



Throughout our school and kindergarten there are numerous little hints that the seasons are changing and spring is on its way. Only a couple of weeks ago we held our Winter Warmer and we were fortunate to have a week of frosty mornings and cold clear nights which provided a wonderful backdrop for this evening of coming together with firelight, family and fun. While we have not fully left winter behind there are signs of movement towards spring with the lengthening hours of daylight, the new life appearing in our gardens and trees and the warmer days.

Like the seasons we have our rhythms within the school and kindergarten by which we track the movement of the year. For our students in our Kindergartens, preparations are being made for the first part on the transition from Kindergarten to Class One. As part of this process each child due to join Class One next year visits the school with our wonderful extra lesson teacher Nicole. Kindergarten parents will be able to hear all about this process next week at the combined Kindergarten parent evening. At the other end of the school our Class 12 students are busy preparing their Class 12 project documents. Our senior students undertake a year long individual project on a topic of their choice. As part of this project students produce a 3000-5000 word thesis document which outlines their project topic and the journey they have been on. Project topics can be practical in nature, very theoretical or a combination of both. Class 12 students will also create a static display which usually includes a table, display board and a copy of their project document. These displays are open to the whole community to view with students seated at their display for a day, ready and willing to answer questions about the journey they have undertaken. The culmination of this process are the oral presentations which are delivered over the weekend at the end of week 9 this term. Students are given a thirty-minute time slot in which to present their project topic and all of our community parents and older students are welcome to attend these presentations and to ask questions at the end. Please keep an eye on the Grapevine for a list of topics and times for this year's project presentations and displays.

For our teachers term three continues to be an important term in regards to the curriculum delivery in the classrooms but it is also a time where consideration needs to be given to planning for next year. Across the school and kindergartens, it is a time for reviewing and gathering a picture of requirements for next year in regard to timetables, workplans, workloads and budgets.

Preparation is a wonderful gift, and the rewards are worth the effort. This week there has been the opportunity for parents to prepare for spring with the spring parent evening. Between now and the end of term students and staff will prepare for our spring festival celebrations within our kindergartens and the school. For a couple of our classes this preparation is significant with Class 4 learning their maypole dancing and Class 9 producing this year's Mummers play. We look forward to the arrival of spring and the opportunity to share all of these upcoming events and celebrations with our students, staff and community.

The plant-seeds spring in the womb of Earth

And Waters rain from Heaven's heights.

So does Love spring in human hearts

And Wisdom water the thoughts of men.

Rudolf Steiner



He pito kōrero!

Tēnā koutou e te whānau!

A couple of weeks ago, I accompanied four of our Māori ākonga - students from Classes 11, 10 and 8, to a Māori Leadership Workshop held at Napier Girls High School. The day was a hākari of; meeting and working with ākonga from other schools, presentations from guest speakers, Māori games, schools sharing what was happening regarding te ao Māori in their kura, goal setting and possible future action plans.

An aspect of the day that impressed me, was the role modelling of leadership that was shown by the ākonga from NGHS. They ran workshops, introducing and thanking the guest speakers and worked side by side with their kaiako, to ensure the kaupapa of the day was successful.

All the ākonga were a bit whakamā – shy at first. However, as the day progressed, with the different cooperative kēmu, this helped them all to socialise, supporting each other as they worked together in their designated groups. This was the beginning for many of the ākonga, the planting and growing of the seed of leadership and the future possibilities! Ka rere āku mihi ki Te Kura Tuarua mō ngā Kōhine o Ahuriri – Many thanks to the Napier Girls High School for the opportunity for all the ākonga.

Poipoia te kākano, kia puāwai!
Nurture the seed, so it will flourish!

Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week

Koinā tāku (coy naah taar koo)
That's what I reckon too/I agree!

Hemi: Kia ora e Tama! That was a good game of basketball, that team was tough as!

Tama: Koinā tāku e Hemi!

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

High School Information Evening - for next year's Classes 10, 11 & 12

Parents, guardians and students of this year's Classes 9, 10 and 11 are warmly invited to come along to an information evening that will inform you about the programmes on offer in our senior High School:

When: Wednesday 24 August at 7:00 pm **Where:** Taikura House, Level 3

What: For this year's Class 9s

- Information on NZCSE (the NCEA-equivalent, national and international qualification that is specific to the Steiner curriculum) and information on the Trades and Gateways programmes.

For this year's Class 10's and 11's

- An overview of the senior elective subjects for Classes 11 and 12.

Brochures will be available for you to take away. We do hope that you will take this opportunity to learn about what we have on offer for our senior High School. We would appreciate it if you could wear a face mask.

Pippa Caccioppoli
Tumuaki Principal

Curriculum Corner

In Class 6 students experience what it meant to be a citizen of Rome, at the height of Rome's greatness. At this point in history Rome had the amazing capacity to immobilize great masses of people to do a great many tasks. Whether warfare, the arts, road building or engineering civic life and building great cities, the Roman citizens did their best for their Roman Empire. It is appropriate for the Class 6 student to have an experience of sacrifice for the good of the whole. Tasks which demand perseverance, rigour and discipline are appropriate at this age and stage. The curriculum provides many opportunities for the practice of these capacities - but no activity equals mosaics in its ability to provide students with the opportunity to persevere. Mosaics, while effective and visually beautiful, require patience, attention to detail and perseverance. Completion for some students can be very hard! Class 6 2022 has risen to the challenge admirably.

Kelly Sutton - Deputy Principal

Isabelle Eichenseher



Esadora McKnight



Tiitoki Foote



Nina Whittaker



Justin Richter



Silvia Robin



Ngatungane Ruatoe



Remy Coebergh



Zakir Zaini



Avah-Jade Maoate



School Board Elections are on now!

We have received eight nominations for parent representative places on the Taikura school board. Please see candidate statements in the Grapevine of 11 August. CES is running our school board election so please look out for their communications and directions on how to vote online. They have advised us that the voting email could end up in spam filters, particularly for those that have a gmail address, so please do keep a lookout. For those without valid email addresses forms will be mailed out.



Voting closes at 4:00pm on Wednesday 7 September.

Upcoming Events

August 24	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	High School Electives Evening Classes 9, 10,11
August 24	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Spring Festival Parent Evening
August 25	ALL DAY	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL ONLY
August 26 and 29	ALL DAY	Mid Term Break - SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN
September 14	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Shared Taikura and Kereru Kindergarten Parent Evening



Fancy yourself as a future Prime Minister of New Zealand?

The first election Jacinda Ardern won was as the Student Representative on her school board.

Now's your chance to follow in her footsteps! We're holding Student Representative elections in September.

For more information, go to www.trustee-election.co.nz.

Giving Students An Equal Voice - 2022 Student Representative Elections

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern's foray into politics began with a belief that girls should be able to wear pants. "I ran for the school Board of Trustees because I thought girls should be able to wear pants as their school uniform".

And now, students across New Zealand have the opportunity to follow in her footsteps by standing for election and voting in the September Student Representative elections.

Standing for election or voting for their student representative is often the first real experience young people have of participating in a democratic process.

Student representatives have equal standing, voice, accountabilities and voting rights on the board. There is real value in being able to share their knowledge around the board table and they bring different points of view and experiences, which influences better outcomes for the whole school community.

The idea of being a young person on a school board might seem daunting, but student representatives get plenty of help and support to learn about and fulfil their role. The New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) provides training and learning opportunities, guidance and resources.

As well as having a voice on how their school is governed, being a student representative provides valuable, real-world knowledge and experience for students.

Taikura's Student Election will take place on 22 September, nomination forms will be distributed to all students in the High School.

Suzan Bart
Returning Officer

The Season of Spring



Wednesday 24 August - 6:30pm Venue - Class One

Spring and its Meaning -

An opportunity for parents to explore the festivals of the year -spring.

Discussion and sharing will be had re: school festivals, their importance in the year.
The nourishment they bring to the individual, community and family life.

Participants will come away with items to contribute to the creation of their own Spring Festival table.

Please email: kelly.sutton@taikura.school.nz or sue.hull@taikura.school.nz to reserve a place. We ask this to ensure we have enough materials etc prepared.

Start time: 6:30 pm - Discussion and warm drink followed by craft activity.



Sports Notice

Hockey Gear

If anyone has any spare hockey sticks, shin guards or white shorts they are no longer using and wish to part with, we have four primary hockey teams starting their season (in a couple of weeks) and some students require a few bits and pieces.

Janet Osborne - Sports Coordinator



Taikura Fete is Happening!

We are going to need all hands on deck to help create this amazing event. Every school family will be called upon to give all they can to showcase our beautiful school and special character to the wider Hawkes Bay community.

Please look out for further detailed communications coming through from your liaison parents. It has been heartening to have such a positive response to our call for help. Volunteers have stepped forward to take on roles within the committee and we would like to express our thanks to John Bartley, Tineka Ferguson, Ruth Mitchener, Hana Ruth, Mat Stott, Jess Scott and Amber Wale.

It's a fun and satisfying event to be involved with and we are looking forward to creating a magic day for all Hawkes Bay tamariki and their whānau.

taikurafete@gmail.com or find us on Facebook

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School Policy Reviews

SchoolDocs review policies termly. In order to participate in reviews we encourage you to visit our SchoolDocs site (User name: **taikurasteiner** Password: **heartwood**). Along the top of the page you will see a tab labelled 'Current Review' where you will find a table with links to the policies currently under review.

- Follow the link
- Read the policy
- Click the red Policy Review button icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
- Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access our school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Library Talks at the Rudolf Steiner Centre

401 Whitehead Road, Hastings

We warmly invite **Playgroup** parents along with **Kindergarten** and **School** parents to our next series of introductory talks, looking at the **Early Childhood** years from birth until seven years. Babies in arms warmly welcome.

We offer these talks free of charge however a contribution in the Koha box towards the running of the Centre is always appreciated.

**From 1:45 to 2:30 pm on Wednesdays ,
beginning**

31 August 2022

**Walking alongside the 4 and 5 year old child
Margaret Stevenson**

7 September 2022

**The wonders of the 6 and 7 year old and transition to school
Marjorie Theyer**

On behalf of the Initiative group, Rudolf Steiner Centre, Hastings.

Salt Therapy Business For Sale

Would suit a person who is interested in alternative holistic therapies.
For all expressions of interest please contact Tracy on 0272959900

Employment Vacancy - Teacher Aide

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 11:40 am to 12:30 pm, and Thursday from 1:20 pm until 2:10 pm. Working across several classes in the Lower School as a support person for five weeks this term and five weeks next term, with the potential for this to be extended until the end of the year. Please email karyn.wills@taikura.school.nz for further details or expressions of interest.

Principal -Tumuaki - Dunedin Steiner School

We seek an inspirational leader who can work constructively with both our College of Teachers and wider community to lead the school to achieve its strategic vision. The successful applicant will have a deep understanding of Steiner pedagogy as well as the educational frameworks and administrative systems and processes needed to underpin a thriving and effective school.

- Closing date Monday 19 September 2022. Start date January 2023.

An application pack is available on our website (<https://www.dunedinsteiner.nz/noticeboard.html>), from office@dunedinsteiner.nz or tel 03 471 2163

Amanda Sowersby & Aaron Gregory

Invite you to our

INTERNAL GUIDANCE & ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday 17th September 9.30am - 4.30pm



'Accessing and enhancing your internal guidance'

Amanda and Aaron are holding space for a 'self awareness and amplification of your own uniqueness. This day workshop will be a safe and nurturing environment offering tools to identify and alter any limiting beliefs or triggers that no longer serve your greatest good. The days offerings will include grounding techniques, clearing, meditation, nourishing food and herbal teas, restorative yoga, sound healing and a guided art activity .

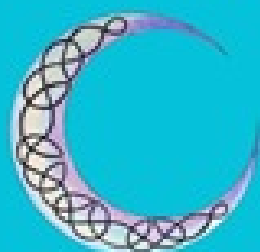
(No prior experience is required you will be guided through each activity).

What you will gain: A deeper understanding and connection of your authentic self with learning tools to help serve you're own uniqueness.

This workshop suits beginners on the the self help journey but also seasoned self helpers as there will be opportunity to gain a deeper understanding to self.

Nourishing and wholesome morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Bring with you: Journal & pen, yoga mat, pillow/bolster, blanket and comfortable clothing.



Amanda:

0211449168

Investment \$150

Venue: Field office,

Rissington, Hawkes bay



Aaron:

02108188019

bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz

Children's Art Class with Amanda Sowersby

Wednesday 31st August
2022

1.30pm-2.30pm

Ages: 6 - 12 years.

Where: Anthroposophical
Centre

500 Nelson St, Hastings.
(cnr Whitehead Rd)



This art class is on offer to the Hawkes Bay Homeschooling Community and a chance to meet the art teacher Amanda Sowersby. Amanda Sowersby is an artist and trained Artist Therapist, specialising in Waldorf art styles and traditional art styles and mediums. For this art class we will be doing a mystery painting together.

Following this places will be offered for a 6 week Children's Art Course starting Wednesday 7th September 1.30pm-2.30pm.

Dates: 7th Sept, 14th September, 21st September, 28th September, 5th October, 12th October. \$132.

Art exercises will include painting, clay, drawing, pastel, and more....

Spaces will be limited. Book a spot: art@amandasowersby.co.nz