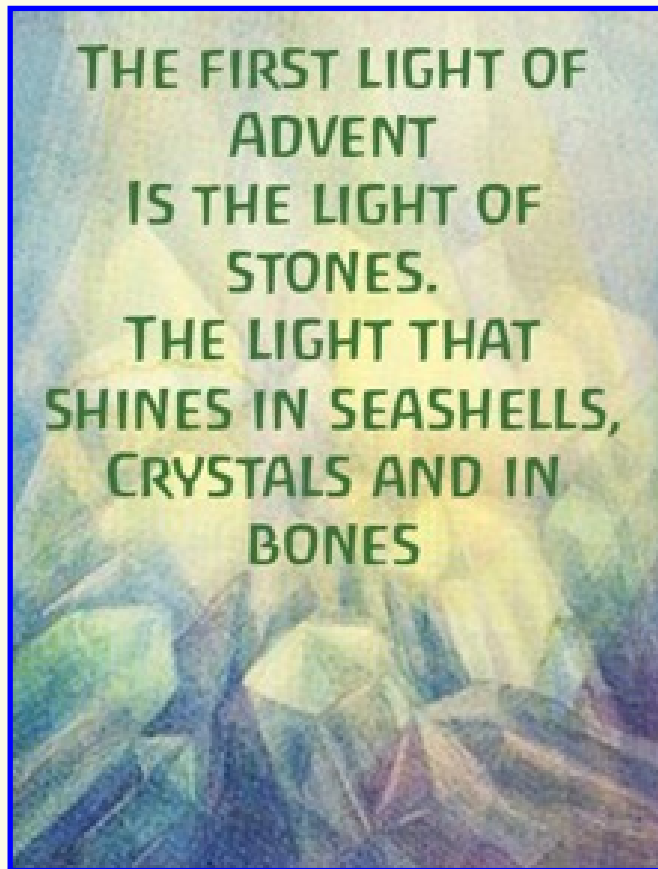




Advent

- Latin for - "that which is coming"



The poem below can guide us through the four weeks of Advent. Each week a kingdom in nature could be considered and gratitude given. The corresponding stanza of the poem - glued onto a card, to be added to the festival table or mantle piece - until all kingdoms are represented.

The first light of Advent is the light of stones-
Light that lives in crystals, seashells, and bones.

The second light of Advent is the light of plants-
Plants that reach up to the sun and in the breezes dance.

The third light of Advent is the light of beasts-
All await the birth, from the greatest and the least.

The fourth light of Advent is the light of humankind-
The light of hope that we may learn to love and understand."

Sunday 27 November will mark the first Advent Sunday of 2022.

How does your whānau mark the Sundays of Advent and the Advent season? What elements of the coming festive season have meaning to you? There is no right or wrong way to create traditions in your home. Over the years I have come to realise that one ritual or tradition held by me consistently, with relationship to its meaning, has proved to be more potent for my children than the myriad of traditions and Christmas activities I brought into my home over the years - all in pursuit of being a perfect Steiner mum. Perfection is a lofty ideal. In the busy season of Christmas amongst end of year activities the ideal of how it should be - can actively work against the holding of space for peaceful family connection. Our interactions when we actively practice the virtues of goodwill, hope, love and peace to all, along with the intentional festival space we create, provide an opportunity for ourselves and family to experience the mood of Christmas.

Possible Family Activities Over Advent

Create an Advent Festival Table. The first week celebrates the Mineral Kingdom. You might adorn the festival table with a blue cloth - the colour of Mother Mary's mantle. On the table a candle and gemstones are placed. These elements help create the landscape to where on Christmas Eve, Mary and Joseph arrive. The following day - sees the empty manger filled when the sweet baby Jesus is placed in the empty manger.



Alternatively you might wish to use a soft sea blue with a buttery lemon coloured cloth, colours of the Aotearoa summer beach. Instead of gemstones, simple greywacke may be all that adorns your table, echoing the beautiful landscape of Aotearoa.

This year staff have been exploring the colours of the Advent Season in relation to Anthroposophy with Sandra Jordan. If this is an aspect of festival life which interests you, don't hesitate to contact Sandra for a korero about the colours of the seasons and festivals of our year.

Make An Advent Wreath



The Advent wreath is four candles on a wreath of evergreen. Some people like to have a central white candle - representing the Christ and/or universal love. The wreath is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of the seasons, God and universal love. Each Sunday of the Advent season, you might focus on one of the four virtues the Jesus child brings to us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle in the center of the wreath can be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day - a picture of light arriving - the Jesus child is here.

Advent Meal

Each Advent Sunday you might have a special Advent dinner with food reserved for these four meals specifically. Or a significant food of your childhood or homeland, a traditional family recipe - something that is dear to your heart and that which you want to hold significance for your children. During your meal you might light a dinner candle or the candles of the Advent wreath.

Try an Advent wreath with a beach theme.



Sports Notices

Last week we had a group of our intermediate netball girls partake in a pre season training with Asher Grapes from Hawkes Bay netball. Asher has played for two National teams the Magic and the Mystics.



Upcoming Events

November 21 - 25
November 25
December 2
December 2
December 9

3:30 pm - 8:00 pm
ALL DAY
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
ALL DAY

LOWER SCHOOL **CLASSES 1-5 ONLY** Interviews
Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL ONLY**
Class 12 Cushion Concert
Last Day of School for **CLASSES 10 -12**
Teacher Only Day - **SCHOOL ONLY**



He pito kōrero!

Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week

Ka wani kē! (ka wah nee keh)

You're clever, a master, a genius, neat alright - an idiom to praise someone's knowledge or expertise.

Hemi: Kia ora e hoa. He aha tēnā...what's that?

Roimata: Kia ora e Hemi. It's a letter saying I've received a scholarship for my course next year!

Hemi: Ka wani kē e hoa!

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



Te Tāhuhu o Taikura

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

Te Tāhuhu o Taikura - Focus for Week 3 and 4

Our teaching focus this week will be **Respect/Whakaute**, specifically: **Observe Tikanga**

Stationery 2023

Stationery lists for 2023 and ordering instructions will be given to your children to bring home next week. All information will also be emailed out.

Lower School and High School packs are available to be ordered online, via our stationery supplier Hawkes Bay Office Products Depot or alternatively you can purchase stationery independently using the stationery list provided.

School App

If you have not already done so, **we encourage you to 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.









Curriculum Corner

Steiner Certificate and Future Study Q & A

We have fielded several enquiries recently about the New Zealand Steiner Certificate of Education and future study. Thank you to those whānau members and students whose questions around tertiary education prompted me to put this little blurb together.

Is the New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education (NZCSE) accepted by universities?

Yes, the NZCSE is accepted as entry into any university or tertiary institute in New Zealand as well as across all of Europe including the UK, Germany and Ireland. This is under the Lisbon Protocol and hence it is now taught in UK Steiner schools and German Waldorf schools. It is accepted in some universities in Australia. Within New Zealand the Steiner Certificate is recognized by the New Zealand Qualification Authority, NZQA. Many of our students have entered Auckland University, Otago University, Canterbury University, Victoria, Lincoln, AUT and Waikato University without any problems.

Are they eligible for scholarships at universities?

This year we have a number of students either entering or considering studying at Otago universities who have received scholarships. One Level 3 student this year has secured a full scholarship to Victoria for next year's study, and another has been accepted into vet school. There are five Steiner High schools across New Zealand so the NZCSE is well known to universities.

In previous years we have had students receive scholarships to Canterbury university for engineering, sports medicine at Otago as well as a highly coveted music scholarship at Victoria university to name a few in recent years. The Taikura Dux receives a Dux scholarship to university. Taikura students as a whole, once they complete their Level 3 NZCSE, achieve higher per capita acceptance and scholarships than other schools, in entry to university courses.

What about courses with restrictions?

The word of caution for any student who is aware of which course they wish to take at university (regardless of which school they attend) is to be aware of the entry requirements for certain courses. Many courses require students to have certain subjects, which we offer, but the students need to elect their courses carefully starting in Class 11 as many universities are now looking at Level 2 results along with Level 3 results to determine students' entry to certain courses.

The other thing to bear in mind is the grade point average that is needed for entry to certain university degree courses. If students do not keep their grade point average up then regardless of which university or which school they come from, they will be asked to do a bridging course. (A bridging course is normally a 101 Level paper which means adding another year of study). Therefore, the student has to have at least Merit passes or above for entry to certain courses and not just obtain Achieve passes. Our careers advisor can help to direct students with regards to this.

What assistance is given to students to help them make decisions?

Every year university liaison staff contact us at Taikura and are available to talk to students about courses. This is available to Class 11 and 12 students and their whānau early in the year, every year. Class 12 students also head to Wellington where they visit Victoria and Massey along with other Tertiary institutes situated in and around Wellington. This is generally very valuable to help students get an understanding of university life.

Throughout the Class 11 and 12 years the students are informed of opportunities to attend one-off courses at many of the universities. These courses have proven to be extremely valuable in helping students to decide on their future courses of study. Recently we had a student accepted to the prestigious Otago summer school. These courses allow the students, over their summer, to have a taster of university courses and to pass some papers which allow the students to enter university having completed papers already. This means a greater chance of the student being accepted on the course of study they are interested in.

Where can I get some more information?

The Steiner Educational Development Trust (SEDTr) website <https://www.sedt.co.nz/> has further information about the NZCSE. Early next year Taikura will be holding information evenings to introduce the structure of the NZCSE to students and their whānau. Keep an eye on the grapevine and the school app for details.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

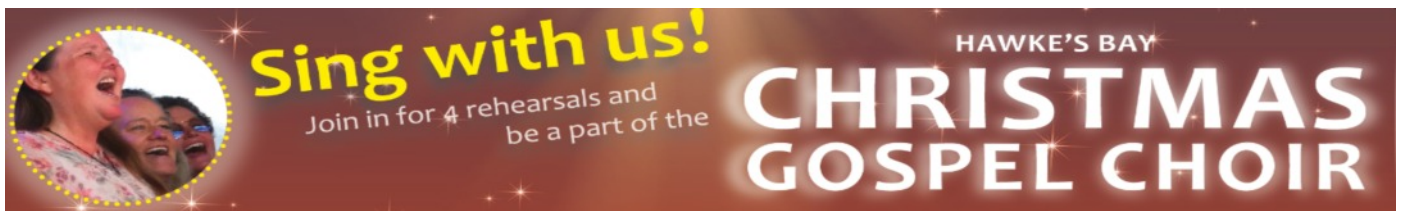
Anne Hilton - Academic Dean

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Accommodation Urgently Required

BEFORE 9 December

I am looking for a large bedroom or a sleepout to rent ASAP as I have to be out of my current place before Friday 9 December. I would love something in Hastings, close to town so biking distance would be ideal. Please contact Alice Kenny on **0211 722 934**



Christmas time is high season for singers. Soul Choir leader Stephan Zebe invites again to sing Gospel Songs and Carols in a special project choir for a month.

Four rehearsals on Wednesdays in Advent (November 30, December 7, 14 and 21) and a performance on Christmas Eve at 8:30 pm, with many guests and with candlelight at Napier Baptist Church - that's the frame for this community sing-along event. "All lovers of Gospel Choir Music are welcome to join us. Whether you have choir or vocal experience or not, with or without music reading skills, all who love to sing may come." We will repeat some music from last three years, so a few will remember. But be there all four nights to reach the goal! Please register at hbsoulchoir@gmail.com

Wednesday rehearsals start at 7:00 pm, 36 Riverbend Road, Napier. Everybody is welcome!



Men's reset workshop

Friday 9th
December
6pm-8.30pm
Keirunga Garden
Homestead,
Havelock North
\$35
To book:
02108188019

Aaron Gregroy is passionate about mental wellbeing and self-empowerment, he has been on his own self-healing journey and helping others find a deeper connection to self for over 20 years.

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- Learn basic tools to reset our energetic/nervous system to help clarity of mind
- Refreshments provided.

Napier K-meditation Retreat

Saturday 4 - Monday 6 February 2023. Held at beautiful Dartmoor Hills in a sustainable living environment. In this retreat, K-meditation life energy practices - from a five thousand year old Korean culture of human beings living creatively in peace and fulfillment of human potential - are linked to Brain Education which draws on modern Neuroscience. It offers a guide to true self healing, that is natural, and encourages you to create your life through bright consciousness and brain education. The retreat guide, Master Sunyong, has twenty years experience as a Master and is a Professor of Brain Education. Enquiries to Earthvillagewellness@gmail.com

Ebony Lamb & Band

SMALL HALLS SESSIONS HAWKES BAY

Friday 25 November - Sherenden Community Hall

Saturday 26 November - Poukawa Community Hall

Sunday 27 November - Haumoana Community Hall



Ebony Lamb (former Taikura student) is genre-defying powerhouse with *"a voice of woodsmoke and honey"* (Nick Bollinger), a critically acclaimed singer-songwriter from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington who was the driving force behind alt-country sweethearts **Eb & Sparrow**. Renowned for her dynamic performance and audience rapport, her performances will offer a tantalising glimpse of the new work from her long awaited solo album made with co-producers **Bic Runga** and **Kody Nielson** (Mint Chicks, UMO). A show not to be missed playing all new work with some of Wellington's most sought after musicians (Hikurangi Schaverien-Kaa on drums and Phoebe Johnson on bass) with *"a depth and power that, in places, is equal to any current big name, from Gillian Welch to Cat Power"* (Dompost) Ebony has supported international and national acts such as Nadia Reid, Marlon Williams, Beth Orton, Rodriguez, Bic Runga, Tami Neilson, The Warratahs and more. *"...one of the country's coolest, most sultry voices"* The NZ Listener.

TICKETS <https://www.smallhallsessions.co.nz/> Taikura has a special discount \$10:00 off per ticket at point of purchase with the **CODE: taikura** More Info <https://ebonylamb.com/>

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