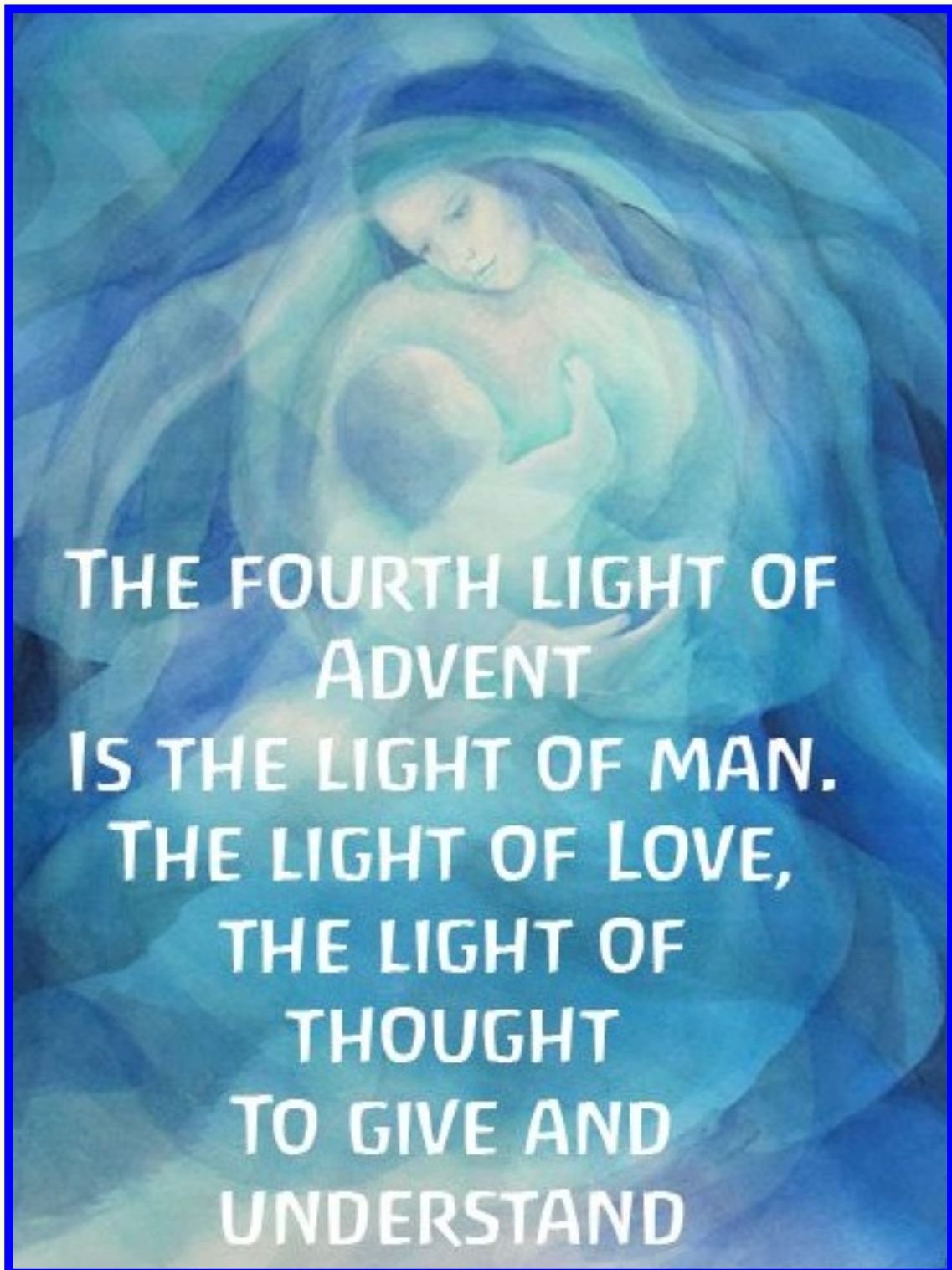




The Fourth Light





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.

Contact Details

A reminder to please let the office know when your phone number or address changes. It is important for us to have up to date contact details for all parents and caregivers in case of emergency.

Curriculum Corner

Three Mountains Camp Class 9

Class 9 had a wonderful last week of Term 4, nothing beats the wonderful wilderness experience of the Tongariro National Park. Rock hopping on Ruapehu on Monday once again saw us come across the top secret military make a wish portal. I honestly thought this year the cloak of invisibility may have been used but we found it.

On Tuesday we woke up at 4:20 am to catch the shuttle at 5:20 am. I had never been on the mountain this early and it was a definite challenge given this was the last week of Term 4 for this class. The end of year exhaustion definitely played a part in this challenging tramp, everyone rallied around and we were all able to successfully complete this 19k walk. The views were spectacular and for the first time ever we were able to sit and have lunch at the Emerald Lakes.

This will always be memorable for me as the lakes have been elusive over the years and I have not seen them without rain or sleet blasting in my face. The minus two degree wind chill kept us cool and refreshed on the way up. There were plenty of smiles as we finally saw some snow near Red Crater, amongst the smiles there were a few tears, a few mental inner battles going on and the most common reflection was that was an awesome walk. I am glad I did it but I will never do it again!

You should all be proud of yourselves for completing one of Aoteroa's great walks. The rest of the camp saw us relaxing at the hot pools, looking at waterfalls and exploring Te Pōrere Redoubt amongst other interesting things found around the national park.

I would like to again say a big thank you to Paul, Tanya and Ruby for the energy, laughs and good conversations. I have really appreciated your support. To Class 9, a big thank you for the way you encouraged each other and it was so lovely to see everyone hanging out together, conversing and being a cohesive group.

G. Reisima - EOTC





He pito kōrero!

Te kōhatu mauri – The mauri stone

*Whakarongo ki te tangi a te
pīpīwharauroa*

E karanga nei - kūi, kūi, whio!

Whiti-ora, whiti-ora, whio!

Kua raumati, kua raumati ē.

*Hearken to the call of the
shining cuckoo*

As it joyously celebrates

The life-giving sunshine

That has arrived with summer

Over the last couple of months as I have walked past the site of the new whare, tino hīkaka au – I feel really excited, as the whare takes shape and thinking about next year and teaching in that space.

One of the other tasks to do was to locate a kōhatu mauri for the whare. In consultation with people and looking at the history of our kura, it seemed fitting that the kōhatu mauri be sourced from Kererū Station. The school has a long association with Kererū Station. The sisters, Ruth Nelson and Gwen Malden bought the Station and placed it in to a Trust, with the idea of supporting the arts and Steiner pedagogy in Te matau-a-Māui. Ruth Nelson and Edwina Burbury went on to buy what was Queenswood School, with the impetus to introduce Steiner education to Aotearoa. From those seeds Taikura Rudolf Steiner School was born!

On Tuesday, Clayton Gibson and I visited Kererū Station and sourced a mauri stone from the river there, that flows through Kererū and into the awa of Ngaruroro-moko-tuararo ki rangatira. I spoke with Papa Jerry Hapuku prior to our trip to Kererū, as I was unsure of what to look for, especially when you are faced with thousands of stones and the responsibility of choosing the 'right' one! However, as I was told just be guided by your inner knowing, and as soon as we arrived at the awa, e pukana mai rā te kōhatu mauri ki a mātou – The stone was looking straight at us! After a karakia that acknowledged the awa, the kōhatu and the role of the kōhatu mauri, the kōhatu was transported safely back to my room and awaits the opening of the whare. When the whare is opened the mauri stone will be taken through the whare and will sit in a space where people can touch it as they enter or leave the space, sharing the mauri of all.

The kōhatu mauri represents and protects the Mauri – the vitality or life force of both living and inanimate things as well as those who have gone before. It also is a guide for the matauranga Māori that will be shared and taught in this space.

As we come to the end of our school year, I want to thank all those people who have contributed and enlivened 'He pito kōrero' over the year. I wish you all a festive time with your whānau and a time of rejuvenation, connection and breathing out as we all head into the holidays!

Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi,
Ēngari, ko taku toa, he toa takitini!

Our strength is not of one,
But the support and love of the multitude!

Nā, Matua Troy.

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



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 before 4:00 pm, Friday 16 December so we can ensure your child's report gets to you before the end of the year.

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 9

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

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

Upcoming Events

December 16
December 16
December 20

8:45 pm - 12:30 pm
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
12:00 Noon

Last Day for Lower School - 12:30 pm Finish
Carol Evening - Gym
Office Closed

Sports Notices

Thank you to everyone who helped with Term 4 sports teams. I enjoyed getting to see a few of the teams games, especially the Class 3 teams starting off with school sports this term.

Thank you to everyone who has brought back their sports uniforms. Can any others still at home please be returned to the school office this week in a named bag.

Term One High School Sports

Senior volleyball

Wednesdays at Pettigrew

We will making up teams of students from Classes 9-12



Class 3 Netball team - coached by Hana Ruth

Discover Ocean Sports

As part of the Sports Hawkes Bay females on the move program, I, alongside others, are offering a water sports program for girls in our high school. We have 12 places available.

This program will be experiencing a different water sport every Monday after school for 5 or 6 weeks. Included is surfing, snorkelling, waka ama, kayaking, and to be confirmed sailing.

Places will be allocated on a first in first serve basis, with all activities being suitable for beginners. The cost is to be confirmed but should be around the \$100 per head mark.

Please email sports.coordinator@taikura.school.nz with questions or enrolments

Waka Ama

There is a possibility to have a school waka ama team. If your student is interested please email troy.gardiner@taikura.school.nz asap so he can get an idea of numbers.

Term One Lower School Sports

Ki O'Rahi

This will be available to students from Classes 6 and 7. More information available in the new year.

Mini Pitch/ Teeball/Volleyball

More information available in February grapevine.

Janet Osborne

Sports Coordinator/International Students

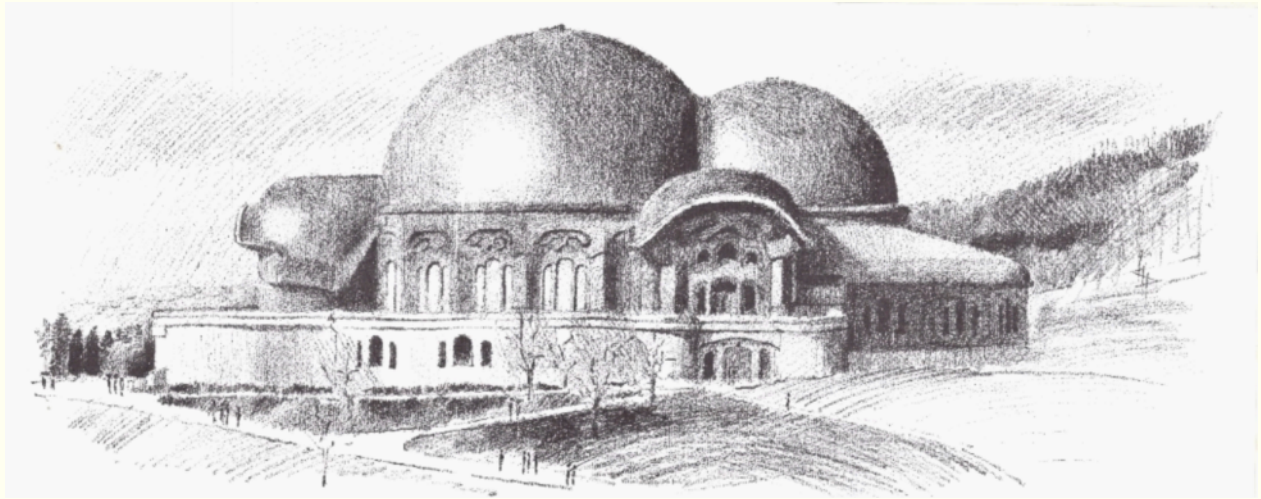
Homestay Families Needed

We are looking to place two female International students in homestays who will be attending Taikura in 2023. Both the girls will be in Class 12, 2023. One of the students is attending for six months and one for the whole year. For more information please contact Janet on 027 339 0990

Taikura Itinerant Music Lessons

We will have tuition available in 2023 on-site for **guitar, ukulele, bass, banjo, piano, voice, recorder, violin, viola, and cello**. Itinerant lessons are available from Classes 3 to 12. This is a wonderful opportunity to impart resilience, perseverance, and creativity. 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 me via email: Thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz



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*

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”

'Major and Minor in the Human Being' Dr Richard Drexel

Saturday 14 January 2023 at 7:00pm

The relationship of music to the human body and human being, has been and continues to be a topic of research and has long been an area of interest and study for Dr Drexel. Music therapy has evolved and is widely recognised in the wider society for its role in healing. It is essential in the study and practise of eurythmy where the human body becomes the instrument for music. We are grateful to have this opportunity to share in Dr Drexel's knowledge and experience and welcome you to his presentation.

The talk will be in the Anthroposophical Society rooms, opposite Taikura Steiner School.

Biodynamics Christmas Gathering

With hopes that everyone is busily getting on well in the field, embracing the warmer weather alongside some blessing rains, profoundly nurturing our lands, inner being and supporting in our gardening practices.

Janet and Judy are glad to have us on their thirty years plus Biodynamically farmed market garden JJ's Organics, alongside a lush and vibrant herbal Labyrinth to walk through. "We would love to offer a Christmas Gathering for people to celebrate, to contemplate and to embrace the nurturing energies of the lands, as well as embodying a vision towards education, community and unity"

Christmas gathering - Sunday 18 December - 12:00 noon. 232 Riverbend Road, Meeanee, Napier 4110.

Christmas Potluck. Could you please bring along with you: Enthusiasm, Plates, Cutlery, Cups, Food/beverages for the potluck Instruments, Arts or any other Creativities.

Florian Roger - 020 41857512

Flourishing Biodynamics Facilitator / For further happenings and updates please see our [newsletter](#)
florian.roger@protonmail.com

Accommodation Urgently Required

My name is Tauana I'm looking for accommodation for the next year, I live in Brazil and I will finish the last year of school at Taikura. Contact email: katia.villela@villelaimoveis.com.br

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