



The Grapevine

Pippa's Panui

A healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each soul, the whole community finds its reflection, and when, in the whole community, the virtue of each one is living.

Rudolf Steiner

Our Community Evening last week provided an opportunity to share a picture of where Taikura is currently as well as to reflect on our journey since our inaugural Community Evening in the final term of last year. At our last meeting I shared that our focus had been on consolidating Taikura's development and refocusing our attention on our Special Character and this is still very much a focus. Added to this is a conscious strengthening of our working together; within the school between the Kindergartens, Lower School and High School, at a governance level between our Board of Trustees and the Proprietors Trust and with our wider community.

Since the end of last year we have moved our office and administration back to the front gate which has enabled this important aspect of our school to be back in the centre of our daily life.

The Memorandum of Understanding which was developed and signed last year between the BOT and Proprietors Trust has resulted in the creation of Sub Committees in the areas of Finance, Health and Safety, Property and Special Character which include representatives from both governing bodies, School Management and staff.

We began this year with a noho marae which included all of our teaching, support and admin staff and provided a context for our continuing Annual Goal work around implementing our He Reo Ora Strategy. This also provided us all with an opportunity to experience what it can be like for our students when they find themselves in new surroundings and the joys and challenges of communal living.

So far this year the Education Review Office have visited both of our Kindergartens and there has been a positive response to both of these visits with staff feeling uplifted about the opportunity to share the varied ways they support the children including through Child Studies and our whole staff professional development that we are currently undertaking on the 12 senses.

At the Community Evening a picture of our work with PB4L was shared, an intention of which is to nurture an environment where our values can be articulated by all consistently and where healthy relationships will flourish. Input from all staff, as well as our students and parent community will be an integral part of this work moving forward.

The important contributions of our parent volunteers on the Board of Trustees were acknowledged in light of the recent nominations and upcoming elections and an update was shared on our progress towards our Strategic Plan.

An appreciation and interest for details was obvious in an overview of current projects on the ten-year property plan given by representatives from the Proprietors Trust. The evening also included a passionate plea from our Parent and Family Association for parent interest in our Special Character.

At our Steiner Teachers Conference in the April holidays a picture was shared of the founding of the first school as a model for how to make the world a more peaceful and just place and develop true human beings. Steiner educates from the inside out, feeding children's imaginations, resourcing them with practical skills, nurturing their senses and inspiring their love of learning before requiring them to create from themselves. As parents and educators we are asked to have interest and a willingness to work towards deepening our own understanding so as to support our children. The effort we are prepared to give to this will determine how Steiner education looks in the next 100 years.

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

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

Ki te ua, ka mākū koe.
If it rains, you'll get wet.

Hemi: I'm going to bike to school today.
Rangi: Take a raincoat! This weather's a bit so-so, ki te ua, ka mākū koe.

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



Whitsun Festival

This week and next you will have the opportunity to read two separate pieces of writing exploring the theme of the Whitsun Festival and its relevance in our world today. The first was written some years ago by past staff member Adeshua David and next week's piece will be by current staff member Darryn Breakwell.

Imagine if we were all living together in a cave, a great cave. And that we were somehow chained so that our heads could only face towards the back wall of the cave, and all we could see were the shadows cast upon that wall. There's a fire burning behind us, and our shadows flicker across the wall. We can't really see each other, all we can see are the shadows.

But if you really wanted to, you could free yourself from the chains and turn around and start walking towards the mouth of the cave, step by step away from the shadows, step by step away from the back of the cave. And when you got outside into the light, at first it would be so bright that you wouldn't be able to see anything, it would be like standing right inside the sun!

But then your eyes would adjust, and you would see that everyone was here, outside the cave, in the light, and that you were seeing them all as if for the very first time. Back in the cave, no one had understood anyone else, but out here, when people spoke, you understood them, and they understood you, and there were no arguments, because everyone was full of joy.

That's what this festival is about, it's a festival of the future, and it celebrates the time when we'll all understand each other, and ourselves.

BOT Election Candidate Profile

Kia ora koutou, I'm Veronica, Ronnie for short, and my husband Branko and I have two girls at Taikura—Remy in Class 3, and Seraphine at Kereru Kindy. I'm from a farm at Otamauri, west of Hastings, and after time in Wellington and overseas Branko and I moved home to be closer to my family and let our children run free with their first cousins. Our physical journey around the world reflects the time it's taken me to find my place in it, and a happy upside of these wanderings is gathering a kete of skills that may be useful to our school board. I've worked as a lawyer, from a big commercial law firm to Crown Law and the Waitangi Tribunal, with a stint in environmental policy inbetween. I also have a degree or two in economics and have been a consultant on capacity development and governance projects for the World Bank and other multilateral agencies. I'm now a coach and facilitator in the leadership field, and draw heavily on psychology and my psychologist husband to deepen my practice (yep would love me a psychology degree but I need to be practical). I love walking in both the thinking and feeling worlds, and always aim to make and support choices that integrate the wisdom of our heads, hearts and bodies. I'm also passionate about inclusive process, transparency and beautiful, crystal-clear communication and I'll always bring those values to any mahi. I'd love the opportunity that being on the board would provide to learn more deeply about our school and its kaupapa, and to draw from my kete when I can be of use.

Nga mihi, Ronnie

*Please note Ronnie's profile missed the post out as it went to the wrong email address.

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.

Careers Information

Massey University

Hawkes Bay Information Evening: 11 June 2019, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Napier Boys High School, Library - Chambers St, Te Awa, Napier

*Supper supplied

*Academics from Business, Science, Creative Arts, Social Work and Sport and Exercise will be in attendance.

*Pre-registration helps ensure we have enough resources/academics available to support the attendees so we encourage those attending to register in advance.

massey.ac.nz/infoevenings

BOT Update

At our Board of Trustees Meeting last week Pippa's report contained concerns raised by staff, particularly in the High School, around the tone of many of the emails they receive from parents. Staff shared that many emails have an aggressive tone and they have asked the BOT to support them in reminding our community of respectful email communication.

Emails do not have the advantage of body language, facial expression or tone of voice to help recipients interpret them. Words therefore tend to be taken at face value. Getting the tone and language right is essential to avoid offence. It is time well spent to ensure you get the tone and etiquette right in your emails.

- Keep emails brief, but include all essential information so your recipient can understand your point of view
- Use simple courtesies like please and thank you
- Do not type in capitals
- Accurately reflect your emails content in the subject line
- Review each email before sending to ensure your message is clear and polite
- When tempted to send an emotionally charged email, walk away from your computer and wait a while before sending.

Most importantly, when there is a misunderstanding by email, don't hesitate to pick up the phone and have a conversation.

Our teachers work hard and have the best interests of our tamariki at heart, they must be treated with courtesy and respect.

Suzan Bart - BoT Secretary

Mark Your Calendar

May 31	All Day	Teacher Only Day
June 4	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	French Conversation Group - Library
June 5	7:00 pm	Classes 6/7 Parents Introduction Into High School - TH L3
June 5	7:00 pm	H3 Therapy Support Group - Extra Lesson Room - TH
June 6	7:00 pm	Class 7 Play "Sir Gwain And The Loathly Lady" - Hall
June 11	6:00 pm	Class 6 Parent Evening
June 11	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Massey Information Evening - Napier Boys High
June 12	7:00 pm	Spiral Walk - Community - Anthropology Centre
June 14	8:45 am - 9:00 am Start	David Urieli - Anthroposophical look at "Life After Death"
June 18	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Victoria University Info. Evening - Napier War Memorial
June 24	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Meeting Room
July 4	6:30 pm	"A Night Of Music" - Taikura High School Students - Hall

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

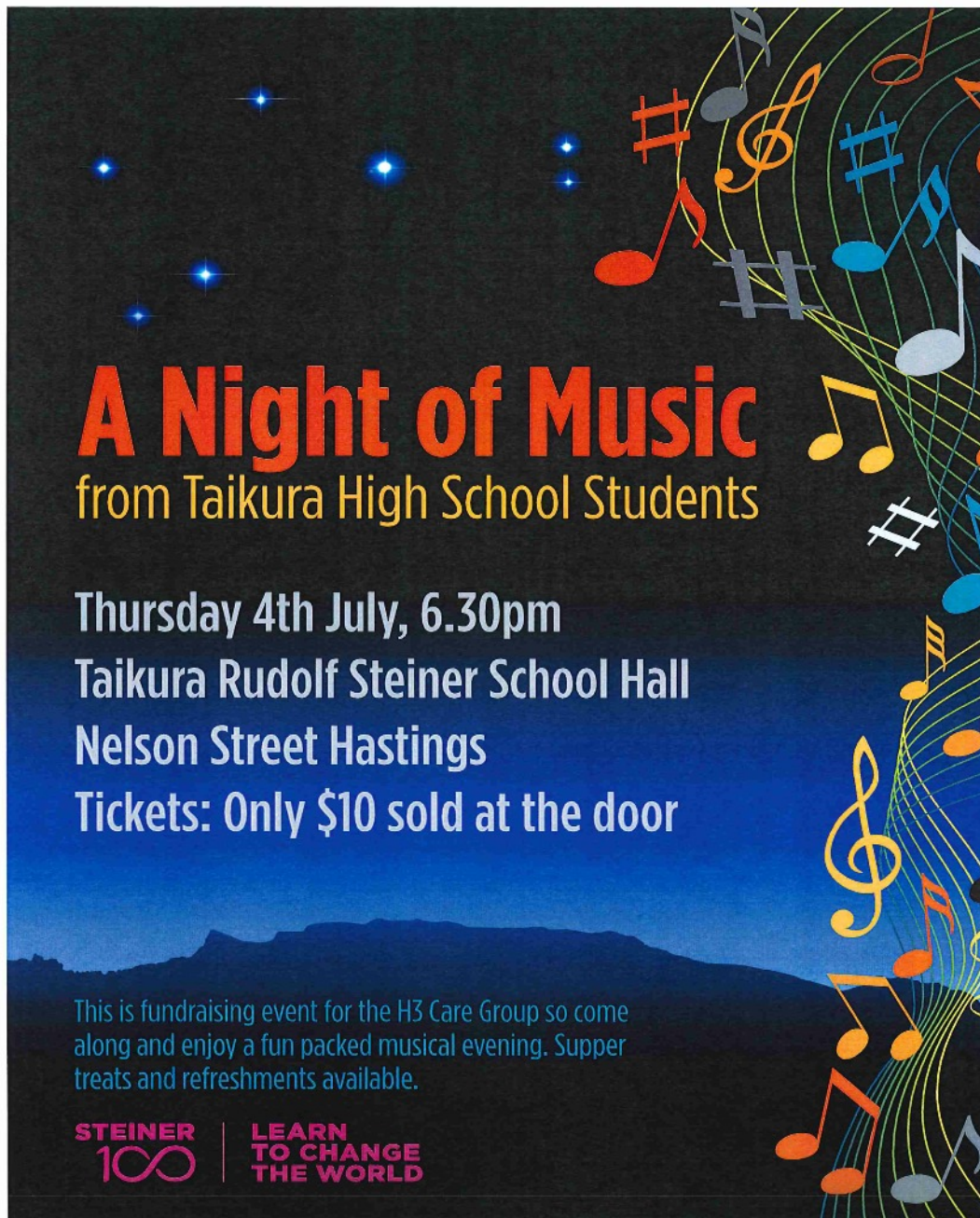
Communication for Connection

Based on Nonviolent Communication (NVC): June 8 & 15 - Hastings 9:00 am to 4:30 pm both days
Discover the blind spots you didn't know you had to empowered communication and enhanced connections with yourself and with your loved ones. This workshop will provide skills, awareness and new choices for a more empowered you - and the ability to live and model this for more resourced and resilient children!
If you would like to talk to someone at Taikura who has completed this course and hear their feedback, please contact me.

Cost is \$220.00 until June 4 and \$250 after - includes morning and afternoon tea. Registration with facilitator: Filipa Hope filipahope@gmail.com phone 0274 513 445

Guitar Lessons

I have 30 years experience playing in bands and previous teaching experience. So whether you are looking to get started or improve your chops please give me a call so we can make a plan to get you started. I also do music production, composing and recording. Steve Ph 021 486 226



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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