



## Head Heart And Hands

Term Three has started with much activity.

Sports, High School parent meetings, Lower School parent teacher interviews and mihi whakatau for new staff and students. This has been a lovely contrast to last term's start of distance learning and the gradual return to all activities.

The children were also greeted by the wonderful maintenance improvements which had been completed over the holidays.

The opportunities for student activity have also been more varied. This term we have seen African drumming being offered for students of mixed ages, along with creative speech, which supports curriculum work.

Our many therapies, or as Mike Sargent likes to call them, curriculum helpers, of art therapy, the leg up trust, eurythmy therapy, the iLs Listening Programme and Extra Lesson are all back in full swing with many children attending daily. I would like to acknowledge how generously we are supported by the H3 group, who fundraise specifically towards supporting therapies in our kura, we are very grateful for their amazing support.

Without the help of the H3 group many children would not have access to these nurturing and beneficial therapies and activities. Unfortunately, the H3 group has been limited in their ability to fundraise this year due to Covid-19 and some of their planned events have been unable to go ahead. This is a real shame and a challenge, as some children would benefit hugely from the support offered by the therapies post lockdown.

Our fund is in need of topping up, so if you have any opportunities for fundraising, or would like to make a contribution to this very worthwhile cause, please get in touch or donate directly to:

**Rudolf Steiner School Hastings Trust 03-1518-0040482-00, citing H3 as reference**

Any amount no matter how small is truly helpful and greatly contributes to this ongoing work.

Ngā manaakitanga, nā,  
Kelly Sutton

### Mark Your Calendar

|             |                         |  |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| August 7    | 8:45 am - 9:00 am Start | Parent Group - Empowered Parenting - Filipa Hope                     |
| August 11   | 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm       | HS Parent Teacher Interviews - More Info To Come                     |
| August 13   | 9:00 am                 | Class Photos - Important Information See Last Page For Details       |
| August 13   | 7:00 pm                 | Class 10 Play - More info to come                                    |
| August 26   | 7:00 pm                 | Liaison Parent Meeting - School Library                              |
| August 28   | 8:45 am - 9:00 am Start | Parent Group - George W Carver benefactor to humanity - David Urieli |
| September 2 | 7:00 pm                 | HS Information Evening - More info To Come                           |

**TERM 3:** Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September (Friday 21 August – Monday 24 August - Mid Term Break)

**TERM 4:** Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December

# SCHOOL NOTICES



## He pito kōrero!

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

He rangi mokopuna tēnei – it's a beautiful day  
(or a way of saying it's a day as fabulous as our grandkids)

Hine: Kia ora Rangī! Isn't it a lovely winter's day?

Rangī: Ae, he rangi mokopuna tēnei!

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



## Waiata Mai Every Thursday, From 12:30 – 1:00 p.m

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura!

Waiata mai has started again. This will be every Thursday from 12:30 –1:00 pm in the Library. If you want to learn some of the waiata that your children sing at school, nau mai, haere mai te katoa.....all are welcome!

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!

Nā Troy Gardiner.

## Music Department

Itinerant instrument lessons are available during the school day. Instruments include violin, viola, cello, flute, drums, piano, guitar and ukulele if you would like further details please contact me on: [thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz](mailto:thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz)

Lower school orchestra and high school orchestra are up and running weekly. If your child would like to join, please get in touch in person or through [thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz](mailto:thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz)

## Congratulations To...

Alex Bartley a Class 12, 2016 Taikura Graduate who made the Otago Universtiy School of Business Dean's list.

The Otago Business School's Dean's List recognises and celebrates excellence in academic achievement for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce degree. We congratulate those students who have made the list from across all disciplines in the School.

To qualify, students are likely to be in the top 5% of their class, with a grade average of 7.5 or higher. Students are also required to complete a minimum of 90 points worth of Commerce papers in any qualifying year.

Alex has completed a Degree in Business majoring in Economics.

## Save The Date: Sunday 22 November



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Staffing Update

A warm welcome to Brooke Smiler, our new Kaiako at Kereru Kindergarten.

Kia Ora Whānau,

Ko Te Aroha tooku maunga,  
Ko Waihou tooku awa,  
Ko Tainui tooku waka,  
Ko Ngati Hako tooku iwi,  
Ko Paeahi tooku hapu.  
Ko Paeahi tooku marae,  
Ko Hirawani tooku whanau.  
Ko Lehi Smiler tooku taane,  
Ko Amaree-James raua ko Iverson ooku tama,  
Ko Irie toku tuahine,  
Ko Brooke Smiler ahau.

My name is Brooke Smiler and my whānau and I have recently moved to Hawkes Bay from Hamilton. I have been married for about eight years and have three children. I am of Maori and Samoan decent and have been involved with the Steiner community throughout New Zealand for about 10 years. The majority of my teaching career has been within Waldorf Education. I am fully registered with a BEd (ECE) and last year completed my Diploma in Rudolf Steiner Education. I am passionate about working alongside young children to create positive outcomes to support them in their learning journey. I enjoy sports, art and food. I have a positive disposition and love to learn new things.



## Proprietors Trust Membership

The Proprietors Trust are looking for new members. If you have skills and interests in governance which would be of benefit to the Proprietors of a State-Integrated School, particularly in the area of Special Character, please get in touch with Suzan ([suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz](mailto:suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz)) for further information.

## Health & Wellbeing for Learning

### Pānui

#### 2020 Term 3 newsletter from the Child Health Team

While all of us are pleased to be returning to something like “normal” after the pandemic in terms 1 and 2, we need to keep in mind that the threat from COVID-19 has not gone away and that we need to be ready in case we get a situation similar to Melbourne here in NZ.

Infection control, personal hygiene, staying at home if you are unwell and getting tested if you have symptoms are our most effective defences against community transmission.



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Taikura Parents Group Talks Are Back - Starting Friday 7 August

Welcoming everyone in the community to these free talks and gatherings (including parents, grandparents, past parents, those on the waiting list). Join us in the warm and relaxed space of the Hastings Taikura Kindergarten (in their lovely community space - just inside their front door). We aim to create a parent supportive environment and all our gatherings are baby/toddler friendly. You are welcome to arrive and leave as meets your needs.

Our guest speakers begin at 9:00 am and usually finish about 10:30am. Tea & coffee is freely available from 8:45 am. Donations of food for the morning tea are appreciated :-)

For questions, suggestions, offerings please contact Filipa Hope - 0274513445 or Melanie Sims - 0274 555 300

### Next Parent Group meetings:

**Friday 7 August:** Filipa Hope *'Empowered Parenting'* Filipa's work Communication for Connection builds confidence in communication, nourishment for wellbeing and deepening relationships. These affirming and strengthening life skills are based on the work of Dr Marshall Rosenberg: the principles of NVC.

**Friday 28 August:** David Urieli - Taikura High School teacher. Looking at George W Carver benefactor to humanity.

**Friday 11 September:** Herman Veluwenkamp -What is Biodynamics? Looking at ideas behind this method of agriculture.

## PFA News

Dear School community, in the first week of the school holidays over ten school families gave time to convene and construct six permanent wooden benches on the lower school court.

The PFA would like to say a big thank you to the families who helped make this happen. It was a great example of how many hands make light work as all involved gave of their varying skills from soup making to building acumen.

There are many projects happening in the school and our Special Character calls us as parents and whānau to offer our hands when we can. If you would like to play a role in supporting the PFA more directly, please phone Jess on 02102993576. We totally all have skills that are wanted and needed.



## Snippets From The Parent Handbook

### Parking

This can be at a premium at pick up and drop off times. Please be aware of the five minute parking rule outside the school. Please **do not park** in or across driveways, **Teachers or Principals** carparks or in the bus stops which are well marked with yellow lines. If you are finding it challenging to find a park, please could you allow an extra few minutes in your day to park a safe distance from the school – this can be an opportunity for some gentle exercise and a pleasant way to start and /or end your child/ren's school day.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Playgroup Coordinator Required

**Playgroup Coordinator** (part time, fixed term, term time only)

The Taikura Rudolf Steiner Kindergartens have a part time position available for a Playgroup Coordinator. This position is fixed term until 9 July 2021 at which time the requirements of the position will be reviewed. The position is for 4.5 hours per week over three mornings. One morning is in Taradale and two are in Hastings, as well as an additional 1.5 hours a term for administration preparation.

The position would support the Senior Teacher to coordinate the smooth running of the playgroups and provide administration support.

A copy of the position description is available from [erika.potter@taikura.school.nz](mailto:erika.potter@taikura.school.nz)

Applications close Monday 10 August 2020 and are by way of CV and covering letter. Please email applications to [erika.potter@taikura.school.nz](mailto:erika.potter@taikura.school.nz)

## Therapeutic Art Class

Ten Guided colour meditations from the Luke Gospel. Working from the artistic impulses of Margarita Hauschka and Liane Collot d'Herboise.

Each week there will be a colour meditation inspired by verses from the Luke Gospel. There will be one on one therapeutic guidance for each person. The facilitator is Kathy Allan who has trained in both Hauschka and Liane Collot d'Herboise Art Therapy

Where: Steiner Centre corner Whitehead Road and Nelson Street

Cost: \$15.00 per session

When: Wednesdays 10 -11:30pm starting 22 July

Contact: Kathy Allan 8700108 or 027 233 0970

## Awhina Day Nursery and Kindergarten

Awhina Day Nursery and Kindergarten, an independent Waldorf / Steiner Centre for Child Care in Havelock North. Awhina offers a nurturing care environment for children from six months in a home like setting based on Rudolf Steiner pedagogical principles (anthroposophical day nursery).

An environment as close to an 'at home' experience as possible.

For more information and contact details go to: [www.awhinachildren.co.nz](http://www.awhinachildren.co.nz)

## The Art Of Eurythmy

Building a healthy rhythm into life  
through  
The Art of Eurythmy  
Six morning sessions 8:30 - 9:30am  
Thursdays starting 6 August – 10 September  
Taruna College  
Te Mata Peak Rd, Havelock North

Recently a group of parents were able to taste eurythmy during a nursing workshop. The positive response has encouraged me to offer a course to which all are welcome.

If interested please contact me [sue.simpson0@gmail.com](mailto:sue.simpson0@gmail.com) or phone 0210396186. For those working people, I'm open to running an evening course, please send me your notice of interest and what evening works best for you. No promises, but promising!

## Winter Warmer Craft Workshops At Taruna College

Come and learn from master craftspeople.

**Saturday 1 August 10:00 am - 3:00 pm** Choose from Needle Felting with Sabine Laakmann, Calligraphy with Rebecca from Panoply Studio or Flax Weaving: Mahi raranga with Te Kaahurangi Maioha

**Saturday 8 August 10am - 3pm** Choose from Mixed Media Printing with Ingrid Schlener; Flax Weaving: Mahi raranga with Te Kaahurangi Maioha or Calligraphy with Rebecca from Panoply Studio

To enrol see our website [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz) or contact [info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz), 8777175