

## Pippa's Pānui

The last few weeks of term have seen me, not in my office, but in the hall working with Class 12 on their play performance. In our school all students take part in class plays, not just those who enjoy being on the stage or those who want to challenge themselves. Like so many aspects of our curriculum, drama is compulsory. As a teacher this can prove challenging when having to encourage those less confident or willing to participate however it is also incredibly rewarding when you see a student accept the challenge, and grow and develop within themselves as a result.

Performing in a play requires a great deal from our students both on and off the stage. There is their individual effort, their learning of lines, development of their characters and the support they provide to the production behind the scenes. There is also the group dynamics, everyone needs to work together both on the stage and behind the scenes in order for the play to be a success, in order to create a memorable experience for the audience. A play is about telling a story, and this requires input not only from those acting or supporting the production with costumes, voice work or direction but also from the audience.

In reflecting on the activities over the last few weeks in our school and kindergartens these qualities of individual effort, working together, storytelling and creating an experience for others have been evident in a range of experiences for our students: The Mid-Winter festival celebration and spiral experiences, the variety of lunchtime fundraising initiatives, acknowledgement of Matariki which involved a beautiful story shared with staff and this week the celebration of our book week. A heartfelt thank you to all who have made these experiences not only possible but also memorable and enriching.

I hope to see you at the Class 12 play performance this week and I wish our students, staff and community a wonderful winter holiday break.

Pippa Caccioppoli

Principal



One of the Mural boards created by students from Class 11 for one of the internal stairwells of the Edwin Ayre building.



A further panel, from a set of five panels painted by students from Class 11 for the Edwin Ayre Building.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Library Traditions – A Book Week Reflection

Library visits in the lower school are built on tradition, right from the first moment the students enter the library and shake hands with the librarian. When I first started volunteering for our librarian of many years, Fran Evers-Swindell, I remember the students standing outside the door of the library (it was then in a villa where Kereru Kindergarten is now), and I was in awe that Fran remembered every child's name as she shook their hands. Now that is my task, and I really appreciate this moment of the lesson. It is an invaluable check-in with each and every child, and a reminder to us all to turn our internal switch to the quiet and stillness needed to best enjoy 'library time'.

When everyone is settled on the beanbags, we have a story. The tradition of story time is not only in the telling of the story, but the stories themselves. Some of the stories we read now were read to those students' parents who also once attended Taikura. These stories have been carefully chosen because they so perfectly meet the age, stage and curriculum of a certain class, and somehow many of these tales become more meaningful in each retelling, so that often during story time a quiet calm descends over the class as everyone gets carried away in the wonder of words and imagination.

The choosing of books to take home, and finding the 'just right' book, is a treasure hunt for the students through a collection that has been gathered over a long time – a varied and rich collection that aims to meet the needs of every tamariki in our school (no mean feat, but we endeavour!). While we are always adding to and updating this collection, children still relish the discovery of the old classics that have been read by many generations of Taikura students.

And finally, before our farewells, everyone settles in to the beanbags with their special chosen book, for a chance for quiet reading. This part of the session is so embedded into the students' routine that often-times when high school students visit, they still gravitate to the beanbags to read each other picture books.

Our library rhythms and traditions connect us all as classes, teachers and librarian, and offer us the certainty of knowing what is expected and what is coming next, but they also connect us to all the past students who have nestled in the same beanbags listening to the same stories, they connect us to the past teachers and parents who have loved and supported our library, and they connect us to our wonderful librarian of many years, Fran, who laid the foundations for us of a thriving, beautiful library, where children continue to find security, happiness, friendship, and their own unique journey of appreciation for books.

This is a vital reminder that in the world of books, as in the world in general, 'Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini – my strength is not mine alone, but that of many'. It is the community, history and goodwill around a library that makes it come alive, and the sharing of a love of books is a community activity that we are all part of.

Happy Book Week to all of our wonderful school community and thank you for your support of our library, and most of all, for fostering a love of books in your tamariki. Thanks to our combined efforts, an appreciation for books is flourishing in our school.

Ngā mihi mahana o te wā ki a koutou  
Kura Rutherford  
School librarian



A big thank you to Ruth Strong who filled the story tent chair each afternoon. Her beautiful story sharing, carrying the students into other worlds.



# SCHOOLNOTICES

## Taikura Book Flood - Friday Eve Friday 9 July

For over seventy years, the people of Iceland have celebrated their passion for books with a unique tradition called Jólábókaflóðið – Christmas book flood, in English, and pronounced **Jola-boka-floð** (with the 'J' sounding like the 'Y' in 'yoghurt').

In winter there is nothing better than snuggling down by the fire with a good book and a warm drink. Here at school, we have a group of teachers and students who love books, and we are presently in the midst of our annual book week which celebrates this love of books.



Some years ago now we came across the Icelandic tradition of Jólábókaflóðið (which translates as 'Yule Book Flood'), where every person in the home is gifted a book on Christmas Eve. After opening their books everyone then goes to bed and reads for the night. Bliss! A whimsical and enticing idea. As Jólábókaflóðið happens in the middle of the Icelandic winter, we thought it fitting to include this tradition here at Taikura into our book week which is held in the last week of Term Two - our mid-winter solstice term. The eve of the holidays is a perfect time for a child to receive a book - pre-loved, one from your own childhood or new, and the beginning of the holidays celebrated with a night of extra long reading. Book week gives us the opportunity to celebrate our love of books and reading with each other and to share the books and stories from our childhood with our children and grandchildren.

Kelly Sutton





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**Book Week - Dress As Your Favourite Character!**



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## He pito kōrero!

### *Mānawatia a Matariki – Celebrate Matariki!*

Last Thursday I had the wonderful good fortune to share a 'Matariki moment' with Class 3 and its wider whānau. Cherie, Angela and the tamariki had spent the preceding weeks planning and preparing a hākari to share with their whānau and teachers – and what a beautiful celebration and magnificent feast it turned out to be. The many guests filled the classroom with aroha and good will. The children sang a Matariki waiata in clear, pure voices that created a real feeling of sacredness and gratitude, then we all said a Matariki karakia. The children had made huge pots of soup, a whole array of breads, buns and rainbow butter, followed by an abundance of apple crumbles for dessert. I heard a number of people exclaim that it was the best apple crumble that they'd ever eaten!

Two things stood out for me as highlights of the hākari. The first was the fun I had baking bread earlier in the day with the Class 3 children. My group had to work hard to prepare our bread; they had to stir each thick, goopy bowl of bread batter for ten minutes with a wooden spoon to break down the gluten before leaving it to rest. Their willingness to work, to be involved in every stage of the process, was a joy to behold ... I was so happy to be around a bunch of children who were learning that the Earth is bountiful and making your own bread is very achievable – and so much fun! The other highlight was the very tangible feeling of human warmth and togetherness – unity – that the kaitahi created. Outside, the cold season was just beginning. Meanwhile, inside the warm and welcoming twin domes of the Class 3 classroom, a community came together, with tamariki at its heart, to celebrate a turning point in the Earth's cycle, and in doing so strengthened the learning about and embracing of Te Ao Māori in our school community. It was a Matariki moment I shall cherish for years to come!

Nā, Sarah Millington

Matariki hunga,  
Matariki ahunga nui.  
*Matariki has many admirers,  
Matariki brings us together*

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



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Careers Information

### Parent as Career Coaches Webinar

**Monday 2 August 2021 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

Presenter: - Leigh Gray, Kaiārahi CATE NZ

This webinar is designed to equip parents so they can help guide their student through the challenging process of narrowing down to their best post-secondary path.

This session will:

- help you understand the critical role parents play in helping their child to recognise their interests and unique talents
- help you understand the career development process so that you can partner with your child in the self-assessment, exploration, and plan of action stages
- introduce you to useful print and website career resources, and show how your children can access information and experiences they need to make informed career decisions

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_t5oxUg0lQEOfjDI\\_9A3aQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t5oxUg0lQEOfjDI_9A3aQ)

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.**

## Parking at Taikura Kindergarten

Taikura Kindergarten asks that our carpark be used **only** for kindergarten parents collecting their children at the end of their kindergarten session times. We have observed that our car parks are regularly used by school parents. We understand that parking around the school can be a challenge at collection times, however our kindergarten parents often have small children or more than one child to manage at these times.

We thank you for your understanding and support.

Taikura Kindergarten Teachers

## School App

If you have not already done so, please download our SchoolApp into your smart phone. You will find school contacts, newsletters, a link to our website, term dates, absentee notifications and our calendar which is filled with upcoming events, meetings, camps and trips. Subscribe to class alert groups and you will receive notifications such as class camp school arrival times and meeting reminders straight to your phone. So much useful information!

1. Go to the **App Store** or **Google Play Store** on your mobile device
2. Search **SchoolAppsNZ**
3. Download the **App**
4. Open the **App**
5. When it asks to send notifications – click allow.
6. When it asks to search your **School** – type your **School Name** in the search bar
7. Lastly, subscribe to the Alert Groups you would like to receive alerts for.



## Mark Your Calendar

July 8	7:00 pm
July 9	5:45 am
July 28	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
July 28	6:00 pm
August 4	8:30 pm - 3:00 pm
August 5	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
August 11	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
August 12	ALL DAY
August 13	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
August 16	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
August 27/30	ALL DAY

Class 12 Play - "The Mouse that Roared" by Leonard Wibberley - School Hall
Ātea-a-Rangi - The Star Compass - Waitangi Reserve in Clive
Class 8 Parents' Evening - TH 2.7
Class 12 Parents' Evening - TH 3
Class 8 Biosphere Bike Trip
Class 11 Parent Meeting - Digital Tech Room
Mid Winter Magic - Community Mid Winter Celebration
Teacher Only Day
Class 7TM Paly - Hall
BOT Meeting - School Hall
Mid Term Break



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Curriculum Corner

### Class 6 Roman Studies

As part of Class 6's Roman studies, mosaics are being completed. While the material and subject of the mosaics may change each year - the discipline, perseverance and rigor of self required by the student does not.

For the Class 6 teacher it is fascinating and informative to watch each student's relationship to the various stages of this activity.



Amelia Diedericks Class 6

Millie McGuinness Class 6



Lily Mitchell Class 6



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### Class 8 Environmental Science Main Lesson - Judith Grellman

As part of Class Eight's Environmental Science Main Lesson they made sun catchers of native New Zealand Birds. Each student has researched and then presented a different bird to the class. The class then had a bird recognition quiz with the aim that all students in the Class would be able to name the common and some of the less known birds - ideally all 28!



### Class 12 At Cape Kidnappers.

This trip was part of their biology studies.





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## Kolisko Conference

Shot Bro' the one man play from Rob Mokaraka is coming to Taikura as part of the Kolisko Conference on Friday 16 July at 7:00 pm.

The play is the story of Rob's undiagnosed depression which he tried to solve by attempting suicide through being shot by police. It is a powerful, raw, authentic one-man show that exposes, shares and discusses the effects of depression. Through comedy, heart and truth, Rob skilfully leads the audience through his experiences and invites us to be part of a journey of healing and self discovery. The performance is followed by time for discussion with Rob over a cup of tea.



The play is brought to Taikura by the Kolisko Conference but is open with limited seating to the wider community. It is recommended for Class 8 and above. Tickets may be purchased on the night at the door for \$20.00. Eftpos is not available.

## Fete Committee Activity

The Fete Committee are looking for a children's activity to replace the Gyroscope at this year's Fete. We are wondering if there is a member of the community that has something fun that could replace this (either equipment or an idea). Past examples have been pony and train rides for instance. If you do, we'd love to hear it! Please contact either Trudi Collins ([trudiyoga@gmail.com](mailto:trudiyoga@gmail.com)) or Lynda Warren ([lynda32@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda32@yahoo.com)).

## Whare Update

After exploring many avenues, and hosting discussions and site visits with several interested parties, any option for the sale of our current whare building has fallen through. Site fencing will go up on Thursday or Friday of this week, and the building will be demolished during the upcoming school holidays. On Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 July asbestos will be removed from the building. This process involves a comprehensive project safety plan, which includes site soil testing and air levels monitoring. Please stay clear of this area to give the contractors the space required. If you need to be at school for any reason, please park across the road or at Taikura House. From Wednesday 14 July, while Taikura hosts the Kolisko conference, minor works such as removing decking and windows will be completed. During the second week of the holidays the building will be demolished using a digger and a truck. Contractors will aim to recycle as much as possible. Should the demolition not yet be completed by the time school starts, there will be an alternative path put in place in order to access the Eurythmy hall from the back. Any truck and digger work would occur after 3:00 pm. Please be mindful of parking as teachers will have limited access to their carpark both during and after the demolition process.

Liam Wyley  
Property Manager  
On behalf of the Proprietors Trust



## Acknowledging Matariki

*Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki  
Mānawa maiea te Ariki o te rangi,  
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau!*

*Hail the rise of Matariki  
Hail the Lord of the sky  
hail the New Year!*



E te tī, e te tā, kua rewa a Matariki!

Matariki has now risen and as part of our Matariki celebrations, there will be a gathering at the Ātea-a-rangi – The Star Compass, at Waitangi Reserve in Clive, on Friday 9 July at 5:45 am! Piripi Smith will give a talk about Matariki and show us where this cluster can be seen and what is happening with Te whānau mārama – Māori astronomy.

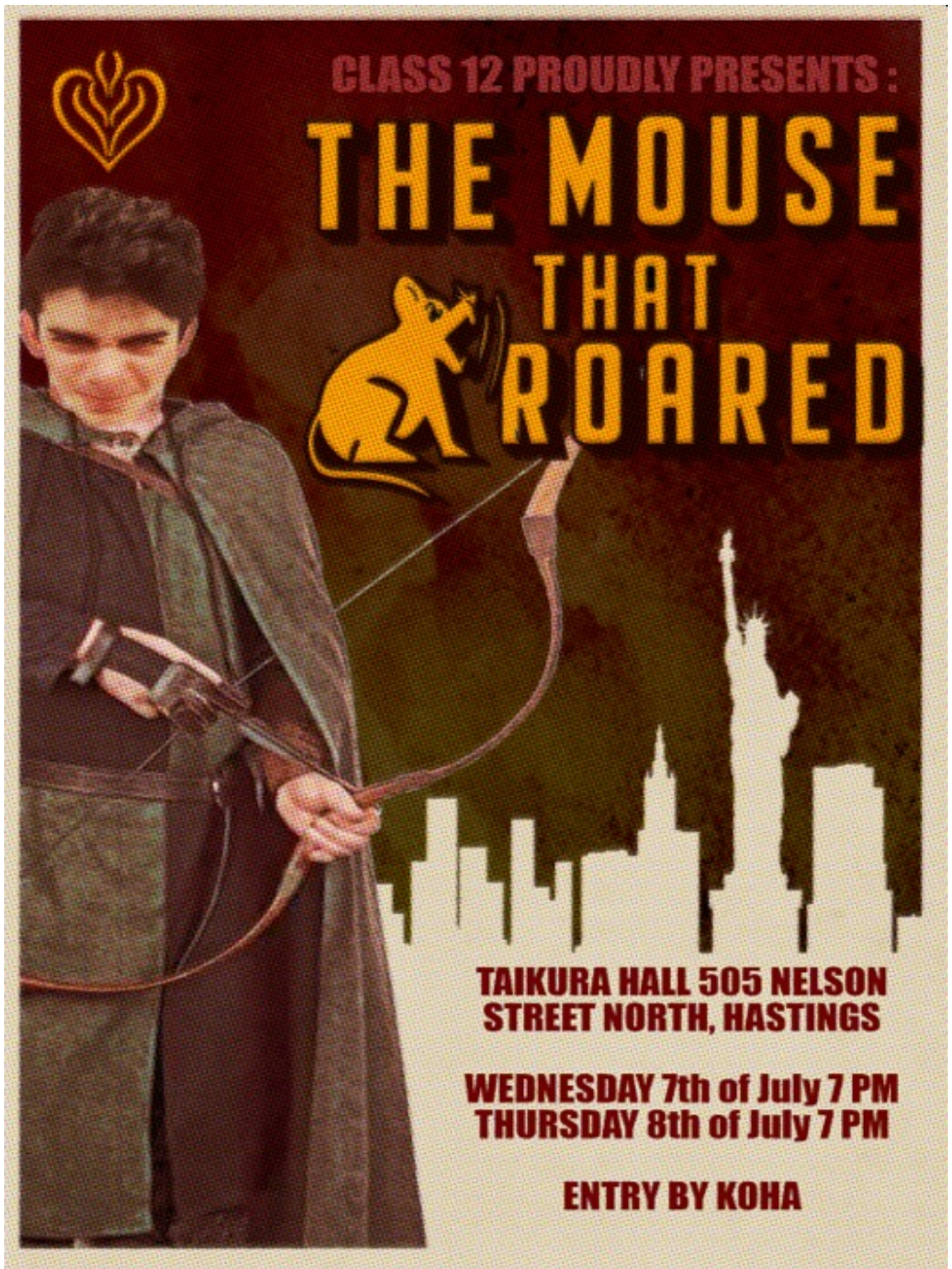
- A gold coin koha to be gathered prior to the talk, to be given to Te Ātea-a-Rangi Trust.
- Gretta Carney (HAPI owner/school parent) will also be serving breakfast tacos for a gold coin donation.
- Dress WARMLY! If it is raining it will be cancelled.



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Class 12 Play

Class 12 would like to invite you to our presentation of "The Mouse that Roared" a satirical play set in Grand Fenwick, a small British Duchy still stuck in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. When the country is threatened economically they must rise and face the big powers of the modern world. What will they achieve with their mastery of the English longbow? What will they learn along the way? You will have to come and find out on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 July at 7:00 pm in the school hall.





# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Sports Notices

### Sports this weekend.

Saturday high school netball **is off**

Saturday junior football **is off**

Friday night Intermediate hockey **is on**

Friday night football **is on**

Saturday morning primary hockey **is on**.

Taikura sport has had a very successful sports term with a good mixture of wins, losses, challenges and healthy team development. Thank you to all our coaches, managers and umpires for all their mahi this term.

Congratulations to Eden Floyd for being selected into the under 14 Hawkes Bay representative football team.

Well done to Isaac Cox who as part of the Hawkes Bay Basketball under 19 representative team had a successful campaign at their latest tournament.

Well done to our Class 5 netball team who are playing in the Intermediate grade and who this term have been promoted to the premier grade.

Congratulation to our junior and senior netball teams for being promoted in the recent promotion relegation rounds.

**Just a reminder for the weekend of our mid term break (Friday 27 - Monday 30 August) a lot of our sports teams have finals that weekend so please check in with your team before planning holidays away.**

Wishing everyone a relaxing and fun break.

## Governance Update

The Board of Trustees and the Proprietors Trust met on Monday 28 June for their last meeting of the term. Sarah Millington came along to discuss the work she has been doing on Taikura's carbon footprint. Several members of the board have assisted with this work, and a clearer picture is emerging of where decisions are required to be made. The board was presented with several proposals including a Carbon Footprint Guideline, meeting the cost of calculating our carbon footprint for the 2020 and 2021 school years, purchasing carbon credits and the inclusion of carbon calculations and emission reduction costs in our annual operational budgets. The board is now in the process of gathering some further information, but in principle agreed to the proposals put forward at the meeting. We would like to express our gratitude to Sarah for all the voluntary work she has undertaken in this area, and look forward to continuing the progress which is being made.

A reminder that board meetings are public meetings and parents, whānau and the wider community are welcome to come along at any time. Board minutes and documents are kept at the office and available for viewing.

Suzan Bart

Board of Trustees & Proprietors Trust Secretary

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

	<b>Messy Church</b> <b>@ St Matthew's</b> <b>Hastings</b>	<b>Saturday 10 July 2021</b>  <b>4pm – 6pm</b>  <b>Family fun for all ages!</b>  <b>Come and join us!</b>
<b>What?</b> Fun with crafts, games, Bible stories, a celebration time and a meal together <b>Who?</b> Everyone is welcome. Children under the age of 14 to be accompanied by an adult. <b>Where?</b> In the church hall <b>Event?</b> The celebration is the baptism of two children Phone: Barbara Person 878 8855, St Matthew's Church, 200 king St South, Hastings: <a href="http://www.stmattshastings.com">www.stmattshastings.com</a>		