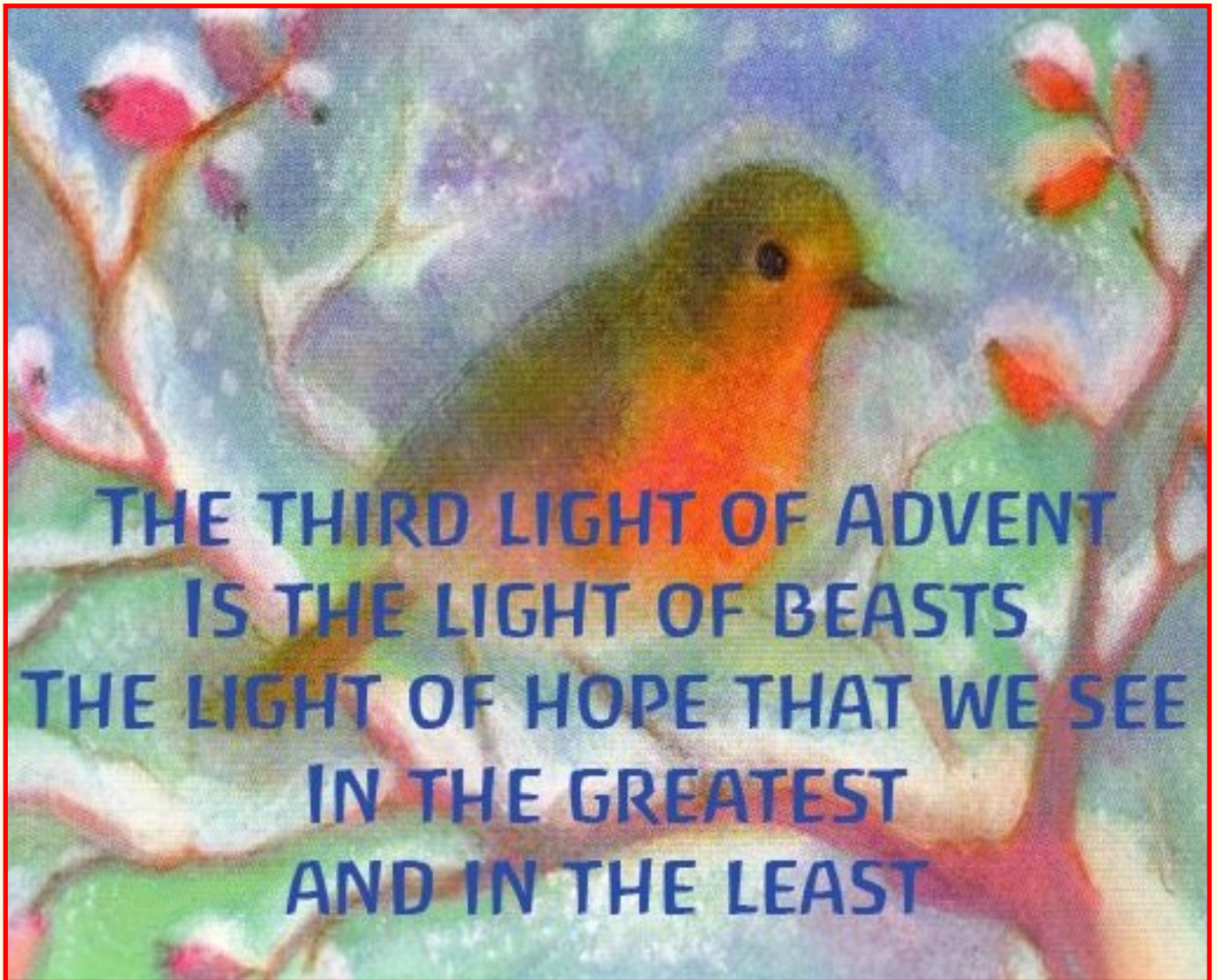




## The Third Light





## **The Shepherds Play** **Community Performance Wednesday 14 December** **School Hall – 7:00 pm**

All are warmly invited ....

As the pohutukawa starts to blossom - hinting of the coming season of Christmas, the days grow warmer, our signals that the year is reaching its completion.

Each year, at the end of the school year and with the Advent of Christmas it is custom that the teachers of the Steiner Schools around the world present to their respective communities a special gift. The teachers work together, combining their various talents and energies, to perform for their school community - for the students and their parents and friends - one or two of the three remarkable; medieval, mystery Christmas plays, commonly referred to as "The Christmas Plays."

At Taikura each year we perform The Shepherds Play. In years gone by, different establishments throughout Hawkes Bay would often and some still do - perform one or more of the other two plays. Taruna students and Hohepa often the Paradise Play and for many years there was a tradition where parents of Taikura would perform The 3 Kings Play at Epiphany.

*The play we perform is called The Shepherds' Play for good reason.*

*The play revolves around the shepherds coming together and each one asking in one way or another, in his turn, "What? Am I not first? I thought so to be."*

*This is how it is with us human beings. To begin with, each thinks of himself first. This is our starting point with the mystery. Like these shepherds, we human beings seem to awaken on a cold, dark night and are barely able to recall the messages that some angel has given us in our dream. We stumble about and converse with one another, trying to piece together our similar but separate dreams.*

*The mystery in The Shepherds' Play, a specifically human mystery, is a timeless story that can be told over and over again, in many ways. But the form it takes in this traditional play has its own special charm, one, which we can only hope, will not get lost as we rush around on the information superhighway. Its timeless quality speaks to the sense of wonder in every small child; the unspoiled character of its folk tradition speaks to the adolescent's deep longing for authority in a chaotic world and its mythic imagination speaks to the free adult spirit.*

*To all ages, it speaks the same profound truth of the mystery of human existence. It is a mystery at once so delicate that we are ever in danger of losing it and yet so diamond-like that we could easily crack our skulls on it. As we are told, even "The wisest head may thereon doubt." And if, having heard our report, some friend should happen by and ask, "Is it far to go?" there is but one answer we could give: "Till thou comest there!"*

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## **Carol Evening Friday 16 December 7:00 pm in the school gym**

The community is warmly invited to this year's Carol Evening. This evening is an opportunity to farewell our graduating students and welcome into our kura next year's Class One. This is a special occasion and we encourage all our students to dress as such.

There is limited seating so you may wish to bring along a cushion to sit on. Entry is through the main gymnasium door and shoes are removed before entry.

Lower School Students are to go to their classrooms no earlier than 6:45 pm. At the end of the evening, students return to their classrooms with their teachers.

Students from Classes 5, 6 and 7 are released from their classrooms to meet up with their whānau outside.

Students from Classes 1 - 4 are collected by parents from their classroom.

It is important to collect your child from their classroom directly after the end of the Carol Evening.

Community Carols to be sung on the evening are "O Come all Ye Faithful", "Angels We Have Heard On High", "O Holy Night" and "Hark the Herald Angels"

I look forward to seeing you on Friday 16 December.

Warmly wishing you a wonderful end of year and rejuvenating summer.

Kelly Sutton  
Deputy Principal

### **Carol Evening**

I have two outfits available for the Carol Evening for whānau to borrow if they wish, one white dress with a pink sash (or add any colour ribbon/sash, it is not attached), and another outfit with pale trousers, a white short sleeved shirt and a white waistcoat. They have both been worn by several children over the years and are of good quality. Please text or call Suzan on 021 2065909 if you are interested.



## *He pito kōrero!*

### **Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week**

Wananei (Wah nah neiy)  
Wicked, awesome!

Hina: Kia ora e Mata. Guess what e hoa, I've been given tickets for that concert tonight!

Mata: Wananei e hoa...I'll be your plus one!

*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 Weeks 7 and 8**

Our teaching focus this week will be **Respect/Whakaute**, specifically: **Use Recycling**

### **Updating App Information**

- A reminder to please check your current app group subscriptions to ensure they are up to date. Are you a liaison parent? Do you still have children at kindergarten? Are you a bus family?
- Please remember to update your alert group subscriptions to your child/ren's new class by the beginning of Term One 2023.

### **Library News**

Kia ora, all library books are now due back. Books can be returned to the library at interval and lunch. Students who still have books on their accounts will be given a printed list to take home, please help your student to locate all their books.

mihi aroha,  
Paula - Librarian

### **Waiata Mai Is Back - Thursdays – 12:30 – 1:00 pm - in the Library!**

Ngā mihi hīkaka ki a koutou ngā manu tioriori o Taikura!

Waiata mai has started. Every Thursday in our Whare pukapuka – The library. If you want to learn some of the waiata that your tamariki sing at school, nau mai, haere mai te katoa....all are welcome!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!  
Nā Troy Gardiner

# OUR VISION STATEMENT



To help each and every student progress towards becoming free, responsible and caring individuals, able to impart purpose and direction to their own lives, and as citizens able to contribute in manifold as well as unique ways to human society.

## Congratulations To All Our High School Students!

Last week we held our High School Prizegiving, and we would wholeheartedly like to congratulate each and every student in our High School for all their mahi during 2022. The below students received prizes and honours for their particular achievements.

### Class 12 Awards

#### **Laura Doig**

Joint recipient of the Taikura Award, presented in recognition of an outstanding student who in their attitude and endeavours throughout their time at Taikura represents the ideals of Waldorf education in their thinking, feeling and willing.

Dux (top academic results across all subjects at Level 3).

Top Academic prize in: Movement (Eurythmy and Physical Education); English and Drama; The Sciences (across Physics, Chemistry, Biology).

#### **Rose Bailey**

Joint recipient of the Taikura Award, presented in recognition of an outstanding student who in their attitude and endeavours throughout their time at Taikura represents the ideals of Waldorf education in their thinking, feeling and willing.

Top Academic prize in: The Sciences (across Physics, Chemistry, Biology)

#### **Tamaki Shimaoka**

Top Academic prize in: The Arts (Art and Music); Movement (Eurythmy and Physical Education); Mathematics

#### **Lief Rock**

Top Academic prize in: Technology (across Handwork, Woodwork and Digital Technology); The Social Sciences; Movement (Eurythmy and Physical Education)

### High Academic Achievement Awards

Jack Ludvigsen (Class 8); Menno van der Have (Class 8); Haruka Wallis (Class 8); Lucy Allison (Class 9); Ian Bailey (Class 10); Theresa Zebe (Class 11)

### Social Leadership Awards – Leading by example

Menno van der Have (Class 8); Louis Skipper (Class 8); Milo Wade (Class 10); Gemma Watson (Class 11)

### Academic Improvement Awards

Stella de Lacey-Tong (Class 8); Tyler Dipper (Class 8); Kate Caccioppoli (Class 9); Sara Bruce-Gordon (Class 10); Hazel Hatcher (Class 11); Samantha Wood (Class 12); Tyler Deed (Class 12)

## Scholarships

Petra Logan-Riley & Tamaki Shimaoka – Univeristy of Otago  
Tamaki Shimaoka – Victoria University  
Rose Bailey – Te Pūkenga

## NZCSE

(New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education) pass rates across all levels this year have been outstanding:

Level One	100%
Level Two	100%
Level Three	96%

## Trades Academy Awards

### Cory Wood

The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award which celebrates the achievement of secondary students enrolled in vocational programmes. Students awarded this award demonstrate a positive attitude, are motivated, resilient and have strong self-management skills.

### Kaue Vilhena

Mito Start Up Ignition Award

### Trades Certificates

Daisy Benson-Cuttriss; Ashley-Rose Cooper; Joshua Dipper; Theo Freeman; Ruby Hansen; Jacob Mawson; Emil Rock; Benjamin Simpson; Benjamin Train; Kaue Vilhena; Rowan Dodd; Alessandro Valdivia-Theyer; Cory Wood; Leandro Zapata

## Sports Awards

## Taikura Sportspersons of the Year

### Kaito Wallis

1st 11 hockey, club hockey, under 18 HB hockey representative, selected for HB invitational team to play Australian under 18 St Andrews club team in December. Kaito is also completing his black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

### Chris Deed

1st 11 hockey, club hockey, under 18 HB hockey representative, selected for HB invitational team to play Australian under 18 St Andrews club team in December. Plays summer hockey in two summer teams.

### Outstanding Participation and Contribution to School Sports Awards

Lucy Allison; Manu Vilhena

### Contribution to School Sports Awards

Hazel Hatcher; Pippa van Duin; Benjamin Train; Benjamin Simpson; Theo Freeman; Maia Te Huia; Liam Kouzounian; Emil Rock; Zahara Kizito; Nico Theyer-Durham; Gemma Watson; Zak McGavock

## Upcoming Events

December 9	ALL DAY	Teacher Only Day - <b>SCHOOL ONLY</b>
December 14	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Shepherds Play - School Hall
December 16	8:45 pm - 12:30 pm	Last Day for Lower School - 12:30 pm Finish
December 16	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Carol Evening - Gym
December 20	12:00 Noon	Office Closed

## Lower School Reports Collection

Your child's Lower School report will be available for collection from the **EURYTHMY HALL** Friday 16 December between **12:00 noon and 3:00 pm**

Or

From the **MAIN OFFICE** Monday 19 December between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm

If you would like to arrange another time for collection, or this arrangement will not work for you, please get in touch with [suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz](mailto:suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz) before 4:00 pm, Friday 16 December so we can ensure your child's report gets to you before the end of the year.

## URGENT UPDATE TO **Absence Notifications**

This term we will be moving to app and answer phone absence notifications only, eliminating the need for us to maintain a mobile phone in the office, and lessening the workload for staff having to check multiple devices and sources of information. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation. Please find instructions on how to download the school app below.

### 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!

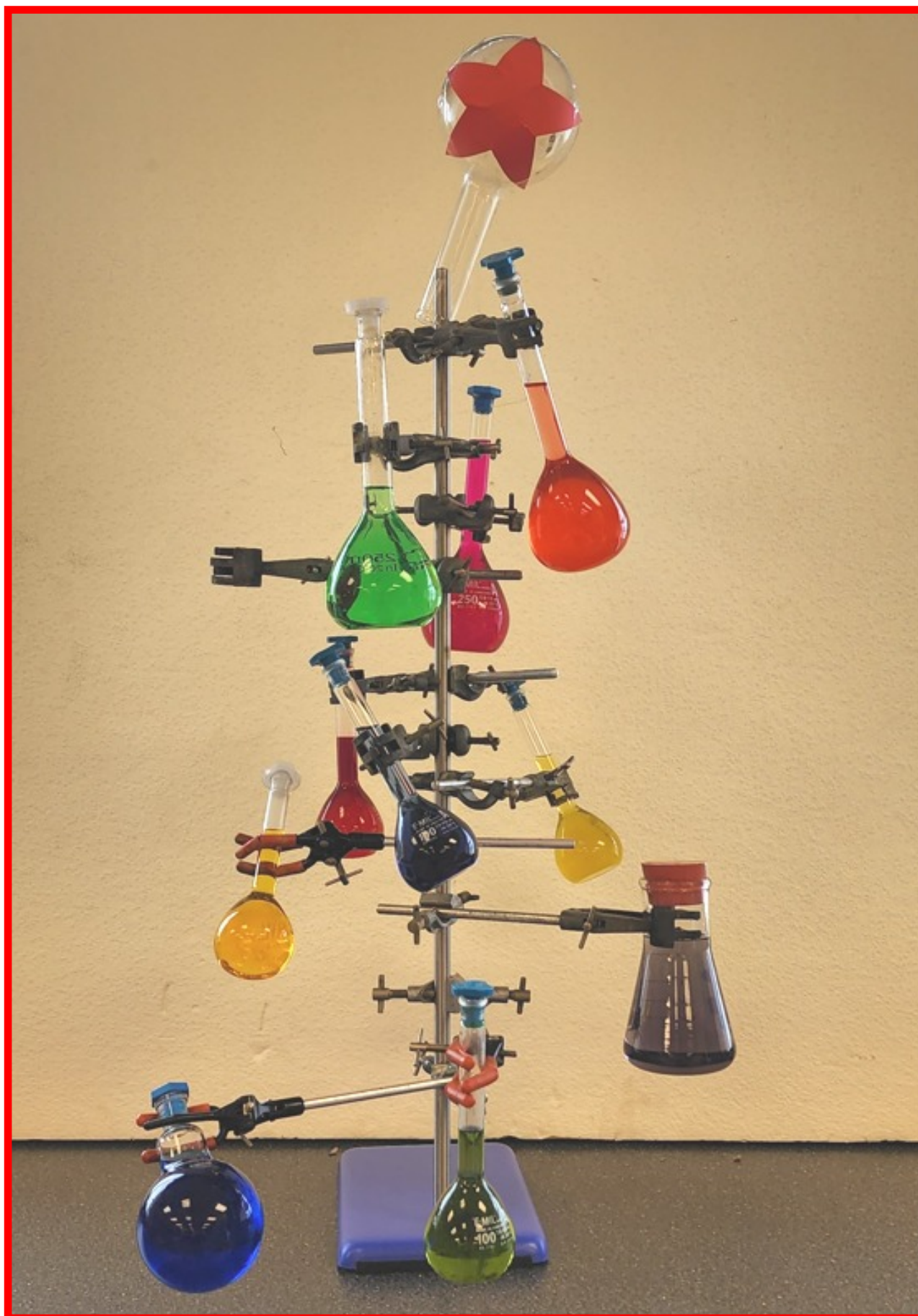
1. Go to the **App Store** or **Google Play Store** on your mobile device
2. Search **SchoolAppsNZ**
3. Download the **App**
4. Open the **App**
5. When it asks to send notifications – click allow.
6. When it asks to search your **School** – type your **School Name** in the search bar
7. Lastly, subscribe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



## A Very Lab Christmas

Who said it had to be a “tree” ?

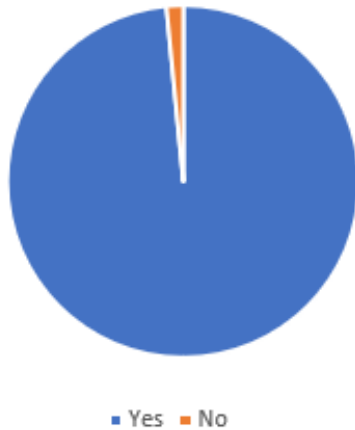
Joshua Dipper and Sara Bruce-Gordon created this masterpiece in the lab!



## Friday Market Survey Results

Thank you to the sixty five people who took the time to participate in our Friday Market Survey. Moving forward into next year we would like to ask for parent volunteers or nominations to form a Friday Market organising committee. The data gathered from the survey will guide the committee's work. Please contact Suzan directly on [suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz](mailto:suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz) to register your interest, or to nominate a willing volunteer.

Would you support a regular Friday market?



Who do you think should be selling at the Friday Market for fundraising purposes?



- Lower School only
- Whole school
- Whole school and kindergartens
- Whole school, kindergartens, sports teams and community groups (e.g. H3 fund)

Who do you think should be organising the Friday Market?



- A designated committee made up of volunteer parents
- Parents from a designated class, e.g. Class 4, which would change from year to year

Which of the following options would you support

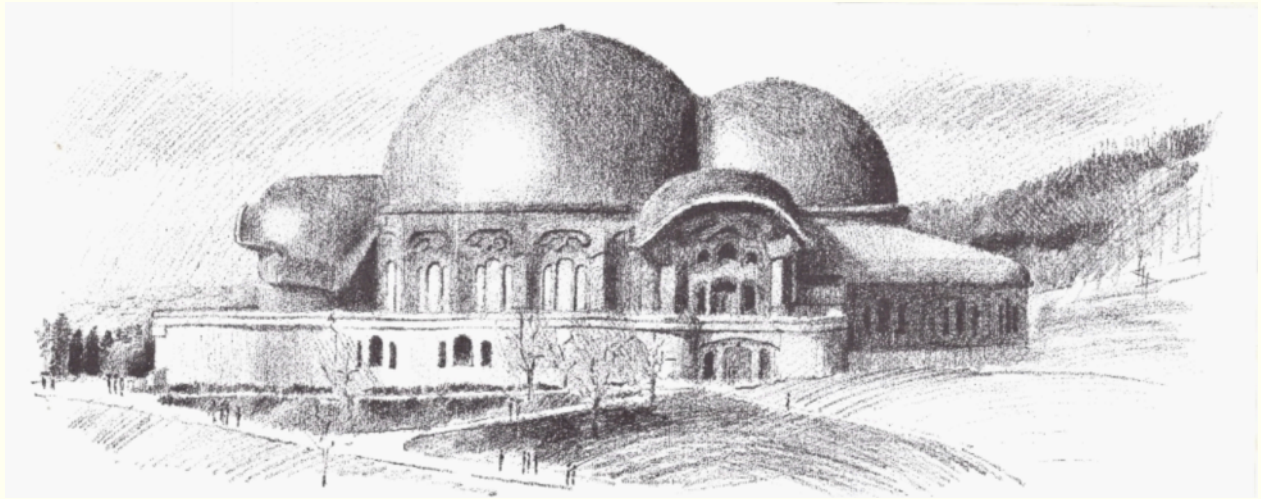


- Stalls/tables are booked on a first come first served basis
- An equitable time-table is developed, ensuring all classes/groups have the same regular opportunity for fundraising

How many stalls would you like to see participate each week



- 2 to 4
- 4 to 6



We warmly invite you to three events

## ***Celebrating the First Goetheanum***

at the

Rudolf Steiner Centre

401 Whitehead Road, Hastings

### **1**

Opening of an Exhibition of

## ***“Art Related to the First Goetheanum”***

**Saturday 17 December, 2022**

**3:30 pm**

Afternoon tea and Welcome

talks:

*‘The Goetheanum model’ (gifted to New Zealand in 1980s) -- by Robin Bacchus*

*‘The Spiritual Journey of the Human Being as Expressed in the Art Forms  
of the first Goetheanum’ -- by Hans van Florenstein Mulder*

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*Picture drawn by Hansjörg Palm*

*These events organized by an Initiative Group that meets regularly at the Rudolf Steiner Centre, Hastings –  
Hans and Ineke van Florenstein Mulder, Bernie and Gerrit Raichle,  
Margaret Stevenson, Jenny Sutherland, Diana and Robin Bacchus.*

## 2

### An Exhibition ***“Art related to the First Goetheanum”***

#### **Guided Tours are offered on:**

Monday	19 December	from 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	21 December	from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Wednesday	28 December	from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Thursday	29 December	from 5:00 - 6:00 pm

*The spiritual stream will only be able to introduce the new culture, as is its task, when granted the opportunity to work right down into the physical design, the very walls of the buildings that surround us. And spiritual life will have quite a quite different effect when it flows from the spaces whose dimensions are determined by the science of the spirit, whose forms have been created on the basis of spiritual science.*

*Rudolf Steiner, 3 January 1911*

## 3

A gathering  
***Commemorating the loss of the first Goetheanum***  
which was destroyed by fire 100 years ago.

**Saturday 31 December**  
**3:30 pm**

***“The year 1922 and the burning of the first Goetheanum”***

Talk by Hans van Florenstein Mulder

- Conversation arising from the talk.
- Sue Simpson will lead us in eurythmy.
- At 6:00 pm there will be a shared meal.

Please **bring a plate of food** for this festive occasion.

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***In the early beginnings a small group of interested people was involved within the Anthroposophical Movement***

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***The world only began to really take notice of Anthroposophy when the intention to build the Goetheanum began to be put into effect.***

Adapted from Rudolf Steiner's  
*“The Constitution of the School of Spiritual Science.”*

***Rudolf Steiner's main purpose in designing the Goetheanum was to create a synthesis of the visual arts, within an architectural setting, which revealed spiritual realities usually hidden from everyday consciousness. He incorporated the arts of painting, sculpture and coloured glass engraving. {The building created a space for the performing arts of speech, drama, music and eurythmy.} Rudolf Steiner was also interested in exploring how the medium of the visual arts can convey the results of spiritual-scientific research in a manner not possible through the use of words.***

Adapted from Christian Thal-Jantzen's Introduction to  
*“Architecture as a Synthesis of the Arts”*

# *RestOra before Christmas*

with

**Amanda Sowersby & Aaron Gregory**



**Treat yourself!**

**Restorative Yoga/Guided  
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Reiki energy & Herbal Tea**

**Sunday 11th December  
4pm-5.30pm \$35 Alma Studio  
17 Joll Rd, Havelock North**

**Book: [www.almastudio.co.nz](http://www.almastudio.co.nz) (Click on Events)**

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Message Amaali on 0210 50 88 13.



## **SOUL CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**



**Join the Hawke's Bay Soul Choir at Spaceship on Friday 16 December 2022**

Kicking off at 8:00 pm, it's going to be an evening filled with music, fun and dancing! Listen to the songs of Marvin Gaye, Ray Charles or Earth Wind & Fire in unique and thrilling choir arrangements, with soloists and a stunning four-part horn section! Expect a colourful and extraordinary show at Spaceship, 114 Karamu Rd. Tickets on [hbsoulchoir.org](http://hbsoulchoir.org).

# Children's Holiday Art Classes with Amanda Sowersby

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ART CLASSES

AGE 6-12 YEARS.

TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 9.30-12PM &  
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\$45 PER DAY.

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Amanda Sowersby is an Artist and Anthroposophical Artistic Therapist, specialising in healing art styles and traditional art in painting, wet on wet watercolour, acrylic, oil painting, drawing, charcoal, pastel, clay and more....

Amanda's intention for her classes and workshops is to create a safe, loving environment where people can shine through their artistic abilities.



Amanda hosts small to large art groups and also offers one on one Artistic Therapy sessions and private art events for children and adults.

To book: [art@amandasowersby.co.nz](mailto:art@amandasowersby.co.nz) 0211449168

Facebook: Amanda Sowersby Art & Artistic Therapy

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### Violin - Fiddle Style Lessons

I am offering violin/fiddle style lessons from the beginning of February 2023. The cost is \$100.00 per term, with fiddle provided. If you are interested please call Chris Bacchus on 878 6883 or email: [chrisbacchus@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbacchus@gmail.com)

### Mallows Driver Training

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