



The Grapevine

Whitsun

Rudolf Steiner described Whitsun as a time when we reap the fruits of what Easter has gifted us. It asks us to remember how the gift of inspiration from the Holy Spirit has become individualised in every one of us.

Traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday 50 days after Easter, Whitsun marks the point when the Holy Spirit had descended upon the earth after Christ's ascension. At this time we can consider the disciples who came together and found unity and harmony in their being as they were touched by this power, descending upon them in the image of flame.

The disciples experienced the Holy Spirit uniting with themselves and themselves uniting with all of humanity. To this day the unifying connection to the Christ impulse remains, awaits our acknowledgement and our allowance for it to work upon our lives.

As we celebrate Whitsun at Taikura we work upon our hearts as a community. We do this by striving for true contemplation about the experience of Christ's disciples and evoking this mood in our souls. We have been given the gift of consciousness through humanity being united by the Holy Spirit, the benefit to understand and discover our destiny, a destiny of freedom and unity with all humankind.

What does it mean for us as individuals to come into resonance with and embody this divine aspect of ourselves? How might we imbue our thoughts, feelings and actions with this consciousness? What unites us, helps us understand each other as being the same? What change will this make in our World?

Darryn Breakwell
Class 6 Teacher



Mark Your Calendar

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 - Anthroposophical 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 18	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	French Conversation Group - Library
June 24	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Meeting Room

SCHOOL NOTICES

Mid-Winter Spiral – The Koru

Have you ever stopped to watch a bird gliding and spiraling in a current of air, a leaf swirling in a vortex of water? Following the movement, there is something wonderful that widens or narrows, draws you up or down. As we breathe we inhale and exhale, the air rushes in and flows out, rotating, enlivening, giving life. Look at nature and you find the spiral shape in many plants, in fern and vine, in the sequence of leaves and petals. Discovering spirals is a never-ending source of exploration. Found in many cultures it is a sacred symbol of life and death, light and dark, beginning and end. Found in earliest carvings and paintings it has been a spiritual and religious symbol, one that is found in cultures and civilizations throughout the world.

Moving towards midwinter we experience the diminishing of the light, darkness begins to dominate the day, more time is spent inside and before the advent of electricity work would end when night came. It is a time to turn inward, find quiet and an inner space. There comes a moment when we begin to yearn for the return of the light and the inner certainty that it will return. There are many ways to celebrate the return of the light, our way is with the beauty and magic of the midwinter spiral. The room is dark, silence pervades the space, one single candle burns at the spiral's center. When all have gathered, one person walks the spiral, lights their candle and places it near to the central candle, and as one person after another lights and places their candle the form of the spiral appears as a gentle light fills the room. It may take courage for a child to walk alone and as the light grows wonder can be seen glistening in the eyes of the children. There is an old saying, wisdom begins with wonder.

Next week the school will celebrate midwinter. In anticipation of our festival for the children we invite parents to come and walk the spiral so you too can share in your child's experience. None of us are too old to wonder and perhaps leave with a sense of gratitude for the opportunity to be touched by the simple beauty of the spiral.

Wednesday 12 June, 7:00 pm at the Steiner Rooms, corner Whitehead Rd and Nelson St – across the road from Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. Adults only.

From Sue Simpson, past Eurythmist, Principal and current Proprietors Trust Chair.

Calling All Book Lovers!!



2019 Book Week

Here at school we are getting very excited about Book Week, which will be in the last week of term (1-4 July). Over the coming weeks we will be providing more details about the events we have planned, including a book swap, story tent sessions, a dress-up parade, and our inaugural 'stories by starlight' evening. We are delighted to announce that Wardini Books - the independent bookshop with a touch of magic - will be joining us too.

Our Book Week this year has been inspired by the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflokkur or the Yule Book Flood. Icelanders have a beautiful tradition of giving books to each other on Christmas Eve and then spending the night reading. We would love to invite you all to join with us in embracing the idea of giving and reading a special book on the eve of the holidays and making this a ritual. We imagine our school community book-worms in their homes on the eve of the holidays, curling up in pjs and reading books - how heart-warming!

We look forward to sharing in the book fun with you all! The Book Week team.

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

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

Kāore e kore!
Without a doubt!

Marama: Our play is going to be awesome.

Rangi: Kāore e kore e hoa!

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



Taikura's Zero Waste Journey

Taikura's journey in becoming a zero waste school has been a challenging but increasingly important one. Our journey started with the training up of students from every lower school class to become "Rainbow Warriors" whose job it is to keep on top of what their classes are putting into landfill, recycling and compost and to make sure that their classroom "rubbish" is disposed of properly and put into the correct bin. Some of these "Rainbow Warriors" have truly risen to the challenge and become very passionate about their role.

We have been having "Waste Free Wednesdays" when the lower school rubbish bins are removed or have a sign put on them to remind the children to take the rubbish home. Our school gardeners have been key in implementing this and putting up the signs and monitoring what still has made its way into the rubbish bins on these days.

The school canteen has adopted an initiative to encourage children to bring their own containers by offering a free cookie to every child who brings a reusable container for every portion of nachos or a hot lemon drink bought.

It has been great to see a huge increase in the number of children taking their own containers to the canteen even when they know free cookies are not on offer. Also tu meke to all the parents who are able to pack lunches for our tamariki that are totally waste free.

What's next? Well, Class 9 are making recycling stations for our recycling bins that will be strategically placed around campus and when they are rolled out, it will be goodbye to the straight-to-landfill rubbish bins currently scattered around the school. Our tamariki will be left with the choice to recycle or take home. The High School can also expect to become more involved over the next two terms as both areas of the school will need to work together to make sure that we embrace a sustainable approach as a whole school.

Due to the current situation with Hastings Council only accepting plastic bottles marked 1 or 2 for recycling, and no option for soft plastic recycling in Hawkes Bay, recycling plastic is less of an option. This leaves us with the empowering choice of refusing to buy products that use un-recyclable material and find alternatives for our children's lunch boxes. He waka eke noa.

Toby Blakey Class 2 Teacher

Sports Notices

Snow Sports Opportunity

I am taking my son Tyler Dipper to the **North Island Primary School Snow Sports Champs** this year. This event is being held from Sunday 1 September – Thursday 5 September.

This is a skiers only event at this stage.

I am happy to coach/manage a team for this event if there are any other students in the primary years at Taikura interested to compete in this event. I can also offer advice on accommodation, ski passes and all aspects of getting to the mountain.

We can register a school team with one or two members but it would be great to get a full team of 5 and compete as a school team. Further information can be found here www.nips.org.nz

If any parents have an interested student, please contact me asap for more information.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Markus Dipper

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SCHOOL NOTICES

Car Parking Issues

Totara Health, which is on the Nelson Street side of the new Health Centre has kindly offered the use of their car park to families dropping off children to the School or Kindergartens. There are a couple of things they would like us to abide by should we use it.



1: Please do not walk across the gardens. Not only will this ruin the garden but also it would not be teaching our students something we'd condone within our own grounds. There is a gate that can be used towards the Nelson street lights (see photo). They are happy for you to walk across the grass to use this.



2: If you use the car parking space be as quick as possible. In the mornings be gone by 9:00 am and if you need to in the afternoons a 5-10 minute stop max. They have a business to run and the parks are there for their clients.

3: Please respect their wishes. It is a very generous offer.

We are continuing to work with the Hastings Council to improve the current parking situation outside the school and Taikura Kindergarten.

Below is a map of proposed **Time Limited Parking Zones** (areas marked 1-4). A report has been written and will be presented to the Council Meeting on 27 June 2019. The report needs to be passed by a Council Resolution before they can instigate these time limits and have the signs installed.



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 18 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 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.

Lost Gym Top

Please check your child bought their gym top home and not someone else's by mistake. It is named Mateo, if you find it please hand it into the office. Remember to name your child's so that it can be returned to them.

Term Dates For 2019

Term 2: Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July (Queens Birthday Monday 3 June, TOD Friday 31 May)
Term 3: Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September (Mid Term Break - Friday 23 and Monday 26 August)
Term 4: Monday 14 October - Wednesday 18 December (HB Anniversary Day Friday 25 October, Labour Day Monday 28 October)

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Website

If you would prefer to read the Grapevine on-line via the school website please go to www.taikura.school.nz
Under the heading: Key Dates, News & Events select Newsletters from the drop down box, the latest copies of the Grapevine will be on the left side of the page. Click on the date you wish to read. Please let the office know that you no longer wish your child to receive a copy in class.

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**

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

The Mystery Of The Will

The Spirit of the Word School for Creative Speech and the Art of Drama, is offering a two-week Winter Course from 7 – 19 July this year. Please also view details on our web site: www.spiritofthewordschool.wordpress.com or contact Astrid: starguide@xtra.co.nz, or 06 857 7113.

Art Therapy Is Also For Adults

Accessing your creativity. Art therapy is an an effective way to address and overcome grief, depression, anxiety and life crises. Life story painting for acceptance of ones biography. No previous experience in or aptitude for art necessary. For more information contact : Eva Steinmetz-Urieli evaurieli@gmail.com - 068786028, 02102771201

Home For Rent

Four bedroom, two bathroom home in Frimley, available for rent - \$530 per week. Fully insulated in walls, ceiling and floor. Warm, sunny and dry with modern amenities including dishwasher and heat pump/ air conditioning. Two car garaging with integral access. Fenced section. Freshly painted inside and new carpet. If you are interested, please view on Trademe property ID GHN293. Click the Apply Now button and comment on the form that you are from Taikura. Thank you, Mandy Ostergren (Class 1 and Kereru Kindy parent). 022 6789 362

Calling All Old Mobile Phones

Rummage around for those unwanted mobile phones to donate to Sustainable Coastlines Mobile Phone Appeal. Each year at least 8 million Tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans, the equivalent of a full garbage truck every minute. With "Beat Plastic Pollution" as the theme for this year's World Environment day we ask for your support by bringing into school any unwanted mobile phones you may have and dropping them into the collection box located at the school office.



Messy Church
@ St Matthew's
Hastings

Sat 8 June 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