



As Winter Arrives!

As winter arrives, snuggling down by the fire with a good book and warm drink becomes a favourite activity for many. Here at school we have a group of teachers who love books, and this term, along with Kura Rutherford, one of our librarians, we are planning some events for the students around our love of stories and books. We have a Book Week planned for the end of this term -- this will include lunchtime activities, night-time activities, in-class activities, visiting authors, book swaps and the opportunity to purchase new and second-hand quality books.

Our initial inspiration has come from the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflod (which translates as 'Yule Book Flood'), where each person is gifted a book on Christmas Eve. After opening their books everyone then goes to bed and reads for the night. Bliss! A whimsical and enticing idea. If I am brutally honest, on Christmas Eve I am usually up until well past midnight cooking, cleaning and present wrapping, while intermittently roaring at my two children to participate. As my children are now nearly adults, I am aiming for a more calming experience this year!

As Jolabokaflod happens in the middle of the Icelandic winter, we thought it fitting to introduce a new tradition here at Taikura which sees the last week of the winter term being our Book Week, a special occasion for all of us as a school community to celebrate our love of books and reading.

Kelly Sutton



Mark Your Calendar

May 9	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Waiata mai - Wharae
May 10	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Filipa Hope - An Intro into "NCV"
May 15	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Kindergareten Parent Evening at Taikura and Kereru
May 16	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Waiata mai - Whare
May 20	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting
May 21	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	French Conversation Group - Library
May 22	7:00 pm	Community Meeting - Hall
May 27 - 30	3:15 pm - 8:00 pm	Lower School Parent/Teacher Interviews

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

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

That the deity Tama-nui-te-Rā (the Sun) was said to have two wives, Hine-Raumati and Hine Takurua – the summer maiden and the winter maiden. It is said that when the seasons changed and it was becoming colder, that Tama was moving from the land to the waters to return to Hine Takurua for a period of time; and that Takurua can be seen as a whetū (Sirius) in the night sky.

Kīwaha o te wiki ... Kīwaha of the week!

E rua, e rua (eh dua, eh dua)
Same as to me (referring to people or situation)

Rangi: E hoa, pēhea te kiriata...How was the movie?

Hemi: I didn't like it!

Rangi: E rua, e rua e hoa, same for me!

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

Lower School Parent Teacher Interviews

Dear Parents of Lower School Children

During Week 5 of Term Two, 27–30 May, the Lower School will be completing Parent / Teacher Interviews.

- We look forward to this time in the year, where with whanau, we take a pause, reflect and plan together the next stage of your child's learning journey.
- These meetings happen annually and it is our expectation that all parents attend. We are using the same booking site as in previous years. **Bookings opened Monday 6 May.**
- When you login you will see each class teacher, has a range of times on various days, available for interviews. We trust that the many options available will make it possible for all families to attend.
- Please note that the interview bookings will close, **mid-night Monday 20 May.**
- Families not booked for an interview will be contacted by the school prior to interview week to ensure a suitable time is found.

There will be no half day this year!

How to Book:

1. Log onto the following website: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
2. Enter the following code into the 'event code': **6tuxn**
3. You will then be guided by the website.

Parents who do not have access to a computer can phone Adrienne to book an appointment. We encourage you to book on-line please.

Parent Election Notice

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Board of trustees' election

- Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees.
- A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.
- You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.
- Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.
- Nominations close at noon on Friday May 24, 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.
- The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.
- There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.
- Voting closes at noon on Friday June 7, 2019

Signed Janet Osborne Returning Officer

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Taikura Parents Group Talks

Free for all the school community and includes past parents & those on the waiting list.

You are welcome and invited to come along and enjoy this opportunity to meet other parents and staff from the community, while enjoying the gifts donated by our guest speakers. We meet once a month on a Friday morning at the Hastings Taikura Kindergarten in their lovely community space (just inside the entrance). The aim is to create a relaxed and parent supportive environment so all our informal gatherings are baby/toddler friendly and you are welcome to arrive and leave as meets your needs.

Our guest speakers begin at 9:00 am and tea or coffee is freely available from 8:45 pm. (Any food donations for the morning tea are very much appreciated :-)

Our next meeting is:

Friday 10 May: Filipa offers her support to parents with an introduction into Communication for Connection - based on Nonviolent/Compassionate Communication or 'NVC'. Filipa has been teaching this high quality personal development tool kit to parents and educators for 10 years - and with her Anthroposophical interest she will share from this perspective.

Friday 14 June: Davide Urieli. Taikura High school Math and Drama teacher. An Anthroposophical look at *Life after Death*.

Friday 2 August: Herman Veluwenkamp - Taikura Parent and Spiritual Science researcher on *Approaching the Supersensible using Clear Thinking*. Ideas on overcoming the limits of conventional education and finding a path to understanding the world around us.

Careers Information

University Liaison Visits

These are usually 40 - 50 minute interactive sessions where representatives from each University give a general introduction to the University and the degrees that they offer. Parents can come along to meet members of the University, talk to Liaison Officers and at some evenings, faculty and staff members. Sometimes current students from Hawkes Bay talk about their experience at University. The aim of these visits is to introduce the University and demystify tertiary study for students who are thinking of going to University. The topics for the presentations can be tailored specifically to students' needs; however the prepared presentation includes the following:

- Introduction to University - Entry requirements
- The range of first degrees available - Planning a degree
- Tuition fees, student loans and allowances and scholarships
- Accommodation (where appropriate) and the application process
- University study and student life
- Important dates and upcoming University events and Open Days.

Taikura Visits: See Lesley Cox if you would like another University to visit school.

Time: 3:00pm

Venue: Mrs Brooker's English Room, Taikura House for Class 11-12 students.

- Otago University Cheryl Caldwell Tuesday 29 May 2019

Classes 11 and 12 will be visiting the Expo below on Wednesday during school time.



Looking for your pathway?
Come to the **HAWKE'S BAY CAREERS EXPO**

CAREERS EXPO
Ngā Ara Tūmanako
Pathway to Dreams and Aspirations

Talk to people who can help get you on the road to the right career for you.
Check out loads of career & study information from over 60 providers.
21st May 4.30-6.30pm
Pettigrew.Green Arena, Napier.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Parking Issues In Nelson Street

As many of the staff and community have commented to me car parking this term is diabolical or even non-existent. A lot of this has to do with the opening of Health Centre and the businesses that opened because of their move. I have been in touch with the Hastings district council Parking Transportation Officer. He noted the problem and suggested "Clearway" signs be installed. Unfortunately it will be two - three months before he gets to a council meeting. In the meantime he suggested e-mailing the local Councillors our concerns and copying in the Mayor. As the old saying goes the "squeaky wheel gets the most oil", so please squeak away.

Notable emails are :-

sandra.hazlehurst@hdc.govt.nz

councillor.barber@hdc.govt.nz

councillor.dixon@hdc.govt.nz

councillor.harvey@hdc.govt.nz

councillor.lawson@hdc.govt.nz

Liam Wyley

Property Manager

French Conversation Group

French Conversation Group is on fortnightly in the library during lunch break. The next meet up is 21 May. The group is run by two Class 11 students who went on exchange to France and Switzerland last year, and they will be focusing on teaching conversational phrases, as well as playing board games to help build a word bank of French words. New members welcome. For more information, contact kura.rutherford@gmail.com

Schools Orienteering Training Day

Sunday 12 May, from 10:30am - 1:30pm at Tirohia Farm, just 10km from Omahu

Free of charge and for every student who wants to try!

Pauline and Menno will be there from Taikura to welcome you.

- To get to Tirohia Farm, from Omahu travel 2k along the Taihape Road, turn left into Ohiti Road for just over 8k – follow the white and orange Orienteering signs to 825 Ohiti Road Farm entrance.
- Note, this event starts at 10.30 am (unlike traditional events which are self started). Please allow enough time for travel and to assemble prior to 10.30 am.
- Can all students please bring a whistle. This is a recommended safety device for all orienteering events.
- If the weather is not kind to us i.e. heavy rain etc – we will likely cancel the day. This advice will go up on our club facebook page on the morning of the event if cancellation occurs. HB Orienteering Facebook

Pauline will also collect registrations for the **2019 Hawke's Bay Schools Individual Long Championships**

which will be held on the **Sunday 19 May** at Graggy Range Road. More information via Pauline 0273797233

Organic Persimmons

Jamie is raising money for her student exchange to Germany.

Local organic persimmons picked fresh. 2kg for \$7.50

Tracy Wheeler 027 2627014



Messy Church
@ St Matthew's
Hastings

Sat 11 May 2019

4pm – 6pm

Family fun for all ages!

Come and join us!

What? Fun with crafts, games, Bible stories, a celebration time and a meal together

Who? Everyone is welcome. Children under the age of 14 to be accompanied by an adult.

Where? In the church hall

Phone: Barbara Person 878 8855, St Matthew's Church, 200 King St South, Hastings www.stmatts.org.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Eva's After School Art Class For Children

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

Art Therapy For All Ages

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

Violin lessons

I am a Class 12 student, and I am starting lunchtime and after school violin lessons. All ages and abilities welcome. I have 9 years' playing experience, and I am of ATCL equivalent level. I plan to study Classical Performance on the Violin next year. Please contact me if you are interested: Miru 021 232 8830

The Steiner Centre

Corner Whitehead Road and Nelson Street North, opposite Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. We have rooms to hire for events, classes, music lessons and more. The **Library** is available to school families open Wednesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Many different courses and classes available. Notices posted on board outside venue. For more information call: Cleone Armon 06 878 3128 or Robyn Hewetson 021 217 8688

For Sale

2 X MGP Scooters - in reasonable condition. \$20.00 each.
1 X Girls Milano Bike - pink, 20" wheel good condition, suit 9 - 13 years. \$50.00
1 X Violin - great for a beginner, good condition. \$120.00
Please contact Jen on 027 4630 331

House-sitting Wanted

For August – or longer, for reliable pension-age couple in transit: Please call Astrid and Julian on 06 8577113 or email them - starguide@xtra.co.nz

Reiki Course from May

Reiki is a natural energy healing. Reiki level 1 for opening a connection to healing energy is to be held on Saturday 25 May. Level 2 on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June is an advanced two-day course to extend the healing ability with Symbols and Mantras utilizing specific aspects of the energy. Level 3 in July. For enquiries contact Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 0210549035

Full Moon Sound Shower

Meditation with healing sounds of Crystal Singing Bowls with full moon energy. Cost: \$20.00. Venue: Breathe Yoga Havelock North, Thursday 19 May, Monday 17 June, Thursday 18 July, Thursday 15 August and once a month till December. For enquiries contact Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 0210549035

Crystal evening and Crystal Bowl Meditation

If you are interested in Crystals and Crystal Singing Bowls, this should be a nice opportunity. Thursdays 9 May, 13 June, 4 July, 8 August, 12 September, 17 October, 7 November & 5 December 7:00 to 9:00 pm at The Lotus centre. Cost: \$30. For enquiries contact Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 0210549035

1-Day Singing Workshop

Conducted by Bert van Dijk

Bert van Dijk is a singer, voice teacher and theatre director of international repute, who has directed numerous productions in a great variety of genres. During this 1-day workshop participants will learn several exciting polyphonic (more part) songs from around the world, each capturing a unique rhythm and mood. Singing is one of the most joyous and uplifting experiences life has to offer. This workshop is open to anyone wishing to sing with others. No music reading skills required!

When: Sunday 19 May 2019

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Booking: thekaahurangi@hotmail.com

Where: Taikura Eurythmy Hall, 505 Nelson Street, Hastings

Cost: \$50.00 (waged) or \$35.00 (unwaged)

Mobile: 021 213 1044