



The Grapevine

He pito kōrero!



During Matariki we had the blessing of the 'He Reo Ora' - The Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Strategy for Taikura (Māori language, values and customs). It was important to do this during Matariki, as a tohu (sign) of the beginning of something new, and that it signalled Te tau hou Māori – The Māori New Year.

It had been two years from the initial thoughts of whānau Māori and the aspirations for Te Reo Māori and Te Ao Māori in our school. The gathering of information was a task and a half; interviews, online surveys, community consultation, collating it and then presenting findings to the different areas of the school community. After hours of work and dedication the document was ready. On the day of the blessing all parts of the school were represented and Jerry Hapuku a local kaumatua (Māori elder) came together to bless 'He Reo Ora'. The blessing took place in the Whare garden, a beautiful warm day. As part of the blessing three pū harakeke (flax plants) were planted, to symbolise the seed being sown, and kai was prepared in an umu (Earth oven) for the hākari (feast). To all present and especially to those who carry this kaupapa the whole ceremony and festivities of the blessing was 'He rawe' – awesome!

Where to now one might ask? The Working Plan is in process at present. There is a group that meet weekly to look at what and how things can progress in the five different areas of the school. We also recognise that it is something that we can develop at different stages together. I feel excited about this mahi and the potential of what will be created, and like all things it is good to be practical and take realistic steps, as Lsao Tzu said "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one small step!" One of those small steps starts with regular contributions to the Grapevine by 'Tū mai Taikura' the whānau Māori who actively support Te Reo me ōna Tikanga in our school. Every week there will an aspect of Te Reo or something of Te Ao Māori (the Māori worldview) shared to encourage you on your journey with Te Reo me ōna Tikanga. This section will be called 'He pito kōrero' – a comment/short article. This phrase was given by Val Maioha our school kaumatua. *Tihei mauri ora!*

Nā Troy Gardiner.



Mark Your Calendar

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 5-9	All Day	NZCSE Exams
November 6	6:30 pm	Class 2 Parent Evening
November 7	7:00 pm	Class 3 Parent Evening
November 9	8:30 am - 9:00 am start	What's the Connection? - Herman Veluwkamp
November 18	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Taikura School Fête
November 21	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Community Meeting Whole School and Kindergarten
November 29	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Evening - Library
December 7	12:00 pm	HS Prizegiving - Hall

SCHOOL NOTICES

' Kids Art Works'

Calendars, Cards And More.

By now all the children should have completed their art work at school, and this week will hopefully have brought home order forms. Please check school bags if you have not received these. Spare order forms available from the office if required.

As of next week art work will be available for viewing in a blue box in your child's classroom and examples of products will be on display in the hall foyer. **Closing date for orders: FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER.**

TO ORDER: Please fill out a **separate order form for each child** and place these, along with payment, in an envelope marked 'Calendar Orders' or 'Kids Art Works' and deliver to the school office. The office **does not carry change** so please ensure you bring the correct amount in cash. Cheques can be made out to 'cash' or 'Aroha Children' with a name and phone no. on the back please.

If placing an online photo order, please make sure to note down the reference number they give you and write it on your order form.

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

Any queries please contact Iris Nobel 873 4035

Declaration of BOT Student Election Results

Students votes:

Wilkins Jordan 58 Nepe Apatu Jordin 51

I hereby declare Jordan Wilkin duly elected.

Janet Osborne
Returning Officer

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

Radio Opportunity for a High School Student

Ever thought about having your very own Radio Show? Radio Kidnappers is offering an opportunity for a student from classes 10 thru 12 to have their own show for 3 to 6 months. Our studios are just above the school office. If you wish to know more please contact Lara on 878-8710 or email lara@radiokidnappers.org.nz

School Website Update

We encourage you to take a look at our updated website. We have added a running banner and Sports page that will be updated regularly. Please visit our website at www.taikura.school.nz

If you would prefer to read the Grapevine on-line via the school website please contact the office and let them know you no longer wish your child to receive a copy from school.

We are also seeking good quality action photographs that we can use on the website. These will be used at our discretion.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Family News

Our school has an extraordinary parent and teaching body who contribute in many ways to support our school. Often these happen silently and humbly.

The PFA have put together a directory of all the groups operating within and around the school that provide support in various ways to the school. The purpose of the directory is to create a space where parents, teachers and other interested parties can see what is going on in the school and where they can help or be helped.

Each week we will share a group's mission and requirements. If there is something you feel you can contribute towards please feel free to put your hand out, if you are a member of a group you feel should be included in this directory, please contact someone in the PFA.

Title of the organisation: He Reo Ora Strategy Focus Group

Main contact person with email and/or cell: Troy Gardiner contact for Troy: troy.gardiner@taikura.school.nz

Mission statement/vision: That the students experience te ao Māori as an integral, living, dynamic and rich element of the education at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School.

Group Structure: Tu Mai Taikura focus group members and school management team.

Primary goals: To fulfil the strategic goals of the five focus areas of the *He Reo Ora Strategy* as listed below:

Focus Area 1: **Te reo me ōna tikanga Language and principles.** Te reo is spoken confidently, correctly and often in all domains of the school; *He Reo Puāwai* (the national Steiner School Māori curriculum) is embedded into everyday classroom teaching.

Focus Area 2: **Te hāpori Community** -- The community is engaged in upholding te reo me ōna tikanga in the school.

Focus Area 3: **Kaiwhakahaere Administrative/communication** -- *He Reo Ora Language Strategy* is embedded into all administrative structures of Taikura.

Focus Area 4: **Te taiao Physical environment** -- The physical school environment reflects and celebrates te ao Māori.

Focus Area 5: **Hui ahurei-a-kura School festivals and activities** -- Te ao Māori is evident in all school festivals; consideration is given to te ao Māori when planning all school activities.

Can You Help Us?

We are looking for a team of artistic parents to help create an artwork to enhance the school. This will be a fun project a parent group can create together to gift to the school. Contact Ruth Contactthespace@gmail.com

Class One Fundraiser

OASIS SUNCREAM



Oasis Sun SPF30 sunscreen, 250ml family size 250ml \$33
Oasis Sun SPF40 Sport sunscreen, 100ml \$30

A summer essential at an extra special price whilst supporting **Class One**.

On sale at the Friday Market or by email order.

Online payments to ANZ 06 0645 0532207 00 please reference your child's name and class number and we will get the order to your child.

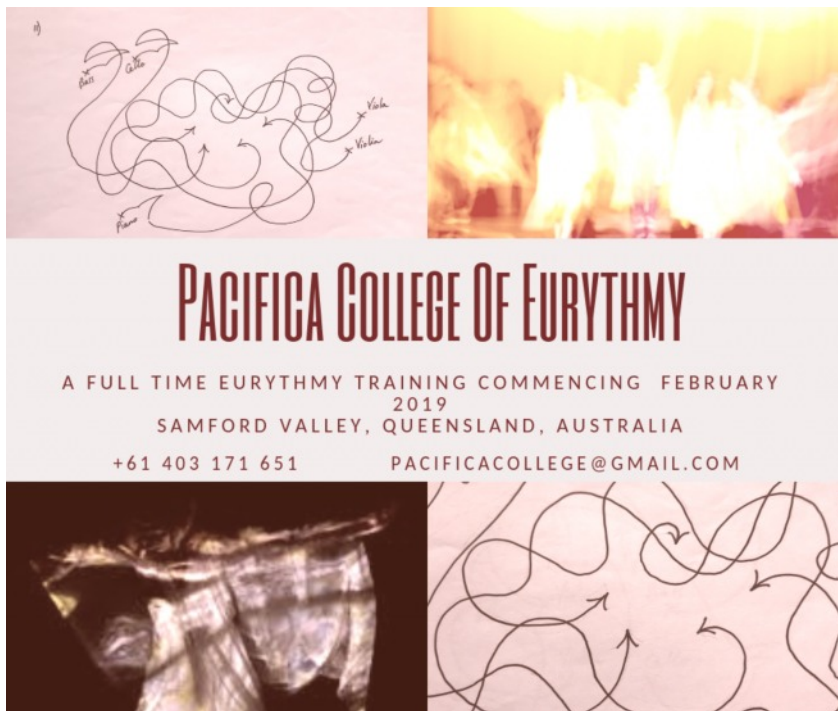
JessicacClark07@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

New Eurythmy Training In Brisbane Australia - Starting February 2019



PACIFICA COLLEGE OF EURYTHMY

A FULL TIME EURYTHMY TRAINING COMMENCING FEBRUARY
2019
SAMFORD VALLEY, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

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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 5:00pm. Phone 03 337 0514 for more information or visit www.ch.steiner.school.nz for the job description and application form.

Finding Healing - Invitation To Nurses And Other Health Professionals

Come and join us at Taruna for a weekend experience deepening and broadening your relationship to the healing aspect of your work. This is an introduction to the Anthroposophic perspective on what it is to be human, and how we can optimise our capability and effectiveness in the nursing and therapeutic fields.

Saturday 17 November 8.30am - 5pm and Sunday 18 November 8:30am - 1:00pm

Cost: \$250 includes Saturday lunch and Refreshments

Beltane Bonfire

Saturday 27 October; Beach Side; Le Quense Rd's end; Bay View

The weather is warming, life is returning, potential is peaking. Haere mai! Let us gather in play & celebration of this seasons Sabbat's symbols. A community collaboration that sets up from midday, opening circle around 3pm, meal karakia around 5pm, leaving as you please with your whānau. Bring your beach needs & comforts, food to share, altar items, instruments & celebratory selves. Rites of fire jumping for 13-14 & sense circle for 15-17 age groups. More info: Rachelmariep76@gmail.com; getholdofbrad@gmail.com

