



The Grapevine

Meeting Miru

I was told that the music room was the best place to find Miru Shimaoka; where he usually spends his lunchtimes either composing or practising his music. Although we both spend our days in the same place, I had never actually met Miru. I had seen him behind the piano or playing the violin at a number of school performances, and have always been taken aback by his virtuosity and intelligence around his music, but I knew nothing about the man behind the instruments.

However, after sitting surrounded by music stands and bongos in the music room with Miru as he tucked into his bowl of ramen noodles, I learnt that he has been playing the violin since he was in Class 3 and is truly passionate about the music. Initially trained as a fiddle player, he made the switch to the classical violin and has never looked back. He was inspired to take up the piano when he was in Class 10 following a student exchange in Germany. Miru has since discovered that learning to play the two instruments complement each other well, particularly with the technical aspects of the violin playing. Half expecting him to be a secret Eminem fan, I asked Miru what he liked to listen to on his headphones when he wasn't studying music, the answer was classical music. His love for music is reflected further in his participation in the school's chamber music group, the Hawkes Bay Youth Orchestra and the New Zealand Secondary Schools Symphony Orchestra.

This passion is taking him off to the New Zealand School of Music at Victoria University in Wellington next year to continue his study of the violin and piano. It is for this next step in his journey, that Miru is holding a solo recital on Thursday 31 October, at 6:30 pm in the school hall. He will be playing solo pieces on both violin and piano, and talking a little around his Class 12 Project (Music and Spirit). Tickets for this are available at the door, or from Miru directly: Ph: 021 232 8830 Adults \$10.00, Students \$5.00.

Toby Blakey - Class 2 Teacher



Miru talking about the new Hawkes Bay Opera House opening in February 2020 at www.hawkesbayoperahouse.co.nz.

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

He poroporoaki nā Tū mai Taikura ki a Lee Grant Smith.

Last week, the Māori language expert of Ngāti Kahungunu descent, Lee Smith, passed away. Even though many of you will not know Lee, his mahi and visions for the revitalisation of te reo Māori must be noted. The following is the acknowledgement from Ngāti Kahungunu Incorporated (retrieved from panui@kahungunu.iwi.nz)

Lee Grant Smith is well-known for helping to establish the Māori language society in 1969, a group of young Māori academics who were passionate about advancing te reo in Aotearoa. Three years later, in 1972, he led a contingent of Māori rights activists, including members of Ngā Tamatoa, to Parliament to present a 30,000 signature petition calling for te reo Māori to be taught in schools.

As a result, the government introduced the teaching of Māori in primary and secondary schools as an option. "I was never encouraged to speak Māori when I was growing up in Kahungunu, in Hastings, it's mad I learnt English and French, and then I learnt Russian, all at high school, and I didn't learn Māori until I came to Victoria University."

In a statement Mr Smith's whānau said: "Lee Grant Smith will go down in Māori history as an avid stalwart in the renaissance of te reo Māori, a loud and proud gay man and a high achiever who enjoyed a quiet red wine with good friends and family."

The language is alive, due to your efforts. Language revitalisation initiatives thrive, because of your commitment. The language has been cemented in legislation, through your unwavering dedication. The language continues to get stronger in Ngāti Kahungunu thanks to your devotion.

*Ka maumaharatia koe i muri nei he whakaihuwaka reo.
Ko te aunga o te moe ki a koe.*

*You will long be remembered as a staunch, fearless champion of your language.
You have been granted eternal rest.*

Lee's final place of farewell was at Houngarea Marae in Paki Paki, that I have whānau ties to and where our Class 4 students experience their first school noho marae every year.

Moe mai rā e te rangatira.

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

Kua eke (coo ah eh keh)

No more to be said in the discussion!

Hemi: E hoa, do you want to talk more about it?

Rangi: Kāo, kua eke!

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



SCHOOL NOTICES

Kids Art Works

Calendars, Cards & More

UPDATED DEADLINE for orders: **WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER** (had to change original date as it fell on the Friday of Labour Weekend) Sorry for any confusion.

By now all the children should have completed their art work at school, and this week will hopefully have brought home order forms with order instructions attached to them. Please check school bags if you have not received these. Spare order forms available from the office if required.

Art work should now be available for viewing in a blue box in your child's classroom and examples of products you can order will be on display in the hall foyer.

This year there are three payment options: **CASH, CHEQUE** and **BANK DEPOSIT** (trailing for the first time after countless requests).

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Order forms received without a coinciding payment will not be processed.
- **LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** so please ensure you have ordered **AND** paid no later than the **first Wednesday after Labour Weekend (30 OCTOBER)**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Ensure you have the correct money if paying by cash as **NO CHANGE** will be given by the office.

Thank you for your understanding and for supporting this Class 5KS fundraiser.

Any queries please contact Iris Nobel Ph: 0277737246

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 9:00 am and usually finish about 10:30 am. Tea & coffee is freely available from 8:45 am. (Any food donations for the morning tea are appreciated)

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

And if you would like to become the host of the Parents Group for 2020 please contact Filipa.

Upcoming Parent Group meetings and offerings:

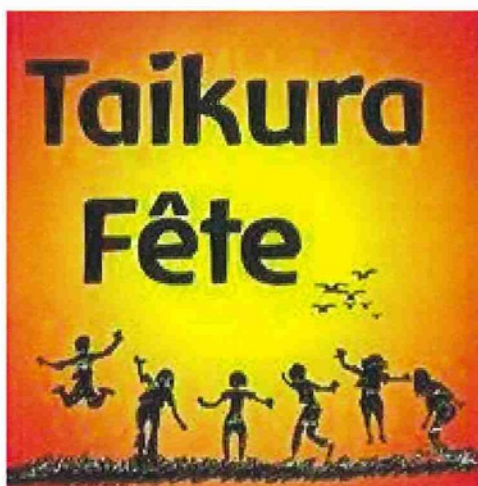
Friday 1 November: Herman Veluwenkamp - Taikura Parent and Spiritual Science researcher on *Approaching the Supersensible using Clear Thinking* - a continuation of the talk last term and a stand alone presentation (you don't need to have been present at the last talk). Ideas on overcoming the limits of conventional education and finding a path to understanding the world around us.

Friday 15 November: Kaye Keats - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist on *Edible plants in your garden*.

Friday 29 November: David Urieli - Taikura High School Teacher. Continuing with an Anthroposophical look at *Life after Death*.

Mark Your Calendar

October 30	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 1 Parent Evening
October 30	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 8 Parent Evening
October 30	7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening
October 31	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Miru Recital - School Hall
November 1	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Herman Veluwenkamp - "Approaching The Supersensible"
November 7	7:00 pm	Class 5KS Play - "Theseus and the Minotaur"
November 13	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Evening - Library
November 15	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Kaye Keats - Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist - "Edible Plants"
November 17	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Taikura School Fête
November 29	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	David Urieli - Anthroposophical look at "Life After Death"



Ma te mahitahi, ma te whakapono, ma te whakamomori, ma te koakoa, ka taea e tatou!

By working and striving together, by believing and trusting, by patience and perseverance, by all being done joyfully, we will succeed!

Taikura Fête Sunday 17 November 2019 Fête is creeping up on us again. With less than a month to go, it's time to get busy. Please clear the date in your calendar now.

Taikura Fête is an accomplishment of the creativity, dedication, generosity and skill of the entire body of families, children and staff. By opening our school to the wider Hawkes Bay community we offer something of our school's special character that endures beyond the festivities' conclusion.

As a state-integrated school, Taikura Rudolf Steiner School receives limited funding for school facilities. These are funded from within the school community. Taikura Fête is the most important fundraising event at our school.

Your Participation Taikura Fête depends on EVERY whanau's help and participation. There are many ways to contribute according to our individual skill and ability.

Crafting Small handcrafted items are needed for sale in the Children's Shop. There should be no less than 15 of each craft item in the shop, but ideally 20-40. Crafts should reflect the special character of the school and be made from natural materials as far as is possible. Completed items can be dropped to the Taikura Kindergarten Parent Room.

Class Food Stalls Each class is allocated one food item at the Real Food Market. This is where the bulk of the income from the Fête is generated. Your class is responsible for sourcing ingredients, following recipes, preparing food in a safe environment and storing food hygienically in advance of the Fête. Food Coordinator Suzan Bart will advise Liaison Parents about what is required. For more information, call Suzan on 021 206 59 09 or email taikurafete@gmail.com.

On Fête Day Rather than attempting to give a little to each of our children's classes or kindergarten groups, we ask that each parent or whanau spend half of fête day working on just one stall and the other half enjoying the fête. If you have a special skill, such as face painting, hair braiding, or horse handling please volunteer preferentially for these activities. Shifts for **Children's Activities** are

Morning 9.45am-12.30pm
Afternoon 12.30-3.15pm.

Shifts for **Food Stalls** are

Set Up 8.30-11.00am
11.00am-1.00pm
1.00-4.00pm Pack down

A roster for Food Stall shifts is available online now. A link will be distributed through Liaison Parents. If you have volunteered at a stall in the past and are willing to do so again, please let us know by email at taikurafete@gmail.com or you can call Rosheen on 027 777 07 59.

Natural Materials We still need natural materials- seeds, shells, decorative grasses, dried flowers for the Clay Play activity. Please drop to the Office.

Face Painters & Hair Braiders Needed Are you a budding artist? Or perhaps you are crafty or good with your hands? If so, please consider volunteering to paint faces or braid hair at the Fête. These are popular stalls and make a big impression. Training can be provided. If you are artistically inclined and would like to try your hand, contact Rosheen 027 777 07 59 or email taikurafete@gmail.com.

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School students invite you to

Creating Our Future

Information Evening

With Special Guest
Extinction Rebellion

Come and learn about the problems and solutions to:

FAST FASHION
SINGLE USE PLASTICS
INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE

Class 12 Social Studies would like to invite you to their upcoming information evening on sustainability solutions, 'Creating Our Future'.

This is a free event aimed at informing the public about sustainability issues such as fast fashion, single use plastics and industrial agriculture. It will be held on Tuesday 29 October, from 4:30-6:30pm in Taikura's school hall on Nelson St North, Hastings.

Student groups will each speak on different issues, highlighting possible solutions and actions we, as a community, can take to improve ourselves and our environment in these areas.

Please come along to:

**Creating Our Future -
Information Evening**

Free entry

Tuesday 29 October 2019

4:30pm till 6:30pm

Taikura School Hall

505 Nelson Street North,

Hastings



Class 12 Social Studies students

Sign up for just Term one
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Class

Dates:	APRIL	2, 3, 4	One and Two
	JUNE	11, 12, 13	Three, Four and Five
	SEPTEMBER	5, 6, 7	Six and Seven

Thursday 1.30pm till Saturday 3.00pm

Where: Kairos Studio
100 Eastbourne Street East
Hastings

Tutors: Margaret-Mary Farr with Johnny Ryan

Fee: \$250.00 per seminar

For further information contact: Margaret-Mary Farr on (027) 248-4193 or

Email: manawastudio@gmail.com

Facebook page: Kairos Artistic Endeavours

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wanted

Pre-loved, good quality baby and kids clothing! As a fundraiser, the Taradale Steiner playgroup families are running a 'Family op-shop' at the Taikura Fete. We would love any donations of baby and pre-school kids clothing and knitted items (sizes prem/NB - 6 years). Ideally we would like items that are clean and in really good condition. We are also up-cycling clothing and making hand crafted items, so donations of fabric, woollen blankets, balls of acrylic and wool are also welcome! Contact Zoe Pullman on 027 42 888 42 or zcpullman@gmail.com to arrange drop-off / pick-up by Sunday 17 November. We will also have a "drop off" box in the Taikura Kindergarten Parent Room, Kereru Kindergarten and at the Taikura School office from Thursday 19 September.

Thanks so much for your support!

Wanted!

Taikura Kindy is hoping to make flower presses for the fair. We need 48 M6 100mm stainless steel round head bolts, preferably fully threaded, as well as 48 stainless steel wing nuts. If anyone has these lying around in their shed (for example!) and could donate them, we would be very grateful! Please contact Sebastian Stein on 0210351681. Thank you.

Firewood For Sale

Class 2 Fundraiser

Get prepared for next winter. Class 2 have apple wood for sale at \$225 per cord delivered (\$10 surcharge to those out of Hastings). Please contact Jess on 021 02993576.

Havelock North House For Short Term Rent

Christmas /NewYear

Modern, spacious, open plan home; four bedrooms (2 double, 1 single, 1 nursery); fully furnished; would suit a couple or family; easy care garden; fully fenced; sorry, no pets or smokers; available from 6 December 2019 to 24 January 2020; \$600 per week (price negotiable). Please contact home owner on 021 1729904.

Art Therapy For Adults, Teenagers And Children

Accessing your creativity by way of art therapy is an effective way to address and overcome grief, depression, life crises and trauma. Life story painting for acceptance of ones biography. No previous experience in or aptitude for art is necessary. For more information contact: Eva Steinmetz-Urieli: <evaurieli@gmail.com>, phone 068786028 or 021 0277 1201.

Ben Throp

Monday 28 October 8:00 pm
Hawkes Bay Arts Festival
Spiegeltent
Havelock North Domain

