



## ‘Te Aka Kūmara’

15 September 2022

### **Ka tangi te pīpīwharaua, ko te karere a Mahuru.**

*When the shining cuckoo cries, that is the herald of spring.*

Everywhere around the world, throughout all ages, spring is greeted with joy and relief – what is more lovely than that first soak in the sun. Even though rough weather might yet come, the knowledge that spring is here is enough.

In te ao Māori, the rising of the star Autahi (Canopus) announced the arrival of spring, as did the flowering of the Kōwhai, Rangiora, Kōtukutuku and the Puawānga - the clematis.

In the northern hemisphere Easter is celebrated in spring – carrying a most powerful and universal symbol of life and new hope – the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Traditionally in the southern hemisphere, we do not have the same outward support for honouring spring and the forces at work in it. Physically and emotionally, spring can be a difficult time of ups and downs and a time of trying to find balance and readjustment. We can easily feel pulled out of ourselves on a bright spring day, as well as experience its beauty.



*Butterflies made at our recent Spring Festival Evening.*



How does your whānau celebrate spring? – in your home do you create a space for those who enter to stand a moment and appreciate spring's beauty? A pause to honour the season, the season where we prepare the earth ready, so she can produce for us our food.

On Wednesday 24 August, fifteen parents attended a lovely spring evening here at Taikura. This was an opportunity to consider how spring could be celebrated and items crafted to take home for ones own spring festival space in the home.



## *He pito kōrero!*

Kia ora e te whānau,

Ko te tūmanako mō *Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori*, i hīkina tātau te manuka, ā, kua rere te reo Māori...ahakoa te iti, he pounamu! My hope for us all this week as we journey on our waka for the week of celebrating Te Reo, is that you gave it a go, no matter how small! Below Ruby Mackwell, our High School History and Geography teacher, shares part of her story about her own Te Reo journey. Tēnā rawa atu koe Ruby!

Tēnā koutou katoa!

Nō Tairua ahau  
Kei Maraekakaho ahau e noho ana  
He kaiako ahau i te Hītōri me te Mātai whenua  
Ko Ruby Mackwell taku ingoa

This year I started a Te Reo Māori night course at EIT, and it is evident that I am completely and utterly at the beginning of my Te Reo journey. EIT has been a wonderful safe space to slowly develop the confidence to converse in such a beautiful language. Making mistakes and having the courage to try something new is all a part of the learning process. Learning Te Reo has gifted me a deeper level of empathy towards my students who are experiencing this learning process everyday as they walk into a classroom here at Taikura.

I can still remember my kaiako Māori Whaea Te Wani, telling all of us Third Formers the importance of learning reo and how when you start your reo journey it will change you in so many wonderful ways. As an adult, I often find myself thinking back to Whaea Te Wani and being in awe about the passion and dedication she brought to teaching Te Reo Māori. I wonder if my curiosity for learning reo would still sit deep within my heart had it not been for such an inspirational teacher like her.

Nā, Ruby Mackwell

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



### Upcoming Events

September 12 -18	All week	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
September 15	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Class 5 Parent Hui
September 22	8:45 am - 10:30 am	Spring Festival
September 22	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 6 Parent Evening
September 23	10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Class 12 Project Displays
September 24 and 25	All Weekend	Class 12 Project Speeches

## Class 12 Project Speech Timetable: Saturday 24 and Sunday 25

Name	Project Topic	Time - Saturday 24 September
1 Laura Doig	How Dogs Can Live Harmoniously in Our Lives?	9.00 am
2 Petra Logan Riley	Surf Culture: Exploring the Intersection of Surfing and Society	9.30 am
3 Kea Templer McConnell	The Ego, What Is It and How Can We Fully Utilise this Knowledge?	10.00 am
Morning Tea		
4 Cory Wood	How do First Responders Cope with Trauma?	11.00 am
5 Tamaki Shimaoka	The Potential of CryptoCurrency	11.30 am
6 Lief Rock	Living Within our Means: Can we be Financially Secure while Still Considering Social and Planetary Boundaries?	12.00 pm
Lunch		
7 Tyler Deed	What is the Most Effective Way to Get Physically Stronger?	2.00 pm
8 Samantha Wood	What it Takes to Become a Gymnast.	2.30 pm
9 Clio Floyd	What are the Benefits of Practicing Yoga?	3.00 pm
Name	Project Topic	Time - Sunday 25 September
10 Rowan Dodd	Building an Outdoor Bath	9.30 am
11 Rose Bailey	Vaccine Hesitancy	10.00 am
Morning Tea		
12 Orin Miquai	Hinengaro Rangatahi - Mental Health	11.00 am
13 Allesandro Valdivia-Theyer	Molecular Gastronomy	11.30 am
12 Leandro Zapata	The 'X' Factor of Brian Wilson	12.00 pm



## Curriculum Corner

### Book Week - Book Swap

*The annual Taikura Book Swap - a highlight of Book Week.*







*The Susho Inspector - inspecting the hushed and focused silent reading in Class 5.*



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Daffodils by Angela Class 4



Class 6 working on Tapa cloth designs.



## Te Tāhuhu o Taikura

As part of Te Tāhuhu o Taikura we have identified expected behaviours for each of our values. During the embedding of this programme we are going to focus on a different expected behaviour each week. We will share our weekly focus in the Grapevine so that families can participate and support also.

### Te Tāhuhu o Taikura - Focus for Week 9 Term 3

Our teaching focus this week will be: **Atawhai/Kindness**  
Specifically: **Taking turns to speak and act..**

## Spring Festival



*Ka tangi te pīpīwharau, ko te karere a Mahuru*

*When the cuckoo cries, that is the herald of spring.*

Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura!

Kua rongo koutou te karanga a te Pīpīwharau? He tohu tērā mā tātou...kei te hoki mai a Tamanuiterā ki uta, kua tae mai te Koanga! Nau mai haere mai te katoa, ki tō tātou ahurei hei whakanui i a Koanga!

Have you heard the call of the Pīpīwharau? It is a sign for us all that Tamanuiterā is returning and Spring has arrived!

**Thursday 22 September - 8:45 am - 10:30 am**



Please note the date and time change. This is to accommodate participation in the Hawkes Bay interschool cross country and hold appropriate space for Class 12 Project presentation set up.

**On the day:**

- On arrival at school - poles will be decorated.
- Kapahaka
- Welcome
- Community Song
- Maypole dancing - Community Dance
- Mummers Play

Please note students will be asked to bring flowers and foliage on the day of the festival - these offerings contribute to the decorating of the Spring Poles. This year we ask that only natural materials are used to decorate the poles "A celebration of the gifts mother earth has to offer - not that of human endeavors".

# Taikura School Board Election

Kia ora koutou whānau,

Many thanks to those who put themselves forward as nominees for our school board, and to all those who voted in the election. The results are as follows:

## **Parent Representatives Votes**

GIBSON, Clayton McKenzie **87**

DE LACEY, Rachel **74**

PORTER, Claire **61**

FERGUSON, Tineka **59**

DIPPER, Markus **55**

LANDER, Patrick **47**

SHAW, Amaali **47**

WALE, Amber **28**

**Invalid Votes 0**

**I therefore declare the following duly elected:**

- **Clayton McKenzie Gibson, Rachel De Lacey, Claire Porter, Tineka Ferguson and Markus Dipper**

Wayne Jamieson

Returning Officer

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

We had one staff representative nominee, and one student representative nominee, therefore I declare the following duly elected unopposed:

**Gee Reisima - staff representative**

**Ian Bailey - student representative**

We are very much looking forward to working with our new school board.

## **MOE update**

There have been a number of announcements made by the government this week:

- The Protection Framework has ended - we have returned to shaking hands at our school gate and classrooms
- Mask recommendations have been removed from the school setting - those who wish to continue wearing them at school are very welcome, and masks will continue to be available on site
- Household contacts of COVID-19 cases will no longer need to isolate, but instead should undertake a RAT test every day for 5 days

The last two and a half years have been a challenging time for our kura, our staff and board have worked incredibly hard to keep tamariki, ākonga and kaiako as safe as possible from COVID-19. Thank you for your support and endurance.

- A one off public holiday has been confirmed - Cabinet has decided that New Zealand will have a one-off public holiday and state memorial service to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The one-off holiday will be held on Monday 26 September. In a statement, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said many New Zealanders would appreciate the opportunity to both mark her death and celebrate her life. The State Memorial Service will be held in the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul on the same day, Monday 26 September, and will be televised and live streamed.
- School and kindergarten will be closed on this day

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianei, nā,

Pippa Caccioppoli

Tumuaki



# Outdoor Kitchen Developments

The weekend before last the Outdoor kitchen team had Jimmy come and complete with Thomas Pearson the leveling and liming of the floor/ground - one of the initial stages in their plans.

Thank you, team - Thomas Pearson, Sandra Jordan, Sue Hull and Sarah Millington- the area is starting to look cared for and enlivened.

**A big thankyou to Thomas Pearson and Jimmy Scott for the weekend mahi and your gift of time.**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Introductory Talks at the Rudolf Steiner Centre

401 Whitehead Road, Hastings

We warmly invite Playgroup parents along with Kindergarten and School parents to our introductory talks, looking at Childhood development. Babies in arms warmly welcome.

**Fathers** are very welcome too – it would be lovely to see some fathers - if you can sacrifice a couple of hours off work.

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 in the Main Room of the Centre**

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The last three talks have focussed on the first seven years of a child's life at home and in Kindergarten play before they begin more formal schooling where they 'go to school to learn.'

Further talks relating to school-aged children will be by:

**Kelly Sutton on Wednesday 21 September**

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**Rosie Simpson on Wednesday 28 September**

*Rites of passage.*

*The Steiner School curriculum is wonderfully responsive to the developmental stages of childhood. There are moments in teaching that feel like magic, when a threshold is crossed at just the right time, enabling new faculties and capacities to emerge unhindered, when the child's wings unfold.*

*How as adults can we recognise and accompany these key moments of readiness, of "waiting till the time is right."*

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# Children's Holiday Art Programme with Amanda Sowersby

Wednesday 5th October

9.30am-12pm

Where: Anthroposophical  
Centre, cnr Whitehead Rd,  
Hastings

Thursday 13th October

9.30am-12pm

Where: Scandi Studio, Donnelly St,  
Havelock North



Children's holiday art programme for 6 - 12 years old.

We will be doing drawing, painting and clay modelling with a morning tea break in between.

Amanda Sowersby is an artist and Anthroposophically trained artistic therapist specialising in Waldorf art styles and traditional art styles and mediums.

Bring morning tea and drink bottle.

Arrive 5 minutes early to get settled.



Investment: \$40 per person per class  
(\$75 for two siblings per class)

Limited spaces, bookings a must:  
[art@amandasowersby.co.nz](mailto:art@amandasowersby.co.nz)

# Amanda & Elizabeth have sprung from winter's hibernation to bring you more glorious Nidra & Sound Healing

Monday 19th September 6pm-7.30pm

Amanda Sowersby and Elizabeth Dunn are back to bring you another gorgeous healing meditation experience of Nidra with the blissful healing sounds of the Tibetan singing bowls. Make yourself a priority! Come and relax, unwind, let go and be gently guided through the practice of a Yoga Nidra meditation which is 'the gateway to relaxation'. Followed by the soothing healing sounds of the Tibetan bowls. All you need to do is show up get comfortable, relax and enjoy the healing journey. We would love to see you all again. All adults welcome and mature children! Arrive 5-10min early to settle. Off street parking and parking behind the building.

Location: Hastings  
Steiner Centre, cnr  
Whitehead and  
Nelson St, Hastings

Bring a yoga mat, blanket and pillow/bolster

Book in first: [oasis.serenity11@protonmail.com](mailto:oasis.serenity11@protonmail.com)



# Spring Painting Course with Amanda Sowersby

Thursday 20th October,  
27th October, 3rd  
November, 10th  
November  
9am-10.30am

Where: Anthroposophical  
Centre  
500 Nelson St, Hastings.  
(cnr Whitehead Rd)

Come and paint with Amanda on a four week painting course inspired by Spring. This course is for adults of all artistic ability from no experience to the experienced. We will be painting together each week a beautifully guided wet on wet watercolour painting in a relaxed and friendly environment with morning tea, herbal tea and coffee provided.

Amanda Sowersby is an artist and Anthroposophically trained Artist Therapist, specialising in Waldorf art styles and traditional art styles and mediums.

Investment: \$120 (\$30 per session, includes materials)

There will be a Thursday evening adult art class on offer in Havelock North for those who can't attend the day class 6pm-7.15pm. These will be small groups so book in quick:

[art@amandasowersby.co.nz](mailto:art@amandasowersby.co.nz)