



The Grapevine

Home And School Working Together For Sustainability

There is a rapidly growing movement of young people taking up the mantle of leadership in action for sustainability, and in particular on climate change. Greta Thunberg is a household name, and she is an immense inspiration for young people around the world to become eco-warriors. The phenomenon has been called the 'Greta effect'. Since 16-year old Thunberg started a school strike for the climate outside the Swedish Parliament in August last year, the movement has grown to 7.6 million people in 185 countries who participated in the September strikes six weeks ago.

About 170,000 New Zealanders, or 3.5% of the NZ population, joined strikes in their local area. A large number (about 35%) of our own high school students participated in the school strike in Napier on 27 September, supported by their parents. Speaking personally, I find this demonstration of leadership by Taikura students heartening and inspiring. Research by Harvard University political scientist Erica Chonoweth has shown that active and sustained participation of just 3.5 percent of the population is enough to bring about political and social change. The key words here (besides 3.5%) are "active" and "sustained": People need to keep taking action until those in power make the necessary changes. As a school community, let's keep doing all we can to support and encourage our rangatahi to create the future that they need to survive and flourish. Furthermore, as the adults in our community, we need to step up and take action for sustainability ourselves in any and every way we can. Our rangatahi need to see and know that their elders are taking ownership of the challenges and solutions. We're all in this together!

As a Steiner teacher, I am very aware of the age-appropriateness of the knowledge and skill sets that we need to bring to children and teenagers to equip them for a sustainable future. Our young children need to experience waste-free lunch boxes, second-hand clothing and carbon-neutral transport as 'normal'. Our senior high school students need to leave school with the knowledge and skill sets for making rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in how they will live their lives compared to how older generations have lived theirs. As a Steiner school we aim to receive our students with reverence, educate them with love and send them forth with freedom, as Steiner schools have done for one hundred years now. In today's world, a huge part of the impulses of aroha and freedom is to educate our young people to live sustainably, and this task must be shared by school and home alike. Let's be the change we want to see in the world.

Sarah Millington - Teacher of Humanities

"Mō tātou te taiao ko te atawhai, mō tātou te taiao ko te oranga."

"It is for us to care for the environment to ensure its well-being.

In doing so we ensure our own well-being and that of future generations."

Mark Your Calendar

November 7	6:30 pm	Class 3 Parent Evening
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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 19	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Class 6 Parent Evening
November 29	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	David Urieli - Anthroposophical look at "Life After Death"
December 2	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Kindergartens and Class 1-3 Parent Evening "Roots and Wings"
December 6	3:00 pm	High School Finishes for Classes 10 - 12

"Bee" Safe Wear Shoes!

Our main field always attracts the buzz of our friendly little workers of the flowers. To ensure the children are safe from harm please check that they have suitable shoes on at all times. This is up to parents and staff to enforce. If you see one of our children on the field without shoes on, please ask them to go and put some on.



SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

“Kua rongō kōrero koe...? Did you hear...?”

Kia ora koutou, have you heard that the Tuia Mātauranga Roadshow will be at the Ātea-a-Rangi - Star Compass, at Waitangi Regional Park, on the 12 and 13 November from 5:00 – 8:00 pm? This is a free event for the general public that commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the first onshore encounters between Māori and non-Māori, and the feats of Polynesian navigators and explorers who reached and settled in Aotearoa many years earlier. Tuia Mātauranga looks at the dual history and shared future of our country. More information can be found through the following link:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=484720462132787&id=113052589299578&sfnsn=mo

Kīwaha o te wiki ... phrase of the week

Wehi na! (Weh he nar)

Mean! (Exclamation)

Hemi: Kia ora e hoa, I got a part-time job in the weekend, and I can get more mahi over the summer!

Rangi: Wehi na, e hoa!

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



The Hastings Heretaunga Lions Club Young Achievers Award 2019

Last Wednesday 30 October the Hastings Heretaunga Lions Club Young Achievers Award Ceremony 2019 was held. Each year, Year 13 (Class 12) students are selected from High Schools in the Hastings area to achieve this award. The criteria for the award include leadership, extra-curricular and community involvement and academic achievement, Miru Shimaoka was selected as our school's recipient this year.

The following is the published paragraph on his achievements:

Miru is a humble, sincere young man with wide ranging talents and interests. Music is his passion. He played in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Symphony Orchestra in 2017 and 2018, as 1st and 2nd violin. He was involved in the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra's Mentoring Programme in 2018 and is continuing lessons with members of the orchestra. He won the Hawke's Bay Society of Music Education Scholarship in 2018. He attained Piano Grade 8 with Honours last year and regularly plays in concerts around the Bay. His creative writing flair saw his poetry and short stories published in the 2016 and 2018 editions of 'Redraft', something he hopes to emulate this year. He is an active member of the Student Council and the Drama Club. Academic attainments include Distinction in Level 1 and 2 NZCSE. Pursuing his musical interests, he intends to study Classical Performance.

As a school we congratulate Miru on his achievement and wish him well for his Music Studies at Victoria University next year.

Taikura Parents Group Talks

Free for all the school community and includes past parents & those on the waiting list.

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 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.*



*When human beings meet together seeking the spirit with unity of purpose then they will also find their way to each other.
Rudolf Steiner*

Taikura Fête Sunday 17 November 2019

The Fête is only 10 days away! Ka pai to all the whanau who have already made a commitment to help on the day. If you are not already rostered, please put your hand up for something this week.

As mentioned in earlier Grapevines, our children's activities co-ordinator extraordinaire, Rosheen FitzGerald, is taking a step back from her role this year. The Fête committee are taking on her rosters, and it is an enormous help when experienced volunteers are willing to once again donate their time and knowledge.

Class Food Stalls

Class	Food Item	Contact
Class 1	Cake slices & Coffee sales	Tineka Ferguson
Class 3	Devonshire Teas	Ronnie Chalmers
Class 4	Ice Cream & Cold Drinks	Jenny Allan/Linda Wiseman
Class 5TM	Organic Burgers	Jess Scott/Tia-Maree Rees
Class 5KS	Children's Café	Pauline Korevaar
Class 6	Nachos	Sandra Witzel/Silke Whittaker
Class 7	Waffles	Dana Goodhind/Ruth Strong
Class 8	Falafel pockets	Tracey Wheeler/Amber Cleary
Class 9	Sushi & Miso	Aki Ogawa/Simone Oortman
Class 10AF	Pakorras	Clare Buckner/Alison Goodwin
Class 10UR	Bagels	Rachel Pearson
Class 11	Sausage Sizzles	Jenny Speedy/Sonya Lethbridge
Class 12	Salad Bar	Brad Friis

For more information, call Suzan on 021 2065909, or email taikurafete@gmail.com

Magic Beans

All Children's Activities at the Fête will require one or more magic beans. They will be available for purchase from **Monday 11 to Friday 15 November ONLY** at the school gate from **2:45pm-3:20pm** at a special discounted rate of **15 for \$10.00**. This is to acknowledge the work that our community puts in to creating the Fête. You can buy a cotton pouch for \$2.00 each. Magic Beans will be available for purchase at \$1.00 a piece after Friday 15 November.

Barley Straw for Sale

Barley Straw Bales will be available to purchase at \$12.00 a bale. Pick up after 3:00pm on Fête Day. Email taikurafete@gmail.com or call Suzan on 021 2065909 to reserve.

Taikura Kindergartens and Class 1-3 Parents!

You are invited to a talk about Children and Parenting

'Roots and Wings'

Free Your Child to Develop and Grow

by parent mentor

Mary Willow

Where Taikura School Hall

When Monday December 2nd at 7.00pm

6.30pm for a cuppa tea before the talk.

(to support full focus, no children attending please)

Entry: Koha

Wouldn't it be wonderful if our children could just relax and 'come along for the ride'? If they could be open to learning and all that life has to offer? If they could learn to cope with the ups and downs of daily life without always melting down?

Yet increasingly our children are reactive rather than responsive

Why is this and what can we do about it?

How do we free our children to become resilient and responsive 'happy campers'?

Mary has been supporting parents throughout New Zealand and Internationally for many years.

Parents frequently say her lectures and mentoring are life-changing.

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Techniques-Resources-Curriculum and Festival Links
Wet On Wet-Wet On Dry-Human Figure Development-Perspective Drawing
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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

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.

House For Rent

Spacious three bedroom house on small section in pleasant Parkvale, near the park. \$450.00 pw. Available November. Please contact the owner on 0273261926

House Swap

A family of four looking to houseswap their three bed cottage in Taupo. Dates: From Friday 27 December until Saturday 11 January 2020. Friendly easygoing cats and a child-friendly garden, located in Central Taupo. Contact Fiona for more details 0210639249

Play Stands For Sale

Two Play Stands for Sale, Waldorf inspired, 110 cm long, beautiful macrocarpa wood. Make an offer, if interested contact Sabine on 8751905 or 0274928444.

Billets Required

We need billeting families for the **International Kolisko Conference**.

This conference is for Teachers, Parents, Medical / Health professionals and will be held at Napier Boys High School. **Wednesday 8 - Sunday 12 July 2020**. Suggested koha/charge \$40.00 a night. Breakfast included. Contact Corrie Levick 027 3680242 or ph 8367678 or [email:corrie.levick@gmail.com](mailto:corrie.levick@gmail.com)

Lemons Please

Class 4 would like your donated lemons for making lemonade to sell at the fete please. There is a labelled lemon box out front of Classes 4/5. Thank you.

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Website

We encourage you to read the Grapevine on-line via the school website please go to www.taikura.school.nz Under the heading: Key Dates, News & Events select Newsletters from the drop down box, the latest copies of the Grapevine will be on the left side of the page. Click on the date you wish to read. Please let the office know if you no longer wish your child to receive a copy in class.

The Steiner Centre

The Steiner Centre on the corner of Whitehead Road and Nelson Street North, opposite Taikura Rudolf Steiner School is available to hire for events, classes, music lessons and more. Notices posted on board outside venue. For more information call: Cleone Armon 06 878 3128 or Robyn Hewetson 021 217 8688

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. 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.



Messy Church @ St Matthew's Hastings

Saturday 9 November 2019

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Family fun for all ages! Come and join us!

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