



The Grapevine

Corrie Levick

Courage, determination, and empathy are words that spring to mind when thinking about Corrie Levick.

Imagine what courage it would take to pack up your family of four young children and travel from the Netherlands to Dargaville, Aotearoa with little or no English on a hope and a prayer. Well, this is just what Corrie did some forty years ago. It didn't take long until the family made their way further south to Hastings to the Steiner community where the family established successful bakery businesses. All four children were educated at Hastings Rudolf Steiner School, which at that time wasn't state-integrated. Parents made great efforts, paid significant fees and dedicated hours at a time to be part of working bees, organise school fairs and were actively involved in the working life of the school. A time Corrie remembers fondly as lifelong friendships were formed during these years. This willingness to be involved deepened for Corrie as a parent and she started to work with other parents in study groups unpacking lectures given by Rudolf Steiner, starting her journey with anthroposophy.

Corrie has had many different roles within our school and kindergarten community. Firstly, as a parent then as her family moved on to their own lives and left home she undertook a Bachelor of Education specialising in Early Childhood and joined our kindergartens in 2004 first as a teacher, then Centre Manager and her last and latest role as Senior Teacher over the past year.

Over this time Corrie has been integral to the many changes and shifting tides within our kindergarten and school community and she has done so with confidence and knowledge that the Special Character and the needs of the young child are protected and upheld. We have been fortunate to have had Corrie's depth of knowledge and belief in this philosophy.

She has such a wonderful empathy for others and a great love of learning, often talking to colleagues, parents and friends alike about new insights and deeper understanding of Rudolf Steiner's lecture or even some much-needed advice to a challenging situation.

Corrie looks at the world with a glass half full perspective and has a real can-do attitude to things. There are no problems, only solutions is a common phrase Corrie uses, with this optimistic world view anything is possible. Corrie has worked and created a special place for young children attending our kindergartens to explore, experience, grow and develop at their own pace. With a great love of gardening and cooking in personal and professional life, Corrie has given many children a rich and warm environment that fills the senses with delight and wonder.

As the seasons of life shift and change so too does our place in time. We as a community have a number of longstanding stalwarts that have held the Special Character of our school in their head, hands and heart. Championing the philosophy and living it to make it authentic to an Aotearoa context. As Corrie approaches the next chapter of her life we can be sure it will be filled with lots of time in her gardens, adventuring to interesting places in the world and spending time with her much loved family both locally and afar.

So we wish Corrie all the best for retirement and the golden years that are so well deserved.

Tash Shaw
Head Teacher - Kereru Kindergarten

Mark Your Calendar

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
December 13	3:00 pm	Classes 8 and 9 Finish for the Year
December 15	7:00 pm	Shepherds Play - School Hall
December 17	7:00 pm	Carol Evening - Held in the School Gym
December 18	12:30 pm	Classes 1-7 Finish for the Year

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He pito kōrero!

Reflections from our noho-marae

Like most kura in New Zealand, our school year begins with Professional Development for teachers in the run-up to Term One. This year at Taikura a large part of it was spent on a noho-marae at Waimārama. Having the chance to spend the night under the stars on the porch of Waimārama Marae to begin the school year was wonderful.

The noho had the whole school staff immersed in te ao Māori for two full days, reflecting on how well we as a school consider our tamariki Māori, how well we embody tikanga and te ao Māori in our school, what we do well and what needs to change.

The noho began with a pōwhiri led by Bayden Barber who shared his huge knowledge about local Māori history and about the importance of Waimārama to local iwi and how it came to be. There were waiata, pepeha and some kai. Time was spent looking at our He Reo Ora Strategy and what that means in practice to staff in all areas of the school. Also, a very powerful workshop was facilitated by Gwyn John that looked at the Pre-European picture of Māori in Aotearoa and then at the consequences on Māori of the arrival of Europeans and of the two versions of the Treaty of Waitangi. We also looked at the disempowering effect this had on Māori, along with devastating impact that legislation has had on te ao Māori from then until much more recently.

As a pākehā teacher, these workshops and spending time in this environment had a profound impact on me. Reflecting on my own practice, I saw a need to make sure that my classroom becomes a place which reflects tikanga Māori and breathes it. I want to create a space which does justice to the bi-cultural nature of Aotearoa, and does not adopt solely tokenistic nudges to Māoridom. As a teacher, I want the children in my class to become free, caring individuals who can bring value to society and find purpose in their own lives. However, I also want those Māori children to be successful as Māori and not compromise their own cultural beliefs and traditions to fit into a western model. It was made clear to us that pākehā legislation has been so detrimental to Māori culture, that it was our responsibility as teachers to try to repair some of that damage.

As a teacher in my second year at Taikura, I have been truly impressed by the extent to which Māori language and culture is embodied and valued within the school. It feels more integrated into the daily life of the school than in any of my other schools. It feeds into every assembly and meeting, into meal times, festivals and into classrooms. Our noho-marae at the beginning of year highlighted for me all the things that we were doing well as a school, but also underlined the crucial importance of continuing and building on what we have in place and how important my own role is as a teacher to see Māori achieving success as Māori.

Nā Toby Blakey (Class 2 Teacher).

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



EOTC

Our school policy states that all parent volunteers on overnight camps must be police vetted. If you or a member of your family think you may like to volunteer for a camp in the future, it would be a good idea to get the police vet check done. The check can take up to six weeks to clear, and is valid for three years. If you are a parent who is hoping to assist with a camp taking place this term, or early next year, please come and see me as soon as possible to complete the paperwork.

Ngā mihi, nā, Suzan
suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz

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We did it!

Heartfelt thanks to every member of the community who crafted and baked; heaved and carried; put up and took down; got dressed up or got dirty; cooked and served; cleaned and counted; danced, played and sang, in service of our marvellous school and our wonderful tamariki. What a magical Fête day it was!

Special thanks to our Office staff; our Teaching staff, especially the High School Sponsor Teachers; the Parent Body; our High School students; and our hard working Property Manager, Liam Wyley, for giving so generously of your time and energy to make this year's Fête a huge success, earning in excess of \$24,000 of much needed money for our school.

Be proud of all that we have come together to create!

The following businesses supported our Fête, let's show them our gratitude by supporting them: Bay Scaffolding, New World Hastings, True Earth Organics, JJ's Organics, Cornucopia, Hohepa, Weleda, Common Room, Hot Shots Photo Booths, The Organic Farm Butchery, Mad Butcher, Star Foods, Trade Aid Napier, Edgebrook Cider, East Coast Packaging, Harald's Bread World, Farmhouse Kitchen, Audio Smith, Hastings Business Association, HSM Security, BNZ.

Signs

Please return any outstanding signs to the Office. They will be reused for many years to come.

Feedback

We want to hear your thoughts and experiences so that the Fête can get better and better. Please take the time to email us at taikurafete@gmail.com.

Get Involved

Are you willing to roll up your sleeves and get involved in the process of bringing the Fête into being? We need more volunteers to bring their energy and flair to the table in order to make this endeavour sustainable. You will be mentored in your role, and given tasks to fit your particular skill set. If you think this might be you, get in touch at taikurafete@gmail.com. There are minimal meetings, we have fun and it's very rewarding.

Lost Property

We have a small amount of lost property from the Fête at the Office, including jewellery, a wallet, a whittled sword, as well as a pile of Spin Art pictures. These will be disposed of by the end of next week. Please let us know if you have found a pounamu/greenstone earring and disc pendant, lost at the Fête.

From the Principal

On behalf of the School and Kindergartens I would very much like to thank the Fête committee for their continual and committed energy, vision and time given to this initiative.

Please see the next page for some wonderful photographs of the day!



SCHOOL NOTICES

Library News

Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura!

Some Reflections On Our Year In The Library

Our library year is nearly done, with many classes off on camp and doing end-of-year activities over the coming weeks. It has been a busy 2019, which shows in our high annual issue rates. It is heartening to see that books are still so loved by students!

As the year draws to a close, I have been reflecting on the role of the school librarian; the privilege and complexities of working with a collection of over 9000 books that meet the needs of students from Class One to Twelve and through to teachers' resources. Carrying our curriculum and special character within the library is a nuanced task that requires time spent, much reflection and a commitment to learn from mistakes. For me personally, I feel so blessed to have had the time learning alongside Fran, whose vast knowledge and years of experience have been a real gift, but even with support the learning curve has been hugely steep! So, I thank you all for your patience as I grow into my role here. It is a true blessing to work with your children and share the joy of books.

Stocktake

Please could all books be back by **Friday 29 November** so we can undertake our annual stocktake. A letter will go home if any items are outstanding after stocktake, and then these items will be charged for on school sundries if not returned.

Student Librarian Programme 2020

I'm excited to announce that next year we will be introducing a student librarian programme. We will begin to advertise and fill places for the programme before the end of this year. It will be targeted at middle to high school (actual classes involved and numbers to be finalised) and will require a once-a-week rostered lunchtime commitment by students. This is an opportunity to spend time getting to know books, but also to be trained in the various aspects of library work. At the completion of the year, all student librarians will be presented a certificate for their CV at a special end-of-year celebration.

Thank You

The school library is indebted to many people this year; huge thanks to Angela Binns who has volunteered each week, shelving and covering books, and to others who have popped in to help in their spare time. We have also had generous book donations from many individuals and families this year – we are grateful to each and every one of you.

Ko te tūmanako mō o koutou hararei e heke mai, kia whakataa te tinana, kia tau te wairua hoki! Happy holidays to you all, may it be restful for body and spirit.

Warm wishes, Kura.

Check and Return Of Hired Instruments 2019

Hi all instrument hiring students.

Could all hired instruments be brought in for checking between now and the 6 December. I wish to get this done early so the end of year is freed up.

- As always, if you wish to keep your instrument over the school holidays you may do so, but I need to know this. So please leave a note with your instrument when you drop it off at the office, with your name, contact number and whether you wish to retain or return. I will check them as soon as I can and get them back to you in a timely fashion so your practices are not interrupted. So on that note, the date of your next practice would also be helpful.

Instruments For Hire 2020

Just a reminder that the school has a number of instruments for hire at reasonable rates. We have many violins plus violas, cellos, double bass, trumpets, trombones, saxophones, clarinets, flutes and guitars. If you think your child may wish to begin playing an instrument next year, please give me a call and I will set one aside for them.

Warm Regards, Zahira.

SCHOOL NOTICES

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

TAIKURA DISCO

Thursday 28 November
6:30pm to 8:30pm
in the School Hall

Strictly Classes 5 to 7

\$5 entry with sweet treats.

Tickets sold at the door
All profits raised go towards
2019 Olympic Camp

Organic Carrots

Surplus carrots left over from the Fete.
\$3.00/kg
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"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.



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CHRISTMAS MARKET

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SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

10:00 am – 2:00pm
363 Main Road, Clive SH51
www.hohepahawkesbay.com

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.

See the testimonials page on her website

www.plumparenting.com

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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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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)

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

Casio Piano Keyboard For Sale

CTK 3200 Digital Piano Keyboard complete with stand and headphones. Like new as has only been used for a couple of months. \$250.00 ONO. Please contact Karen on 027 765 8396

Christmas Felting For Children

I am offering another Needle Felting class for children either in the holidays prior to Christmas or on a weekend during the school term. In this class we will create beautiful items for Christmas, while giving you a few hours away from your child to relax and prepare for the busy season. If you are interested please contact Sabine on 875 1905 or 027 492 8444.

Firewood For Sale

Class 2 Fundraiser

Get prepared for next winter. Class 2 have apple wood for sale at \$225.00 per cord delivered (\$10 surcharge to those out of Hastings). Please contact Jess on 021 02993576.

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**World Expert, Professor Dariusz Leszczynski - Public Lecture -
'5G Technology on Health and the Environment'**

Sunday 24 November

3:30 - 5:30pm (doors open at 3:00pm)

Iona College - The Blyth Performing Arts Centre - 42 Lucknow Road, Havelock North

Cost: \$5 to cover expenses

The roll-out of 5G EMF technology by telecommunications companies in 2020 on the whole of New Zealand is without public consultation or consent. There is significant scientific research that raises legitimate concerns for the health and safety of the community from this untested technology.

Come along to learn more and decide if this is what we want for our community. For any more info please contact fleurbblack@hotmail.com or <https://www.5g.org.nz/events/>