



## Pippa's Pānui

As we reach the mid-point of the year we have an opportunity to pause, reflect and take stock of our progress so far. Last Thursday it was wonderful to celebrate the blessing of our He Reo Ora Strategy by sharing a delicious umu. This document is the result of a great deal of hard work, time and effort and we look forward now to developing the principles into a work plan and to bring them to life over the next few years, alongside our Strategic Plan.

To ensure that the Strategic Plan is more than just a wonderful vision for Taikura we use it as the basis of our Annual Plan. This year we have three key annual goals which relate to our curriculum, our culture and our community. Our community goal is focused on strengthening connections between home and school so that students feel secure and are able to focus on their learning. This includes continuing with our termly liaison parent evenings, developing a school wide communication plan, expanding the content of our Parent Handbook and strengthening the transitions for students between Kindergarten, Lower School and High School.

Our cultural goal links in directly with the He Reo Ora Strategy with a particular focus this year on the integration and evaluation of the He Reo Puawai curriculum document. For our curriculum goal the emphasis is on teachers deepening their understanding of the breath, the rhythm of our day, weeks and year in relation to our timetable, our curriculum and our individual students. We have been very fortunate this year to have some excellent facilitators to lead us in this work including Dan Freeman, a past Bothmar Gym teacher at Taikura who now shares his knowledge internationally in the Steiner movement, Mike Sargent, our anthroposophical doctor, Sue Simpson, our current Proprietors Trust Chair, who is also a past Principal of Taikura, Eurythmy teacher and our New Zealand representative on the World Forum and Neil Boland who has extensive Steiner experience and is a lecturer on Education at AUT. In the latest edition of *Brasstacks* which is out this week there is a great article on "The Value of Rhythm in a Child's Life" which provides an overview of this important aspect of our education and how it can be supported in the home.

Technology and the role it plays in our education, both within Taikura but also for Steiner schools nationally, is an ongoing conversation we are actively involved in. In this swiftly developing area we are constantly evaluating new developments. We now have a number of students within our Lower School and High School for whom, after careful consideration, it has been decided that technological devices have a role to play in their learning. In order to accommodate this development, we now have two locations within the school where, at specific times, Wi-Fi can be accessed by staff to utilise these devices. At this time however there are no further plans to extend this access any further or for us to change our policy around cell phone use on the school site.

We began this term by welcoming Ben Throp who is relieving Gym until the end of the year while Sanne is on maternity leave after the arrival of her third daughter. Mid way through the term we also welcomed Thomas Pearson who has taken over the music department and it has been wonderful to see the activity happening in this area since his arrival. This term has also seen us farewell two long standing colleagues, Mahnaylah and Solveig from Kereru Kindergarten. Both of these women gave many years of care, devotion and nurturing to our children and we wish them well as they embark on new journeys. This term we have also farewelled Nives Frigerio, our Eurythmy teacher who is taking the next two terms off to spend time with her family in Italy. In anticipation of her leave we have rearranged our timetable for this year so there will be no relief required while she is away. The wonderful gifts of this subject were shared with all of our students earlier this term when Class 11 performed two Maori myths in Eurythmy.

As part of our High School Mid Winter festival this year students donated produce which Class 10, with the support of Morag Wilson, Rewa Marks and Urarii Ruatoe turned into soup. The delicious soup fed the whole of the High School following our festival and at least half a dozen buckets were also donated to Nourish for Nil. Representatives from this organisation also came and spoke at our High School festival, shedding light on the amount of food waste in our community and this fantastic initiative which aims to share the excess with those who need it most. As a part of our Autumn Festival in term one we collected a great deal of produce which we distributed to appreciative families within our community. As winter settles in it has become clear that we continue to have families within our school who could do with a little more support and next term we would like to ask those families that can if they can donate items which we can share with those in need.

I would like to wish you all a warm and restful two week break and look forward to seeing you next term.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Careers And Scholarships

### Victoria School Leaver Scholarships

We are delighted to announce that applications for Victoria University school-leaver scholarships are now open, and will close at 4:30pm on **Saturday 15 September 2018**. Students will only need to complete one online application to be considered.

Applicants for these scholarships will be notified of the outcome mid-October.

Applications can be submitted on :

<https://victoriascholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/FundDetails>

### Changes to our scholarships

Victoria University of Wellington has a comprehensive suite of scholarships that support significant numbers of students throughout their higher education journey. We have made changes to the suite of school-leaver scholarships to reflect the university's holistic approach in enabling students to achieve their ambitions. We've given them new names to reflect this change.

Each scholarship is named for a different type of pounamu (greenstone). Māori consider pounamu to be a taonga and the precious stone has an important place in te ao Māori. Pounamu protects and acts as a source of strength for those who possess it and for future generations.

Naming our scholarships for pounamu is a signal of the importance of these scholarships and the enduring impact we believe they can have for students. The three school-leaver scholarships are the Tangiwai, Totoweka and Kahotea scholarships.

More information on each scholarship can be found below and on our website. We'll also be sending posters to your school in the coming weeks with information about the new scholarships.

### Tangiwai Scholarship For Excellence

Up to 600 scholarships will be awarded, valued at \$5,000 each, which can be put towards accommodation costs at a Victoria hall of residence, or (for students not in a hall) as a contribution towards your first-year living costs.

### Totoweka Scholarship For Equity And Support

Up to 200 scholarships will be awarded, valued at \$5,000, which can be put towards accommodation costs at a Victoria hall of residence, or (for students not in a hall) as a contribution towards your first-year living costs.

### Kahotea Scholarship For Outstanding Achievements

Valued at up to \$30,000 over three years of study, up to 30 scholarships will be awarded to exceptional students - based on criteria centred around academic excellence, cultural background and community involvement, leadership and equity.

## 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:

**August 3:** Guest speaker yet to be advised.

Any offerings, suggestions or questions please contact: Filipa Hope 027 4513445 [filipahope@gmail.com](mailto:filipahope@gmail.com)

## 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](http://www.taikura.school.nz)  
On the right, find: "Get Our Latest Newsletter"! Click - View Newsletters, make your selection on left side.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Holiday Courses At EIT

Please see Lesley Cox or Jade Powell if you wish to attend.



### 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

### AUTOMOTIVE

Perform general servicing checks on a motor vehicle.

17-18 July | 9am-3pm |  
3 US Credits, Level 2 | \$135

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

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

THE EXPERIENCE YOU NEED  
& THE SUPPORT TO SUCCEED



# Taikura Kindergarten Fundraiser



\*Annie's 100% natural fruit leather offcuts 750g bag

\*100% real fruit - that's it - nothing else!

\*No added sugar/preservatives/concentrates

\*Gluten free

\*Perfect for lunch boxes and snacking

Normally retail for \$20 per bag!

**Special price of only \$15 per 750g bag!!!**

**Or 3 bags for \$40**

Funds raised will go towards an outdoor play structure for our Kindergarten similar to the ones in these pictures:



Orders will be collected

and returned to Kindy by the start of Term 3 (July 23) for delivery in the second week of Term 3

Payment by cash or bank transfer to 38-9015-0803341-00 (code: Annie's/ref: Name)

Please email your order to Tineka at [tinkferg@outlook.co.nz](mailto:tinkferg@outlook.co.nz)

Or text to 0277255942

**Thank you for your support!**

## Mark Your Calendar

July 24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 11 Parent Evening - Re Ski Week IT Room TH 2.
July 25	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	<b>Class 9PvK</b> - Edwin Ayre
July 30	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Library
August 1	6:30 pm	<b>Class 10</b> - Parent Evening
August 1	7:30 pm	<b>Class 3</b> and <b>Class 8</b> and <b>Class 9SM</b> - Parent Evenings
August 3	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Guest Speaker TBA
August 7-10	All Day	Dr Mike Sargent - School Visit
August 8	6:00 pm	Classes 4CY and 4TM - Parent Evening
August 14	6:30 pm	<b>Class 2</b> - Parent Evening
August 15	7:00 pm	<b>Class 1</b> and <b>Class 6</b> - Parent Evening
August 15	7:00 pm	<b>Class 12</b> - Parent Evening TH 3.3
August 23	7:00 pm	H3 Meeting - Care Initiated Fund - Library
August 29	7:00 pm	<b>Class 5</b> - Parent Evening
August 30	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Evening - Library

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Kairos Courses 2018** Term 3 with Margaret-Mary Farr 100 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings.

**Heart Of Art:** Thursdays for 7 weeks 8:5am – 12:15pm Cost \$225.00

Drawing Trees through the seasons. Paintings with Margaret-Mary Farr great for beginners.

**Tuesdays for 7 weeks:** Medicinal Plants with Nic Parkes Weleda Pharmacist followed by painting/drawing with Margaret-Mary. A wonderful morning at the studio and some at Weleda discovering the wonderful qualities of various plants. Costs \$225. Starts 8:50am – 12:15pm

**Children's Art Classes** are ongoing through the term on Tuesday/Wednesdays/Thursday 3:30pm - 4:30pm and 4:30pm - 5:30pm spaces available. Children learn to draw. Pencils and drawing, watercolours wet on wet, and create in clay. Lots of fun and a great skill and pastime to learn.

**Art For Koha:** Beginners 1:00pm - 2:30pm Tuesdays. Learn painting, pastels and drawing. Lots of fun!

**Art For Health:** Course to start in Term 4 This will be a foundation in Anthroposophy focusing on Health and the use of Art as a tool for healing. This course will give the participant the foundation needed if wishing to study Artistic Therapy at Kairos.

**Awakening Your Goddess:** With Raina Ferris and Margaret-Mary: Coming up September 1. This course will be held at Kurawaka in Porangahau Places a filling fast.

**Open Day At The Studio!** Come and check out the space and see what is available. Wednesdays All Day from 10:00am – 5:00pm 25 July, 4 and 8 August.

**Love To See You!** Contact Margaret-Mary Farr Ph/Txt 027 2484193, email [manawastudio@gmail.com](mailto:manawastudio@gmail.com) Facebook Margaret-Mary Farr ART, or Kairos Artistic Endeavours.

## Woollen Blankets Wanted

Do you have any unused woollen blankets sitting in your cupboards? We are sewing wraps/compresses for nursing therapies. Please bring your woollen donations to Clayton's classroom (class 3) or contact Nicole Scheidegger Mallow 877 60 16



## Mother's Helper Job Available

We are a Napier-based home educating family with one 9 year old and one 5 year old child. We are looking for a Mother's Helper to come twice a week to help out our family for an hour each time. The right person will be kind and caring towards children, capable of light household duties such as laundry, lighting the fire, getting snacks for children, dishes etc, and will love to do things with the children - play games, do craft, build forts etc. As you can see there will be lots of variety!

Please contact Trudy on [trudykessels@me.com](mailto:trudykessels@me.com) or 021543872 if you are interested.

## Sustainable Coastlines Mobile Phone Donation Appeal

Each year at least 8 million Tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans, the equivalent of a full garbage truck every minute.

With "Beat Plastic Pollution" as the theme for this year's World Environment day we ask for your support by bringing into school any unwanted mobile phones you may have and dropping them into the collection box located at reception.



Phones collected help raise funds for Sustainable Coastlines – a multi ward winning NZ Charity run by a small team of hard working staff and volunteers. Their mission is to inspire, educate and enable others to look after the natural places we love – our beaches and waterways.

## Class 6 Fundraiser

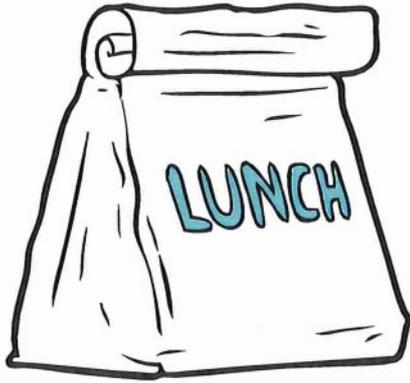
Recycled Heart Rimu - Generous 215 metres

Various lengths 125 x 50 (5 x 2) and 150 x 50 (6 x 2)

Furniture makers Dream. Denailed, not scanned. For sale as one lot \$1000.00 ONO.

If unsold, happy to consider smaller lots by the metre @\$5. 00. Please phone Kate 021 524 026 for details.

# Child Wellness *Naturally* Hawke's Bay



## Yummy Snacks & Lunch Box Zing

Thursday 26th July  
7pm - 9pm at The Space,  
106 Queen St East, Hastings

An introduction to the importance of **Gut Health**  
from Cornucopia's Medical Herbalist **Kaye Keats**

*and straight from Farmhouse Kitchen, Clinical Dietitian*

### Pauline Korevaar

will inspire with recipes for interesting snacks and lunch box ideas

- Bliss Balls
- Seed crackers with dips
- Muesli-type bars
- Broths - incl vegetarian
- Kefir drinks
- Gut healing jellies

Buy your tickets: 

- [Eventbrite.co.nz](https://www.eventbrite.co.nz) (Snacks & Lunch Box Zing)
- Cornucopia

Details through our FB event:  
or contact Trudy 021543872



**Snacks and Lunch Box Zing**

In association with:



Early bird  
til July 15th  
**\$10**

volunteer  
positions  
available -  
contact  
Trudy

Regular  
price  
**\$13**  
after that