



## The Grapevine

### Pippa's Panui

4 July 2019

Last week Erena Tomoana shared a korero with our College of Teachers about Matariki and the local Maramataka (Māori lunar calendar) and the links between the two, based on research she is undertaking. During her korero she reminded us of the annual rhythms which are so closely connected to the physical world and all who live within it as well as the power that the moon has to pull oceans in and out. This term at Taikura there has been a constant ebb and flow of energy, activities and people, and each has the power to produce ripples and waves within our community.

At our Community evening early in the term a request was made for Board of Trustees nominees and we were blessed with a wonderful list of dedicated parents willing to put themselves forward for this role, both those who came with prior experience and those stepping forward for the first time. As a part of this process we also give our heartfelt thanks to Jessica Souter Barron for the time and energy she has given during her time on the board and like others before her she is continuing to support the school in numerous ways moving forward. We also acknowledge the contribution that Brendan Hamilton-Gibbs has given this group in his role as Staff Representative over the last few years and we are fortunate that this baton has been handed to Darryn Breakwell.

Community involvement this term has been extensive, supporting our Community Evening, braving a stormy night to come to our High School Information Evening, creating beautiful spaces for our Whitsun Festival, and holding a beautiful space at our Lower School Lantern Festival and Stories by Starlight. Last Friday morning the contributions of our students and Nathan Foote were recognised at the dawn blessing of our Waharoa. This was a project which had begun last year and it was wonderful to see it carried through, completed and acknowledged in this way by our community.

The ebb and flow continues as last week we were very excited to welcome back Nives Frigerio, our Eurythmy teacher who has been on leave with her family in Italy. While her welcome from the school has been very warm the winter frosts have been an unwelcome surprise. Someone who worked with Nives in the past was Mirjam Stevens. Miriam passed away earlier this term, she was a parent, grandparent, teacher and music accompanist with a long standing connection to our school and community. Her consistent interest and active involvement in the life of the school and the students is to be admired and she will be deeply missed.

Movement within the student body has also been a feature this term. Our exchange students are beginning to make their way home and while we have a couple of our students already on exchange a couple more are making final preparations to begin theirs. The contributions from our visiting international students are always significant, as are the experiences which our students have in participating in the programme. This term we have also had a number of our graduates returning, some to take part and observe the Winter Festivals, one to share their experiences from university and some to watch the Class 12 Play. As Jess reflected in our Grapevine last week, this ongoing connection with past pupils extends out to our staff and parent community as well.

As a school and community we are strengthened by these connections and the interest, energy and commitment of all involved and it is heartening to pause and look at the many little ripples and growing positive waves which are forming as a result.

Wishing you all a warm and restful holiday.

Pippa Caccioppoli

### Mark Your Calendar

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
July 30	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 1 Parent Evening - TH 2 IT Room
July 30	6:00 pm	Class 11 Parent Evening
July 31	7:00 pm	Special Character Talk For The Community
August 1	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Evening Of Music

# SCHOOL NOTICES



## He pito kōrero!

Kia ora e te whānau whānui o Taikura. Just wanting to wish everyone a restful and whānau filled holiday. We want to acknowledge all those people who contributed to 'He pito kōrero', it is always good to have other people's voices as part of this kaupapa - ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou. A tērā wāhanga – until next term!

### *Ngā Kīwaha o te wāhanga nei – Kīwaha for this term*

- Kei te pērā tonu (kay teh peh da tor nuu) = Just the same/Same old
- E rua, e rua (eh dua, eh dua) = *Same as me (referring to people or situation)*
- E tama! (Eh tar mar) = *Oh boy/Oh gosh!*
- Ki te ua, ka mākū koe. = *If it rains, you'll get wet.*
- Kāore e kore! (Ka or de eh cor deh) = *Without a doubt!*
- Nōku te whiwhi (Nor coo teh fee fee) = *I am grateful/fortunate!*
- Āe mārika! (Eye mar dee car) = *Yes indeed/for sure!*
- Meinga, meinga! (May ngah, may ngah) = *Awesome!*

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



## Mirjam Stevens

Mirjam Stevens was born 1 May 1937 in Luzern, Switzerland, near a lake and surrounded by mountains. Her father worked for the postal service and her mother was house proud. Both her parents were anthroposophists, vegetarians and Protestant in a Catholic community. So life was not always easy and Mirjam had an early sense and interest in matters of life outside of what would have been considered "the norm", even within her own family. This eventuated when Mirjam left home for England, having trained and worked as a primary school teacher for seven years. In England, Mirjam worked in an anthroposophical home for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. There she met her future husband John Stevens. After their wedding John trained as a Waldorf teacher. Later, with their first child, they boarded the five pound Oriana for New Zealand. This was in response to a teaching vacancy at Queenswood (now Taikura).



After Mirjam and John's third child was born, Mirjam taught French and German to classes 1-4. In 1981 when the fourth sibling was three years old, Mirjam began a new role as a Nursery "teacher". Mirjam remained at the Kindergarten teaching until shortly after John's passing in 1995. Mirjam stayed connected to the school community playing the piano for many Eurythmy lessons and performances. Just last year, feeling the need to stay connected to the community she was passionate about, Mirjam expressed an interest in visiting the Kindergarten as a Nanny. However, Mirjam was drawn to joining the Playgroup which she only managed to visit for a short while before Christmas 2018, when a significant health issue prevented her from driving. This last, short phase of Mirjam's life was filled with taking part in as many community events as she could find rides to. Mirjam passed away peacefully on 25 May 2019, surrounded by family. On behalf of Mirjam, we would like to thank all community friends and whanau for your support.

Christiana, Colm, Peter (Bevis), Heidi and Grandchildren

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## BoT Update

Our meeting was held last Monday 24 June. A big thank you to departing Trustee Jessica Soutar Barron for all the work she has done during her time on the Board. We welcomed Scott Wynands and Jason Reidpath as newly elected members, and introduced them to our systems and processes.

A question was raised around sponsorship of sports uniforms, and a decision was made that as a school we would not enter into commercial relationships with people or companies. It doesn't align with our values to use children to advertise, or with our dress code expectations. We do, of course, welcome donations towards uniforms and other such items, and these will be acknowledged personally. There has been some clarification regarding school camp funds, and policies will be amended to reflect the following: Where there is a surplus of camp funds of over \$50 per family, the funds will be reimbursed, where there is a deficit of up to \$50, families will be expected to cover this cost. All camp organisers work very hard to avoid this and to budget correctly, but at times these situations can occur, and it is important to have a process in place.

Jordan Wilkin is our High School student representative on the Board, he shared that at a recent student council meeting the subject of lateness was discussed. It has been an issue in the High School, and there has been a focus during this last term. There have been many detentions, both at lunch time and after school, but with the teachers ensuring their approach to the issue is consistent, and the students understanding the consequences, progress is being made.

The Education Review Office will be visiting our school in August, more details to follow.

A reminder that the BoT meeting minutes and reports are kept in the school office and are available for parents to read at anytime.

Suzan Bart - BoT Secretary

## Taikura Kindergarten Lantern Festival

Each year our students experience a Mid-Winter Festival and depending on their age and class level, how this is celebrated will vary.



A small glimpse of the intimate tableau created for **Emma's Kindy**, Willow Kindergarten Lantern Festival. Moving from the intimate Kindergarten Festival, to the Lower School Festival of Classes 1-6 is a threshold experience for Class One. It was wonderful for them to feel that they were part of the big school. To have the space held by their community as they walked the spiral, for many this was an act of courage.

It was lovely to have the community help hold this reverent space last Thursday evening.

With thanks Sue Hull Class One Teacher

## PFA News

Community Planting at Waitangi Reserve.

Thank you to all who came to Waitangi Reserve on Saturday. It was a wonderful day, all be it a very chilly start. What a great day to be a part of and a powerful feeling to think that some of these trees will be standing tall and strong in hundreds of years as will Steiner Education.



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Last Friday Market of the term - Friday 5th July

Class 4 will have lots of yummy savoury items available to purchase after school this Friday and you will also be able to reserve your seat at the 2019 LION KING Movie fundraiser - see below - See you there!

# The Lion King 2019

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

@Events Cinema Havelock North

Tickets just \$20

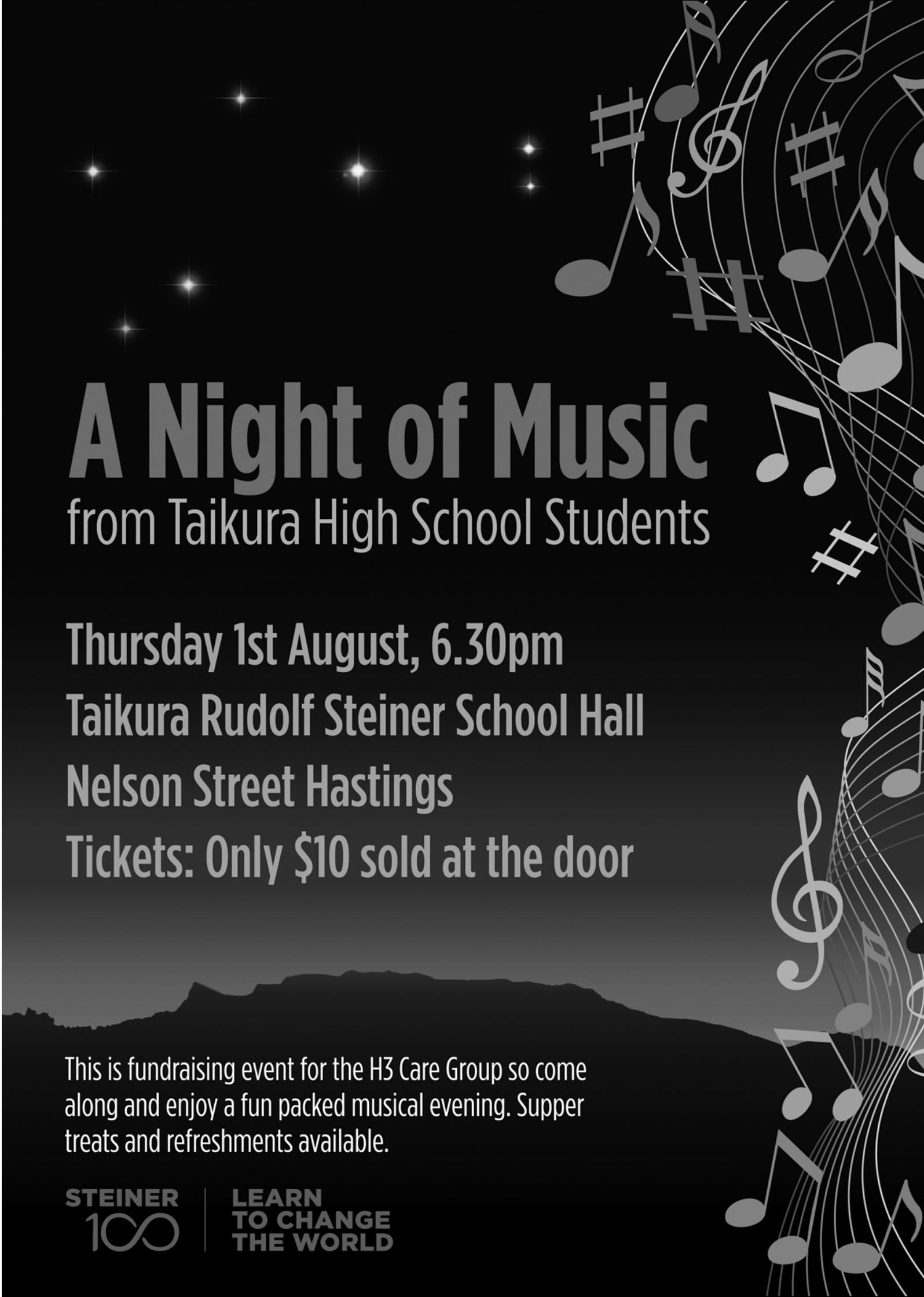
Each ticket comes with a  
bag of popcorn & a cold drink

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

## Workshop: The Power Of Good Communication

An experiential workshop that inspires participants to enjoy the many benefits that arise when they use helpful communication skills.

**Dates: Free Introduction** - Friday 2 August 7:00– 9:00 pm. **Workshop** Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 August at 9:00 am – 5:00 pm **Cost:** \$125.00, unwaged \$95.00, couples \$195.00 - Contact **Richard Aukett** (facilitator) richard\_a@xtra.co.nz or **Romilly Brickell** romillyjoy@gmail.com 021-055-3921. **Venue:** Rudolf Steiner Centre Cnr. Nelson St / Whitehead Rd, Hastings.

## Casual Kindergarten Relief Teachers and Kindergarten Assistants Needed

We are looking for casual Relief Kindergarten Teachers and Kindergarten Assistants for our two kindergartens. If you are interested please send your CV and a covering letter outlining your availability to Erika Potter (erika.potter@taikura.school.nz)

## Art for Beginners

Taruna College: Wednesdays 31 July - 25 September 9:00 am-10:30 am \$180 includes materials and drinks.

## 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.

## Two Public Talks

July Holiday Course - Rudolf Steiner Centre Hastings: (contact: A. Anderson 068577113/[starguide@xtra.co.nz](mailto:starguide@xtra.co.nz))

• Julian Pook – Sunday 7 July at 7:00 pm: 'The Mystery of the Will: in Cosmos, Human Being and Art'

• Marjorie Theyer – Wednesday 10 July at 7:00 pm: "The Mystery of the Will in the First Seven Years"

**Workshops** in the Spirit of the Word July Course, at the Rudolf Steiner Centre Hastings 7–19 July:(contact: A. Anderson 06 8577113 / [starguide@xtra.co.nz](mailto:starguide@xtra.co.nz))

• Mornings: Speech and Movement – educational fun and games and serious personal development – with Astrid Anderson and John Jackson

• Afternoons: Eurythmy – will dynamic in movement – with Renate Meyer-Hundorf; Clay Modelling – will moulding plasticity of form – with Sophie Lankovsky.

## Cape Kids July 2019 Holiday Programme

	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July
week one	Intro games Fun Day 	 Matariki Stars	POI Making 	Beach Day Volcanoes 	Clay Sculpturing 
week two	Beach Art 	Cooking 	Bees Wax Wraps 	Swimming Onekawa Pools 	Macramé Bracelets 



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Please come with warm clothes for outdoor play. Activities subject to change without notice.