



## The Grapevine

### Pippa's Panui

This term has seen us endure the wild winter storms and flooding and more recently bask in beautiful sunny spring days, which have been tempting us with a taste of what is to come as we move towards summer. For our students it has been a very busy term: Ski week, mountain bike camps, plays, dances, local and national educational and sporting trips and a lovely sharing of items at assemblies throughout the term. As the blossoms begin to burst and the new green leaves begin to show themselves students in the school and kindergartens are planting seeds and preparing to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

The cold weather did not slow things down this term. The winter lunchtimes were a hive of activity with parents and senior students giving up their precious time, braving the weather to run netball, hockey and basketball practices and the exciting results of all the hard work have been regularly shared at assemblies. The students are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful coaches and managers supporting their sporting endeavours.

We have also been incredibly fortunate this term with a number of positive parent initiatives, the question and answer evening as an introduction to Steiner education and the opportunity to experience the therapies offered at school organised by the H3 Group alongside Mike Sargent's visit.

For our soon to be graduating Class 12 students this term has seen the culmination of many months of hard work with the presentations of their projects to the community with their thesis documents, visual displays and speeches full of strong individual student voice. Like many of our significant milestones these projects involve a great deal of input from the students, their parents and families as well as the staff and it is wonderful to have a parent perspective included in this Grapevine.

Like the new growth visible everywhere we are not able to pause for too long as there is a great deal to look forward to and plan for. Term four will see our students rounding off assessments, presenting Class 8 projects and making the most of the longer days for end of year camps and we eagerly await the reopening of our refurbished Eurythmy room. As a community the final term will see us working together on the Fete as our annual fundraiser, completing our annual pledge forms and supporting the handover of Class Liaison parents in preparation for next year. A community meeting on Wednesday 21 November will enable the opportunity to share plans for 2019.

I would like to thank all of the wonderful parents, students and staff whose hard work and commitment this term has resulted in a rich and varied learning experience and I wish you a holiday full of spring delights.

Pippa Caccioppoli

### Mark Your Calendar

October 17	6:30 pm	Class 1 Parent Evening - Class 1
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
October 29	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Library
October 31	7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening
October 31	6:00 pm	Classes 4CY and 4TM Parent Evening
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

## Koanga

Koanga - Spring, is heralded by a small manu (bird) that is both beautiful in appearance and significance. "I hea koe i te tangi o te Pīpīwharaua?"- Where were you when the Shining cuckoo called? The journey this manu makes is phenomenal when you consider its size and how far it travels returning to Aotearoa in early koanga. To have a longing for the waiata (song) of this bird and to understand what this waiata means is an amazing feeling of connectedness. To hear this manu for the first time each year is a joy that is unexplainable. It is the same joy and wonder that occurs when Matariki is sighted for the first time each year to indicate a significant change is taking place.

These tohu (signs) remind us that we are still connected to the whenua (land) and still connected to the knowledge and wisdom of our tipuna (ancestors). The realisation that our tipuna would have heard the same waiata and had similar feelings perhaps of the abundance this signified carries with it a deep connection and relationship to this place we call home. The realisation that our tipuna knew with every part of their being, that this waiata conveyed the understanding that the growing season was upon us and soon preparation of the kūmara beds would be at hand. Some of us may take these tohu for granted, like when the kōwhai blooms the kina will be fat, and our mouths water with anticipation!

Gardeners rejoice as we know that the time of abundance is upon us as we take in all the signals that nature readily provides for us. Slow increments of change manifest themselves through various agents. We render these observations into our own tapestry of life through our actions in the garden. Observing daily miracles, we are rewarded ten-fold through our listening and co-creation with nature. Kūmara tipu (seedlings) are growing and soon will be ready along with the hue (gourd) seedlings to be reconnected to the whenua in eagerness of their long growing season to produce their fruits and next season's offspring.

All these memories come to life again with each new season, and koanga begins with a small manu returning home to continue its own legacy and memories. This in turn fosters in us, a relationship that has continued for eons and as the pīpīwharaua sings, it's waiata grows longer and longer and koanga gives way to raumati (summer), the realm of Hine Raumati - the Summer maiden.

Nā, Nathan Foote

## 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.

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

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 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: **FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER**. Further instructions next term. Any queries please contact Iris Nobel 873 4035

## Class 10 Fundraiser Reminder

### Honey Wax Wraps

Place your order now for Thursday 1 November delivery. Orders close Thursday 18 October 2018. Order forms in previous Grapevines. Please include a completed order form. Cheques to be made out to: **"Taikura 2009 ACCOUNT"**



## Watches Found

Three watches have been handed into the office. One chunky AB's watch black with a red NSEW dial, and a rubber strap. One Black and lime green with a black rubber strap. The other is a black Cactus with a black rubber strap. Please see Adrienne in the office to claim.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Taikura 2013-2017 Strategic Plan Review

As part of our work on the School's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, the BOT has undertaken a review of the previous five year plan. This showed up a number of things we are really proud of, including initiatives that are now embedded in the "business-as-usual" running of the School. The work also revealed some areas that need to be fed back in to our current plan so we can continue working on them.

Here are some particular successes of the previous five years. A big thank you to those in the Taikura community who contributed to these initiatives.

- Development and utilisation of the hockey turf
- Library re-development
- Building of Kereru Kindergarten
- Embedding the Steiner School Certificate
- Supporting the liaison parent network

Some of the areas we want to make sure are taken into the next strategic plan period are:

- Revitalising Music
- Embedding 'Earth-to-plate' initiatives into the curriculum
- Building on sustainability practices throughout the School

From this review of the plan, some recommendations have been developed. These include:

- Making sure areas that have not been adequately addressed in the last five years, and are still important, are included in the current plan.
- Developing a five-year work programme for the current Strategic Plan so there is a clear, transparent pathway through annual plans for objectives to be delivered.
- Communicating findings to the Taikura community once the review is complete.

For full details about the review please go to the School website next term.

## Class 12 Projects

**"To help each and every student progress towards becoming free, responsible and caring individuals able to impart purpose and direction in their lives and contribute in manifold, as well as unique, ways to society"**

After 12 years of being a parent within the Taikura school community I now really understand the school vision statement.

The Class Twelve projects were so impressive – heartfelt, thoughtful, intelligent, honest, respectful, articulate, inspiring and at times very thought provoking. Working through the roller coaster journey of all the emotions and stages of choosing a topic, gathering information, researching, experiencing, writing, editing, formatting and presenting to a community is huge.

As a parent I have seen how much this has stretched their concept of what they 'can' do. This will reach far beyond their schooling this year. That feeling of being terrified or totally overwhelmed and consumed by something you have to do, but pushing through it and doing it anyway. This can be taken with them in their kete and applied to so many aspects of their lives.

A huge thank you to the teachers who spent hours of their time supporting these students with their projects. As a parent and a community member it makes you realise how blessed we are to have this special character education for ourselves as much as our children. We are so proud of the students and what wonderful young adults they have become on their journey.

To the whānau – thank you for sharing the journey. To the kaiako – thank you for your aroha, care and dedication these last 12 years. To the young adults – thank you for inspiring us!!! To quote Shirley Brooker and the great Winnie the Pooh, 'Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think'.

Rachel de Lacey

**"Receive the child in Reverence  
Educate him/her in love  
Let him/her go forth in Freedom"**

# 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](mailto: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

## Class 10 Computing Trades Academy

Three of our students along with two other Computing Trades students were selected to participate in a hands-on course with Johnathon Meichtry, Principal Solutions Architect for Amazon's AWS group. Amazon Web services had information sessions on technology culture, trends and insights all held at the EIT Campus. Only 24 students (including these young men) were given this opportunity. The boys did not know in advance that they would be involved.



At the end of the event, Amazon presented them with a gift bag to thank them for their interest and participation.

We are very proud of them for representing themselves in such a fine manner and this is a nice opportunity to recognize the boys and Amazon for their time at EIT Campus .

The photo is of Arran, Finnian and Joe, Ish their lecturer (brown jacket), and Johnathon from AWS (black jacket) and the 2 other trade students who were selected.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Mathematics Competitions' Results

Last week five teams from Taikura competed over two nights in the regional Mathletics Small Schools competition for Intermediate students.

The seasoned students, who have participated twice or thrice were all very competitive and despite one team's set backs due to the wrong questions being given to them, they placed 6th and 11th among the 42 teams. The younger competitors placed 16th among 32 teams. This is a great achievement as 5 out of the 6 students were a year younger than the rest of the participants.

Also last week, we received the results for another Mathematics' competition for Intermediate students. There were 25883 students in the Otago Problem Challenge, a renowned and well established competition for intermediate schools.

We entered both intermediate classes, they do the same problems in the same conditions. The results are very pleasing: out of the 59 participants we had 16 merits and 3 excellence awards. The students that achieved Merit are placed in the top 25% students and those who achieved excellence are among the top 10%. One student also won a place in the final challenge to be held in October. This student did achieve in the top 1%. Only 260 students won that place.

### Congratulations to you all:

Otago Problem Challenge Certificate of Merit

Class 6 : Ian, Imogen, Millie, Kaito, Milo and Rahni,

Class 7: Julian, Maia, John, Emilio, Alexander, Hazel, Tammy, Harry.

Class 7: certificate of Excellence Miguel, William, Rene.

Especial congratulations and good luck to William for the upcoming Otago Final Challenge.

### Mathletics:

Year 7 :Seamus, Rahni, Kaeden, John, Phillip and Maia

Year 8 :Miguel, Alexander, William: Silver Award, 6th place

Harry, Liam, Rene: Bronze Award 11th Place

Hazel, Tammy, Emilio, 20th place

Sandra Jordan.



## 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:

- 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](mailto:filipahope@gmail.com)

## Preparation 501 Application

Wednesday 3 October

**Time:** 6:00 am - Stir - 7:00 am Mist spray

**Where:** School grounds

Please join us at the cob ovens. Bring your own sprayer to take a portion home for your own garden.

Jen and Jo - School Gardenders



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Sporting Notices



Class 6 Hockey Winners



Taikura Senior Netball Runners Up

Willow Barker  
Class 6 Hastings  
Cross Country



Saul Barker Class 4



Rene O'Sullivan and Harry Wheeler Class 7



Tess Gunn Class 6

## Hastings Cross Country Results

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## 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.

## Organic Asparagus

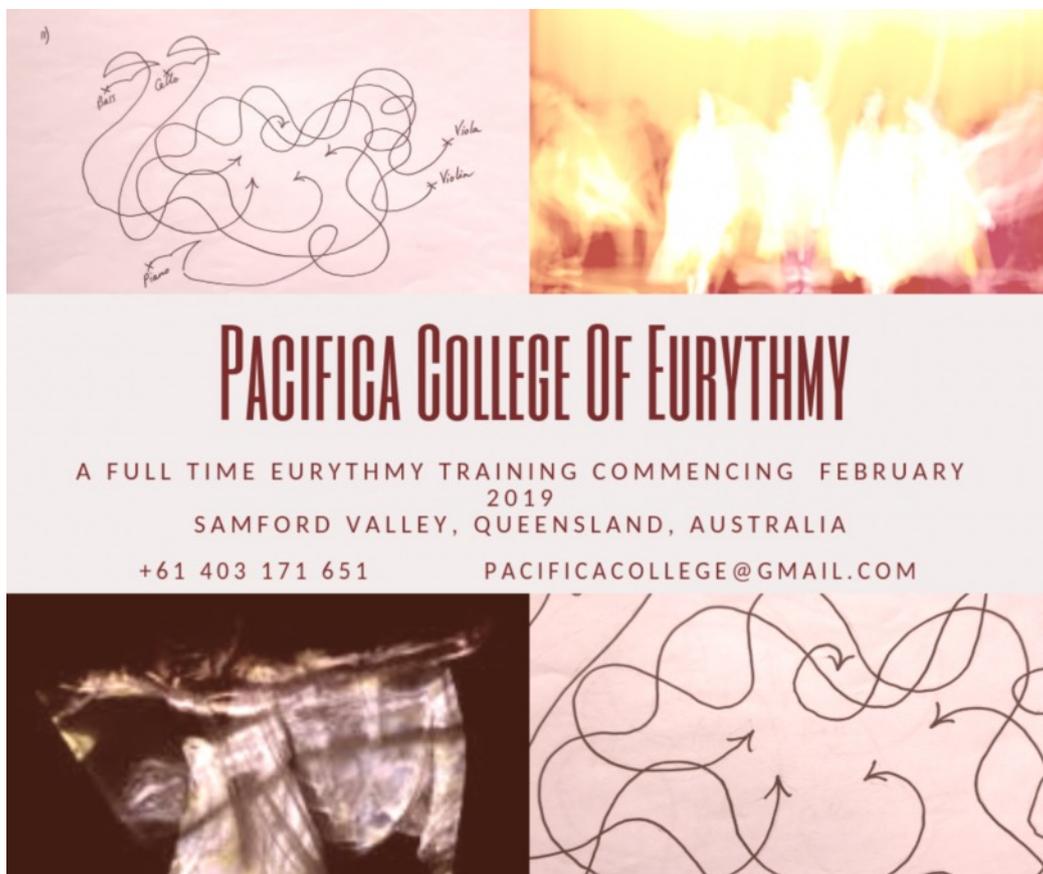
Jamie Wheeler (9SM) is selling asparagus to raise \$\$ for her student exchange to Germany. Locally grown.

Picked fresh. 250g bundles for \$4:00 1kg for \$13 Contact Jamie to order jamiewheeler0035@gmail.com  
022 474 8785

## House Sitter Wanted

House sitter wanted for a small house, unfortunately it is not suitable for a family. Available from October 19 until December 23. There are two cats to look after and a small swimming pool. Close to Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, Cornwall Park and shops. Please contact Allyson Caris: 873 5549 or 027 324 9855

## New Eurythmy Training In Brisbane Australia - Starting February 2019



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## Drama And English Permanent Full -Time Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School

This rare and exciting full time position has become available for 2019 in our High School. English and Drama are seminal to the Schools Special Character. They are where the qualities of humanity are exemplified, aspired towards and formed in our students. It is therefore essential that the candidate can demonstrate a vibrant, imaginative, inclusive love for drama and an english capacity that incorporates our Head, Heart and Hand based pedagogy.

The successful applicant will need to be engaged in the Special Character Mainlesson programme. Any applicant will need to demonstrate high levels of engagement with students and staff, have a thorough understanding of Steiner education, be willing to develop themselves professionally in Steiner pedagogy and be a fine role model for our tamariki. The full time position is 12-14 hours of drama, both in lessons and the schools major production, and 4- 6 hours of english. These may vary based on 2019 requirements.

Applications close Thursday 25 October 5:00 pm. Phone 03 337 0514 for more information or visit [www.ch.steiner.school.nz](http://www.ch.steiner.school.nz) for the job description and application form.