# **Taikura Rudolf Steiner School** The vine



# He pito kõrero!

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Taikura

As many of you would have seen in last week's Grapevine, I shared with you all the noho-marae at Waimārama that we as a whole staff took part in. On the second day of our wananga (seminar) we started to build an understanding of the principles from our 'He Reo Ora' – Te Reo me ona Tikanga Strategy' for our school. There are five Principles that will be shared over the year. These Principles have been aligned to a pepeha model; a pepeha is a way of introducing yourself recognising those landmarks that connect us to the land.

- Maunga Mountain Rangatiratanga • Recognising te reo as a taonga tuku iho and the indigenous language of Aotearoa.
- Awa River Wairuatanga Recognising the spiritual significance of te reo and its connection to the environment, and acknowledging the many pathways to language acquisition.
- Moana Sea, or bigger body of water Ako • Empowerment through learning with, and from, each other.
- Waka the vessel that brought us to Aotearoa Kotahitanga Unity and working together.
- Marae The meeting place Whakawhanaungatanga, Manaakitanga Providing a nurturing base where students feel pride in their cultural identity.

Each of the principles are a guide for us all on our Te Reo Māori journey. Underpinning them all is 'Aroha', which is depicted using our school symbol - Taikura; the heartwood. Rose Pere gives a very powerful meaning of 'Aroha' in her book Te Wheke - A Celebration of Infinite Wisdom - "Aroha is unconditional love that is derived from the presence and breath of The Creator, it is not talked about and it is only meaningful when actioned." Below is the image that Te Kaahurangi Maioha created that adorns the front cover of our He Reo Ora document. In the foyer of the office is a copy of He Reo Ora that you can read at your leisure.



Kīwaha o te wiki ......Kīwaha of the week! Āna! (Aaah nah) Yes I agree. That's right.

Rangi: Waste Free Wednesdays is gonna be a challenge, but awesome for Papatūānuku! Hemi: Āna e hoa!

#### Mark Your Calendar

BOT Meeting - School Meeting Room - Main Office February 18 5:00 pm 6:00 pm February 19 Class 11 Parent Evening 9:00 am - 10:00 am February 20 Welcome Coffee Morning - Taikura Kindergarten Parent Room February 20 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Taikura Kindergarten February 25 8:30 am High School ID Photos February 27 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Det. Sergent Heath Jones - Community Talk - Social Media - Hall February 27 7:00 pm Class 7 Parent Evening February 27 7:15 pm Class 6 Parent Evening Liaison Parent Meeting - Library March 6 7:00 pm March 11 9:00 am High School Athletics Day

# SCHOOL NOTICES

# Vision and Hearing Technician School Visit

Lynley Keehan, the Hastings Vision and Hearing Technician will be visiting the school on Thursday 4 April. She will be carrying out standard tests for distance vision with some of the Class 5 & 6 students - this happens every year for all students in New Zealand, and is helpful for picking up on simple vision issues which may not have been previously identified. She sometimes checks other students too: If there is no record of your child/children having had a Before School Screen or if they need to be re-screened; for these exceptions, I will send home a letter informing you that Lynley would like to see them. If you have concerns about your child/children's vision or hearing, and they are not being seen by an outside professional, please collect a yellow form from the office and have it filled in and returned before Thursday 4 April, and she will include them.

Karyn Wills

Literacy Support & Lower School SENCO

# Internet Safety Community Talk

At the request of parents and due to the (generally) high misuse of electronic media amongst Hawkes Bay youngsters, I have organised for Detective Seargent Heath Jones from the Child Protection Unit to come and speak about internet safety on Wednesday 27 February at 6:30 pm.

The talk he gave to last year's Class Six and Seven students was very well received and the parents who attended were greatly enlightened (and at times, rightly horrified) by the stories DS Jones relayed about real cases in Hawkes Bay. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend this event, which should finish by 7:15 pm. This is appropriate for all parents of the school, no matter how young your children.

Please let the office know if you are attending so that we can organise the most suitable location.

Nga Mihi, naa - Karyn Wills Lower School SENCO

# Talks/Workshops About The Threefold Social Order

The Threefold Social Order was Steiner's suggestions for a new ordering of society in such a way that it would be possible to avoid much of the unfairness, corruption, poverty etc. that we see rampant in the world even in civilized parts.

This Monday I gave the first talk with discussions about the origins and principles of the Threefold Social Order. Next Monday at 7:30 pm in the Steiner Centre I will give the second talk with discussions about economics, how value comes about, why our work relationships are usually skewed and undignified, why wages are an improper way of looking at the money we get for work and many other questions.

David Urieli

# French Conversation Group

French conversation group will start up again this year on February 19 in its new location in the school library. Our dates this term are Tues 19 Feb, 5 and 19 March, and 2 April, from 12:30-1:20pm. This informal group is for students interested in exploring the French language through games and activities and fun. New members welcome!

## Canteen

The canteen will not be open for morning tea from Friday 15 February to 8 March. We will have most of the usual food available at lunchtimes. We will be back to normal from Monday 11 March.

# H3 Therapy Group

On Friday come with coins!!! Taikura - approved winter clothes: We found 'em, washed 'em, ready to wear! H3 Clothes stall. CHECK IT OUT AFTER SCHOOL.

## Holiday House

Holiday house at Waimarama beach for rent – now at a very discounted rate to school parents. View online. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdniv6yaFKM</u> Contact Marina by Text/Ph 02102337988

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Eva's After School Art Class For Children

Thursdays 3:00 pm - 4:10 pm. Explore new art techniques, look at interesting images, listen to a story. Children 8-13 years. \$17 per session, commitment for a term. At the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson St. Hastings .Contact Eva Urieli <u>evaurieli@gmail.com</u> 878 6028 or text 02102771201

## Art Class For Teenagers 13-18 Years

Explore and research your own images. Try out different art techniques, gallery visits, story time. Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:45 pm. At the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson St. Hastings. \$17 per lesson, commitment for one term. Contact Eva Urieli <u>evaurieli@gmail.com</u> 878 6028 or text 02102771201

# Art Therapy For All Ages

Individual sessions: To foster self-esteem and self confidence, to mitigate emotional issues, to balance the constitution, to relieve negative behaviour patterns, to encourage creativity, to review life situations and belief systems, to learn to accept one's biography. Contact : Eva Urieli evaurieli@gmail.com 878 6028 or text 02102771201

#### **Youth Environment**

Calling all potential Youth Environment Council Members! Hawke's Bay Regional Council are looking for a team for 2019 to plan events and advocate for the environment to schools and communities. If you are aged 14-19 and want to get involved we have just the event for you.

On Friday 22 of February from 4:30pm-6:30pm the YEC's support team from the Hawkes Bay Regional Council will be at the Ahuriri Estuary to talk about what the YEC does and how you can apply. There will also be a beach clean around the estuary so you can learn about this amazing habitat and help clean it!

Any questions contact Paul Bailey 021 055 9690

## Free-ish Compost

We have at least a trailer load of organic compost ready for spreading. The mix contains green waste from the Taikura kindergarten garden as well as contributions from chickens, sheep, and ponies. Pick up is from Waipatu. A contribution to the school would be appreciated in exchange for this compost. For details please contact Patrick on 0221 744 766.

#### **House Sitter Needed**

A small house (not suitable for a family). Good location, close to Taikura, Cornwall Park and shopping. A sitter is needed from 11 March until 30 March. There is a small swimming pool and two cats to look after. Please contact Allysen or Mike on 873 5549 or 027 324 9855. 804 Nelson Street North

## In-Home Childcare

A calm and creative school and kindergarten parent offering In-Home Childcare with pick ups and drop offs available from Taikura Kindergarten or School. ECE approved, I have whole day spaces Tuesday and Friday and any day between 1:15-3:15 (kindergarten afternoons). Do get in touch to see if I can help you! Rowan Westbrook 02102424460 rowanzanna@hotmail.com\_https://educators.porse.co.nz/hawkes-bay/64-01-119498/rowan

## Willco Electrical

Servicing our community! Please contact Will to discuss your electrical requirements on 0275298371 or by email williamtong78@gmail.com or <a href="https://www.wilco-electric.co.nz">www.wilco-electric.co.nz</a>

# **House For Rent**

Three bedroom cottage on a quiet back section in Akina. We have a cosy well insulated house thats lovely in winter with fireplace all compliant and recently cleaned plus heatpump - which is also keeping us cool in summer (phew!). The lounge and kitchen are open plan, and the huge deck (with pizza oven) is north facing and gets all day sunshine. The house is light and airy. We are relocating to Hamilton and looking for preferably long term tenants who enjoy character houses. Available from mid-March \$\$455pw Phone or text Suzy 0211233368