



The Grapevine

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



8 August 2019

Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura, ngā mihi mahana o te wā ki a koutou katoa!

Despite it being only week three of term our kura has been a hive of activity already this term. This week has seen five parent evenings take place. Last week we had the most warm and inviting evening of music, a delicious supper was served and a variety of talent showcased. Thank you students, community and H3 for a wonderful evening. Approximately \$1700 was raised, these funds going directly to supporting growth in music, as well as the wellbeing of students and supporting their individual access to our curriculum. The evening prior to this saw a collection of parents and staff come together to learn more about the history of our school and our curriculum. This too was warmly received, hearty conversation had, and many questions answered.

Currently we have our school Doctor Mike Sargent visiting. These visits provide teachers with many opportunities for professional learning and development. A big thank you to the P.F.A. for supporting with the care and catering for Mike during his stay with us.

Recently feedback was received encouraging us to highlight the ideals and guidelines documented in our Parent Handbook to parents more regularly. This parent reflected that often our handbook is received, read and then popped away. Their words, *"It's all there, the many questions you hear being talked about in the playground – the answers are all there."* With this in mind it has been decided that each fortnight an aspect of our kaupapa/tikanga as described in our Parent Handbook, will be re-shared here with the community.

Last night as I delved into the Parent Handbook I found myself at page 22 **Working Together**. I decided what a great place to start, as currently there many examples of working together and there continue to be various projects people are able to participate in, if inspired. *Liaison Parents gathering Wellbeing Feedback, the P.F.A. supporting the current Dr's visit, the fete group undertaking massive work in pre-planning for next term, the Waldorf 100 group, the H3 Group, the very many sports teams who are consistently managed and coached by our community, the amazing work by Tū mai Taikura and the He Reo Ora Strategy, and our staff group, along with our Proprietors Trust and our newly elected Board of Trustees – these last two groups often completing many hours of unseen yet essential work, imperative to the sustainability of our school...* Ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou katoa ngā kaitiaki o tō tātou kura!

Kelly Sutton
Deputy Principal

Parent Involvement In School Activities From Parent Handbook

Your child will benefit the most if you can travel along on their journey, learning what is happening in the classroom and developing an understanding of the Steiner picture of child development. This picture of the child as an incarnating being of body, soul, and spirit, whose individual capacities are supported by the teacher and the parents to unfold in an unhurried manner, is at the core of the Steiner Curriculum. The better informed you are about our intentions the more effective your support will be for your child and their teacher.

There are a range of ways in which parents can become involved and participate in our school life, all described on page, however participation is not limited to what is written down here. As I write this, I hear people walking back and forth past my window off to class meetings and I think to myself, what a great community to work with, how lucky are our tamariki to have this extended whānau – Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te katoa!

As I reflect on these last weeks of activity I feel grateful to be part of a community picks up tools and works for their children, and all children.

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

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

Tō pai hoki!
You're so good!

Pania: Listen to this, I've just learnt the chords for Waiatatia.
Hemi: Tō koi hoki!

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



Internet Safety Talk Follow Up

Please check you **emails!** There is a very important message from Detective Sergeant Heath Jones, who spoke to the parent body about Internet Safety in February.

Parking Outside School

Please be aware that the new parking signs have been erected outside the school. These signs allow for five minutes pickup and delivery between the hours of 8:30 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. You may park here for a maximum of five minutes during the indicated hours. If you intend on staying longer than five minutes please find a park further up the road.



Easy Fundraising Opportunity While Having Your Say On The Environment

Taikura is one of nine schools which have agreed to participate in an online survey for parents and friends to fill out. For each survey a \$10 donation will be made to the school.



The survey focuses on how residents of Hawke's Bay view and engage with the natural environment and how this has changed over the last 4 years. It has been developed by Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research and the Cape to City Project. It will only take 10 - 15 minutes to complete, and will be sent to you via email on the Monday 12 August. This survey was run over 4 years ago and some schools raised over \$3000.

Participating in this survey will not only support the school, but will provide information which will help protect and enhance our environment more effectively.

Class 8 Play "The Winter's Tale by Shakespeare"

Class 8 will be putting on this amazing play by Shakespeare.

Dates: Thursday 8 and Friday 9 August

Venue: The School Hall.

Time: 7:00 pm

Entry by Koha, there will be a cafe in the break.

Please come along and enjoy the evening.



SCHOOL NOTICES

High School Parent Teacher Interviews

We would like to warmly invite High School parents and students to attend **Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 14 August**. Interviews start at 3:30 pm and run until 9:00 pm. **Bookings are now open and will close on Monday 12 August at 9:00 am.**

How to Book

1. Log onto the following website: **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz**
2. Enter the following code into the 'event code': **n84py**
3. You will then be guided by the website

These interviews provide you with an opportunity to discuss your student's progress and can be a good time to set clear goals for the second half of the year. If issues arise which require further discussion than time allows please follow this up at another time by making an appointment with the appropriate staff member.

High School Information Evening – Classes 9, 10 and 11

On **Tuesday 10 September at 7:00 pm** we will hold our annual Information Evening for parents and students of Classes 9, 10 and 11. The Class 9 focus will be on the New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education as well as an overview of the Trades Academy Programme. Class 10 and 11 students and parents will hear presentations on the elective subjects which will be offered in these classes for the following year.

Pippa Caccioppoli
Principal

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Board Of Trustees Update

At our recent BoT meeting the subject of technology and cell phones came up, so we thought it timely to remind our whole school community of the following from our Parent school handbook:

From a health and well-being point of view, and because of their misuse, we have decided to implement a ban on the use of all mobile phones on school grounds and directly outside the front gate, we ask parents to respect this also. If for any special reason your Lower School child is required to have a mobile phone for use before or after school, they can be left in a designated safekeeping place in the morning in a labelled envelope and picked up after school. Electronic devices such as Ipods which are not permitted at school may also be left in safekeeping.

Mobile phones on school grounds being used, or ringing during school hours will be confiscated, and will be released to parents/guardians when they meet with the Associate Principal or a Teacher nominee, and sign the confiscation note. A brief meeting between parent and staff member may be arranged for Thursdays (only) at 3:15pm. Please contact the office if you wish to arrange a meeting. NB: the minimum confiscation period is 48 hours. Any subsequent instances or serious misuse would result in a longer period of confiscation.'

As parents please be mindful. Do not use your phone at or around school, and do not contact your child on their phone during school hours.

Suzan Bart
BoT Secretary

Can You Play The Djembe Drums?

Can you play Djembe drums? Tom-toms? Cajon? We are looking for someone who could spare some time to work with a small group of children at school who we feel could really benefit from this. If this is you, or you know someone who could help, please contact: toby.blakey@taikura.school.nz



Music Notices

Vocal Tuition at Taikura: If a student is interested in vocal training at Taikura through our itinerant tutors, please contact **thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz**, as we are tentatively looking to reintroduce vocal lessons to our itinerant program to expand our breadth of opportunities with these extra music lessons.

Up and Coming Concert - 18 August

Ten students from Taikura are playing at the yearly student concert at the Steinway in the Century Theatre on Sunday 18 August around 2:30pm. **Admission is free** so please feel free to come and support our Taikura piano students.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Careers Information

University Of Canterbury Science Summer Camp: This is a five day event for Class 11 students interested in studying science at university. The camp will run from Monday 2 to Friday 6 December 2019 and will be based at University of Canterbury's Ilam Campus in Christchurch. Students will stay on campus in university accommodation. During the week they will attend lectures, work in the labs, visit one of UC's field stations, meet with staff and current students, and find out about the amazing research happening at UC.

Who can apply?

New Zealand based secondary school students in Year 12 going into Year 13 in 2020. There are 60 places available, and students can apply from anywhere in New Zealand.

Important dates:

Applications are currently open

Applications close: Saturday 10 August

Camp dates: Monday 2 December to Friday 6 December 2019

Camp fees: The cost of the camp is \$575.00 and includes accommodation, food and travel during the week (excludes travel to and from the camp)

Once again Star funding can help to cover these costs but students would need to organise their travel to and from Christchurch.

Scholarships: Five Diversity Scholarships and Three Pasifika Scholarships are available

Find out more: www.canterbury.ac.nz/science/outreach/summer-camp/

Download our UC Science Summer camp brochure.

Hands-On At Otago University - Back for 2020!

Hands-On at Otago is a week long experience for students who will be Class 11 or 12 in 2020.

The cost for Hands-On at Otago \$675 for the week. This covers:

- Accommodation
- Meals
- Programme activities
- Course materials
- Transport to and from Dunedin Airport or bus terminals

Payment is required by December 2019.

Students will need to cover the cost of getting to and from Dunedin.

Part of the \$675 can be funded through Careers STAR Funding and students would need teacher endorsement to attend.

Students choose their favourite subject across the humanities, business and sciences and get hands-on in University departments for the week.

To find out more go to: otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago

Please see Lesley Cox if interested in any of the above University experiences

Careers In The Aquarium 2019

Are any of your animal mad Class 8 - 11 students considering a career working in a zoo or aquarium?

Get a taste of jobs you can do in the aquarium and zoo industry in a day of workshops with National Aquarium staff. Students will rotate through a number of talks by our experts including guest speaker, Veterinarian Veronika Pipe.

Our Aquarium experts will be sharing their experiences of working in reptile care, native bird keeping, raising fish, diving with sharks, education experiences, rescuing and training animals.

Places are limited so please book ASAP See Lesley Cox

Date: Wednesday 21 August

Time: 9:15am - 2:30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per student (max 7 per school)

For: Year 7-10 students

SCHOOL NOTICES



Steiner Education
Development Trust

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF STUDENTS, OR STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED WITH A STEINER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, OR NZCSE LEVEL 3 BETWEEN 2012-2018

The Steiner Education Development Trust runs and manages the above qualification and we are extremely interested in the next steps that our students take after leaving school, and in particular how they utilise this special character qualification.

SEDТ has for some time worked to collect post-graduation student achievement data to enable us to ascertain whether the qualification is meeting its core requirements and serving our students well. We would therefore be very pleased if you would contact us via email to: v.vankampen@sedт.co.nz and provide us with the following information:

- Full name of student.
- Name/title of any tertiary study that is currently being undertaken or that has been completed.
- The Level the student intends to graduate at (Certificate/Diploma/Degree/Masters).
- The university/poly-tech or other institution attended.
- The year study begun and ended (if applicable).
- Any other relevant information that you think may be useful to us is appreciated, such as employment or volunteer work.

The information that you provide to us will be checked off against our private student records held in the SEDТ database. Student names will not be published or shared alongside any information provided to us, however we may use this to formulate combined data for statistical purposes.

All feed back will be very much appreciated.

Phil McKinstry, General Manager &
Mark McGavock, National and Moderation Manager for SEDТ

Mark Your Calendar

August 8	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 1 Parent Evening
August 8 - 9	7:00 pm	Class 8 Play "The Winter's Tale" by Shakespeare
August 12	5:00 pm	BOT / Trust Combined Meeting
August 14	3:30 pm	High School Parent Interviews
August 14	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Evening - School Library
August 16	12:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Class 9 Project Presentations
August 23 - 26	Friday and Monday	Mid Term Break
August 28	7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening
August 29	7:00 pm	Class 10 Play "Shakespearean Shenanigans"

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Spirited Childhood Workshop

This is a workshop for early childhood teachers and carers working with children from birth to three years.

Looking at the challenges the young child faces and creating a Korowai of care.

Friday 30 and Saturday 31 August 2019

To register call 8777174 or email info@taurna.ac.nz or register online at <http://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/spirited-childhood/>



Name Change Notice

Te Kōpere Childcare – The Rainbow – formerly Seven Dwarfs. Many school families begin their Waldorf education journey at our centre. We have changed our name to better reflect our place in modern Aotearoa. For the beautiful, full explanation of our new name please visit <https://www.facebook.com/TeKopereChildcare>

Three month fixed Term Administration Officer Position Available

Three month fixed term Administration Officer position is available at Department of Conservation, Napier office. Ideally it is full time (i.e. 80 hours per fortnight) starting as soon as possible. The tasks specific to this position include reception/phones; recording radio calls when staff are working in the field; invoices; banking; petty cash; maintaining fleet records for our vehicles/trailers as well as other general office tasks and providing support to the staff in the Napier office.

Expressions of interest or CV's/queries can be sent to Donna Morris. Email: dmorris@doc.govt.nz Ph: 06 834 4861

The Steiner Centre

The Steiner Centre on the corner Whitehead Road and Nelson Street North, opposite Taikura Rudolf Steiner School is available to hire for events, classes, music lessons and more. There is a **Library** which is available to school families open Wednesdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Plenty of 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



Messy Church Sat 10 August 2019

@ St Matthew's 4pm – 6pm

Hastings Family fun for all ages!
Come and join us!

What? Fun with crafts, games, Bible stories, a time of celebration 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 Street South, Hastings
www.stmatts.org.nz

PARENTS PARTY

AUG 17 HAUMOANA HALL 7-11:30PM



TAIKURA TRIBE

come warm your cockles and raise an eyebrow

Live Music: Jam Jar ~ DJ Lil b ~ Silverbeat

\$10/person or \$15/couple

Bring supper to share + BYO drinks & vessel

FUNK UP YOUR FACE & OUR PARTY SPACE
DRESS UP YOUR BROWS & MIX N MINGLE

DISCLAIMERS:

#dressedbrowsessential #forgetfulnessnotpermitted

#bedazzlingbrowsatthedoor #takeyourchances

STRICTLY AN ADULTS ONLY AFFAIR Babes in arms OK