



# Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



17 February 2022

## The Grapevine

## New Playground

### Aurora Ashcroft-Richter

I like the roundabout. It makes me dizzy and I can't really walk. I don't like the pole because it is scary. The swing is so much fun because I can go so high. I like the climbing rope because I can climb like a monkey. We are so lucky to have such a great playground. I love the new playground!

### Aria Humphreys

I love the big swing in the playground. I love going up and then a big drop. It is so amazing! The roundabout goes round and around fast and makes me dizzy. The climbing frame is challenging because I have a cast on my arm. The playground is the best playground in the school.

### Freida Jones-Campbell

The playground is excellent and my favourite thing is the big swing. The firefighter pole is hard to swing down. When I go on the merry go round it makes me dizzy and it is hard to walk. I love the new playground.

### Juan Obers

The new playground is made out of wood and looks so nice. I like the big swing. It is so exquisite. It is the best thing in the world. It is so cool. I like everything in the new playground. When I play on it, it is fun.

### Alex Coyle

I like the playground and my favourite thing about it is the merry-go-round because I have a lot of fun with my friends. I love the big swing and I love pushing my friends. I love the pole because it is a lot of fun going down.

### Mostar Prince

I love the new playground because it is a challenge and it is exciting. It is hard to get down the fire pole. I love the big swing and it is fabulous. When you go up in the air you go very, very fast and it's very exciting but scary and amazing. And the merry go round is also very fast and me and my friends love it. The playground is wooden which I like.



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## **Zaiden Williams**

I like the big swing so, so much. It's my favourite thing to play on in the playground. Also the monkey bars are fun to climb and the roundabout makes me dizzy.

## **Angela Solis**

I like the new playground because it is big and fun. The roundabout makes me dizzy and sick. The swing makes me scream. Everything else is great and I love everything there. I hope everyone else loves it too.

## **Austen Craig**

The most fun thing in the playground is the big swing and my favourite thing is the firefighter pole. The roundabout makes me sick because it goes round and is so fast.

## **Nushka Bizjak-Timmo**

The playground is really fun. It is amazing especially the big swing and the slide is really fast. On the roundabout I get so dizzy it feels like I'm going to fall off. The stilts are really fun.

## **Lena Feldmann**

The new playground is amazing. I love it especially the swing and the roundabout. I wish they expanded it a bit so they could add some more things like remove the sandpit and add a super big slide. The wood looks very nice and modern.

## **Joshua Reidpath**

I like going on the rope swing and going vertical. The merry go round is awesome. The monkey bars are easy to go down but challenging to go up.

## **Halo Nuku**

I like the roundabout, it is so fun. I fell off and was dizzy too. I like the wooden playground because it is so, so fun.





# SCHOOL NOTICES

## He pito kōrero!

Last year's Class 3 is eagerly waiting to see if the wonderful growth of the rau (leaves) of the kūmara planted last year is echoed with a bounty of kūmara below. We are inching closer to the time of hauhake (harvest)!



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

## Sports Notices



### DISC GOLF

Any interested students from  
Classes 6-12

Tuesday 22 February (12:50 pm)  
Meet at school turf with Mr Crellin  
to have a go at Disc Golf



## Mark Your Calendar

February 23  
March 1

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Class 9 Parent Evening - Hall  
Class 3 Parent Evening - Hall

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Music Notices

Kia ora

We have had our Lower School and High School orchestras developing ensemble skills and building in number year on year. If your child is interested, we are looking for students who are interested in violin, viola, cello, double bass, percussion, flute, clarinet, piano and guitar.

We have tuition available for guitar, bass, banjo, piano, drums, percussion, voice, flute, recorder, violin, viola and cello. The start of the year is a great time to initiate lessons for students and there is strong evidence instrument lessons improve maths and reading skills. (*Journal of Research in Music Education*)

Private music lessons are available from Class 3 to Class 12 and it is strongly preferred that these lessons occur outside of main lessons and need to be arranged in close consultation with teachers whose lessons are affected. Lessons are available throughout the year, however, spaces are limited.

If you and your child are interested in lessons, please email me: [thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz](mailto:thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz)

Ngā mihi, Thomas Pearson

## Instruments For Hire

The school has a number of instruments for hire, these include violins, violas, cellos, double bass, trumpets, trombones, saxophones, clarinets, flutes and guitars.

**We also have a number of private music teachers we can put you in touch with.**

If your child has an interest in learning an instrument, please feel free to contact me.....

[zahira.rickard@taikura.school.nz](mailto:zahira.rickard@taikura.school.nz)

Look forward to hearing from you

Zahira Rickard

## Ben Throp

This year Ben Throp joins the Taikura staff team as the P.E. teacher. Ben is Hawkes Bay born and bred and has a long connection with the school with his wife Tash who works at the Kereru Kindergarten and his three children who all attended Taikura. Despite having a Bachelor of Physical Education from Otago University Ben has mainly utilised his musical talent by teaching music for ten years at Havelock North High School.

Ben is a passionate surfer and when not at school is either chasing waves or jumping up and down on a stage as the front man with his original band 'The Inquiry' or his covers band 'Hail to the Thieves'. Ben is stoked to be working here full time and excited to returning full circle to his roots in physical education. He looks forward to inspiring a healthy and active lifestyle for our tamariki.

Thomas McArdle - Class 1 Teacher

## Tish Chalmers

Tish lives with her two children and a menagerie of animals on a lifestyle block in Whana Whana. She enjoys the outdoors and has spent the last few years enjoying an array of jobs; farming, school administration and supporting tamariki as a teacher aide.

Tish's love of the kura environment and working with tamariki led her into teaching.

Tish has a Biology/Chemistry degree and Postgraduate degree in Nutritional Science. She can also now add a Secondary Teaching Diploma to her qualifications.

Tish spent a few weeks in our kura in 2020, before beginning her teaching at Flaxmere College. We are delighted to welcome her back as our High School Biology/Science teacher.

Morag Wilson - Class 11 Teacher





# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Curriculum Corner

### Class 3 Form Drawing Main Lesson

Drawing running forms with our fingers after we had heard the poem "Seagull" by James K Baxter.



## Please Help

### Scannells Garden Working Bee - Saturday 26 February

Our beautiful garden is in need of an input of human care and attention before it becomes overrun by convolvulus and ivy, so we are putting out a call for help. The reason why it is being swamped by these vines is that the school had only one gardener over the crucial summer period, instead of the usual two. We now have two gardeners again, the wonderful Rin and Bride, but they need our help to get on top of things in Scannells so that the tamariki can continue to play and learn in the biodiverse environment that Scannells truly is.

We are therefore holding a working bee in Scannells Garden on **Saturday 26 February from 9:00 am to 12 noon**. Your help would be greatly appreciated, including if you can't come for the whole three hours. Tools and morning tea provided. Due to Covid requirements, we have to have a maximum of twenty five people. If you intend to bring any tamariki to help, then they **must be Class 8 age** (13 years or older). Please RSVP to [sarah.millington@taikura.school.nz](mailto:sarah.millington@taikura.school.nz) if you are willing and able to come (include any dietary requirements please).

Ngā mihi, nā Sarah Millington  
Humanities Teacher

## Snippets From The Parent Handbook

- Hats and Hair – Lower School
- Brimmed sun hats are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4
- All students must tie their hair up if it is on or below the shoulder
- Hair should be kept off the face and clear of the eyes
- Dyed or coloured hair, extreme styles are not allowed.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Eurythmy For Adults

Thursday 24 February 2022 two courses of eurythmy will commence.

All are welcome no matter how much exposure or experience you've had with the art of eurythmy. This is an opportunity to explore movement in a way that refreshes and gives vitality.



Thursday 24 February at 9:00-10:00 am  
and

Thursday 24 February at 7:00- 8:00 pm

**Steiner Centre corner Nelson Street and Whitehead Road**

Each course will run for seven weeks. Please contact Sue Simpson [sue.simpson0@gmail.com](mailto:sue.simpson0@gmail.com)

## House For Rent

Three bedroom house with deck and garden in Mahora area, next to Cornwall park and a few minutes walk to Taikura School. Totally furnished. The rental term could be six months minimum to one year while I am away. Price \$550.00 per week and two weeks bond. Please contact Aurelia 0226749450 or [aurelialorenzovazquez@gmail.com](mailto:aurelialorenzovazquez@gmail.com)

## Individual Art Therapy For Adults, Teenagers And Children

Accessing your creativity, art therapy is an effective way to address and overcome grief, depression, anxiety, life crises and trauma and to discover a new relationship to one's biography. No previous experience in or aptitude for art necessary. For more information contact: Eva Steinmetz-Urieli AThR, Registered Art Therapist and ACC registered for adults :<[evaurieli@gmail.com](mailto:evaurieli@gmail.com)> mob 021 0277 1201

## After School Art Classes For Children

Thursdays 3:00 pm - 4:10 pm, starting term one 2022. A small after school art class to explore new art techniques, look at interesting images and listen to a story. \$19.00 per session, commitment for a term. At the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson Street North, Hastings. Contact Eva Steinmetz-Urieli <[evaurieli@gmail.com](mailto:evaurieli@gmail.com)> text 02102771201

## Biography Work / Life Story Course

Review your own journey in life from an anthroposophical perspective. Explore the seven year phases and soul development. Guided by Jocelyn Freeman, long-time anthroposophic nurse, biography consultant (trained under Karl-Heinz Finke) and grandmother of twelve.

Friday 18 February – Friday 1 April: Friday mornings 9:00 am-12 midday, in the art room at the Steiner Centre (across from Taikura). Attend as a one-off morning course or come to all seven sessions.

\$35:00 per session (negotiable), includes art materials and refreshments. Bring your own journal if you prefer.

Contact Joce: 021 1734 152, [jociefree@gmail.com](mailto:jociefree@gmail.com)

## School Canteen

We are looking for a canteen operator. If you are interested in leasing our space and providing nutritious kai to our students, plus at times some additional catering for staff, please contact [suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz](mailto:suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz)