



22 August 2019

The Grapevine

Pippa's Panui

Outside the weather is changeable, stormy days, frosty mornings and glorious sunshine with mild temperatures hinting at the coming change in season. Within Taikura, the seasons are reflected in our activity. Across many areas we find ourselves in the midst of annual projects and workloads but at the same time our attention is constantly pulled to planning ahead for the coming year.

At a governance level our sub committees, comprising of members of our Proprietors Trust, Board of Trustees and Management are actively addressing issues in the realms of finance, property, health and safety and our special character. Their focus is on current issues as well as the more strategic and long term direction of Taikura. Next week we have our review visit from the Education Review Office and this will provide a useful opportunity to take stock of our development in recent years and clarify areas requiring further development.

For the teachers within the school and kindergartens this term can feel like we are in the middle of our current years' work, however discussion and planning is also underway for next year with conversations around curriculum, staffing, annual goals and the budget required to deliver all of these. All considerations have an impact on our overall year plan and the experience for our students which is why we need to begin our preparations now.

Around the school the students are a hive of activity. This week we have numerous sports teams taking part in the final rounds of their various sporting competitions. On the stage we have had Class 8 perform their play a couple of weeks ago and our two Class 10's are in final preparations for their performance next week. In recent weeks the Library has hosted wonderful project displays by Class 7 and Class 9 respectively and we look forward to Class 12 project displays and presentations at the end of Week 9 this term, which you are all invited to.

For our parent community we are midway through our Winter Lecture Series with the second of three talks related to our Special Character happening this week. Last week we held our High School parent teacher interviews, an opportunity to take stock of this year's progress in person and in week 8 there will be a High School information evening looking ahead at elective options available for our senior students. Our dedicated Liaison Parents have been busy gathering feedback around Health and Wellbeing at Taikura and we look forward next term to handing over this Parent Liaison role to the new volunteers for the following year.

As we head into our mid-term break, I hope our students, staff and parents are able take the opportunity to relax and enjoy, regardless of what the weather is doing outside.

Pippa Caccioppoli
Principal

Mark Your Calendar

August 23 - 26
August 28
August 29
August 30
September 4
September 5
September 10
September 10
September 16

School Closed
7:00 pm
7:30 pm
1:20 pm
7:00 pm
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
7:00 pm
6:00 pm
5:00 pm

Mid Term Break
Class 12 Parent Evening
Class 10 Play "Shakespearean Shenanigans"
Lower School Cross Country - Classes 4 - 7
Special Character Talk for The Community
Community Assembly - School Hall
High School Information Evening Classes 9-11
Class 6 Parent Evening
BOT Meeting

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

Whakanuia te reo, kia ora!

Last year Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo put out a survey to look at what was happening with the teaching of Te Reo Māori in English Medium Schools. From the survey a number of schools were chosen to be interviewed across the board (teachers, students, parents) to get a holistic picture of the health of Te Reo; our school was one of these. A link has been attached to this kōrero so you are able to view this report. The report is extensive and has recommendations that will support schools and their communities to be part of the revitalisation of Te Reo.

Last week as part of *He Pito Kōrero*, we focused on Te Reo ki Tua – The Ngati Kahungunu Language Revitalisation Symposium being held next week, and in three weeks' time it will be Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week; this year's theme being Kia kaha Te Reo Māori/Making Te Reo Māori strong. With all of these I look forward to our ongoing journey with learning Te Reo!

<https://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/assets/Research/f0dc677bf5/Whakanuia-Te-Reo-Report.pdf>

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

Ākene pea (ar keh neh peh ar)
Maybe.

Rangi: "E Hemi, are you going to Ruapehu this weekend?"

Hemi: "Ākene pea...if I get some study done!"

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



Taikura Parents Group Talks

Free for all the school community and includes past parents & 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 9:00am and usually finish about 10:30am. Tea and coffee is freely available from 8:45am. (Any food donations for the morning tea are greatly appreciated!)

If you have any questions, suggestions, or most welcomed personal 'offerings of wisdom' to share - please contact Filipa Hope 027 451 3445

Upcoming Parent Group meetings and offerings:

Friday 6 September: David Urieli - Taikura high school teacher. Continuing with an Anthroposophical look at Life after Death.

October TBA - Kaye Keats - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist on Edible plants in your garden.

Urgent Help Required

Our school fete is coming up once again on Sunday 17 November. As always this will be a day enjoyed by the wider Hastings community and gives us a chance to showcase our Special Character, as well as raise some much-needed funds. We urgently need helpers to organise the children's activities. If we do not get enough offers of help there is a real possibility the children's activities may not happen this year. Any skills, particularly organisational, will be gratefully received.

Please contact Suzan on 021 2065909 or email taikurafete@gmail.com

CLASS 10 PRESENTS

SHAKESPEAREAN



SHENANIGANS

TIMES

- Thursday 29 August **evening** performance at 7:30 PM

KOHA

- Price for the play is a Koha (a gold coin donation).

CAFÉ

- There will be a café at intermission so bring money for food.

SYNOPSIS

- A group of directors are putting together a mega Shakespeare tribute show, that will be going to Broadway. The directors are watching 4 audition plays and would much rather be at home.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Community Week

Both Class 10 classes have participated in Community Week so far this year, taking part in a variety of volunteering experiences. This long running High School programme provides the students with an opportunity to give back to the community that they have grown up within. The students spent their mornings gardening with Jenny and Jo around the school, they beautified the new gate beside Taikura House, visited the Elderly at Eversley House, gifted a morning of their time to help Nourished for Nil on their busiest day of food prep and took part in a production line of shopping bags made from recycled materials which will be distributed into the community in the next few weeks. We thank them for their contributions and look forward to seeing the fruits of their labour flourish in the future.

Ngā manaakitanga
Jade Powell



Snippets From The Parent Handbook

The word 'Taikura' has several interpretations:

'Taikura' :-heartwood of trees with red wood

'Tai':- Currents (of influence, of emotion, of sensibility), streams (of consciousness, of philosophy),ocean tides, tides of life

'Kura':- red glow, treasured possession, sanctum of learning

Fundraising Raffle Basket Class 6

From Monday 19 to Saturday 24 August this Raffle basket from Class 6 will be at Cornucopia and from Tuesday 27 until Friday 30 August at the Reception at the School office. Tickets are **\$2.00 each** or **three for \$5.00**. Class 6 would appreciate your support with this raffle. All funds will go to the Class 6 account to support class camps.

Parent And Family Association

Wow! What a fabulous night had by all at the School Parent Party held on the weekend. Many thanks to those who supported the event, especially to Jess Scott and Brad Fris.

There are many initiatives kicking off within the school that are fun and rewarding and need your support. The PFA is simply the steering wheel of these initiatives and welcome all who would like to be a part. For contact please phone Ruth 0273540844.



Car Parking

The council will be continuing to monitor these parks and in the near future will issue tickets to those parked illegally. Please try not to vent your frustration at the school staff, the community asked for better parking and it has been addressed. If we ALL use it correctly there will be no issues with anyone getting a park.



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.

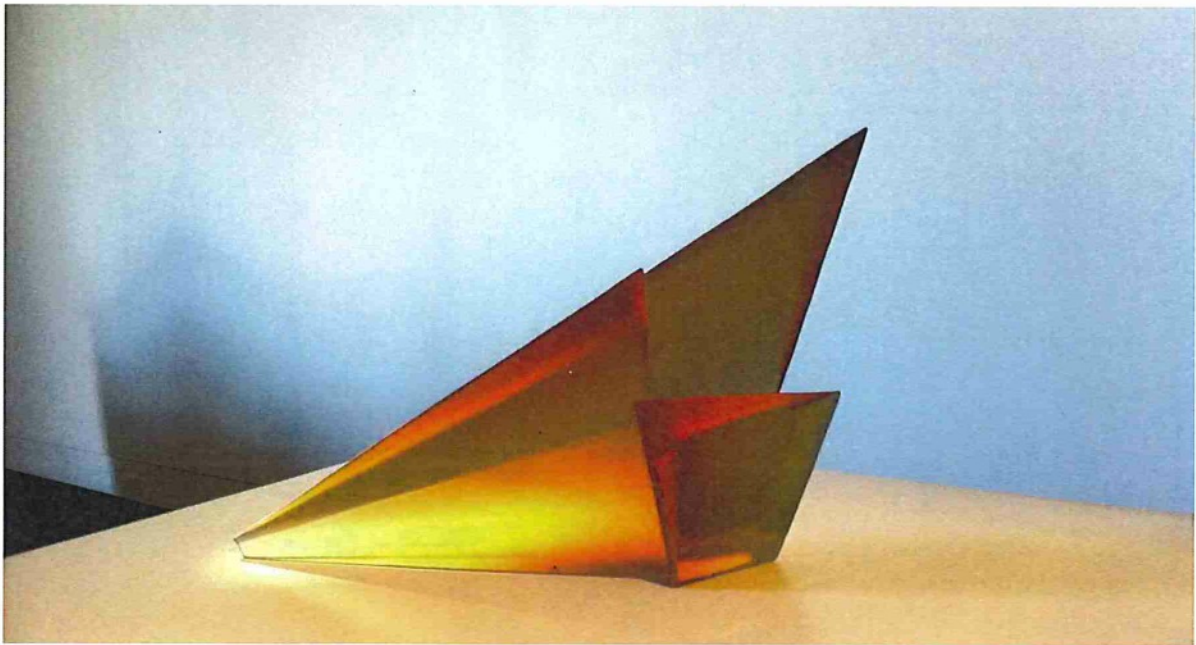
SEDТ has for some time worked to collect post-graduation student achievement data to enable us to ascertain whether the qualification is meeting its core requirements and serving our students well. We would therefore be very pleased if you would contact us via email to: v.vankampen@sedt.co.nz and provide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



CONSTANZA KALIKS

'Understanding your child in their development – a foundation from which to embrace their future'
(*The Study of the Human Being*)

WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 7:30PM

Community Talk, Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Hall

I – what is an 'I' in the contemporary world?
During her visit Constanza explores the dimensions of the 'I' experience in the present time from both educational and life perspectives

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 7:30PM

Anthroposophical Centre, cnr Nelson St & Fitzroy Ave, Hastings

Constanza Kaliks, leader of the Youth Section at the Goetheanum and member of the Goetheanum Executive visit New Zealand 19 to 30 August 2019. During her visit she will travel to several centres and speak to various groups. She will participate in this year's AGM of the NZ Society in Hastings on Saturday 24 August.

Born in 1967 in Chile, Constanza grew up and lived most of her life in Brazil. She completed her studies of Mathematics in Sao Paulo, and went on to be a mathematics teacher at the Escolar Rudolf Steiner in Sao Paulo for 19 years. There she was also a teacher in the Waldorf Teacher training. Constanza has a Master's Degree in Education and recently completed her Ph.D on Nicolaus of Cuse. She is married with two children.

Constanza's talk will be accompanied by time for questions and discussion. Constanza is also interested to hear of any particular themes that interest people in New Zealand.

Requested door charge \$20

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Garage Sale

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August 161 Carlyle Street (at the bottom of Normans Lane) Household goods, furniture and women's clothes.

For Sale - VOLVO S40 2.4i (Auto) 2009 Silver - 94,000k's Great condition a dream to drive \$6,000 ONO contact Carole on 027 2334775

Navel Oranges - New Season Organic

Harry Wheeler (Class 8) has been busy picking oranges to raise money for his upcoming Scout Jamboree. \$5:00 for 2kg of sweet juicy flavourful seedless yumminess. Ripened by the sun and picked fresh from an organic orchard in Wairoa. Delish! Limited supply so don't dilly dally. Contact Tracy 0272627014.

Billet Families Needed!

Napier Civic Choir and Hawke's Bay Orchestra are looking for generous people to billet the guest orchestra players for their next concert. Beds are required for Wednesday 11 September to Saturday 14 September inclusive. You are not expected to feed your billets.

If you think you could help, please could you contact Catherine Barker: email catherinebarker0@gmail.com, or phone 844 6964 (with answer phone) or 027 511 2349 with:

1. Your name
2. The number of billets you can take
3. Your address
4. Contact phone numbers.

Napier Civic Choir

Hawke's Bay Orchestra & World-class soloists present

Opera Spectacular 7:30pm Friday 13 September 2:30pm Sunday 15 September

Musical fireworks, a playlist of greatest hits that will make you whistle the tunes for weeks after the concert. A selection of works by Wagner, Verdi, Puccini and Dvorak.

Grieg & Tchaikovsky (orchestral) 7:30pm Saturday 14 September

Prepare yourselves for another program of powerful emotions and spectacular music. Back from her piano studies in Spain, effervescent NZ pianist Lorelle McNaughton joins us to play Grieg's energetic piano concerto. Tchaikovsky's electrifying 4th Symphony will complete a weekend of emotional intensity.

Adults \$40.00, Tertiary Students \$10.00, 17 year olds and under are free. Please contact Asuka 0223100550

Beautiful Cat Needs New Home

Due to leaving for overseas we sadly need to re-home our beautiful cat by October. She is house trained, vaccinated, de-sexed, de-wormed and de-fleaed....and very special, which is why we want her with equally special people. Contact Lara 0220838636 or LaraAShah@gmail.com

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.

Phones collected help raise funds for Sustainable Coastlines – a multi ward winning NZ Charity run by a small team of hard working staff and volunteers. Their mission is to inspire, educate and enable others to look after the natural places we love – our beaches and waterways. Our school also benefits by gaining valuable rewards from the Mobile Phones we collect.