



# The Grapevine

## Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



27 June 2019

### Universal Fabric

My middle child is in the class with the most Steiner School students as Steiner School parents at Taikura. Looking around the circle at meetings I think half of us went to a Steiner school! It makes for lively meetings I can tell you!

A surprising personal side effect is discovering the similarities in our very individual experiences of school. The parent who went to a Steiner School in Norway and the mum who went to the school here in Hastings and me, who went to the Auckland School can all remember the same moments in terms of significant happenings, main lessons, exercises and projects. It brings a wonderful collegiality to our friendships and shared knowledge of what our children are now experiencing.

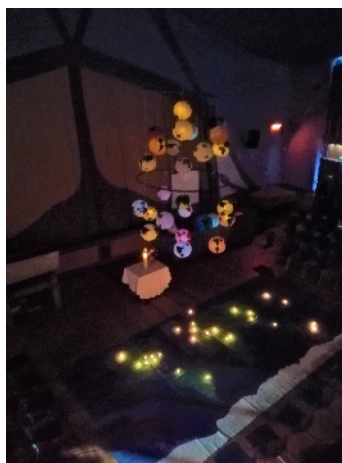
That universality within such a personal journey as education works across the schools but also through time. My children have knitted specific items at the same age that I did, they have undertaken in depth plant study at the age I did, fallen in love with Loki, become entangled in the whakapapa of Greek Gods, sung in rounds, played the chimes, pondered projective geometry, tackled Shakespeare, built tiny dwellings out of mud and sticks. There's a 30 plus year gap but the threads across our experiences give us a shared fabric that has helped form us.

With the help of social media I now follow the journeys of Steiner Schools around the world. I've never been to some of these places but the parallels make me feel like part of a bigger universe. I particularly enjoy seeing what's happening at the Philadelphia School, so steadfast and assured, vibrant, optimistic and proud. Closer to home, the Motueka School is inspiring with its pioneering spirit.

There are people too who I have a ridiculous affinity with because they have a direct link to a Steiner School. Jennifer Aniston went to one in New York and I feel we could talk for hours! Tilda Swinton's kids go to one in Scotland and that pretty much makes us best buds!

Day to day our School can feel like an intimate, cosy country school but for the rest of our children's lives they will be intrinsically connected to a wider community of people who share an experience of themselves and their world they can pin directly to their Steiner education. There's a security and a warmth in that that's priceless in our busy, big world.

Jess Soutar Barron



Lanterns from the High School Mid Winter Festival

### Mark Your Calendar

July 2	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	French Conversation Group - Library
July 2	6:00 pm	Stories By Starlight
July 3/4	7:00 pm	Class 12 Play - "Under Milkwood" - Hall
July 3	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Kereru Kindergarten Lantern Festival
July 4	8:30 am - 10:30 am	Dress Up Parade - Favourite Book Character
July 20	2:00 pm	Class 4 Fundraiser "The Lion King" - Focal Point Hastings
July 23	7:00 pm	Class 9 Parent 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

# SCHOOL NOTICES



## He pito kōrero!

### Matariki

Our tipuna named the stars of Matariki and each one holds a special message for the year ahead. **Matariki**, the brightest of all in the star cluster, watches over all the stars and is connected to the health and wellbeing of people. **Waitī** mean fresh water, and **Waitā** is salt water. They represent the creatures you find in rivers, lakes and oceans, like fish, tuna and other foods of the sea. **Tupuānuku** is connected to all the foods that grow in the earth, and **Tupuārangi** to the fruit, berries and birds in the trees. **Waipunārangi** means water that pools in the sky, and our tipuna looked to her for signs about the weather, and rainfall for the coming year. They would talk to **Ururangi** about the wind. The oldest kuia whetū, **Pōhutukawa** offers guidance to the spirits of our loved ones who have passed away and carries them across the night sky to be returned to the heavens as stars. Finally te pēpi, **Hiwa-i-te-Rangi**, is the star you wish upon. In the time of our ancestors when Matariki first rose on the correct night, our tipuna would dig a trench in the garden and those with wishes in their heart would stand in the trench, have soil packed around their feet and plant their wishes in the soil. Tohunga would recite the following karakia:

Ko Tawhito-uru-ngangana,  
Ko Hiwanui, ko Hiwaroa,  
ko Hiwapukenga, ko Hiwawananga, ko Hiwa i te rangi  
Takataka te kahui o te rangi,  
Ko iā Pou, tō putanga,  
ki te whai ao, ki te ao marama!

Hiwa! Great Hiwa, Wonderful Hiwa, Hiwa the star  
Come down from the stars in the heaven and plant my wishes in the soil,  
make them grow and make them come true. (Nā Rangi Matamua te whakamārama nei).

Matariki is present for most of the year but disappears from the night sky in early winter. When the stars appear again mid-winter and the new moon has risen, it is the beginning of the Māori New Year. The old stories tell us that when the stars shine brightly the year will be warm and good for kai. The weather will be kind and there will be plenty of fish and berries to gather and plants will grow tall and strong.

We can celebrate Matariki in many ways. It is a time for learning about our Atua, our tangible (the land, waterways, natural resources) and intangible tāonga (te reo me ōna tikanga, whakapapa, stories and history) and how to protect and practice these in our daily lives. It is a time for hearing stories of the old days and about how people used the stars in the past. It is a time to plant trees and winter crops, to fish and gather kaimoana. It is a time for creating, and a time to make plans for the coming year. It is a time to remember our loved ones passed and to spend time with whānau and friends. It is a time for sharing kai together.

*Information drawn and/or directly quoted from the following sources:*

*Dr Rangi Matamua, Lecture at EIT Hawkes Bay July 2016 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7eLlgfshFs>*

*The Eyes of the Ariki – a story 'inspired' by Pou Temara, produced & directed by A Tibble*

*[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=71&v=DtyPIZQiERI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=71&v=DtyPIZQiERI)*

*Scotty Morrison – Matariki 2018 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03ncuLpLC50>*

Nā Erena Tomoana.

**Kīwaha o te wiki ...phrase of the week!**  
Meinga, meinga! (May ngah, may ngah)  
Awesome!

Hemi: My sister rang me last night, I haven't heard from her in ages!

Rangi: Meinga, meinga e hoa!

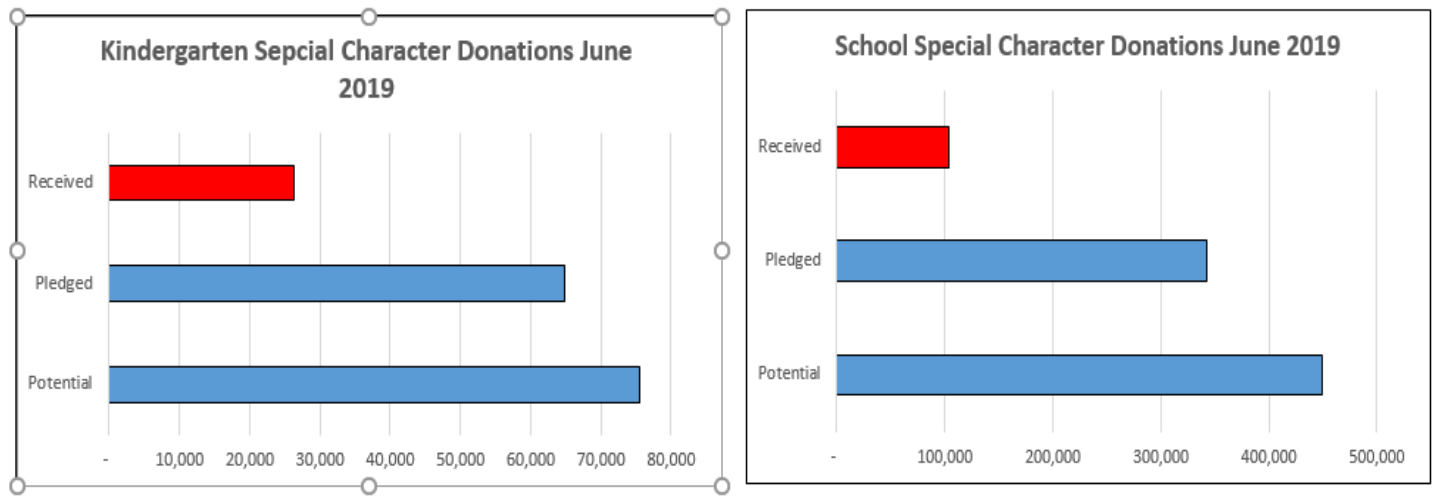
*He pito kōrero is a space dedicated to celebrating and promoting Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori*



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Finance Update

Below is an update of our donations for both Kindergarten and School Special Character Donations. For donations received, we are tracking at 33% of potential for kindergartens and 23% of potential for school. We would expect kindergarten donations to be higher for this point of the year, however for school donations, this should pick up over the next few months as some families are paying attendance dues first.



I will be contacting those families who are below the mid year payment level for attendance dues in the next few weeks. The amount for attendance dues that should be paid by the end of term 2 is 50% of the total which is \$511.75 per child. Please check your monthly statements to ensure your attendance dues is being paid at the correct amount to meet the term deadlines.

## Careers

### University Scholarships for Class 12 Students

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2020. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list. Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

The scholarship page is free to use and always will be. Unlike GiveMe, students can access the information at home and on their mobiles etc. They have published a number of tips for application success as well, designed to make the application process less stressful for students.

**We want to make Class 12 students aware that many high-value scholarships will close in July and August.** Money Hubs Scholarship guide was updated this morning with the latest offerings, dates and guidance. There are listed hundreds of opportunities available to any Class 12 student planning to attend university in New Zealand in 2020.

Lesley Cox  
Careers/Gateway/STAR Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

## Family News From Your PFA

### School Picnic At Waitangi Reserve

Lets gather at the Waitangi Reserve Tree planting event this Saturday 29 June as part of Waldorf 100 and picnic together or share a hot cuppa. In light of honouring our children's education and the land upon which they learn, planting a tree is a powerful gesture.

Ruth, Jess and Linda from the PFA will be down there from 9:00 am, so even if you are passing by Waitangi Reserve between sports games, come down and get your hands dirty.

## Biscuit Containers From Lantern Festival

Thank you for all the amazing biscuits for the Lantern Festival. We have numerous containers still to be collected in the office. Please come and collect yours as soon as possible.

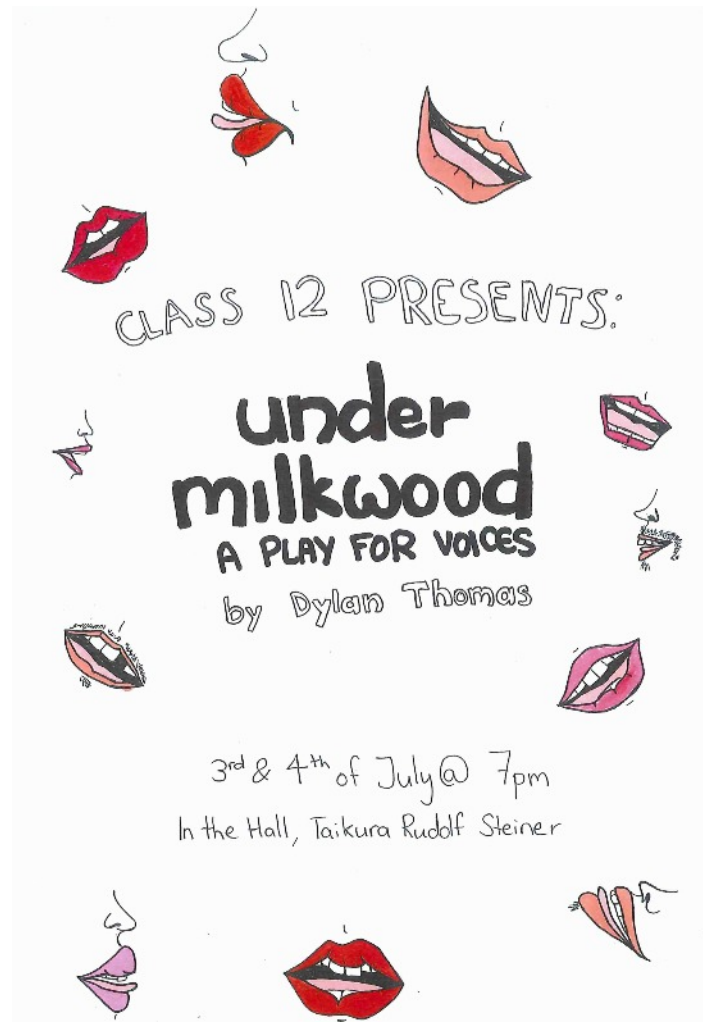
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## Come see Class 12's Play

### *Under Milkwood*

Come watch our drama filled comedy with characters alive and dead. You will see a day, and a night, in the life of a small, damned, seaside town from the 1950's. Watch as the characters dream of their lovers to be and their lovers lost. You're sure to laugh your socks off and have the time of your life. The play is a must-see, written by Dylan Thomas originally as a radio show, this rendition done by Class 12 will leave you in tears of laughter, with a smile on your face. Don't forget to bring a gold coin, or a couple, as there is a koha at the door and Class 10 will have a café open at interval fundraising for their camps.

**Play starts at 7:00pm on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July. Come early to get a seat because it will be filling up fast.**



## Proprietors Trust Update For Grapevine

Our meeting was held on Monday 17 June, and one area we discussed was moving forward in the best way for our Kindergartens. As the legal owner the Proprietors Trust has a responsibility to ensure the Kindergartens are financially sustainable and meet the needs of children and their whānau. The Kindergarten working group, comprising of Pippa Caccioppoli, Corrie Levick, Erika Potter, Aimee Hawke and Selena Crouch, is assigned with this task. Both Kereru and Taikura Kindergartens recently received positive ERO reports. Currently the most pressing issue is working together around the challenges of six year olds in our Kindergartens. Our six year olds sit on the School roll, but attend Kindergarten. School and Kindergarten are governed by different bodies but share common goals and personnel. How do we find a way forward that is financially viable and meets the aims of our Special Character? The School and the Kindergartens are communicating with the awareness that improvements are needed. It is important for the Board of Trustees and the Proprietors Trust to work together to understand the challenges and benefits for both parties. Proposals have been made and there will be an opportunity for consultation with the community at a meeting to be held on Wednesday 24 July. Further details will follow.

Suzan Bart  
Proprietors Trust Secretary



# Book Week at Taikura

## REMINDERS

Friday 28 June - bring in your pre-loved books (limit of three) and get your book tokens which can be swapped for pre-loved books at our Book Exchange on Monday!

Monday 1 July -bring in your book tokens and/or spare change to spend at the Book Exchange

Remember to RSVP to Stories by Starlight!!

Start thinking about what you might wear on Thursday 4 July for Dress Up Day!



**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.

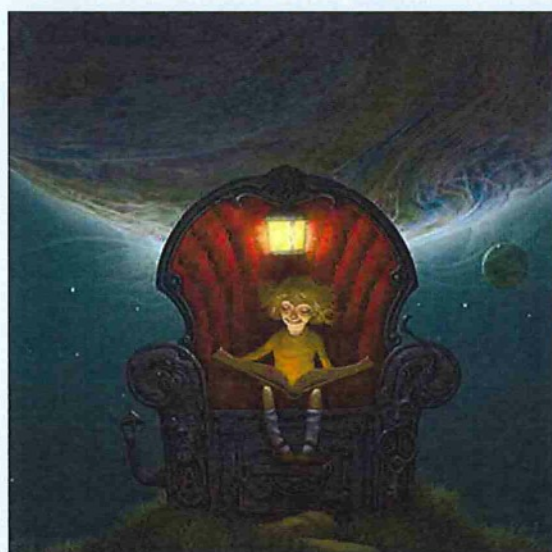
We are encouraging a celebration of:

- 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

## 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.	<b>Come to the Stories by Starlight</b>  6pm Library and library garden  <i>R.S.V.P for catering purposes.</i>	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!



Stories for children and book browsing  
and sales for parents.

**Bring a mug for a chocolate treat!**

We would love to come to  
Stories by Starlight and Book Fair  
at the school library  
on Tuesday 2 July at 6pm.

**Please cut this out and send it back to  
the office or the library**

#### RSVP - STORIES BY STARLIGHT

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

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

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

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

Please include ages of children.



# 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

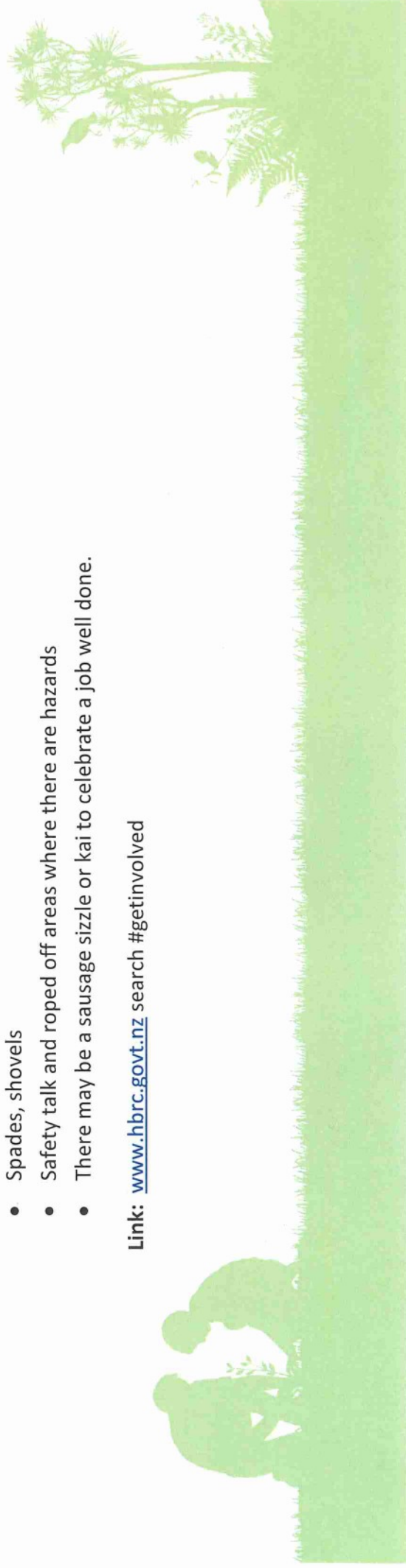
## What to bring:

- 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





# The Lion King 2019

Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm

@Events Cinema Havelock North

Tickets just \$20

Each ticket comes with a  
bag of popcorn & a cold drink

Disney  
THE  
LION KING

To purchase tickets ph or text Linda (0212624092) or Tineka  
(0277255942)

Or email [taikurafunkidsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafunkidsfundraising@gmail.com)

Taikura RS School Hastings – Class 4 – will be screening the new LION KING movie as a fundraiser for class camp. Please support our class by seeing this movie with us on July 20<sup>th</sup> and by sharing this opportunity with your family & friends - Thank You ☺





# 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

## Kia Ora Whanau

I am looking for a qualified draughtsman who is up to date with current building codes as well as a geotechnical engineer. They need to be good at what they do and fairly priced. Is there someone in our school community perhaps? Or someone who comes recommended? Grateful for any advice. Please call: Iris 0277737246 or 8734035

## 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 how 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 and Sunday 30 June 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Cost \$250.00 Venue: The Lotus Centre, Hastings**

Facilitator: Jenny Allan Please contact Jenny on 0275 761 716 or email [jenny@thelotuscentre.nz](mailto:jenny@thelotuscentre.nz) to book

## Holiday Programme

Needle Felting Class for Children. Would you like your child to explore the beautiful Art of Needle Felting?

I am doing another Needle Felting class in the holidays and I am wondering if there are more children in the community who would like to learn this beautiful craft. Phone Sabine on 8751905 or 0274928444 for more details.

## H3 Care Group Sewing Bee

We are sewing compresses for the Weleda Pharmacy shop and our school nurses. Want to join in?

All you need to know is how to use scissors OR a sewing machine.

**Thursday 18 July** (second week of holidays, call Nicole on 021 082 33 243 or Catherine 022 363 12 59

## Woollen Blankets

For our Sewing Bee we are looking for woollen blankets and flannelette sheets. Any spare ones to donate?

Please call Nicole on 021 082 33 243

## 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



## Art for Beginners

**Wednesdays 9am - 10.30am**

**31 July - 25 September**

**Taruna College**

**\$180 includes materials and refreshments**

## Do You Require A House Sitter

Wanted: house-sitting opportunity – we are available to look after someone's house as from July or August onwards until November. Astrid and Julian, Tel: 06 857 7113.