



The Grapevine

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



23 May 2019

All around the world Steiner schools are preparing many celebrations and activities to mark 100 years of Steiner Education. Following is a short synopsis by Sue Simpson, a past Taikura principal and eurythmy teacher, sharing with us the where and how of Steiner Education's beginnings. Over the coming months snippets of our movement's history and our school history will also be shared. This sharing will be in various ways; in the Grapevine, at the community meeting, parent evenings, and through school publications etc.

Emil Molt (1876 – 1936) 'School Father' of the original Waldorf School

On 23 April 1919, Rudolf Steiner gave a lecture to workers in the Waldorf Astoria cigarette factory, after which Emil Molt expressed his desire to establish a school for the workers' children and asked Steiner to take on its planning and leadership. From this moment on, the goal was pursued. Emil Molt was the business man who ably raised the funds and secured the locality for the school.

The first teachers conference was held on 25 April 1919 with Steiner providing the knowledge and understanding for the education. Following an intensive summer of preparation, with the renovation of buildings and the search for teachers, the inauguration course for teachers began on the 21 August. Finally, on 7 September the school opened, the hall was full, over a thousand people attended.

Emil Molt did all that he could to support the school. Payment for the building came out of his personal funds, in the first years, teachers were paid through the Waldorf Astoria factory, he worked out the contracts for the teachers and negotiated the individual salaries. He often drove Steiner to and from Dornach, visited classes and participated in teacher meetings.

In 1920, the teachers chose to reorganize the school and free themselves from dependence on the factory and Molt. Though this was a painful process for Molt he ultimately gave his support and the Waldorf School Association was founded to care for the schools' financing and assist in spreading its educational ideas. The school grew rapidly each year adding a class and grew to have 1100 children and 60 teachers.

Through all the turbulence of the 1930's Molt remained committed to the school and the education. From early on he foresaw the danger to the Waldorf Schools and to the social impulses underlying them, and he was not afraid to speak out against what he saw as the rising evil. By 1935 the Nazis began putting pressure on the School to change its curriculum but the teachers, supported by Molt, stood firm and refused to bend to their pressure. At this time, his health was failing and on 16 June 1936 he died. Over 1000 people attended his funeral. He did not live to see the School closed down, but he would have rejoiced to see that far from dying, the School reopened in 1945 and the Waldorf movement burst back to life.

Today there are about 1100 schools and over 2000 kindergartens around the globe, it has become the largest free school movement in the world.

Mark Your Calendar

May 27 - 30
May 29
May 31
June 4
June 5
June 5
June 14
July 4

3:15 pm - 8:00 pm
7:00 pm
All Day
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
8:45 am - 9:00 am Start
6:30 pm

Lower School Parent/Teacher Interviews
Liaison Parent Meeting
Teacher Only Day
French Conversation Group - Library
Classes 6/7 Parents Introduction Into High School - TH L3
H3 Therapy Support Group - Extra Lesson Room - TH
David Urieli - Anthroposophical look at "Life After Death"
"A Night Of Music" - Taikura High School Students - Hall

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

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

In last week's He Pito Korero, we acknowledged the passing of Māori language exponent, Professor Wharehuia Milroy. This week we recognise another significant figure in te ao Māori; recently knighted Sir Hekenukumai Busby, who passed away last week. Jaci Chambers, who is involved in our local Te Matau a Māui voyaging trust and met Sir Hekenukumai at a waka wananga in 2017, shares her thoughts on the legacy that Sir Hekenukumai has left for all of us in Aotearoa.

Moe mai rā e te Rangatira Hekenukumai Ngaiwi Puhipi Busby

Sir Hekenukumai Puhipi Busby, or Sir Hec as he was known to many, has set his sails for the last time and arrived at his final resting place at his urupa, Rangihaukaha, up the hill across the road from his marae Te Uri o Hina, in Pukepoto, just outside of Kaitia. He was laid to rest on the 15 of May.

Sir Hekenukumai has left for us the world of waka as we know it in Aotearoa today. He was a huge driving energy in carrying the matauranga (knowledge) of waka into many people's lives. He was a whanaunga to many, became a husband, father, bridge-builder, a Kauhoe, a Master canoe builder, a celestial navigator, a sailor, a teacher and an incredible inspiration. After working on his first sailing waka, Aurere, which he and his crew built and sailed to Rarotonga in 1992, he has built and taught many others how to build, navigate and crew over thirty waka.



As a young boy Hekenukumai fell in love with the big waka Ngaatoki Matawhaorua at the Waitangi grounds. Whenever they went there to Waitangi, all the other kids would be running around and playing, but he would go straight to the whare waka and he loved sitting there with that waka, touching it and just being near it. Much later as a pakeke (an adult), he became the Kaitiaki of Ngaatoki matawhaorua. It had sat in the whare waka for more than thirty years, and then in 1973 they took it out, fixed it up and trained up a crew of kauhoe for Waitangi day in 1974, when the Queen of England came. That was "one of the big thrills" of Hekenukumai's life.

In 1985, as a man in his 50s, Hekenukumai's life was changed when the Hawai'ian sailing waka Hokule'a sailed in to Waitangi from Hawai'i. Something awoke in him. Here in this waka, Hokule'a, was the proof to those who had doubted, that Yes! Māori had planned the voyages to Aotearoa, and Yes, had purposefully sailed here! The stories were a reality. Hec, by then a bridge-builder (having built more than 150 bridges in and around Northland), then took to building waka.

In his lifetime, Hekenukumai built and revitalised the art and skill of traditional sailing waka in Aotearoa after many hundreds of years. He was recognised as a Master Navigator amongst the Pacific and equipped us with the knowledge that will allow us to set our sails and to sail into the future. Now he has set his sails for his final journey back to his tipuna. Ka nui rawa te aroha ki a koe e Koro Hec mo tōu kaha i te mahi a waka. Mo tātou me ngā uri e whai ake nei. Haere, haere, haere atu rā e koro, moe mai i tōu moenga roa.

Te Aurere, his first waka was built from Kauri logs. This waka along with Sir Hec's Wakahourua and Ngahiraka mai Tawhiti where part of the Wakatapu hīkoi in 2012, where the crew voyaged there and back using traditional navigation.



SCHOOL NOTICES

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 7 June 2019

Signed Janet Osborne Returning Officer

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

Big Thank You

As winter arrives it is wonderful to have had these tables gifted to us. Thank you Scott whanau for seeing a need and responding, these tables are greatly appreciated!

Next Friday there is an opportunity for any handy builders to work with Liam our property manager on a bench seat. This seat will go the length of the hard court area near the whare. Once this is built we will have enough seating to ensure the entire Lower School is seated off the ground. This is wonderful and will extend our outside eating time by some weeks. We will be building during the teacher only day on Friday 31 May - if you are able to help on this day with either the building or digging please contact Liam via the school-office. Alternatively Liam can be contacted by email. Liam Wyley - property@taikura.school.nz



Community Evening

If you missed the Community evening you missed a great evening! The room was alive and energised by the lively and heart-warming presentations. Parents, teachers, staff, proprietors and BoT members were present, some spoke, others gave their support. It takes commitment to come out on a winter's night but the room quickly warmed with heaters and the energy that came through the speakers. Information, strivings and hopes were shared from all aspects of the school life. Amongst them came a call from the heart for parents to come together, to build and strengthen Taikura's school community, so that the Steiner education be and remains a gift that will see our children grow and mature to step into life with the strength of a mighty kauri. Thirty seven years ago when I came to this school it was struggling, I now know that the struggles never cease but through them and through all the work and striving of those committed to Taikura, the children, your child will receive the education they need for their future.

Sue Simpson - Proprietors Trust

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: David 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 4 June. 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 Orchid.

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.

Sporting Event

Orienteering experience at Taikura Friday 24 May Lunchtime

Students from Classes 4, 5, 6 and 7 will have the chance to trial an Orienteering Map at Taikura during Lunchtime on Friday 24 May so we can create Relay Teams for the School Relay Champs on Friday 9 June. Last year we had three teams taking part! Orienteering is about map reading, and running!

Pauline will set a map at Taikura, and students can give this a go, with help from Jane Herries from HB Orienteering Club, she will come with all the equipment.

We would like to create teams of three from Taikura that can participate in the Sunday 9 June Schools Relay Champs, held at Arborfield along Kahuranaki Road

A registration form for the Relay Champs will be handed out Friday 24 May

For more info ask Pauline 06 8772069 or 027 3797233

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

A single horse float with dual axle. Very sturdy and easy to tow behind a car. Current WOF and Registration. \$1500.00 Phone Jackie on 878 8932 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

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

For Sale

Two - 2 seater Benson Sofas, covered in a Laura Ashley print upholstery. Plain off-white background with primary coloured birds and flowers. Measurements: (L) 11500 mm (H) 800 mm (W) 840 mm

One armchair, matching sofas. (L) 750 mm and other measurements the same as above.

This furniture is solid and strong. Seat cushions are foam and the back cushions are goose down.

Material: There is a further 8.8 meters of the Laura Ashley fabric which is 1530 mm wide.

Two window curtains: (H) 1270 mm (W) 1040 mm

One door curtain: (H) 1950 mm (W) 1620 mm

Piano stool, seats 2, covered in the same print. (H) 530 mm (L) 930 mm (W) 420 mm

Wanting \$1500.00 Please phone Carol 021 534032

Quiz Night

"Kia ora katou, please enrol! We need your support. Two of our class 6 children are doing the 22nd New Zealand Scout jamboree with a few others thinking about it. Kapai!! Registrations and payments are officially due by Thursday 23 May but if you are putting together a team, could you please ASAP let Stephen Diedericks (stephendiederick@hotmail.com) (class 6 parent) know. Haere Mai!"



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QUIZ NIGHT

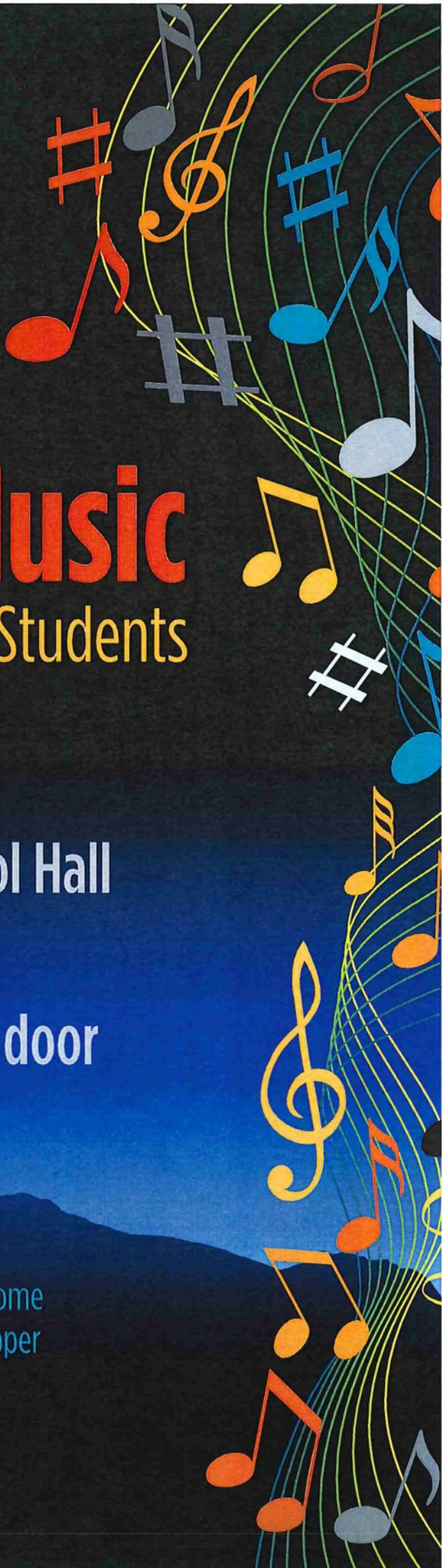
- Games through the night
- Spot Prizes
- Full Bar Service and A la Carte Menu available
- This will be a fun night so get your registrations in quick.
- Teams of 6-8 (part teams OK) \$12/person

Registration Details:
Registration and payments
by the 23 May 2019.
Call/text Mark 0226934473 if you have any questions.

Jamboree Fundraiser
Thursday 30 May 2019
Doors 6.30 pm for a 7pm start
Hastings Function Centre
2nd Floor Above Breakers Restaurant Cnr
Heretaunga Street And Karamu Rd Hastings.



SCOUTS
New Zealand



A Night of Music

from Taikura High School Students

Thursday 4th July, 6.30pm

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Hall

Nelson Street Hastings

Tickets: Only \$10 sold at the door

This is fundraising event for the H3 Care Group so come along and enjoy a fun packed musical evening. Supper treats and refreshments available.

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