



The Shepherd's Play

Please join us on Sunday 16 December at 7:00pm in our newly strengthened eurythmy room, where we will be performing "The Shepherd's Play" just as it will be performed perhaps five or six hundred times, or more, around the globe that week. Not a bad feat for a little peasant play found on an island called Oberufer in the middle of the Danube in the 1840's!

The play was discovered, along with its companions "The Passion Play" and "The Three Kings Play" by Karl Schroer, the friend and teacher of Rudolf Steiner. He pieced them together from families and inhabitants of the island who had inherited the parts over the centuries and always performed them over their mid-winter Christmas in the local tavern. The players relearned their parts every Autumn after harvest and would prepare inwardly as well as outwardly for these special events.



Taikura has a decent tradition of these plays itself, as does Hohepa and Taruna. As long time members of staff in our library and High School handwork and very importantly our costume department, and even longer members of the community; Fran and Olivia remember many, many plays and moments from years gone by: Ray Shaw as a shepherd, Kevin Lyons as Crispin, Rodney Evans always hysterical to watch, and as angels to never forget: Dan Freeman, Val Maioha and Mirra Arens. In times past, the full-time Taruna students would perform "The Paradise Play" for the school. Fran says that Edwin Ayre (for which one of our buildings is named and who helped start the teacher's library) was unforgettable as the Devil. He would poke the crowd with his tail as he walked between them!

"The Three Kings Play" was also performed in the old days. This one was taken up by a group of parents and was performed on the 6 January during Epiphany or Three Kings Day. Fran remembers among others: the Beeches, the Peglars, Ineke Mulder, Bobi and Alistair Munro, Val Maioha always as Herod, and Sue Pegler who produced it. Bobi designed and sewed the fabulous costumes we now have and sometimes this play was performed in Saint Matthew's Church.

What a wonderful legacy to leave. These plays are like festivals in story. They mark moments and times in our busy lives where we get to sit, laugh, think and feel at home. They are also food for some part of us that is hard to describe but a part well worth feeding. And the fact they are there every year makes them a nourishment that can become part of you in a way few other things can.

If you have never tried it before, why not come along on Sunday 16 December and join us in warming the Christmas Spirit and watch the simple Shepherds make their way to join in the event that changed our world forever.

Johnny Ryan: an ex-Shepherd

P.S. The Three Kings Play costumes are still waiting for a new legacy to begin...

Mark Your Calendar

December 7	11:00 am	Class 12 Cushion Concert
December 12	6:30 pm	Class One 2019 - Parent Evening
December 14	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Final Day of Term Classes 8 and 9
December 16	7:00 pm	"The Shepherds Play" - Eurythmy Hall - For The Community
December 18	7:00 pm	Carol Evening - To be held in The Gym
December 19	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Final Day of Term 4 Lower School

SCHOOL NOTICES

Instrument Hire - Return

At the end of each year I ask for all hired instruments to be returned for checking so maintenance can take place where necessary. As we will be moving the Instrument Storage room in December I would like to do this earlier this year. Could you please **either return your instrument this week, with your name, class and a note saying if you'd like to retain the instrument over the Christmas holidays, or contact me by email at:- zahira.rickard@taikura.school.nz with your phone number to make other arrangements.**

I know many of you continue to have lessons into December and need instruments for the various celebrations at the end of the year so I would like to have the checking done before this to make it a seamless process for everyone.

Thanks for attending to this.
Regards Zahira

Friday Market - 14 December

Come along and join our last Friday Market for the year. Lots of Christmas themed food from Class 3, drinks from Class 2 and crafts from Taikura Kindergarten available.



He pito kōrero!

Kia ora e te whānau,

Ko Erica Ruitter tōku ingoa, He kaiako ahau i Te Puna Ririki o Taikura.

At the beginning of the year I started the EIT Te Reo Māori course, which ran for two terms once a week 5:00 - 8:00 pm with three noho-marae. I enjoyed it so much, it was incredibly inspiring and I thoroughly recommend it.

I had been wanting to do this course for years because I wanted to deepen my bi-cultural commitment as a teacher, increase my use of Te Reo Maori, support the revitalisation of Te Reo Maori and learn my mihimihi.

I learnt so much more through this course than I expected; the essence of which is hard to put into words. I think what was particularly special was a sense of belonging and acceptance, encouragement and empowerment. I joined a group of about 40 students which was initially daunting and very quickly through the amazing skill of Matua Hawea and Rocky, our tutors, we became one big whānau.

We learnt about pūrākau, karakia, waiata.... lots of waiata!, Mihi whakatau and made a taonga. I have a feeling for Te Ao Maori and an increased understanding of the importance of Māori language and culture for Māori and all of us who live in Aotearoa.

Ngā manaakitanga, nā Erica.

Kīwaha o te wikiKīwaha of the week!

Tāua, tāua! (tar euw ah, tar euw ah)
That's us! (Indicating two people going to do the same thing)

Rangi: Kia ora e hoa, I'm going surfing after school!

Hemi: Tāua, tāua!

He pito kōrero is a space dedicated to celebrating and promoting Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Iron Maori Duathlon

On Friday, a group of students from our school went to participate in the Ironmaori Tamariki Duathlon. Unfortunately, Pandora pond was contaminated, so instead of doing a 100 or 200 metre swim, we all did a 1.5k m run. It was so encouraging having random people clapping, shouting and tooting at us from their cars as we ran along the footpath. My legs were really sore the day after, but it was worth it. When the last person had finished, everybody went to transition for prize giving. We all got a medal and a T-shirt, and Taikura got an awesome trophy because we had more than ten students participating. The prizes were not for the winners, they were for participating schools. At the end of prize giving there was a dance off for all the people who wanted to dance. The judges chose six people who danced the best. The rest of the dancers got a free helmet. The six best dancers then had a dance-off and the winner won a free Giant bike from Cranked Cycles. At the end, the boys from Hato Paora school from Palmerston North sang a waiata and did a fierce haka.



So, if you did it this year, feel free to do it again (and get a friend to come along!) and if you didn't do it, I recommend you do it next year!

Elliot Blakey 4TM

Congratulations

Congratulations to former Taikura Students Celia van Kampen and Ashlin Urieli who were informed on Monday that they had qualified as vets. Both are now entitled to be called Dr or DMV. Celia has secured a job in Oamaru and Ashlin one in Gore!

Board of Trustees News

Our final meeting of the year was held on Monday 26 November. Agenda items included the work of the H3 group, a probable ERO visit in 2019, and approving all the EOTC activities planned for early next year.

Jess Soutar Barron shared the work of the H3 group with us. This is a group of around six parents who raise funds for the therapies in our school. H3 stands for Head, Heart and Hands. Their long term vision is to provide therapies for all students who have a need. This year they raised around \$6000 through small fundraising initiatives such as sausage sizzles. The group has supported well over 40 students across all ages, some pro-actively when the need first arises, and others in times of crisis. Students receiving help where needed can benefit the class as a whole, and from there the school as a whole. This is a holistic picture of well-being and the work of the group is very much appreciated. If you would like to make a donation towards this work, or have any questions, please contact the H3 Chair, Jess Soutar Barron.

We are expecting an ERO visit sometime in 2019, but at this stage have not received confirmation of this. In order to be prepared we will familiarise ourselves with all the required documentation and work through this as a Board at the beginning of next year.

Camps and outdoor pursuits are a core part of our Special Character and one of the roles of the Board, and the Chair in particular, is to sign off on all the paperwork required in order for these activities to go ahead. As a group we go through all the planned outings, seeking clarification where needed, so we can ensure the students and adults accompanying them are safe and able to get the most out of their experiences. Some of the planned excursions for next year include surfing, snorkelling, marae week, tramping and camping. These experiences offer a wealth of learning that is simply not able to happen in the classroom alone, and we value this area of our curriculum very much.

Suzan Bart - Board Secretary

H3 Fundraiser - The Friday Clothes Rack

H3 Our School Healing Group. Fundraiser

Fridays Clothes Selection, (includes lost property - buy it back!!)

All garments must go - new stuff coming through! You decide how much, a gold coin koha is all we want.

The Friday Clothes Rack - Not many! Not much! Come with **cash**.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Art Classes

Teenagers art class: Tuesdays 3:30-4:45 pm

Children's art class: Thursdays 3:00-4:10 pm

Art therapy, by appointment: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To enroll contact Eva Steinmetz-Urieli: evaurieli@gmail.com 8786028 or 02102771201

Accommodation Urgently Required

We are urgently seeking a three bedroom home preferably long term in any area as my fixed term tenancy ends on Sunday 16 December. We are house proud tenants with references. Our eldest child attends EIT and our youngest is in Class 3. Our price range is \$350.00 - \$550.00 per week. If you have a place to rent or know of anyone who might please contact Helena on 021 20 22230

In-Home Child Care

I am a Taikura Parent offering In-Home childcare from my home in Flaxmere. I am a firm believer in child led play and learning, accommodate cloth nappies and babywearing. Pick ups and drop offs negotiable. I have spaces available next year. Please get in touch with me, Rowan Westbrook 02102424460 rowanzanna@hotmail.com <https://educators.porse.co.nz/hawkes-bay/64-01-119498/rowan>

Kairos Endeavours 2019

The Heart of Art: Strengthening the Heart Chakra through inner contemplation. A wonderful practical course to introduce you to several drawing techniques, wet on wet painting, veiling and the power of story. Starts in February 2019. It runs for 7 weeks a Term on a Tuesday Morning 8:50am /12:15pm. Cost \$225.00. For the term. No previous experience needed.

Year Two will run on Thursdays. And this is a deepening of the year one. Especially working with Goethes Colour theory and the day and night Rhythm.

Art For Health: This course is an introduction /foundation to the Anthroposophical world view and how the use of artistic processes can be so beneficial for us as human beings. There will be lectures and lots of art to help digest and understand this wonderful way of looking at the circle of life and relating it back to you and your life / your health and how to integrate this. There will be two 5 day Seminars with home based work between seminars. This course will also been seen as a prerequisite to the Anthroposophical Artistic Therapy course which will run again in 2020 for three years.

Summer Veiling Course: January 8,9,10

Learn to veil a wonderful watercolour technique that require lots of patience but is well worth it for as you put layer upon layer of colour images arrive it's full of surprises and very meditative . For those more experienced let's go further and create a wonder flower inspire veiling. \$280 for three days.

The Healing Madonna's

A presentation of Madonna paintings by Raphael and sculptures by Michelangelo and Donatello, accompanied by lyre music followed by artistic activity in drawing, painting or pastels. No artistic experience necessary.

Dates: **Thursday 13 and Friday 14 December 2018**

Time: **9:15 am - 12:00 pm**

Cost: **\$25 per session or \$45 for 2 sessions**



Venue: Margaret-Mary Farr Studio/Gallery - 100 Eastbourne Street Hastings

Phone or text/email if you are interested in any of these courses. Facebook: Kairos Artistic Endeavours

Margaret-Mary on 0272484193 / manawatustudio@gmail.com

Christmas Wreaths

Beautiful handmade Christmas Wreaths for sale \$45.00 each. Please phone Helena on 021 20 22230

Lifestyle/Farm Block Wanted

Young family seeking a warm, clean two bedroom, plus office nook, rental in Hawkes Bay area. A lifestyle/farm block where we can grow vegies would be ideal. Access to high speed internet a must.

Please email: vivienne.azeez@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

"Half-day Retreat" with Crystal Singing Bowls, 29 December & 26 January

On Saturday morning, open the door to "The Resort" within! Boys and Girls, please give your Mum and Dad a positive "Time-Out" for Saturday morning on 29 December or 26 January 9:30 am at the Lotus centre. \$40 each. For further information or booking, please email to Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 0210549035

Reiki Gathering (Share group) 19 December

This is to be held for Reiki practitioners at any levels or any lineages (by any teachers). 7:00 pm @ The Lotus centre. Cost: \$10.00 Rei-ju, Meditation, Q&A and Healing exchange. Booking in advance is required. For enquiries, Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 0210549035

Full Moon Crystal Singing Bowls 23 December

Meditation with healing sounds of Crystal Singing Bowls with full moon energy. 7:00 pm Sunday 23 December. Cost: \$20.00 Venue: To be confirmed. For enquiries, Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 0210549035.

Reiki Course from January

Reiki is a natural energy healing. Reiki level 1 for opening a connection to healing energy is to be held on Sunday 20 January. Level 2 on Sat 16 and Sunday 17 March is an advanced two-day course to extend the healing ability with Symbols and Mantras utilizing specific aspects of the energy. Level 3 in April. For enquiries, Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 0210549035

Kitchen-Alchmey Workshop

Venue: Birdsong Retreat, Poraiti

Time: 10:00am -12:30pm, Saturday 8 December 2018. - **Spaces still available.**

Learn and create nutritious yet delicious gifts, savoury and sweet without cane sugar. High quality, mainly organic ingredients. Be inspired by easy, health-promoting meal recipes.

Cost \$100 per person or \$80 each for 2. Small group negotiable. Ph. 8445127 / 027 3902156 for info/booking.

Can You Help Mrs Pockets?

Mrs Pockets is off to the children's ward this Christmas and needs a hand to fill her pockets with treasures. If Taikura families could help with a small gift no bigger than a pocket, oh she would be so pleased!

Contributions may be brought to Class 2 or phone Ruth 0273540844

Hohepa Christmas Market

