



Te Aka Kūmara

Spring Reflections

Spring's first flush is upon us. There is a stretch in the evening, a shift in the quality of the light as the earth begins once more to turn its face to the sun. We see it in the blossoms and blooming bulbs, in the newborn animals in the paddocks. We hear it in the symphony of song as birds busy themselves building their nests. Against a backdrop of verdant green muslin or silk, these are the components of the spring seasonal table – a branch in blossom, felt or knitted lambs and chicks, a woven nest filled with felted or crystal eggs.

In times past, when we relied more wholly on the land for sustenance, these were known as the lean months, when stores of roots and squash run low, autumn fruits that do remain have lost all memory of summer, and winter citrus wanes. New planted seedlings begin to sprout and grow, but need time to mature to the point of consumption. Young plants are vulnerable to a sudden frost, a deluge, the unwanted attentions of a hungry bird or animal. We must plant out more than we need so that enough will survive to maturity, to feed us and to spawn seeds or tubers to continue the cycle of life.

As the land awakens, so too do we experience a spiritual awakening. The thoughts and feelings we have been germinating in the darkness of winter ignite a hunger in us for action, for connection. Spring is the season for doing, for exercising our will and our creativity. For many this looks like getting our hands in the soil, to plot and plant and propagate. But there are many ways to feed our desire for creation – collaborative crafts projects, experiences of arts and culture, music and dance. After the quiet contemplation of winter, community connections must be forged and strengthened anew.

Transitions offer their own challenges. It can be daunting to step once more into the light, to embark on a new endeavour that may fail in its infancy. But after a rain, with a little warmth and sunshine, growth is a given. Why not channel nature's gifts into conscious acts of creation and recreation which will foster the kind of community that allows us, and our tamariki, to thrive and flourish.

Rosheen FitzGerald (School Parent)



Mark Your Calendar

September 14	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Spring Dance Classes 5 & 6 - School Hall
September 14	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Spring Dance Classes 7 & 8 - School Hall
September 14	8:30 am - 9:00 am start	Studio Visit At Kairos Artist Endeavours - Margaret Mary Farr
September 19	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 8 Parents Evening
September 21	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Class 12 Projects Display - School Hall
September 22	9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Class 12 Projects Speeches - School Hall
September 23	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	Class 12 Projects Speeches - School Hall
September 25	12:30 am - 1:15 pm	French Conversation Group - Music Room
September 27	10:50 am	Spring Festival - Shared Lunch 12:30 pm
October 17	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 10 Parent Evening - Art Room Taikura House
October 17	7:00 pm	Class 5 Parent Evening - Class 5
October 23	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 11 Parent Evening - IT Room
October 24	7:00 pm	Class 6 Parent Evening
October 24	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 8 and 9SM Parent Evening
October 25	7:00 pm	H3 Care Initiative Meeting - Library
October 26	8:30 am - 9:00 am start	Art Therapy - Eva-Maria Urieli
November 9	8:30 am - 9:00 am start	What's the Connection? - Herman Veluwekamp
November 18	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Taikura School Fête

SCHOOL NOTICES

Taikura Fête

Save the Date

Taikura Fête will be held on **Sunday 18 November**. Please put it in your diary now.

Environmental Superstar Needed

Are you passionate about the environment? We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to help make our fête a truly zero waste event. Training will be provided by the Environment Centre and the role will involve liaising with students.

If this sounds like you, please contact Bekkie Taylor on 027 301 6637 or email taikurafete@gmail.com

Children's Activities

Thanks to all those who have already put their hands up to help with Activities. If you have volunteered for a Children's Activity in the past and are willing to do so again, please be proactive and get in touch with Rosheen FitzGerald on 027 777 0759 or email taikurafete@gmail.com

Fête Committee Members Needed

Would you like to be more involved in the behind the scenes organisation of the Fête? We are looking for new committee members to work alongside existing members with a view to taking on the role in the coming year. There are tasks to suit every skill set and the time commitment is reasonably flexible. Contact one of the current committee members or email taikurafete@gmail.com for more information.

Taikura Parents Group

All School Community Welcome - Including those on the waiting list.

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 9:00 am with tea and coffee available from 8:45 am.

Our next meetings:

- September 14: Margaret Mary Farr, will be held at her studio 100 Eastbourne St W Hastings - upstairs and opposite Women Centre. Local artist and highly regarded teacher of Art Therapy.
- October 26: Art Therapy Introducing the theme of art therapy by doing a short and easy colour exercise with the group while sharing some images from my art therapy practice. Presented by Eva-Maria Urieli.
- November 9: Biodynamics, Anthroposophy, and Science - What's the connection? Herman Veluwenkamp - Taikura School Parent.

Any offerings, suggestions or questions please contact: Filipa Hope 027 4513445 filipahope@gmail.com

Public Health Nurse

Sandy our Public Health Nurse will be at school on the following days:

17 September at 12:30 pm

The venue will be level three of Taikura House in Lesley's office. Text or just show up for an appointment.

Sandy O'Shea | Public Health Nurse, Child Health Team Hawke's Bay District Health Board

Text or phone call on 027 2349379 or 8799440 Or email sandy.o'shea@hbdhb.govt.nz

Hair Checks Please

Head lice, nits, or kutis, are very common in kids and easily spread around school. They can be annoying but are treatable.

They have been detected in the school. Anyone can get head lice... mainly through direct head-to-head contact but also from sharing hats, brushes and other personal items. Please do your part to prevent the spread of this communicable condition by checking your child(ren) daily for the next few weeks and treat over the weekend if found and on a regular basis thereafter. If caught early it is much easier to treat. If you should discover a case of head lice, please treat and notify the school. This is the best way to protect your family and community.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Class 9 PvK Duke Of Edinburgh Canopy Tour

On Monday 13 August we left school in two vans driving in convoy, with all nineteen of our bikes on the trailers. There was lots of singing and music lead by Drew's speaker "Kevin"! We were all excited for camp to start.

We arrived at Rotorua Holiday Park which would be our sanctuary for the next five days and then travelled to Canopy Tours Zipline, which would be our first activity for the week. We were split into two groups of boys and girls. The girls went first, with help from Cheyenne and Luke our guides, we harnessed up ready to go. The boys could hear us screaming from up high in the tops of the trees. It was such an exhilarating experience from tree to tree in native New Zealand bush at fifty metres above the ground.

On day two of camp we did our first day of biking. This was a real wake up call for some of us who hadn't done enough training for the camp. Having checked our gear, we set off at 9 o'clock. Six of us doing the Duke of Edinburgh led the group. We went down a flat, paved bike path for 9km, and just as it started to rain we split into two groups. Some people went back, but seven wanted to continue to do more challenging tracks. We got to our first beautiful mountain biking track, by now it was raining quite a lot, so we used the trees for shelter even though there was rain dripping from the leaves above our heads, as we biked along the mossy track. This track was scary for me and it was then when I realized I had not done enough biking practice. I was not very confident on my bike, and there were many challenges for me such as, biking nonstop uphill for half a kilometre, overcoming my feeling of being scared on my bike and getting much more confident on my bike. These were also the biggest achievements. We continued biking up hills, over roots, speeding down the bumpy tracks at full speed and jumping over stones so as to not pop the tires. We stopped at a beautiful blue lake for lunch and enjoyed the stunning views on the track. When Gee said we were nearly back at the place we started, I thought she meant where we started the mountain biking, I was expecting to have to bike another 9 kms. Not realizing we were at the start of the bike track and almost back at camp until we got out of the gorgeous forest of tall trees, we were only about 10 minutes away from camp. After biking 43 km which took us 5 and ¼ hours, I was so tired, drenched in mud and rain, I just hopped in the shower with all my clothes and shoes on, then I slipped into the hot pools for a soak.

On Wednesday morning I put on my wet biking clothes and with our sore butts we left to go on our second day of biking which was a more relaxed trip. I loved the tracks in the morning, with the beautiful ferns and tall slender trees with sunlight streaming through. We went down the XXX track that Gee had recommended **not** to do, which now I understand why. All the up hills were so challenging but when we reached the top it was worth the pain on the way down. The afternoon was an opportunity to do any tracks we wanted to do. Back at camp we jumped into the pools and relaxed.

Thursday was our day full of fun activities, the OGO was the first one, we dived into a big inflatable ball with warm water which kept us warm as it rolled around with us scrambling inside, accidentally kicking each other in the face, smashing into the side of the ball and falling on the go pro. When Gee and Morag went down, we lay down on the track so their ball could run over us on it's way down. After that we went to Skyline Rotorua for the luge. It was my first time zooming down the track on a small go-cart, getting air on some of the jumps was scary and to top it all off, getting rammed into the side of the track by Gee on our last run down. In the afternoon we went for a stroll around the gorgeous blue lake on the outskirts of Rotorua for a couple of hours.

Friday was our last day of camp. We tidied up our cabins. Loaded all the bikes and set off back to school, it was a car ride of laughing, singing and games. Back at school we unloaded the vans and trailers, then camp was over.

Jamie Wheeler Class 9 Sm



SCHOOL NOTICES

Exhibition Invitation " Taikura All Sorts"

Hastings Community Arts Centre
Dates 28 October – 10 November 2018

Dear Friends

We are having our Annual Exhibition of Artwork with parents, teachers, past and present pupils of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School at the Community Arts Centre in Hastings. You are invited to present your works for the show which will run from the 28 October – 10 November with both floors of the centre used for exhibits. Upstairs will be reserved for current Taikura students from Class 1-12, and downstairs for everyone else. So mark your diaries now.

You will be guaranteed at least one space/area to adequately display your work to its best advantage. I will need your:

- Contact details, cell phone number and email.
- Biography – this can be short and sweet.
- Title of works, medium and how much you wish to sell your work for.
- A digital photo for catalogue and curation purposes. This can be done at school if need be.

To display your work there will be a cost of \$20.00 per work as this will be used to cover the centre hire, advertising, catalogue and administration. This is payable to the office at Taikura by Friday 12 October. Cheques made out to Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. The artworks for display on wall space will need to be ready to hand with wire/string on the back.

The commission of the gallery is 17% with GST included.

Please confirm acceptance of this invitation by email to me by:

- 10 August (the earlier the better)
- The deadline for the Catalogue will be Friday 12 October.
- Payment by Friday 12 October.

This year we are again hoping to have a group of people and students involved in the organising, preparation and promotion of this event so if you would like to be involved ring me on 0272917111 or email lesley.cox@taikura.school.nz

This group will make a start early in Term 3. Urarii is already framing up student art work.

There will also be an official opening with drinks and nibbles, like previous years, at the venue on Friday 2 November. We will be asking you to invite guests and RSVP for catering.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Lesley Cox

Cello Lessons Available

Hillary Baker, our itinerant cello teacher has two spaces available for lessons. If your child is interested in learning the cello, please feel free to contact her on 027 442 1212. Cellos are available for hire through the school if required. If you have any questions about other instruments for hire or teachers available, please contact me at school on 8787 363.



Zahira Rickards

Survey Of School Communication

Coming next week is a survey that we will be asking Parents and Friends of the School to complete. It is in regards to the current school communication lines and future communication lines.

Please watch this space next week to get the link and take the time to complete the survey as it will help with the proposed direction the school will move in as far as communication goes. The survey will be totally anonymous. The link and a paper copy which can be returned to the office will be included in **next weeks Grapevine**.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Class 12 Project - Displays and Oral Presentations

The school community is warmly invited to share with Class 12, their visual displays, their oral presentations, and to read their project written documents.

Friday 21 September

10:30 am -3:30 pm - Visual displays in the Hall, when students will share their research and interact with the public.

Class 12 Project Speeches

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September

Students will individually present to the audience an oral presentation on their project topic.

Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

As part of a Class 10 fundraiser, morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be available on Saturday and morning tea on Sunday.

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

9:00am	Francis Zuiderwijk	Evolution of a MTB Trail
9:30am	Brynn Lethbridge	What Makes a Great Film?
10:00am	Christian Porter	Early Childhood Trauma

10:30am MORNING TEA

11:00am	Stasia Rutherford-Busck	Learning a Second Language
11:30am	Mio Ishida	Washoku
12:00pm	Lily de Lacey-Tong	Animal Captivity as Conservation

12:30pm LUNCH

1:30pm	Oliver van Kampen	Restoring a Fiat
2:00pm	Aimee Knight	Benefits of Volunteering
2:30pm	Kairi Shionoya	Origami - Renzuru

3:00pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30pm	Tessa Scapens	Horses Healing Humans
4:00pm	Francesca Dance-Mollmann	All About Phobias

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

9:00am	Zachariah Marshall	Writing Short Stories
9:30am	Ana-Terinita Marks	Ugly Architecture
10:00am	Finn van Kampen	Building a Bicycle Frame

10:30am MORNING TEA

11:00am	Jade Hadland	Raising a Puppy
11:30am	Riki-Lee Pekepo	Street Wear
12:00pm	Kathleen Meyer Hundorf	The History of the Future
12:30pm	Kiana Reichert Henderson	Colour Psychology

1:00pm Tidy-up – clear away displays etc.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Kids Art Works

Calendars, Cards and More

Coming soon – For the 11th year! ‘Kids Art Works’ (formerly ‘Abacus’) personalised and affordable Christmas gifts!

Your child’s own art or photograph may be used to create beautiful laminated calendars, greeting cards with envelopes, diaries, sketch pads or mouse mats.

Prices:	Art Calendar	\$12	Photo Calendar	\$12	Cards (pack of 8)	\$12
	Sketch Pad	\$14	Mouse Mat	\$15	Diary	\$16

This week the lower school teachers will receive the art paper on which the children will complete their drawing. If you have an existing work of art you wish to use please contact me for more details as some specific conditions apply.

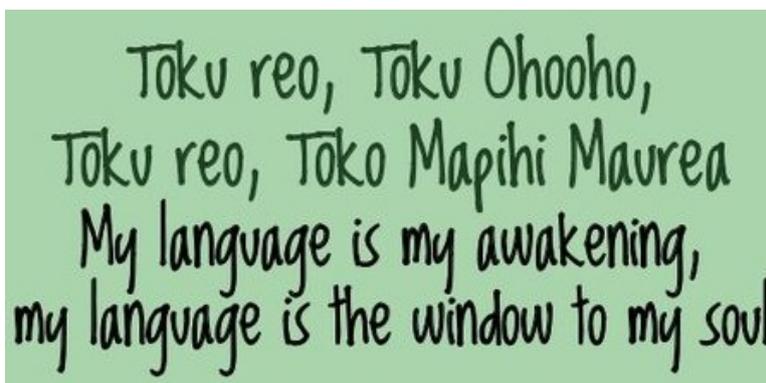
From the 2nd week of **term 4**:

- **Art work will be available for viewing** in a blue box in your child’s classroom.
- Examples of **products will be on display** in the hall foyer.
- **Order forms will be sent home** (spare order forms available from the office).

Closing date for orders: **FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER**. Further instructions next term.

Any queries please contact Iris Nobel 873 4035

Maori Language Week



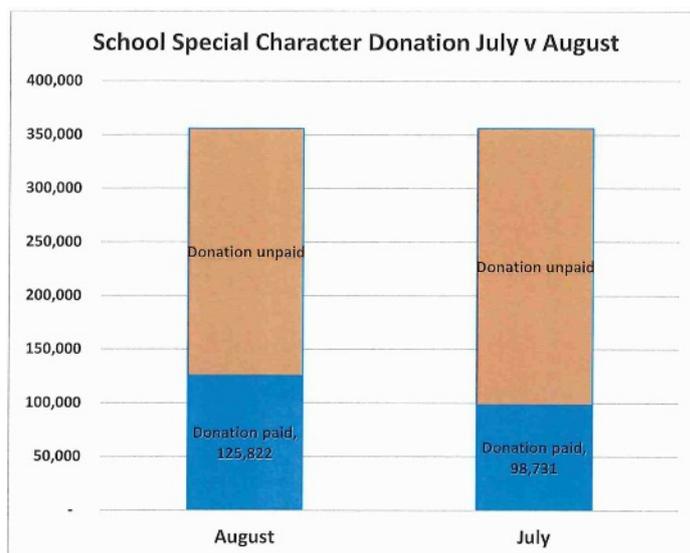
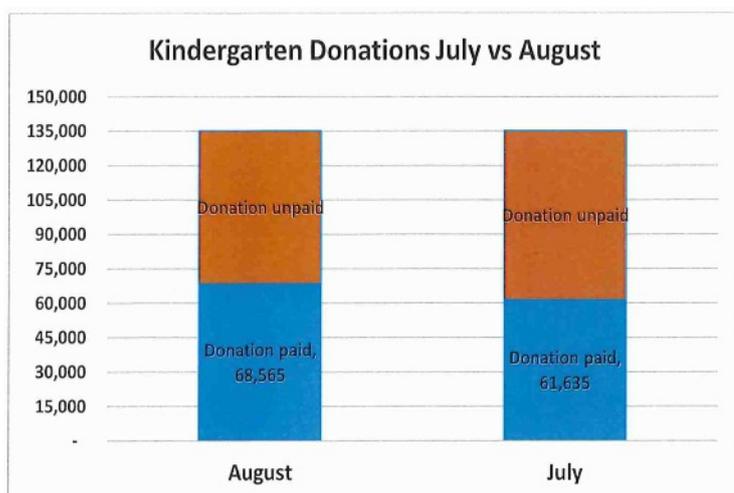
Class 10 Fundraiser Reminder

Honey Wax Wraps

Place your order now for Thursday 1 Delivery. Orders close Thursday 18 October 2018. Order forms in last week Grapevine. Please include a completed order form (included on the last page) and the **exact money** in a sealed envelope to Karyn Wills in the Edwin Ayre building. Cheques to be made out to: **“Taikura 2009 ACCOUNT”**



August Donation Update



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Paint Meditate And Reflect

On The 21 Qualities of the Goddess Tara. Saturday 6 October 9am -5pm.

Initially you will be led in a painting exercise. Relating Tara's enlightening qualities to your own life experience, you will be facilitated to create your own picture and share your insights with the group. No previous experience in art expected. Cost \$150 incl. art materials and tea breaks. Please bring lunch to share and a journal. For more information contact Eva Urieli: 81 Rothowhenua Rd, Poraiti, Napier. evaurieli@gmail.com, 8786028, 02102771201

Earth First

Taruna college is offering a series of workshops for the month of September.

Bee-keeping and Biodynamic Preparations: Sunday 8 September 5:30-11:30am with Gui Vilhena and Hermann Veluwenkamp.

The Stars Above and Maori Star Lore: Sunday 15 September 1:00-8:00 pm with Nathan Foote and Rachel Pomeroy.

Vege and Fruit-tree care: Sunday 22 September 10:00-4:00 pm with Clare Buckner and Gui Vilhena.

All workshops are \$145 each and include refreshments and a light meal.

Registrations can be made through info@taruna.ac.nz or call 8777174



Palliative Care - Supportive Therapies for End of Life Care

Taruna College is holding a workshop for natural therapies for care and comfort of those suffering illness at the end of life. Facilitators are Raelee Jansen and Deborah Bednarek.

Saturday 15 September 9.00 - 1.00pm Taruna college \$90 Register at info@taruna.ac.nz or 06 8777174

Taradale Family Playgroup

All interested families welcome to visit

Location: Octagon Room, All Saints Church, 23 Puketapu Road, Taradale

Days: Tuesdays (term time only) **Times:** 9:00am – 12:00 noon

Come and join us for the morning; meet other parents and let your little ones (up to 3 years) enjoy some quality free play. During this time, we will sing some songs, have a story and share morning tea together. We value an environment where there is a gentle rhythm; nurturing not only the children but also the family and whanau. Together, we support the morning and experience a gentle introduction to Rudolf Steiner Education.

For more information, please contact Erika Potter at Kereru Kindergarten on 878 7363.

Property For Rent

Lovely little two bedroom + office converted stable to rent on rural property just 5 minutes south of Hastings. The stable has been converted and has wooden interior and north facing aspect. There is a composting toilet and grey water system in place. Gas hot water, fireplace, fully insulated, very cosy and comfortable. Property is used for organic market garden. \$250.00 per week, please contact Nikki on 027 6244 968 for more details.

Holiday Programme

Needle Felting Class for Children

Would you like your child to explore the beautiful Art of Needle Felting?

I am doing another Needle Felting class in the holidays and I am wondering if there are more children in the community who would like to learn this beautiful craft.

Please phone Sabine at Goldkinder Crafts on 8751905 or 0274928444.

Couch for Sale

Rattan Couch for sale in reasonable condition. Cushions covered with sturdy futon cover. Orange. If interested, I can send photos. \$200 ono Zahira 027 430 4399



Piano for Sale

Older upright piano for sale it plays well but could do with a tune. Good for a beginner or if you're in the High School you may wish to use it for a restoration project for Class 12. \$200.00

Please contact Zahira on 027 430 4399.

