



The Grapevine

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



28 February 2019

Ehara taku toa i
Te toa takitahi
Engari, he toa takitina

My strength is not the strength of one
It is the strength of many

Working Together

Over the last weeks many groups of people have come together to complete various tasks and duties for our school. Working in the classroom with the students and going about our day to day activity it is often easy to forget the very many tasks that are completed by support staff and volunteers around our school. I am always amazed at the amount of time given both in meetings and the in-between work that our Proprietors and Board of Trustees donate to our school monthly. For some of these people this will also mean meetings during the day, and inside work hours, to ensure we meet compliance and are able to be represented in our interactions with outside agencies and organisations.

Parent groups have been busy with camp preparations; buying, planning and organising equipment and food. Fundraising is getting into full swing and Anna from the H3 group is back at the weekly Friday Market selling used clothes to support children's access to therapies. The Parent Coffee group is holding its first meeting of the year this Friday, welcoming and supporting new whanau to our community and the many governance subcommittees are nearing their second meeting of the year. Our updated Parent handbook for 2019 and 2020, which is being sent home today with your eldest child provides an overview of the various parent groups we are fortunate to have at Taikura providing support to our students, parents and staff.

Dress Code

Over the few last weeks at school we have noticed considerable disregard for our Taikura dress code. The underlying principle of our dress code is practical clothing, with students being ready to learn, work and move freely.

These inconsistencies are across the school from the very younger classes right through to the high school. The lower school made changes to the dress code last year. A copy of both dress codes is included in our updated Parent Handbook, please refer to these as needed.

Moving forward both Lower and High School teachers will be doing dress code checks as students enter school over the following weeks. We ask that you support us in the compliance of our dress code to ensure our focus is able to remain on the work, learning and play of daily school life.

Kelly Sutton
Deputy Principal

Mark Your Calendar

March 5	12:30 pm - 1:20 pm	French Conversation Group - Library
March 6	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Meeting - Library
March 6	6:30 pm	Class 2 Parent Evening
March 6	6:00 pm	Class 10 Parent Meeting - Marae Camp
March 11		High School Athletics Day
March 19	12:30 pm - 1:20 pm	French Conversation Group - Library
March 20	11:00 am	Autumn Festival - Big Field
March 25	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Meeting Room - Office

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

“Kua rongo kōrero koe...? Did you hear ...?”

You can sign up to have a new te reo Māori word emailed to your inbox each day: <https://kupu.maori.nz/>

Kīwaha o te wikiKīwaha of the week!

Aua (owe ah)
I don't know.

Hemi: E hoa, what's her name?

Rangi: Aua.....go and introduce yourself!

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



Waiata mai is now on Thursdays – 12.30 – 1 p.m

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura!

Waiata mai has started again as you would have read in last week's Grapevine. On **Thursdays** from 12.30 – 1 pm in the 'Whare'. If you want to learn some of the waiata that your children sing at school, nau mai, haere mai te katoa.....all are welcome!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!
Nā Troy Gardiner

BOT Update

Our first Board of Trustees meeting was held last week. The 2019 budget was tabled and approved, and the Board is very pleased to report that the financial picture is looking more positive than last year. There have certainly been budget cuts, particularly for property and maintenance, and also for relief teaching. Teachers' hours are now being carefully managed to ensure everyone is working the correct amount of hours, and thereby able to help fill the gaps previously covered by relief staff. We are rich in supportive teachers at Taikura and grateful for all they give and do. The Ministry of Education is satisfied with our current financial picture, although they need to see a continuing positive climb. Please ensure your pledges and dues have been met, or arranged to be discussed if there are obstacles to meeting your obligations.

Our annual plan was discussed and is ready to be submitted to the Ministry of Education. This plan is an opportunity for both governance and management to work together to set their vision for the school for the coming year.

Board of Trustees elections will be held later this year, please consider putting yourself forward if you have governance skills or are interested in developing these. Joining the Board is a very real and effective way of ensuring the future strength of our school and Steiner education as a whole. Further information will be published in the Grapevine closer to the time.

We have received positive feedback about the blackboard installed at the hall entrance, as well as the effective communication parents are receiving from liaison parents as the year begins. We look forward to working together with school management and the community to make 2019 a very special Steiner100 year.

Nga mihi,
Suzan Bart
Board Secretary

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

H3 Therapy Group

Gold coin purchase: cold times are coming. Buy fleeces, shirts, and jumpers. Taikura-approved winter garments. Friday after school. H3 Clothes stall. CHECK IT OUT AFTER SCHOOL.

Lost Property

Lost property has a new home. It can now be found in the **gym foyer**. New items can be put in the 'drop off' box and they will be sorted and put out on display. Students may come to find their lost property each day at the following times:

1. Between **8:15 and 8:45am**
2. Between **12:45 and 1:15pm**
3. **Immediately after school**

Items that are not claimed by the end of each term will be donated to charity over the holidays.

There is also still a lot of old lost property from last year. This will not be sorted. It will be kept in black bin bags in the gym foyer for another two weeks and then if unclaimed, donated to charity. So come and look now if you are still missing things from last year. To help reduce the amount of lost property, please make sure you put your students **NAME** in their clothing. Any item that is **NAMED** can be easily reunited with the rightful owner.

Thank you for your cooperation

Sanne
Physical Education

Music Department

Itinerant instrument lessons are available during the school day. Instrument choices include violin, viola, cello, flute, drums, piano, guitar and ukulele if you would like further details please contact me on thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Lower school orchestra and high school orchestra are up and running weekly. If your child would like to join, please get in touch in person or through thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Friday Markets start up again this week!

After school outside Classes 1,2 & 3 there will be freshly baked goodies and refreshments available for purchase with each sale raising funds for our lower school classes so don't forget your loose change at pick up on Fridays.

Gym Tops

We are in the process of ordering more gym tops in our school colours. As our current supplier is unable to provide any more of the current style we have in stock, we now estimate late March as arrival time for the new look tops. We do however still have limited stock sizes available at the school office. If you are currently unable to purchase a top in your size, Sanne is happy with the students wearing a top from home for gym sessions until new tops arrive.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

We Need A Home To Rent

We are a quiet, tidy, respectful, eco-friendly mother and teenage son, with no pets. We require a home for at least a year, preferably within walking distance of Havelock North High School. I can supply excellent references. Please phone Narnia on (06) 877 8770

Contemporary/Jazz Dance Classes

Havelock North: Venue: Taruna College, Korimako Hall, 33 Te Mata Peak Road **Children 10 – 13yrs**

Liz brings extensive professional experience in Contemporary Dance:

- NZ School of Dance - Royal NZ Ballet - The NZ Dance Company - Film & TVNZ

Tuesdays 4:45 to 5:45pm Prior dance back ground - Elementary Class

Thursdays 4:45 to 5:45pm Beginners - Foundation Class

Enquiries: Liz Davey 0272766855, liz.davey@hotmail.com

Childcare Needed

We are looking for someone that can pick up our four year old boy from the Taikura Kindergarten on afternoons when I travel for work and look after him (either at our house or in your home) until my Husband can get there at around 5:30pm. Unfortunately there are no set days for this, but I usually know in advance. Rates negotiable. Please call or text 021405097. Thanks Myriam Mitchell

New Holistic Health Centre

A new holistic health centre is opening in April down Queen Street in Hastings, we are looking for more health practitioners to come aboard and join our team to rent rooms and work together as a collaborative. If you are interested please contact Michelle Bowman Ph 0273560216 to find out further information.

Cape Kids Out Of School Care

Kia ora e te whanau o Taikura, we are excited to announce that we are running After School Care from Haumoana and are happy to take tamariki from other schools. Please check our online minisite and bookings at <https://enrolmy.com/cape-kids/activity/3-Cape Kids After School Club> For any enquiries feel free to email Jaci or Di at welcome@capekids.co.nz or phone Jaci on 021 140 8672 or Di on 0275 661 603

Violin Lessons Available

I teach violin to children and adults. Children can learn at Taikura during school hours. I teach with the Suzuki method or traditional. For more information please call Hannah Hales 2809813 or 022 1049867

Child Wellness *Naturally* Hawke's Bay Raising Healthy Children in the Screen-Age with Dr Mary Redmayne

PhD, Independent Researcher, Consultant and Educator in Environmental Health (Transmitting Technology)

Dr Redmayne will provide useful information and research to help parents, teachers and health professionals navigate their way through the challenging decisions about children's use of transmitting devices.

- Adverse effects associated with screens
- Avoiding postural effects and impaired eyesight
- Screen addiction - what to look out for and ways to avoid it
- How much time on devices is too much?
- Why and how to minimise radiofrequency

Thursday 14 March, 7.00-8:30pm

The Function Centre
Havelock North, 30 Te Mata Rd

Buy tickets at
Eventbrite.co.nz
(Healthy Children in
the Screen Age) or
instore at Cornucopia,
Hastings

Earlybird
till 7th
March
\$15

Reg price
after 7th
March
\$20

For more details please contact Fleur Black 021 890 308



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