



The Grapevine

Climate Friendly Transport

Recently, at a Thursday afternoon Ped Meeting, teachers from the school and the kindergartens heard about issues with car parking that have been exacerbated by the recent opening of the Hastings Health Centre in the neighbourhood. We heard that the Hastings District Council have been made aware of the problem (and indeed that the school had flagged the potential issue even before construction began), and that the school hopes that the Council will help, but that this could take months.

Our discussion then turned to what we can do in the meantime to address the problem ourselves. One suggestion was for parents who drop their children off to kindergarten by car, to park a block or two away from the front gate and then walk to kindergarten. The kindergarten teachers said that the physical movement involved in walking to kindergarten, even for a block or two, makes such a positive difference for the children because it helps them get into their bodies and be ready for the kindergarten day. They also wanted to acknowledge the difficulty for working parents who feel pressured by the timing of dropping their children off before going to work.

On the theme of reducing the number of cars outside the school, we then talked about the bigger picture of how the children travel to school and kindergarten, and what this needs to look like moving forward. As an area school, with students coming from all over the Bay, use of motorised transport seems inevitable. However, many of our students and staff live within cycling or walking distance of the school. With the International Panel for Climate Change stating that "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" are urgently needed, we thought that it would be timely to encourage those who are able to travel to school by foot, scooter, skateboard, skates or bicycle to form this habit (IPCC report, 2018). Benefits to these modes of transport include reducing the number of cars outside our school and kindergartens, the corresponding increase in safety for our children as traffic decreases, the children arriving at their place of learning very awake and ready to be engaged, the physical and mental health benefits for children and parents who incorporate exercise into their daily lives, and the reduction of our carbon emissions now and into the future. If we can raise our children to undertake their daily travel with a zero or low-carbon footprint as a course of habit, we are setting them up to be part of the climate change solution. For whanau who live too far away for cycling to be realistic, and public transport isn't an option, is it possible to set up car-pooling with other school whanau?

As a staff, we hope that we can use the current parking problem to start thinking strategically as a community about climate-friendly transport in our children's daily lives. We took a photo of some of our staff who travel to work daily on foot or human-powered wheels because we realise that we need to be role models for the change we wish to see in the world (there are a couple of staff missing). Wonderful stories emerged about the commitment of individuals to using pedal power to go about their daily lives, even when they had very young children to ferry about. Thomas Pearson deserves a special shout-out, because he comes from Greenmeadows each day on his electric bike!

Sarah Millington
Class 9 Sponsor



SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

Kua hinga te tōtara haemata o Tuhoe!

Last week, te ao Māori reverberated from the sounds of mourning across the motu with the passing of Professor James Te Wharehuia Milroy. I had never met Te Wharehuia Milroy, however I had heard of him and the multitude of work he had done within Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga. I have included a link to the last 'Taringa Podcast' that was a tribute to this incredibly humble man: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/taringa-ep-91-iwi-o-te-wiki-te-wharehuia-milroy-tribute/id1258471951?i=1000437688085>

Kei te taumata okiokinga e Te Wharehuia
Nā tō wehenga kua pōwhara te ao Māori
Hoake nā ki te paenga purapura tuawhiti
He ihuoneone mō te reo me ōna tikanga
Kua ea ai tō rahi, tō ihi tē taea te wareware
Nā tō Hinenuitepō porokī, kua riro
Nā reira, takoto pū ki tona korowai manaaki

E Te Wharehuia, our most noted and esteemed leader
The Māori world has become impoverished by your departure
Travel swift now to the gathering place of chiefs
For your great contribution has been realised and will not be forgotten
Rest now, in the eternal sleep of the goddess of the night.

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

E tama! (Eh tar mar)
Oh boy/oh gosh!

Hemi: E tama, did you just get up?

Rangi: Sure did, and I've got five minutes to walk to school!

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

Lower School Parent Teacher Interviews

Please remember to book an interview with your child's teacher. Bookings are now open.

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

SCHOOL NOTICES

Taikura Parents Group Talks

Free for all the school community and includes past parents and 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 meetings:

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.

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

Class 5KS Fundraiser

BioGrow Certified Organic Apples for sale, every Friday till the end of the term!

Kindly sourced from Norton Organic Orchard

2kg for \$5

5kg for \$10



All orders need to be placed and paid for, before Wednesday for Friday delivery to school. Please click on the following link to fill in your details, and to find bank account details for an online payment. <https://bit.ly/2UOnUzy> Please get behind us, by buying your families supply of apples, and also offering this amazing deal to your friends and family.

Organic Persimmons

Jamie is raising money for her student exchange to Germany.

Local organic persimmons picked fresh. 2kg for \$6.00

Tracy Wheeler 027 2627014

Instruments For Hire

Did you know that the school has instruments for hire? We have many violins plus violas, cellos, double bass, trumpets, trombones, saxophones, clarinets, flutes and guitars. If you would like to hire any of these instruments please call Zahira at school, ext 848 or leave a message.

Careers Expo

Classes 11 and 12 will be visiting the Epox on Wednesday 22 May during school time

Looking for your pathway?

Talk to people who can help get you on the road to the right career for you

Pettigrew Green Arena, Napier

Mark Your Calendar

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 22	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	HB Careers Expo - Pettigrew Green Arena
May 23	7:00 pm	Class 4 Play - "Maui - Tikitiki - a - Taranga" - School Hall
May 27 - 30	3:15 pm - 8:00 pm	Lower School Parent/Teacher Interviews
June 5	7:00 pm	Classes 6/7 Parents Introduction Into High School - TH L3
June 14	8:45 am - 9:00 am Start	David Urieli - Anthroposophical look at "Life After Death"



Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday 22 May at 7:00 pm in the School Hall

**To all Taikura Kindergarten and School Parents
and Caregivers,**

You are warmly invited to join us for the first of two Community Meetings this year where there will be input from the BOT, Proprietors Trust, PFA and School.

We would like to share our Special Character, our involvement in PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning) some insights in to the Board of Trustees at this time of nominations as well as an update from our Proprietors Trust. There will also be an overview of events planned to Celebrate 100 Years of Steiner Education and along with a hot drink and something sweet there will be time for discussions.

Please mark this on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there.

Pippa Caccioppoli

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

For Sale

A single horse float with dual axle. Very sturdy and easy to tow behind a car. Current WOF and Registration. Only \$1500.00. Phone Jackie after 4:00 pm

Winter Warmer Craft Workshops

Come and learn from master craftspeople.
Saturday 8 June 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Felting, Silk Painting and Silver Jewellery making
Saturday 15 June 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Mixed Media Printing and Mosaics
To enrol see our website www.taruna.ac.nz or contact info@taruna.ac.nz, 8777175

Out Of School Care Needed

We are a Hastings based family with two working parents looking for a wonderful person or people to look after our eleven year old and four year old outside of school hours. Hours are negotiable as is exchange for your time, energy and care. If this sounds like you please contact James on 021667987

House For Sale

Our home is for sale in Waipawa, CHB: A beautiful three – four bedroom villa on a ¼ acre section, 15 year bio-dynamically maintained garden, and heirloom fruit trees. Contact: Astrid and Julian on 06 8577113.

The Mystery Of The Will

The 'Spirit of the Word School' is offering a two week speech and drama course in the school holidays, from Sunday 7 – 19 July, on: 'The Mystery of the Will'. The main emphasis will be education – for teachers, parents and those interested in a professional training, or just for the love of the word. For details, please call Astrid Anderson: 06 857 7113; starguide@xtra.co.nz