRODUCTION If you're 16 or older, get a taste of working in the Film industry. Practical lessons in camera and sound recording, editing and sound mixing from experienced professionals at our purpose-built Screen Production studios. 17-19 July 9-3pm No US Credits \$220
BARTENDERS' CERTIFICATE If you're 18 or older, learn the principles and practices of bartending, host responsibility and how to serve beer, wine and spirits. 10-12 July 9am-4pm No US Credits \$200	JUNIOR CHEF If you're 14 or older, learn about basic food safety, followed by hands on instruction in preparing a wide range of items. 17-19 July 9am-3pm No US Credits \$160
FURRY FIRST AID Ever wondered how to treat your animal for basic first aid needs? Come along and learn in our purpose built animal facility 10-11 July 9am-3pm No US Credits \$200	

STAR courses fill quickly, to book please speak to your school STAR coordinator or careers advisor.

THE EXPERIENCE YOU NEED
& THE SUPPORT TO SUCCEED



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Communication For Connection

In Hastings - Teen Power! July 14 & 15 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Based on *Nonviolent Communication* (NVC) developed by Dr. Marshall Rosenberg.

Workshop for teenagers 14 - 17 yrs: **Limited to 10** participants. Tuition: \$150 (\$125 with \$50 deposit by June 30)

NVC helps us see our disempowering blind spots and provides skills and awareness with communication, and in connection that provides new choices for enhancing the way we live in relationship, particularly the all-important one we have with our self. *NVC is relevant, practical, and an empowering support to live our highest aspirations!*

Two Hour Introduction Seminar: Sunday 24 June 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

You are warmly invited to a fun evening discovering a little of what NVC can offer you. Cost \$10 (this is applied to workshop cost if attending)

Foundation Workshop: July 7 & 8 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days (includes morning & afternoon tea)

Limited to 14 participants. Tuition: \$250 (\$220 with \$50 deposit by June 30)

Registration and interest contact Filipa Hope filipahope@gmail.com 027 451 3445 www.nvc.org.nz

Hot Burning Wood For Our Lower School Umu!

Kia ora koutou,

As part of our Matariki celebrations we are having a Umu – Island style hāngi for the Lower School. We plan to have this on the 28 of June. We need hot burning logs; Fruit wood if possible. If you have any long thick lengths of these and you are willing to donate these for the Lower School Umu, please contact the office and leave a message.

Ngā mihi, na
Troy Gardiner

Evita - Stage Production

Tickets are \$30 Adults and \$20 per student.

Next week is our joint stage production with Woodford House, EVITA, which runs from Wednesday June 20 to Sunday June 24 at Lindisfarne College. Tickets can be purchased online via the Lindisfarne College website (www.lindisfarne.school.nz) and from Lindisfarne College or Woodford House offices.

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/book/event?embed&eid=78>

Holiday Drama Fun With The Drama Workshop

Make a play in three days in our very cool (but warm and cozy) Napier studio. "A Mixed-up Fairy tale" Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 July. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Qualified teachers, costumes, set, lights, action - and roles for everyone, no experience necessary! Ages 7 to 14. Information and enrolment at www.thedramaworkshop.co.nz/holiday-programs/ Contact: info@thedramaworkshop.co.nz

Plant Observation -an attempt to grasp their essence- A workshop with Roger Druitt.

Saturday 30 June - Suggested koha \$75.00

9:00 am The The Act of Consecration of Man

10:30 - 11:30 "Visible and Invisible Form"

11:45 - 12:45 "The Melody of Leaf Metamorphosis"

Lunch Break

2:30 - 4:00 "Reading Plant and Human Gesture"

Sunday 1 July

10:00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

11:30 "The Plant in the Perspective Of Eternity"

Registration: Sophie Lslankovsky - lslankovsky123@xtra.co.nz

Billeting: Sandra Simpson, sandsimp@gamil.com Ph: 03 8779992

Venue: The Christian Community, "Rangimarie" 617 Heretaunga Street East, Hastings