

## Staffing Updates

New to Taikura this year is Danica Hensel Ondrusova our new Kindergarten Senior Teacher. Danica (Danizza) is a mother of ten month old twins, and partner to Tobi. Originally from Slovakia, where Danica did her teacher training, she discovered Steiner education through her sister who was enrolled at the first Steiner School there. Keen to learn more, she began her Steiner education journey as she was training as a primary teacher. Following her graduation, she went to Scotland and taught and worked at Camphill in Aberdeen where she also studied Curative Education at university. Close friends drew her to New Zealand and Hohepa where she worked for five and a half years, before joining us at Taikura



Emma Fisher is the new Head Teacher at Taikura Kindergarten. Emma is a past student of Taikura, having arrived in Class 5 at ten years old, and graduating from Class 12 in 1989. After some time spent travelling, Emma studied ECE in Wellington, where her daughters Estelle and Iris were born. As a parent Emma re-connected with the Waldorf pedagogy, and moved back to Hawkes Bay in order for her children to receive a Steiner education at Taikura. She soon found work in our kindergartens and has since become an invaluable member of the kindergarten team.

It is with sadness that we have received and accepted the resignation of our Class 5 teacher, Clayton Gibson. He will be taking up a position as the Curator of Hastings City Art Gallery. Clayton has worked here at Taikura for the past 20 years.

We will miss the wisdom, collegiality and experience he brings, we also wish him the very best on the next part of his working journey.

Class 5 provides a good time for the children to experience a change in teacher. Early learning skills are well established, the breadth of the Class 5 curriculum allows students opportunities to consolidate and hone their skills, and students are challenged to use these skills, independently, applying them with rigour across many learning opportunities. Students present with both the ability – skills learned and established over the last four years – and the will to engage with their class teacher. Class 5 is often seen as the Golden Year of both curriculum and childhood; the last bastion before moving towards a more acute self-conscious and complex inner world of adolescence.



Change often presents challenges but by introducing change in the right way for the children we are better placed to provide a transition that puts the needs of this particular group at the centre.

A position for a class teacher has been advertised and the employment of a new teacher is underway. We hope to notify you of the new appointment very soon.

# SCHOOL NOTICES



## He pito kōrero

Kua rewa a Poutūterangi – Altair has risen, The star Poutūterangi (Altair) has just appeared and heralds the beginning of the 10th month of the Maramataka - the Māori lunar calendar. This kāhui whetū (star cluster) rises in the eastern sky about 4:30 am, but is more visible at 5:30 am. This appears as a set of three whetū (stars) that are in a 'V' shape with the middle star being Poutūterangi. The sighting of this whetū signals the change of season, as we've felt the cooler temperatures in the mornings and the evenings. It also tells us that it will be getting closer to harvesting the kūmara within the next month before the first frosts! Kīwaha o te wiki .....Kī

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

## Careers Information

Victoria University will be visiting Taikura on Tuesday 17 March and Schools liaison officer Shanna Luafalealo will be at school at 3:15 at Level 3 Taikura House.

Victoria is developing a new visual identity: a globally minded university that values close involvement with the social, cultural and economic life of its city and region or, put simply, a global-civic University with the marae at the heart. The quality of teaching and research are the equal of any of the top universities in the world and graduates deserve to receive the recognition and opportunities that flow from studying at a world-class university.

A distinctive identity is essential to building an international reputation and the cornerstone of identity is place - in this case, the city of Wellington in Aotearoa New Zealand. For this reason, and to reflect the enduring partnership between the University and the capital city, new branding has been created that will emphasise and celebrate the word Wellington. It will also prominently feature the new Maori name of Te Herenga Waka which is also the name of the marae and means the mooring place of canoes.

Victoria University of Wellington Te Harenga Waka is New Zealand's number one university for intensity of high-quality research and consistently ranks among the world's best universities. Students are being pushed to think independently and inspired to succeed.

**Congratulations to** Stasia Rutherford Busck who made the Dean's List for Victoria University 2019.

Stasia was in Class 12 2018 and is currently doing a Bachelor of Arts Degree. The Dean's list is published annually to recognise excellence in academic achievement for those students enrolled in an undergraduate degree programme at Victoria University Wellington.

Lesley Cox

Careers/Gateway/STAR Rudolf Steiner School

## Waka Ama Experience Monday 16 March

Clive River at Waka ama Club 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Several children at school have expressed interest in waka ama. This is an evening to experience waka ama in an enjoyable way. If the children enjoy the experience and want to sign up for a team, they will have the opportunity to do so. The cost of the experience is **\$5.00** (please bring this with you on the day). **Life jackets and hoe will be provided.**

**The children will require the following:**

**Drink bottle**

**Shorts and top suitable for paddling in**

**Towel**

**Change of clothes**

Clayton Gibson

## Mark Your Calendar

March 13	8:45 am for 9:00 am start	Coffee Morning - Taikura Kindergarten
March 16	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Staff Room - Main Office
March 19	1:00 pm	Autumn Festival - Big Field
April 1	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Meeting - Library
April 9	11:10 am	Community Assembly
April 10	All Day	Good Friday - Start Of Term Break
April 28	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Term 2 Begins
April 29	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 8 Parent Evening - EA 9
April 29	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Class 9 Parent Evening - EA 7

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## Michael Sargent

**Michael Sargent will be visiting in week seven. He supports us to observe and understand the children at our school more deeply. Here's a little offering of his background.**

Mike graduated as a Doctor from Otago University in 1975 and went on to do a diploma in Obstetrics which he completed in 1977. From there he went into General Practice in Tauranga. In the mid 1980's he started working with the formation of the New Zealand Anthroposophical Doctors Group, whilst at the same time he and his wife were founding members of the Tauranga Rudolf Steiner school. During this time, he took on the role of the School Doctor. Family circumstances led to a move to Auckland where he started up an Anthroposophical Medical Practice in Mt Eden. His daughters attended Michael Park School, where he took over the role of School Doctor. The role of Michael Park School Doctor continued over some ten years, which during this time expanded to include supporting the Tauranga and Hamilton Steiner Schools too.

In the later part of the 1990's Mike moved to Hawkes Bay, living in Otane, and the schools he was involved with expanded to include Taikura, Te Ra, and Raphael House, and the Motueka Steiner School, and also various roles at Hohepa Hawkes Bay. In 2002 Mike and his wife moved from Hawkes bay to Christchurch, where he became School Doctor for Christchurch and Dunedin Schools too. Around 2005, due to health reasons, Mike needed to decrease his workload, and stepped back from his school doctor roles. After the Christchurch earthquakes Mike withdrew from private practice but continued to be involved with Christchurch Steiner School and accepted our invitation in 2016 to renew his connection with Taikura School. Mike relinquished his practising certificate about six years ago.

Mike's passion, and reason for giving of his services to the Steiner schools and kindergartens around the country over the years is that he has a deep understanding of child development and health from his years as an anthroposophical doctor, whilst at the same time having extensive knowledge of Steiner pedagogy, and the healing forces that are held within the curriculum. With this combined knowledge Mike has developed keen observational skills, and he is able to support us as teachers and kindergartners to develop our insights with the children who stand before us and give indications as to how we can best support them out of a holistic picture. As teachers here at Taikura Steiner School and Kindergartens we always feel very privileged to have Mike's depth of knowledge available to us. He gives his time freely to us, and was pivotal in our will to create the H3 Fundraising group, which has been operating over the last three years to enable all students at our school that we know would benefit from anthroposophical therapeutic support (Nursing Therapies / Eurythmy / Art / Speech / Extra Lesson), plus other therapeutic support (the iLs Listening Programme and the Leg Up Trust) to receive it by providing financial support to families.

Out of habit we have continued to use the term 'School Doctor' for Mike's visits to us. We feel, along with Mike, that this is out of date and lends itself to misinterpretation as of the purpose of his visits. We experience Mike as a wise elder who supports our teachers to deepen their understanding of Child Development through the lens of Anthroposophical insights.

## Welcome Coffee Morning

Friday 13 March - At 9:00 am, Taikura Kindergarten

A warm welcome to new and existing parents in both the school and kindergarten. Please join us for our first coffee morning on Friday 13 March, 8:45am for a 9:00am start at Taikura Kindergarten, morning tea is provided.

Please do not be shy to come along and meet with parents and Pippa Caccioppoli, an ex-student and current parent and Principal at Taikura. Our informal talks are child friendly for babies and toddlers. All community members are welcome including those on the waiting list.

Any queries about the parents group please call Filipa on 027 451 3445

## Bike Security

In the last week we have had a couple of push bikes stolen or tampered with. **PLEASE** send your child to school with a padlock and show them how to use it. Lock the wheel and the frame to the rack. And do not leave a bike over night.

Liam Wyley  
Property Manager



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Autumn Festival

*Nā tō rourou, nā taku rorou ka ora ai iwi*

*With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive*



## Autumn Festival Thursday 19 March 2020

Lunchtime Picnic – 1:00 pm Parents are warmly invited to join us for a picnic lunch on the field followed by a game of Taikura Crummock between parents, staff and students.

**Saint Michael and the Dragon Play** – 2:15 pm on the School Field

**Wet weather option:**      • No lunchtime picnic      • Play in the Gym at 2:15 pm



### Harvest Table

Monday 16 March, our Harvest Table will be in the hall foyer - ready to receive any surplus abundance of the season. We welcome any excess produce and preserves for the Harvest table. Items are welcome from Monday 16 March up until and including Thursday 19 March.

All produce collected is gifted to grateful homes.  
Warm wishes the Festival Team

## Surf Friday

Friday 13 March will be the last "Surf Friday" run by Clayton. Clayton is moving on from Taikura. On top of being a class teacher he has volunteered his time every Friday afternoon in Terms 1 and 4 for the last 20 years! Offering surf lessons, support and encouragement for many students and parents over the years to develop the love of surfing including myself, from the days of taking my own children out to the Taikura surf club at Waimarama in the late 90's.

I remember several occasions where Clayton would be going away with his own family for the weekend, but they would all wait until after surf Friday till they left. His volunteered hours and dedication to this is immeasurable, especially after a full week of teaching! "Surf Friday" culture will be sorely missed.

For those that can make it, it would be nice to have a solid surf send off this Friday for Clayton.

Janet Osborne

## Sport Notice

Last Thursday we took 60 students to Frimley Park to compete in the TACS triathlon. We had 9 students compete as individuals which is always an impressive feat!

**Yudi Porter** won the year 8 boys section with **Saul Barker** coming in a close 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Amelie Smith** came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the year 7 girls section out a field of 24 girls competing.

**Ashton Clark** came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the year 7 boys section out of a field of 18.

Other fantastic results were

**Year 7 mixed teams:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Will Telford, Saul Ramonteau-Chiros, Billie Barron.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Iroquoi ToaToa Lesa, Ruben Stanford, Sita FitzGerald.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Zac Mc Gavock, Isaac Wulf- Ryan, Lily Rock.

**Year 7 girls teams:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Linaea Kouzounian, Frances Wheeler, Mia Berghan.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Emily Marr, Moana Woods, River Mc Clennan

**Year 8 mixed teams:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Easton Mc Connell, Jack Waters, Chloe Greatbatch

**Year 8 Girls teams:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Izzy Caccioppoli, Kate Caccioppoli, Ileasha Blunn

A third of our students finished in a top 3 placing.

Well done to everyone for getting out there and competing, it was a fun day with buckets of exuberant support for fellow schoolmates.

Janet Osborne



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Early yesterday morning, before the beginning of the school day, staff and guests took part in the blessing of the flow-form, located under the walnut tree by the Edwin Ayre building.

The flow-form is a gift to Taikura from Erin Simpson, our Board of Trustees Chairperson, and his partner Clare Buckner. They were in attendance along with Ian Trousdell, the maker of the flow-form.

We would like to acknowledge Liam, who volunteered his personal time during the summer break in order to install the flow-form, and our gardeners, Jenny and Jo, for their landscaping work. We also received an anonymous donation from a generous benefactor to ensure there were no costs incurred by the school for the complete installation of the flow-form. Kia ora rawa atu!



L-R Clare Buckner, Christopher Simpson, Jenny Speedy, Jo Doig, Erin Simpson  
Tangaroa (deity of the waters)

Tangaroa wai nui, tangaroa wai roa  
Nāu ko te hōhonu, nāu ko te rangiwhāwhātanga  
Nāu ko te ngarungaru, nāu ko te marino  
Nāu ko te huanui a ō tātau tīpuna  
I Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa  
Tangaroa te wai ora, tangaroa te wai tapu e

Whano, whano, haramai te toki

Haumi ē, hui ē  
Tāiki ē

Tangaroa of the large and wide waters  
You are of the deep and expansive waters  
You are of the undulating and calm waters  
You who are the pathway that our ancestors  
traversed across the great Ocean of Kiwa  
Tangaroa of the life-giving waters  
Tangaroa of the sacred waters  
United, together we proceed

**The Nine Year Old  
Change  
Class Three Workshop**  
Saturday 14 March 2020  
9:30am - 3:00pm  
in Class 3

Facilitators:  
**Michelle Vette and  
Jean McGavock**



**Free entry but please  
bring kai to share.**

If you wish to attend please email [toby.blakey@taikura.school.nz](mailto:toby.blakey@taikura.school.nz) as soon as possible.





# TARUNA COLLEGE

Connect, Nourish, Sustain

## The Art of Well-Being

Meet yourself, Know yourself, Be yourself



Come and renew your well-spring for life, refresh your soul and re-connect to what is important for you right now. **The Art of Well-Being** recognises that to be our best, to be fully available to the people and relationships that matter to us, to achieve what we set out to do, and to deepen connection to the things that are important, means finding time to nourish ourselves. Whether it is personal or professional development, our intention at Taruna is to offer you learning opportunities that will refresh and deepen your understanding of what matters in your life and work.

**The Art of Well-Being** invites you to take three weeks from your coming year to find a new connection to your own well-being. This programme is gentle yet enquiring, focusing on three themes that renew our well-being:

**Art** - recognising it as the language of the soul as we progressively work with colour, form, line, movement and language to deepen our ways of connecting and expressing our rich world within.

**Life-story work** - discovering the meaning and potential in our biographies, as we explore our own life stories and the rich tapestries that each of our lives have woven.

**Contemporary, holistic thinking** which provides windows to help you view the world in fresh ways about what it is to be truly human. In particular we draw on contemporary applications of the work and understandings of Anthroposophy inspired by Rudolf Steiner.

If you are exploring ways to be all you can be, and also want to help others in your work and life who need your insight and support, join us for this special learning journey.

### The Art of Well-Being dates for 2020:

Seminar One: Wednesday 6 May - Monday 11 May

Seminar Two: Wed 5 August - Monday 10 August

Seminar Three: Wed 28 October - Monday 2 November

The **Art of Well-Being** is designed for:

- busy professionals who want to re-connect with their own inner source of well-ness and creativity, as a basis for professional renewal and nourishment
- professional care-givers in any health field needing fresh tools and approaches to revitalise their work
- busy parents who want to develop their ability to be centered and insightful in their parenting
- those who recognise the dimension of spirit in their own life - in whatever shape that takes - and who seek to honour that aspect of themselves.

Earlybird price for each seminar: \$900.

### Art of Well-Being Team:

Lauren Hudson, Rosie Simpson, and  
Deb Bednarek.

**The Crystal Bridge loan fund makes interest free loans available to Taruna students.**

**For more information**

**See our website**

[www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz)

**or call 06 8777174**

## Community Notice



**Messy Church**  
**@ St Matthew's**  
**Hastings**

Saturday 14 March 2020

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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](http://www.stmatts.org.nz)