



# The Grapevine

## Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



20 June 2019

### Waharoa Blessing

Tēnā koutou katoa

Friday 28 June will be a very special day for Taikura, because it is the day during Matariki on which we will bless the new waharoa (entrance way) to our school's Whare.

The symbolism of entering through a waharoa is like passing from one state to another, similar to what happens when people are welcomed onto a marae. Our Whare is soon to be enhanced by a beautiful waharoa, so that when our tamariki and rangatahi go to their lessons, their transition into Te Ao Maori can be enhanced.

At the end of 2018, a group of Class 9 ākonga worked with whakairo rākau tutor Nathan Foote during Craft Week to design and carve a waharoa out of hardwood power poles that were donated to the school by Unison. Luna Kirchner, Rose Brooker, Kail MacKenzie, Oliver Bart, Isaac Cox, Eamon Carroll, Bayden MacKenzie, Aléjandro Correa, Richard Simpson, Baxter Barron and Rory Merwood were the ākonga involved. The result is a very beautiful and meaningful entranceway to te Whare. The waharoa represents female and male energies in the pou on either side, and the crossbeam carries a carving of our Taikura heart-wood symbol.

We warmly invite our school community to share in the dawn blessing of this legacy piece of craft work. We are very fortunate to have kaumatua Jerry Hapuku facilitate the whakamānawa (blessing) for us. We will gather at 6:30am on Friday 28 June at the Whare. Please RSVP to [office@taikura.school.nz](mailto:office@taikura.school.nz) by 3:00pm on Monday 24 June at the latest, with the number and names of your whanau who would like to attend (we need a clear number for catering purposes).

Nā mātou noa,  
nā Te Komiti Waharoa.



### Mark Your Calendar

June 20	6:00 pm	Lower School Lantern Festival
June 24	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Meeting Room
June 28	Before School	Books Dropped Before School Outside Class 1
June 29	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Steiner 100 Community Planting Day
July 3	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Kereru and Taikura Kindergaten Lantern Festival
July 3/4	7:00 pm	Class 12 Play - "Under Milkwood" - Hall
July 20	2:00 pm	Class 4 Fundraiser "The Lion King" - Focal Point Hastings
July 23	7:00 pm	Class 9 Paent Evening - EA Room 7
July 24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 10 Parent Evening
July 24	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 8 Parent Evening
July 29	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Meeting Room Main Office
July 30	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 1 Parent Evening - TH 2 IT Room

# SCHOOL NOTICES



## He pito kōrero!

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

### *Matariki*

This year 2019 Matariki rises in the east on June 25 and is read on the Tangaroa nights of the Kahungunu Maramataka, 25 – 28 June. The celebration period is 25 June – 2 July. July 3 is Whiro (New Moon) and is the first night of the Māori New Year. There are many stories about Matariki and this is one of them.

I te timatanga – in the beginning, there was only darkness, nothing but night. And in the darkness, two beings – Ariki – lay together.

They were **Ranginui**, the father, and **Papatūānuku**, the mother. They had many children, and for a time all was peaceful. But the children started to grow. They became restless and fidgety. Two of the youngest brothers, **Mokohuruhuru** and **Uepoto** went exploring one day to the edges of the space between their parents. It was there that they saw a distant light, piercing the darkness through a gap in the embrace of Ranginui and Papatūānuku. Mokohuruhuru and Uepoto hurried back to share what they had seen, and wānanga between the brothers began.

Some of the brothers suggested separating their parents. Others disagreed and as they argued their space became more cramped and the children became more restless and frustrated. Attempts were made to create more space. Despite protest from some of the tamariki who were happy to remain between their parents, others felt trapped and took turns pushing and struggling. Rangi and Papa could feel this and became aware of what was happening – someone was pushing them apart!

Finally, it was **Tāne** who separated his parents with support from his brothers. Ranginui was sent upward to become Sky Father, and Papatūānuku downward to become Earth Mother. There was light – Te Ao Mārama. The children were free at last. Ranginui was so sad his tears fell as rain upon Papa, but someone else was sad too. **Tāwhirimātea**, Ariki of the winds, felt sad for his parents – he cried tears of lightning. In his pain and sadness he tore his eyes out, crushed them in his hands and threw them into the heavens. His eyes became the star cluster we call **Matariki – short for Ngā Mata o te Ariki Tawhirimatea, eyes of the God Tāwhirimātea.**

Nā Erena Tomoana.

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

Āe mārika! (Eye mar dee car)

Yes indeed/for sure!

Rangi: E hoa, did you get your Learner's licence?

Hemi: Āe marika!

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



## NZ Music Commission Mentor Visit

Earlier in term two we were given the opportunity to have a specialist mentor visit Taikura. Tipene is from the Hawkes Bay, now based in Auckland and has worked with artists such as Maisey Rika, Troy Kingi, The Wailers, Bone Thugs N Harmony, Fiji, J Boog and Joe Walsh (The Eagles). Tipene showed students the art of song writing, matching syllables in words to create powerful lyrics. He also gave insights into production techniques using the latest professional software Logic Pro X, to give students the skills to produce industry quality recordings.



**Itinerant instrument lessons** are available during the school day. Instruments include violin, viola, cello, flute, drums, piano, guitar and ukulele if you would like further details please contact: [thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz](mailto:thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz)  
**Lower school orchestra and high school orchestra** are up and running weekly. If your child would like to join, please get in touch in person or through [thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz](mailto:thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz)

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Mid Winter Festival Organisation

### Thursday 20 June 2019 Lower School and High School

Thursday 20 June the day before the Solstice The High School Festival for winter will take place during the day. It is celebrated in the hall with a world map, candles, a talk and thoughts of a global nature. Class Seven joins the High school rather than the Lower School for this festival.

The Lower School Lantern Festival starts at 6:00 pm that night.

Classes one to six children are to be dropped to their class and parents make their way to the big field outside the gym. (Inside the gym if it is wet.) You will be directed to make a large circle around a spiral on the ground and there you will await the classes. Following a bell at 6:15 pm the children will come from their rooms, lanterns lit, and walk to the field.

We will start with a community song (see below - bring on the night). During this evening Classes one - three will walk the spiral and we will hear songs or music from Classes four, five and six.

When the evening is complete we encourage families to make their way carefully and quietly back to cars and home, saving the magic of the light and sound and spiral, to talk about over hot chocolate and a biscuit in the warmth of home!

6:00 pm Students to Classes - Parents to field:

6:15 pm Classes make their way onto the field:

For your own comfort we ask that you don't be tempted to drop students earlier than the 6:00 pm arrival time to classes. The ground is cold and you will become unnecessarily cold if standing for an extended period of time waiting on the field for the festivities to start. If wet, we will have the spiral in the gym.

## Festival Songs

*Rise up oh flame, by thy light glowing.  
Show to us beauty, vision and joy.*

*When days are darkest the Earth enshrines the seed of Summer's birth  
The Spirit of God is a light shines, deep in the darkness of Earth.*

*All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light;  
Keep me, oh keep me, King of Kings, beneath Thine Own Almighty wings.*

## Wet Weather Plan

6:00 pm Students to classes  
Parents to gym.

6:15 pm Students make their way to the gym.

At the conclusion of the festival students return to their classes with their teacher. We ask that parents collect their children from their respective classrooms as quickly and as quietly as possible.

## Achievement Acknowledgement

Isaac Cox was part of a string quartet competing in the final of the Hawkes Bay District round of the NZCT Chamber Music Contest held at Municipal Theatre on Friday 6 June 2019. The group, which also comprised students from Napier Boys High School and Taradale High School, achieved a runner up position and were highly commended. They performed a work by New Zealand Composer Anthony Ritchie, Transylvanian Dances.

## Class 4 Fundraiser

**Save The Date: Saturday 20 July at 2:00 pm**

Class 4 brings you the new **LION KING** movie as a most epic fundraising event! One of the biggest movies of 2019. Each ticket comes with free food and drink. Details on how to get your tickets to follow....pop it in your diaries now! Hosted by Focal Point Hastings.





# SCHOOL NOTICES



## TAKANGA O TE RĀ WINTER SOLSTICE & MATARIKI

Mon-Fri 24-28 June 2019

Ātea a Rangi - Star Compass, Waitangi Regional Park, Awatoto

Based at the Ātea a Rangi car park area in a large heated Marquee, the daily programmes will be based around the following schedule:

### **PUBLIC EVENT - Early morning 5:45am Daily:**

- o Sighting Matariki and other whetū, planets and sunrise
- o Kōrero about the winter solstice, Matariki and the sun's movements
- o Outside at the Ātea a Rangi (dress appropriately)
- o If poor weather kōrero will be inside the heated marquee with a portable Planetarium



### **School Days: Confirmed Primary Schools Only**

Educational programmes for primary schools,

- o Ātea a Rangi, whetū & Matariki kōrero
- o Waitangi Estuary visit and planting natives
- o Traditional Māori games
- o Aquarium waste aware & Parakore-zero waste

### **PUBLIC EVENT - Tues 25 June 6-8pm**

#### **Whānau night: Gold coin koha entry & \$5 kai**

- o Entertainment for the whānau
- o Story telling for the kids on 'First Encounters' of voyaging waka and Māori / European first contact
- o Kōrero about the whetū & Matariki
- o Viewing the stars from the Ātea a Rangi (if fine)
- o Traditional healthy kai for the whānau



# Steiner 100 Community Planting Day

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Taikura community, you are invited to join Forest and Bird and the Hawke's Bay Regional Council to support our environment for the future

**Where:** Waitangi Regional Park, off State Hwy 2, Awatoto/Clive

**When:** Saturday 29 June 9am-12pm

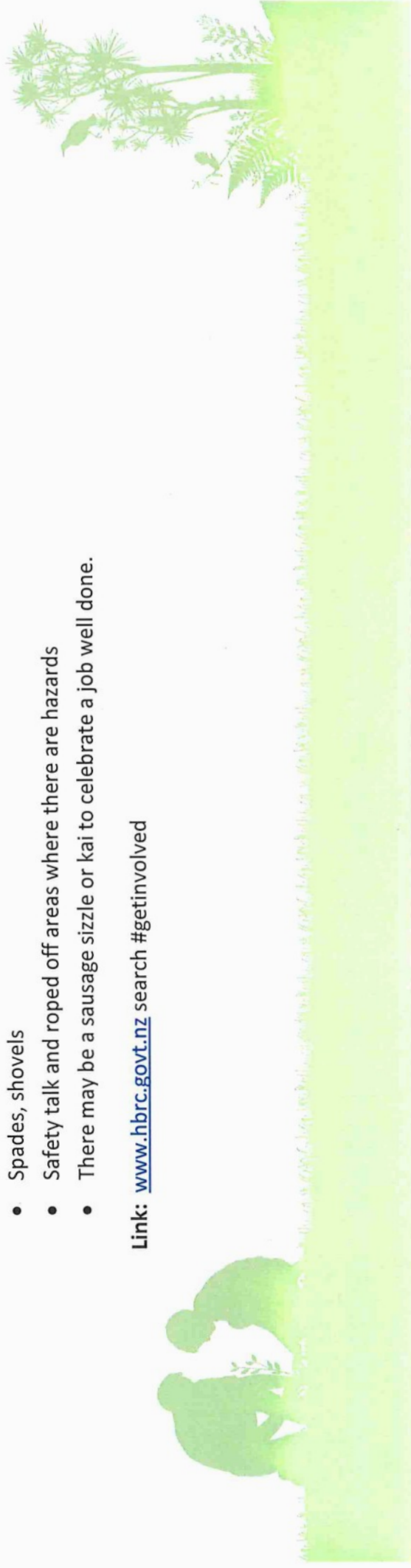
## **What to bring:**

- Sturdy boots, shoes or gumboots as it can be muddy or slippery
- Warm clothing, including jacket, woollen jersey as you are outdoors, raincoat, sunscreen
- Work/garden gloves
- Bottle of water is essential, perhaps snacks to keep you going

## **What is provided:**

- Plants, fertilisers and usually pre-dug holes
- Spades, shovels
- Safety talk and roped off areas where there are hazards
- There may be a sausage sizzle or kai to celebrate a job well done.

**Link:** [www.hbrc.govt.nz](http://www.hbrc.govt.nz) search #getinvolved





# WINTER LECTURE SERIES

31 JULY 2019 YEAR THEMES AND CURRICULA

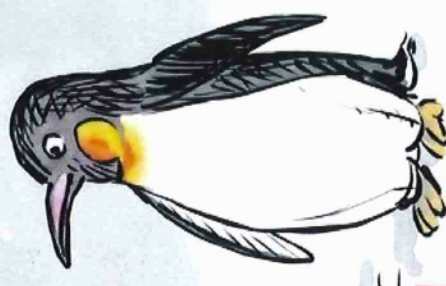
21 AUGUST 2019 GUEST SPEAKER CONSTANZA KALICS

4 SEPTEMBER 2019 THE ARTS IN A STEINER SCHOOL

7PM

IN THE TAIKURA  
SCHOOL HALL

ALL PARENTS,  
TEACHERS AND  
CAREGIVERS  
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# SCHOOL NOTICES



PO Box 11716 Manners Street, Wellington, 6142  
Aotearoa New Zealand

Steiner Education Aotearoa New Zealand (SEANZ) is advertising the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to provide strategic leadership and management direction to our organisation and to represent the diverse interests of our members.

Over the past year and a half our CEO has been appointed to a fixed term position to investigate all the angles that the job entails. We would like to make this position permanent, hence this notice.

Steiner Education Aotearoa New Zealand was formed over 30 years ago (as The Federation of Steiner Schools) and represents the interests of Steiner Waldorf education in Aotearoa New Zealand. Our mission is to strengthen, represent, grow and promote the work of Steiner Waldorf education in Aotearoa New Zealand. We currently have 11 schools with kindergartens, with eight of them integrated schools, and 12 stand-alone kindergartens across the country.

Key performance indicators in this role include:

1. Build the organisational capability, systems and culture to achieve the mission of SEANZ.
2. To establish and maintain long-term relationships with all members; government and their agencies; other educational providers; potential philanthropic, corporate and individual funders; media sources; and the public-at-large.
3. To work strategically with other educational providers and groups to influence educational policy in Aotearoa New Zealand.
4. To ensure the viability and long term sustainability of the organisation according to strategic directions, plans and budget.
5. Effectively represent the organisation, growing the public understanding and reputation of SEANZ.
6. Support our pedagogical divisions, The Fellowship and the Waekura Group to grow the depth and breadth of our educational practice in the environment of Aotearoa New Zealand.
7. To understand and respond to the changing environment in which SEANZ operates.
8. To ensure that SEANZ operates with best practice policies and procedures.

The position is .7 FTE and we are flexible about where the CEO is located in New Zealand.

Our ideal candidate will have:

Personal, philosophical and business ethics that are compatible with the mission and values of SEANZ.

Experience working with central, local or regional government sector groups.

The ability to apply visionary thinking to education, commercial opportunities, fund raising, and organisational development.

The ability to apply best business and leadership practices to the management of the organization.

A sound understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi and application of its principles, particularly in the context of education in Aotearoa.

The ability to make sound business judgments, convert concepts to action, and apply rigorous analytical abilities and creative problem solving skills.

The ability to effectively represent the organization in face-to-face and other dealings with the media, government officials at all levels, corporate groups and various funding agencies and organisations.

The ideal candidate will:

- o Have excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- o Be able to work independently from a home-based office.
- o Be flexible in working hours and prepared to travel in their work.
- o Have an understanding of integrated schools in Aotearoa as well as experience and a thorough understanding of Waldorf Educational teaching, classroom and management principles.
- o Have previous experience as Principal in New Zealand or Australia and knows the organisation from the inside out.

To apply for this role, please send a Cover Letter and CV addressed to:

The Chair, Steiner Education Aotearoa New Zealand: [angelika.frank.alexander@gmail.com](mailto:angelika.frank.alexander@gmail.com)

by 20 July, 2019.

All applications will be acknowledged by email.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Parent Election Results

### Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Parent Results

#### Parent representative's votes:

Name:	Votes:
John Bartley	60
Melissa Brignall- Theyer	74
Veronica Chalmers	50
Stephen Diedericks	41
Jason Reidpath	56
Erin Simpson	62
Scott Wynands	64
Catherine Taylor	7
Invalid Votes	1

#### I hereby declare the following duly elected:

John Bartley  
Melissa Brignall-Theyer  
Jason Reidpath  
Erin Simpson  
Scott Wynands

## Family News From Your PFA

We are excited to share with you some of the great progress that is happening within the school to support our teaching staff and community.

#### Parent Party:

We are in the midst of organising a spectacular shin-dig specifically for adults of the Taikura community to come together and socialise without the pressures of parenting or fundraising! A low cost evening of music, laughter, sociability and connection.

Any suggestions and offers of help are gratefully received. Email Jess, [jessicaclark07@hotmail.com](mailto:jessicaclark07@hotmail.com)

#### Playground Tikanga and Support:

With recent issues regarding the use of the school playgrounds by preschool age children, it has been identified that the community would like to have more knowledge around the tikanga of our school and its environs. From small concerns like children wearing hats and shoes, to much larger ones such as the importance of holding a space sacred for each individual child's school journey, the parent body needs a gentle sharing of philosophy so the special character of the school can be held by all. To this end, a team of parents will be holding a physical, intellectual and spiritual space where parents can absorb this character.

Any suggestions and offers of help are gratefully received. Email Ruth [contactthespace@gmail.com](mailto:contactthespace@gmail.com)

#### Ko t tou tamariki (Each child is the responsibility of us all)

Our children are held by whanau who in turn are held by the wider school community - a community that is willingly and actively engaged with the school.

With this vision in mind the PFA would like to hear from all who are keen to create a vibrant helping community around our beautiful teaching staff and tamariki. If you have something to contribute in the above activities please e-mail the organiser. Or if you have something you would like to put forward as a possible project let any of us in the PFA know.

Kia Kaha



## Book Week at Taikura

Our Book Week this year has been inspired by the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflod 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!



**What:** Book Week at Taikura.

**When:** All through the last week of term.

**Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July 2019.**

**Who:** All whānau. Lovers of stories, reading and beautiful books.

**Where:** Taikura Library and surrounding spots.

Every storytime during the week of Book Week will have a moment of magic. The love of books and storytelling will be celebrated all week, with the flood happening on the last Friday of term – the eve of our holidays. On this night we encourage the gift of a book to your child and a cozy night at home for all enjoying stories.

We are encouraging a celebration of:

- Pre-loved books
- Swapping books – *check out the timetable for the buy, sell and swap book trade.*
- Visiting your local library
- Sharing a childhood story book with your child

We invite you to participate in the various activities planned to celebrate our love of stories books and reading.

*Below is a timetable of some of the activities planned – however watch this space for updates.*

## Book Week Timetable

Friday 28 June	Monday 1 July	Tuesday 2 July	Wednesday 3 July	Thursday 4 July
Bring in your unwanted books and receive tokens to buy more books at our pre-loved book sale on Monday!	Pre-loved book sale - use your tokens or bring some spare change.	<p><b>Come to the Stories by Starlight</b></p> <p>6pm Library and library garden</p> <p><i>R.S.V.P for catering purposes.</i></p>	Wardini Books will have a fantastic selection of books for sale - come and browse - from 8.30-10.30am in the school library, and again from 2.00-3.00pm.	Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character! Class 1 - 7

## Stories By Starlight!

All whānau welcome



**RSVP - Book Week 2019**

We would love to come to

**Stories by Starlight**

at the school library

Storytime and Book Fair

on Tuesday 2 July at 6pm.

Bring a mug for a chocolate treat.

Stories for children and book browsing and sales for parents.

*Return slip to either the library or school office.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people coming: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include ages of children.





# A Night of Music


from Taikura High School Students

Thursday 1st August, 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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# 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

## Kindergarten Te Reo Tutor

We are looking for a Te Reo Tutor to work in our two Kindergartens. This position is for two hours per week (one hour in each Kindergarten), term time only. The position requires a willingness and ability to take part in the "Special Character" of the Taikura Rudolf Steiner School and shall be a condition of appointment, as provided in the school's Integration Agreement and section 65 of the Private Schools Conditional Integration Act 1975. If you would like to discuss this position further, please contact Corrie Levick email: [corrie.levick@taikura.school.nz](mailto:corrie.levick@taikura.school.nz) or 0273680242

## Anthroposophic Nursing

Taruna college with the endorsement of the Anthroposophic Nurses Association in NZ offers the Foundation course in Anthroposophic Nursing. The initial three day workshop begins the learning pathway introducing principles of integrative nursing practice. 2 - 4 August 2019. This is ideal for nurses or other health professionals. For more information please see our website: <http://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/anthroposophic-nursing/> email [info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz) or call 8777174

## Art Therapy Is Also For Adults

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

## Introduction To Reflexology

A two-day introduction to foot reflexology. In this 12 hour class you will learn reflexology relaxation techniques, the thumb-walking technique and a relaxation sequence and to apply these techniques to the feet in a one-hour session. You will confidently be able to treat your friends and family to a relaxing foot treatment, helping to bring their body into balance, with the skills you will learn in this class.

Saturday 29 / Sunday 30 June 9:30 to 4:30 pm Cost \$250 Facilitator: Jenny Allan

Venue: The Lotus Centre, Hastings Please contact Jenny on 0275 761 716 or email [jenny@thelotuscentre.nz](mailto:jenny@thelotuscentre.nz) to book.



## Spirit Of The Word

July Course: the Early Bird deadline has been extended until 20 June.

Sorry, we missed last week's Grapevine for a notice... Please see the poster on the notice board; web site: [www.spiritofthewordschool.wordpress.com](http://www.spiritofthewordschool.wordpress.com) Phone: Astrid 06 857 7113

## 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.

