



11 March 2021

## The Autumn Festival 2021

The Autumn Festival came about because Rudolf Steiner felt that there should be a 4th festival in the year in keeping with the four Archangels who guide the four seasons. For a long time in the northern hemisphere we have had Christmas, Easter and St John's. To this Rudolf Steiner wanted to add Michaelmas. These have their counterpart in the Matariki Festival, the Spring Festival, the Christmas or Midsummer Festival and Autumn (Easter) Festivals here in the Southern Hemisphere. Rudolf Steiner describes how in the summer we can feel carried up into the warmth and sunlight in a sort of warm daze and he says that then we become particularly open to the call of materialism. We have to fight this going into the autumn and help is given to us by the Archangel of the Autumn, St Michael whose sword is forged of meteoric iron brought by the summer shooting stars. There are two major meteor showers (times for spotting shooting stars) near midsummer: The Geminids around 14 December and the Quarantids around the 3 January. As autumn approaches this is a time for turning inwards to our inner life and taking stock of things. Personally, as a child I always found the brightness and growth of the summer rather overwhelming though they are far stronger here in New Zealand than the South of England where I grew up. There I longed for the autumn dying away of nature and softening of the sun. Once autumn came, I felt I could start to breathe properly again.

Rudolf Steiner wanted a new festival of Courage where the dragon of materialism in which fear, hate and doubt can grow could be fought with the aid of the mightiest of the Archangels. Our age of materialism has been brought in externally by the development of an incredible technology principally based on earthly steel. Where this has led to fear, hate, and doubt it can be fought with the symbolic aid of cosmic steel. The sword of St Michael forged of Meteoric Iron. We live in a world which needs our courage, faith and love more than ever to combat the many forms of fear, doubt, and hate. I once visited one of the German Steiner Schools to see how they were celebrating the Autumn Festival of St Michael. This school had set up trials for the four elements in which the students could take part. They had a trial by water which was going through a tunnel with water spraying into it at various stages. Then further along there was a trial by fire where the tunnel seemed to end in a big bonfire and it was only when you got fairly close to the fire that you saw a way out to the side. Their trial by earth was climbing a big rock (of course duly strapped to a harness) and their trial by air was being flung high up into the air strapped to a harness on a line hung between very high points on two trees. These celebrations were shown in an outward manner, but Rudolf Steiner wanted the festival to be that of inner battle. I really appreciate that our Autumn Festival of St Michael shows the dragon being defeated under the guidance of St Michael by use of meteoric iron. Rudolf Steiner said that he was not told to stop materialism or to fight technology but that he must enter into the dragon's skin. This symbolises a transformation of materialism. Materialism is the attitude based on a rather too strong attachment to what is outside us and what we can make and it is the corruption of fear, doubt and hate inwardly which has led, in some people, to a rejection of all that is most important within us. Our battle against materialism will be won by means of the qualities of courage, in the form of hope, faith and love.

By David Urieli

"There is a knighthood of the 20th century whose members do not ride through the darkness of physical forests as of old, but through forests of darkened minds. They are armed with a spiritual armour and an inner sun makes them radiant. Out of them shines healing – healing that flows from a knowing of the image of the human as a spiritual being. They must create inner order, inner justice, peace and conviction in the darkness of our time."

By Anke Weihs from notes by Karl Koenig

# SCHOOL NOTICES

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

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

Dear Community

The Autumn Festival table will be in the hall foyer from Monday 15 March. We welcome any excess produce and preserves for the table prior to Thursday's festival.

Throughout the week it is a warming sight to watch the piles of produce grow. We encourage all students and visitors to bring something for the table on Festival day. All produce collected is gifted to grateful homes.

Warm wishes the Festival Team



## School Autumn Festival - Thursday 18 March 2021

**Lunchtime Picnic** – 1:00 pm Parents are warmly invited to join us for a picnic lunch on the field.

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

**Wet weather option - notification via SchoolApp and email.**

- No lunchtime picnic
- Play in the Gym at 2:15 pm

**Harvest Table** – please send items into school to create and enrich our harvest table, the content of which will be donated to grateful families in our community following the festival. Items are welcome from Monday 15 March up until and including Thursday 18 March.



## Staffing Update - Tobias Hensel - Class One Teacher



Tobias graduated in 2006, where he as all Germans had to dedicate a year of his life to a social good for a year. Tobias decided against joining the army and spent his year abroad where he was offered a place at Camphill in Aberdeen, Scotland. He arrived there aged nineteen without much understanding around Anthroposophy but with confidence in his english language. When Tobias arrived, he was given a space in a bungalow with key responsibility for an autistic boy. He also worked in classes at the school and with other students there as well. Here Tobias was kept busy teaching, cleaning, cooking, gardening, festivals and meetings with one day off each week. A very busy time for Tobias both physically and mentally. Although others around him found the work hard going, he thrived on it and found something he didn't know he was looking for.

While he was at Camphill, it had a connection to the University of Aberdeen and along the way he was offered a bachelor degree in 'Curative Education' which turned into seven years of study, including a master's diploma in 'Advanced Residential Child Care' where he met his wife Danica. Once they both finished their studies they were

looking for a new experience and had heard about Hohepa, where they decided to make the move in 2013. They soon fell in love with New Zealand and gained their residency, joined in marriage and had twin boys (2019). Six years later they decided it was yet again time for a new experience and challenge which brought them to Taikura. Tobias is very grateful to be a part of the wonderful Taikura family and the long rewarding journey ahead.

Tobias enjoys good company, his family, both listening and writing music, woodwork through creating and building. His favourite sports include formula one, handball and football. His favourite team is HG Koenigshofen/Sachsenflur from a neighbouring village and his favourite formula one team is Mercedes of course.

On behalf of the whole of the Taikura staff and Taikura community we welcome you with immense gratitude and love. May your time here be memorable and rewarding, times that bring you joy and peace.

Thomas Pearson  
Music Teacher

# SCHOOL NOTICES



## He pito kōrero!

### *Kīwaha o te wiki – phrase of the week*

Koia kei a ia! (Coy ar kay ah ee ar)

She/he is neat alright!

Kaea: Tēnā koe e kare! Did you hear that Wiremu won a scholarship for his hostel fees for the year, at Otago University?

Iraia: Koia kei a ia!

*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

## Sports Notices

Congratulations to Isaac Cox for being selected into the Hawkes Bay basketball under 19 representative team and to Rene O 'Sullivan and Sebastian Wathey for being selected into the premier men's team of the Havelock Wanderers football club.

## Lower School Reporting Survey

Many thanks to those parents who have completed the Lower School reporting survey. The link to the survey was sent directly to parents via email on Friday 26 February. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey by noon tomorrow, Friday 12 March.

## The Listening Programme Room

The listening Programme room has been beautified by Class 9 student, Sara Bruce Gordon's wonderful summer scene Blackboard art. Sara has been a fantastic help, assisting in activities with the Listening Programme. Thank you Sara for your wonderful contribution.



## Autumn Festival

Class 10 Fundraiser.

Lunchtime - Thursday 18 March

Sausage Sizzle - \$2.00 each



## Mark Your Calendar

March 16	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Health Consultation One - Future Focus L2 TH
March 17	7:00 pm	Eurythmy Discussion - Sue Simpson
March 30	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	HS Athletics Day - Mitre 10 Sports Park
March 30	6:30 pm	Health Consultation Two L2 TH - Gee Reisima
April 14	7:00 pm	Nutrition Discussion - Jocelyn Freeman
April 15	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Taikura School Hall
April 15 / 16	7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Drama Club Play - "Our Town" - Hall

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Curriculum Corner

### Eurythmy Talk

We are so grateful for Sue Simpson to come and share her expertise in Eurythmy and movement with us. I would like to warmly invite you to meet Sue on Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7:00 pm at Taikura Eurythmy hall, it is on a school site past the teachers' parking place directly opposite to Taikura kindergarten.

Three of the most miraculous and essential milestones in the first years of a child's life are the capacity to stand and walk, to speak and to think. All are learned through imitation. What energy and determination it takes to stand without support and out of this new found upright position, come into movement, step out into the world. No matter how many falls, there is an unconscious willpower to master this solely human and individual activity. In order to speak, a child needs to hear speech. The sounds are absorbed then expressed, sounds become words, words based in a language. Speech touches feelings, and in it we find our identity that is shaped by our culture. The capacity to think opens the door to becoming world citizens. It enables us to reach beyond the boundaries of home and culture. My focus in this talk will be to share with you the important influence of eurythmy in that it is a movement that directly relates to the human qualities of speech and movement, and reaches thinking through stories that awaken the imagination.

Sue Simpson

Danica Hensel-Ondrusova - Kindergarten Senior Teacher

### Kindergarten Sharing

With changing seasons and Autumn slowly finding its way we become more aware of our sense of warmth. At kindergarten we work with warmth with consciousness and awhi.

A Snippet from our Curriculum by Debs Templer and Yvonne Collins (2020):

### Warmth

Warmth is supportive to the sense of life and is a protection for the growing organs.

*“Children who live in an atmosphere of love and warmth, and who have around them truly good examples to imitate, are living in their proper element.”*

— Rudolf Steiner, *The Education of the Child*

Here in Hawkes Bay between the seasons settling in, the weather can be very changeable from hour by hour and day by day. The child's life sense is supported by being prepared for the changes with suitable clothing and footwear, leaving them comfortable and free to play and learn.

Warmth also comes in other physical forms such as nutritious food, resources, a cosy bed and warm scented footbaths.

Warmth comes from often intangible forms of daily interactions and relationships with the people around them. Authentic and genuine acts of kindness, a caring hand, a warm smile, gentle guidance, caring authority, all bring about a heart-filled sense of warmth for tamariki.

*The healthy development of young children necessitates active learning in all areas accompanied by human interaction and warmth (Waekura, 2019).*

*Wellbeing - keeping themselves healthy and caring for themselves | te oranga nui - managing themselves and expressing their feelings and needs | te whakahua whakaaro - keeping themselves and others safe from harm | te noho haumarū.*



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Curriculum Corner Continued

### Class 3 Wheat Harvesting



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Communication For Connection

**Hastings: Saturday 13 March and Sunday 14 March**

### Empowering support for Parents

This workshop is significant support for all parents! Providing new awareness, confidence, and skill to communicate more effectively, deepen connections and foster cooperation - *is guaranteed!* You will also discover new ways to keep your cup filled and have a more empowered relationship with yourself. If you would like to hear feedback from someone at Taikura who has completed this course, contact me. Based on the worldwide proven principles of Nonviolent Communication, facilitator Filipa Hope (past Taikura parent) has been providing her workshops around the country since 2010. Filipa is contracted by the Ministry of Education, providing this empowering personal and professional development for educators.

Numbers limited to 14 Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm both days. Cost: \$250 by Monday 8 March (includes morning and afternoon tea) Registrations to Filipa: [filipahope@gmail.com](mailto:filipahope@gmail.com) phone 0274 513 445

## Yoga Classes With Rachel

I offer weekly yoga classes in Hawke's Bay with a variety of styles to suit – beginners, more experienced students, those going through life transitions and rites of passages such as pregnancy, birth, mothering and beyond. I have been practicing yoga for 20 years and teaching for 15. My practice has evolved in that time to be much more than a yoga class. I offer support, mentoring, workshops and most importantly a safe space to be you, as you are. Check out my classes [www.circleofyoga.co.nz](http://www.circleofyoga.co.nz) Rachel Chapman Circle of Yoga 06 875 8310 or 021 128 2810 Find me on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HawkesBayYoga>

## Transport Urgently Required

Transport for Aurora and Justin Richter Monday to Thursday **afternoon** to Havelock North High school to catch the Waimarama bus is urgently required. We will certainly **pay for your expenses**, or any other children going in that direction who want to share a Taxi. Please Phone Marina or George on 8746777 / 02102337988

## Paid Respite

We would like to ask if there is a family who can provide the occasional respite for one or two children, **all paid**. Please contact Marina or George on 02102337988 / 8746777

## Gardener Wanted

We are looking for a motivated and adaptable part-time gardener to work alongside our Senior Gardener for eleven hours per week. Our gardening team is responsible for the general maintenance of the grounds and gardens at Taikura. This position requires previous gardening/landscaping experience, seasonal planting knowledge and an understanding of bio-dynamic gardening practices.

Please contact [suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz](mailto:suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz) directly for further information, or a position description and application form. **Applications close 19 March 2021**

## Earth Movers Hawkes Bay

My name is Jimmy Scott, I have recently started up my own earthworks business. I am a highly experienced machine operator. Please contact me if you need any landscaping, drainage, driveway preparation, site clearance and other earthworks. Please contact me on: 0276259005



## Messy Church @ St Matthew's Hastings

**Saturday 13 March 2021**

**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

**Story** Paul and Silas freed from prison

Phone: Barbara Person 878 8855, St Matthew's Church, 200 King St South, [Hastings](http://Hastings) [www.stmattshastings.com](http://www.stmattshastings.com)