

Mid-Winter Spiral – The Koru



During the solstice week we will celebrate midwinter. In anticipation of our festival for the children we warmly invite parents and whānau to come and walk the spiral, so you too can share in your child's experience. None of us are too old to wonder and perhaps leave with a sense of gratitude for the opportunity to be touched by the simple beauty of the spiral.

Have you ever stopped to watch a bird gliding and spiraling in a current of air, a leaf swirling in a vortex of water? Following the movement, there is something wonderful that widens or narrows, draws you up or down. In breathing, we inhale and exhale, the air rushes in and flows out, rotating, enlivening, giving life. Look at nature and you find the spiral shape in many plants, in fern and vine, in the sequence of leaves and petals. Discovering spirals is a never-ending source of exploration. Found in many cultures it is a sacred symbol of life and death, light and dark, beginning and end. It can be seen in earliest carvings and paintings and has been a spiritual and religious symbol, one that is found in cultures and civilizations throughout the world. Moving towards midwinter we experience the diminishing of the light, darkness begins to dominate the day, more time is spent inside and before the advent of electricity, work would end when night came. It is a time to turn inward, find quiet and an inner space. There comes a moment when we begin to yearn for the return of the light and the inner certainty that it will return. There are many ways to celebrate the return of the light, our way is with the beauty and magic of the midwinter spiral. The room is dark, silence pervades the space, one single candle burns at the spiral's centre. When all have gathered, one person walks the spiral, lights their candle and places it near to the central candle, and as one person after another, lights and places their candle the form of the spiral appears as a gentle light, filling the room. It takes courage for a child to walk alone. As the light grows wonder can be seen glistening in the eyes of the children. There is an old saying, wisdom begins with wonder.

Thursday 24 June 2021

At the Rudolf Steiner Centre, 7:00 pm corner Whitehead Road and Nelson Street – across the road from Taikura Rudolf Steiner School.

Adults only.

Sue Simpson – Eurythmist, ex-Principal and current Proprietors Trust Chair.

Mark Your Calendar

June 24	5:15 pm - 6:30 pm	Taikura Kindergarten Mid Winter Festival
June 24	7:00 pm	Mid Winter Festival - Rudolf Steiner Centre - (address above) ADULTS ONLY
June 28	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	BOT Meeting - School Hall
June 30	7:00 pm	Steiner For Beginners - Talk By Jessica Soutar Barron - Whānau Room
July 1	3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Theresa Lam - Liaison Visitor From Otago University - Classes 11/12 - TH 3.4
July 28	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 8 Parents' Evening - TH 2.7
July 28	6:00 pm	Class 12 Parents' Evening - TH 3
August 11	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Mid Winter Magic - Community Mid Winter Celebration

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Dear Taikura Whānau

We would like you to save the date: Thursday evening 24 June - for your own mid-winter experience.

Parents, whānau and community, it is hoped that by participating in this evening you will gain a sense of what we are working to create for your child. Not only does your presence in this evening give you a nourishing mid-winter festival experience, it also gives you an opportunity to contribute to the wider preparation of the student festival, held the following day. The inner adult experience - the personal relationship we establish with the festival themes colours and enriches the child's experience.

This year in the Lower School the Mid-Winter Festival will be different.

This change has come about from the desire for children to receive the mid-winter experience as it is intended - a moment of quiet and inner calm. Along with a desire to also meet the need for the community to connect and meet.

During the week of the solstice, there will be a festival experience for children during the school day. Classes will enter the space where parents and community had the opportunity to visit the evening prior. In class groups children will listen to a story and then with the lyre playing they will individually walk a spiral. Each student lighting their own candle. As a class community they will build a spiral of light.

Early in Term Three there will be an evening of mid-winter magic where the community and students will come together for an evening of beauty, fun and food. It is at this event there will be opportunities for an experience of cold, lantern walks, social connection, song and entertainment.

This is a community event starting at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Kelly Sutton for the Festival Committee

Music Department

Itinerant instrument lessons are available during the school day. Instruments include violin, viola, cello, flute, drums, piano, guitar, banjo, and ukulele. If you are interested and would like further details please contact me at thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Lower School orchestra and High School orchestra run weekly. If your child would like to join, please get in touch in person or through thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

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He pito kōrero!

Matariki whanaunga kore, kua tōki tōna rua!
Te whakamoenga o te tau!
Te whakamoenga o te mate!
Kua kata te pō. kua tangi te ao.
Ka horo ngā taāpuhipuhi tiketike,
Haruru kau ana ngā papa,
Kua pō a Waimārama!
He aituā! He aituā!
Taupunga, rāhiritia tō mokopuna ka takoto ki te mahau tārearea a Māui!
Te mana o ngā tīpuna, kua riro rā!
Ka tangi ko ngā mōrehu!
Aue, e hika e, te mamae e!

Above is the eulogy, written by Jeremy Tātere MacLeod, to acknowledge the sudden passing of Robert MacDonald, a well-respected and knowledgeable kaumatua of Waimārama.

Over the many years that our Class 10 have spent their annual noho marae at Waimārama marae, Robert was one of the kaikōrero (speakers on the paepae), who would welcome us onto the marae. He would then share some of the stories and history of the area, when talking about the mural that adorns the wall of the wharekai (dining room). Robert was a very articulate man, a fount of knowledge when it came to the local history, and humble and sure in his manner when sharing his kōrero with people.

Moe mai rā e te rangatira i tō moenga roa!

Kīwaha o te wiki ... kīwaha of the week

Pāia (Par ee ah)
Yeeyah!

Hemi: Kia ora e Hine, are you going to the opening of **te Moko at the Hastings Art Gallery?**
Rangi: Pāia, e hoa!

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



Vision and Hearing Technician School Visit

Lynley Keehan, the Hastings Vision and Hearing Technician is visiting the school on Wednesday 18 August. She will be carrying out standard tests for distance vision with some of the Class 5, 6 & 7 students - this happens every year for all students in New Zealand, and is helpful for picking up on simple vision issues which may not have been previously identified. She sometimes checks other students too, for example, if there is no record of your children having had a Before School Screen or if they need to be re-screened; for these exceptions, I will send home a letter to inform you that Lynley would like to see them. If you have concerns about your child/children's vision or hearing, and they are not being seen by an outside professional, please collect a yellow form from the office and have it filled in and returned before Friday 13 August and she will include them too.

Karyn Wills - Literacy Support & Lower School SENCO

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

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PFA News

Acknowledgements:

Our wonderful school community has many heroes who go over and above the call of duty every day. We would like to create a place where we can acknowledge just some of the outstanding work that goes on in our school. Let the PFA know if you would like to give a shout out to anyone in particular for any good deeds. taikurapfa@gmail.com

Our School Principal Pippa Caccioppoli

The PFA would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts that Mrs Caccioppoli goes to, to keep our school running smoothly.

Not only does Pippa have the huge task of managing a school, she manages *our* school which includes the very different needs and demands of Early Childhood, Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools all in one.

As well as learning on the job and working full-time as Principal, Pippa undertook a two year Principal training when she started her role.

She is at the front gate several times a week to greet students and families, her door is open to any who want to speak with her, she is on the Board of Trustees, the festival committee, organises teacher relief and continues to teach English in the High School. From reports in the staff room she is approachable and creates a positive professional working environment.

She has a work load that would daunt many, but not this teacher and mother.

Thank you Pippa for turning up each day for our tamariki and whānau. Thank you for your heartfelt intentions to continue the beautiful education of our school.

Jump on to our school Facebook page. [Taikura Rudolf Steiner School](#)

This is a great place for us all to spread some community cheer, keep in touch with events that are related to school and of general interest to the community. (It is NOT a place of complaint or conspiracy!)

Conversations

Our next 'Conversations' gathering is on Monday 14 June at the Rudolf Steiner Centre, 401 Whitehead Road (opposite the school entrance).

Morning tea will be at 10:00 am. If you wish to attend only the talk, please arrive by 10:15 am

"The Wonder of the Candle"

As we approach the Mid-winter solstice when festivals often feature lighted candles, we will consider the nature, wonder and significance of the fluttering candle flame.

I have had a life-long interest in science and been involved with science teaching for many years. Over the years, I have taken inspiration from J W von Goethe and Michael Faraday; both scientists admired by Rudolf Steiner.

In the early 19th century Goethe of Weimar, Germany, although mainly known as a poet and dramatist, studied and wrote about morphology of plants, evolution, anatomy, and optics. Faraday, for many years, gave lectures at the Royal Institution in London at Christmas to juvenile audiences. His most famous one was "The Chemical History of a Candle." For them, science begins with observation and curiosity – curiosity about the essence of the phenomena being observed. I will try to evoke that curiosity.

As this session will include an introduction, observation, artistic activity, and reflections it will be longer than usual – it may go until noon.

All materials for the artistic activity will be provided.

All welcome.

Robin Bacchus

Invitation To All - Parent Talk

I am very pleased to inform you that this term we will be looking forward to an evening talk which will be held in the Taikura Kindergarten whānau room.

Meeting Date and Time - Wednesday 30 June-7:00 pm - Steiner for Beginners - talk by Jessica Soutar Barron

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Curriculum Corner

Class 4 had their first introduction to working with clay last week with Johnny Ryan. He told stories around clay as children made their first "perfect" sphere.

A Week Of Clay



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Calling All Book Lovers!!

2021 Book Week

Here at Taikura we are getting very excited about Book Week, which will be in the last week of term (5 - 9 July). Over the coming weeks we will be providing more details about the events we have planned, including a book swap, story tent sessions and a dress-up parade.

Our Book Week is inspired by the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokafloppur or the Yule Book Flood. The people of Iceland have a beautiful tradition of giving books to each other on Christmas Eve and then spending the night reading. We would love to invite you all to join with us in embracing the idea of giving and reading a special book on the eve of the holidays, Friday 9 July, and making this a ritual. We imagine our school community bookworms in their homes on the eve of the holidays, curling up in pjs and reading books - how heart-warming!



We look forward to sharing in the book fun with you all!
The Book Week team

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Messy Church @ St Matthew's Hastings

Sat 12 June 2021

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

Story Jesus heals a sick woman and the leader of the synagogue's daughter

Phone: Barbara Person 878 8855, St Matthew's Church, 200 King St South, Hastings www.stmattshastings.com

Tramping Boots For Sale

Kathmandu women's tramping boots size 7 (US). Tan with pink accents. Good condition as only worn on a few school camps. \$40.00 - Please contact Tessa Scapens on 027 423 7090

COMMUNICATION for CONNECTION

Hastings: 3 and 4 July

Empowering Support For Parents

Providing empowering life skills with communicating and relating in the ways we want to! This workshop is valuable support for all your relationships: as parents, partners, community members... and especially the most important relationship - the one we have with ourselves. *There is no greater investment than investing in what nourishes and empowers your life.* You will receive new awareness, and skill to communicate more confidently and effectively, deepen connections and foster cooperation. Discover new ways to keep your cup filled, reduce reactivity and live with more harmony.

Filipa has been providing this workshop for parents and educators for more than a decade. *Value for your investment is backed up with a money back guarantee!* If you would like to hear feedback from someone at Taikura who has completed this course, let me know. Based on the world renowned principles of Nonviolent Communication. Facilitated by Filipa Hope (past Taikura parent). Numbers limited to 14 - 9:00am - 4:30pm both days. Investment: \$250.00 (incl's morning & afternoon tea)

Registrations to Filipa: filipahope@gmail.com phone 0274 513 445

Billets Required For The International Kolisko Conference.

This conference is for Teachers, Parents, Medical/Health professionals and will be held at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School.

Wednesday 14 - Saturday 17 July 2021

Suggested koha/charge \$40.00 a night. Breakfast included.

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