



## Pippa's Pānui

6 April 2023

In the text *The Tasks and Content of the Steiner-Waldorf Curriculum* edited by Kevin Avison and Martyn Rawson it states that rhythm is seen as a vital element in learning. "The school day and the school year are structured in an organic way, which establishes a healthy balance of experience between concentration and relaxation, mental and practical work, movement and rest, listening and participating, looking and doing."

As teachers we strive to ensure that students experience a strong rhythm in their lessons, days and weeks within the kindergarten and school. "The celebration of the seasonal festivals gives the whole school year a balance and a sense of continuity as well as helping to form a strong community experience."

When reflecting on this first term, it has been incredibly challenging to maintain a rhythm. After three years of significant disruptions caused by national lockdowns many were looking forward to a much more settled year. Being able to again include whānau in our powhiri at the start of the year was a positive way to begin. Then our region was ravaged by a cyclone and the ripples from this event continue to impact many within our community in a multitude of ways. Since then our daily, weekly and termly rhythm has been further impacted by the need to rearrange learning programmes and reschedule events and activities within significantly reduced timeframes. Adding to this picture is the fact our teachers nationally are in the midst of negotiations for much needed improvements to their working conditions. These negotiations are being carried out by the teachers' respective unions and while we have experienced two days of industrial action in recent weeks we have been advised that there is considerably more planned for next term. Further industrial action is completely dependent on the outcomes of the negotiations and schools will not be advised until three days before each action goes ahead. Our weekly rhythm is normally based on a five day school week and in this ten week term we have only had three such weeks. All of these disruptions significantly impacted our ability to establish and maintain an effective rhythm this term. Our aim is always for a healthy balance and when this is hindered the impact is evident daily.

In amongst all the disruption however we have been heartened by celebrations, festivals and opportunities to come together. Post cyclone we had students, parents and staff who arrived on site with tools and wheelbarrows to tidy up before students returned. Many of us were also heartened by the generous donations of produce, time and effort which went into cooking and feeding our students, staff and families for the weeks following the cyclone. Within our kindergartens it has been wonderful to see families being included in harvest festivals and being able to meet together onsite for a coffee and a catch up. Last week welcoming our community to the opening of our beautiful new whare on a chilly autumn morning was a memorable occasion. Our teachers have been so pleased to see our students coming together for tabloid sports and play performances at the autumn festival, track and field events at our High School athletics day and sharing their learning and progress at assemblies, marae performances, fundraisers and Indian feasts. A heartfelt thank you to all who have contributed to ensuring the success of these wonderful aspects of our kura.

While many of our rhythms have been interrupted this term, adding stress and anxiety for many, these wonderful celebrations and festivals have provided substance and nourishment and for that we are truly grateful.

Wishing our staff and students restful holidays and all of our community a lovely Easter.

Pippa Caccioppoli - Principal



## ***He pito kōrero!***

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou e te hāpori, i haere mai i tērā wiki ki te tūwheratanga o tō tatou whare – Te Manukura!

Many thanks to all who came to the early morning opening ceremony of our new whare – Te Manukura. We gathered in the darkness, listening to the karakia begin as we entered into the space through the waharoa. Papa Jerry then knocked on the kuaha (door) of the whare and asked the urupounamu, “Ko wai te ingoa o te whare?” and our response, “Te Manukura, Te Manukura, Te Manukura!” We then circumnavigated the interior of the whare in darkness, while karakia were being recited. Once the blessing was complete, the inside and outside of the whare were bathed in light, and it was at that point that I felt te ihi me te wehi (the awe) of what we now have living in our kura!

There has been a flow of people who have wanted to visit the space and listen to some of the whakapapa of our whare. As people enter the whare, at the entrance sits ‘Te kākano’ our kōhatu mauri, that came from the Ngaruroro flowing through Kererū Station. I am reminded of the women who planted the seed for Waldorf education to be part of our landscape here in Heretaunga!

Nei anō ngā mihi ki a koutou, ā, ko tāku tūmanako, kia pai ēnei rā whakataa mā koutou! Enjoy the holidays!

***Ngā kiwaha o te wāhanga tīmatanga – Kīwaha of the term.***

Kai whea atu!	(Ka e fair ah ah too)	Legendary!
Koinā tāku!	(Coy naah taaar coo)	I agree!
Pai tū, pai hinga!	(Pie too, pie he ngar)	To encourage, regardless of the circumstance.
Tō kakama hoki!	(Tor ka ka ma hor key)	You’re sharp alright!

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



### **Waiata Mai Is Back - Thursdays – 12:30 – 1:00 pm - in the Whare Te Manukura**

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

Waiata mai has started. Every Thursday in our Whare Te Manukura. 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

### **Thank You!**

A big thank you to all those families who generously gifted to the 2023 Harvest Table. We acknowledge that resources are stretched for many at the moment.

All produce was gifted to families in our community and gratefully received.

Thank you again - from Taikura Festival Group.

## The Easter Tree - Symbolism And Traditions

On Good Friday - the Easter tree is bare and stark - empty, the crucifixion picture.



Easter Sunday the tree has eggs, symbols of new life and of resurrection

In some traditions/cultures - families will add an egg daily for forty days - the time Christ stayed on earth after the resurrection.



On Ascension Christ leaves the earth and returns to the heavens. The eggs are removed from the tree. Some families leave the tree bare in their home always, other traditions remove the tree until the next year.



*In New Zealand if you use bare willow branches - these for the Southern hemisphere, create a wonderful picture of what is happening under our feet. The industrious work of the elementals, the in-breath of the earth, as she gathers her energies for the new year..*

*The young child observes this in the growing roots of the willow branch over the forty days of Easter. Nothing needs to be said - simply the growing roots in the vase on the dining room table may tell the story.*

Whitsun - The Holy Spirit returns to earth. The bare branch from Easter can be used to hang your child's Whitsun Doves on.





## Curriculum Corner

### High School Athletics Day

A great day was had by all at Hawkes Bay Regional Sports Park.







## Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Board

### Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Markus Dipper (Presiding Member)

Via [school.board@taikura.school.nz](mailto:school.board@taikura.school.nz)

By: 4 May 2023

## Careers Information

Victoria University of Wellington invites senior students and whānau to attend a range of experience days during the April school holidays. These information sessions will include a subject taster talk, Q&A with current students, a campus tour and engaging hands on group activities. There are four different themed sessions across 3 Wellington campuses and students and whānau can attend as many sessions as they wish.

For more information and to register please visit <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study/events-visits/visits>

Please contact Paula in the Careers Office for more information about University and Polytechnic open days, experiences and visits [paula.rose@taikura.school.nz](mailto:paula.rose@taikura.school.nz)

## Project Prima Volta

Prima Volta Charitable Trust partners with Festival Opera for its annual opera season, where Project Prima Volta students share the stage with professional opera singers from around the world in a fully staged production, accompanied by a fifty piece orchestra and delivered to a paying audience of up to one thousand people each night. If your child would like to [audition for the Project Prima Volta singing and mentoring programme here](#). (Classes 9-12). This programme is offered in the form of weekly Thursday rehearsals, 4:30-6:30 pm. Auditions are held from Saturday 29 April and going through until Tuesday 2 May. For more details please visit <https://primavolta.co.nz/>

<b>Term</b> 2	Monday 24 April – Friday 30 June	Anzac Day: Tuesday 25 April TOD: Wednesday 17 May. Kings Birthday: Monday 5 June. Matariki: Friday 14 July
<b>Term</b> 3	Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September	Mid Term Break: Friday 18 - Monday 21 August
<b>Term</b> 4	Monday 9 October – Friday 15 December	HB Anniversary: Friday 20 October. Labour Day: Monday 23 October. Carol Evening: Friday 15 December

## Upcoming Events

April 7	School Closed	Good Friday and Start of School Holidays
April 25	School Closed	ANZAC Day
April 26	8:30 am – 2:00 pm	Class Photographs - Photo Life - Hall
April 26	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	High School Parent Evening - Taikura House - L3
May 1	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting
May 17	School Closed	Teacher Only Day
June 5	School Closed	King's Birthday



## Sports Notices

Sports registrations are now completed and students joining teams will have brought home forms to be signed and returned to school. Can these please be returned the first week of school and all sports fees paid to the school office before commencement of first games unless part payment arrangements have been made with the finance team.

I am available on Wednesday 26 April, and would love the chance to meet up with all managers or adult coaches during that afternoon. I will be available from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, so please come in during that time and collect your team kit and team information. You will find me set up in the school foyer by the canteen.

**Thank you to all coaches and managers helping out with teams this season.**

Michelle Williams, Elspeth Ross, Toni Botherway, Chloe Napier, Fiona Gott, Rory Merwood, Talia Hohua, Tara Lamb, Nicole Skipper, Angela Binns, Claire Porter, Tineka Ferguson and Renata Lander

### **And to our staff and student coaches**

Toby Blakey, Morag Wilson, Anne Hilton and Sarah Millington

Gemma Watson, Emil Rock, Cadence Diedericks, Ashley Diedericks, Joshua Dipper, Daisy Benson- Cutriss and Ruby Hansen.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Mouth guards are \$7.00 and socks are \$20.00

Have a great holiday break.

Janet Osborne - Sport Coordinator

## Stefan Hasler in Auckland

Come and join *Pacifica College of Eurythmy New Zealand*  
for a workshop with eurythmist /musician Stefan Hasler, Leader of the *Section for Eurythmy and the Performing Arts* at the Goetheanum.  
Stefan will teach, give talks and perform.

### **Talk – Rudolf Steiner as an Artist**

**Friday 28 April 8:00 pm** Rudolf Steiner House, Michael's Avenue, Ellerslie

### **Workshop & Artistic Presentation**

**Saturday 29 April 1:30-5:00 pm** – Michael Park Rudolf Steiner School, eurythmy room  
6:30 -7:00 pm Artistic presentation and performance, Michael Park auditorium

**Saturday afternoon** is an open workshop to which all comers are welcome.

**Saturday evening** is a presentation from the New Zealand eurythmy students, with a performance from Stefan and other artists

**Friday evening talk \$20**

**Saturday workshop \$50**

*An invoice will be sent following registration*

Contact: Sue Simpson [sue.simpson0@gmail.com](mailto:sue.simpson0@gmail.com) mobile: 021 039 6186



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## Therapies for Care and Recovery

12 - 14 May 2023



Currently in Aotearoa we are seeing so many affected by trauma, stress and anxiety. In response we want to widen the circle of those offering supportive therapies in the community. As a nurse, therapist or caregiver we invite you to register for this three-day workshop focussed on practical, effective care and intervention strategies. Through our learning process, healing plants and external treatments will become familiar to you, preparing you to assess and safely work with the therapies based on a sound rationale.

In addition we introduce

- biography work
- the inner path of the nurse or therapist, and
- casework to help with individualised care across various situations and settings.

**Cost:** \$550 all materials, refreshments and lunch included

**Tutors:** Deborah Bednarek RN MN ANS and Michelle Vette RN MN ANS

We welcome your registration by visiting our website: [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz) or contact us on 06 8777174

### Office Administrator Required

Office Administrator is required at Taruna College, Havelock North.

Taruna College is the home of Steiner adult education, nestled on the slopes of Te Mata Peak, Havelock North.

We are looking for a skilled Office Administrator all-rounder that enjoys nurturing and fostering relationships with students, tutors, staff and contractors. On a day-to-day basis you will be answering enquiries, emails, updating student records and course information, administering bookings for lodge accommodation and venue hire as well as accounts payable/receivable and supporting the general running of our courses and facilities.

If you have experience with Xero and Microsoft and a bright enthusiastic approach to life and understanding of Steiner education and philosophy then we would love to hear from you.

We are a small, forward-thinking team with positive energy and looking for an administrator extraordinaire to join us in adding vibrancy to the Taruna Community.

**Hours:** Twenty hours per week:- Tuesday-Friday (9:30 am -2:30 pm) flexibility is available.

**Please email** your interest, with a covering letter and CV to [info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz)

**Applications close:** 12 April 2023

### Ruth Strong Speech And Drama

Taking enrolments for term two. I have spaces for all ages. For further information, please phone me on 0273540844.

### Hastings Choral Concert Presents - "Perfect Nostalgia"

Hastings Choral will be presenting at Taikura a concert of great light opera favourites; The Merry Window, The Battered Bride, The Desert Song and many others. Joseph Christensen will conduct the choir and soloists; Diane Abraham, Declan Cudd, with soloists from the Lindisfarne and Woodford House School production - The Adams Family.

**Date:** Sunday 23 April

**Venue:** Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Hall - 505 Nelson Street North, Hastings

**Time:** Starting at 2:00 pm.

**Cost:** Adults \$25.00. School Students \$5.00. Door sales cash.



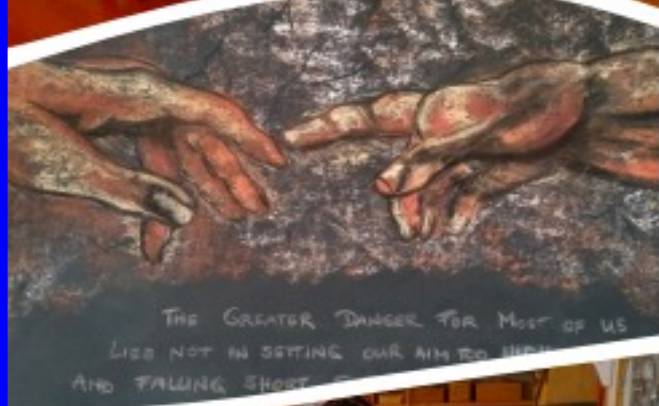


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## Certificate in Rudolf Steiner Education

Discover the True Art of Teaching



**Discover the true heart and art of teaching while undertaking a rich and exciting journey of personal and professional development.**

The certificate is an introductory course to Rudolf Steiner Waldorf education. This part-time year-long programme gives a broad overview of the many-faceted dimensions of Waldorf pedagogy, curriculum and culture. Alongside lectures and workshops that will deepen and extend your understanding of child development and approaches to teaching and learning, you will have the opportunity to engage your creative side with many practical activities including arts, crafts, music and movement. Biography work, observation and reflective journaling recognise the importance of schooling and nourishing the inner life of the teacher.

The Certificate programme is designed for:

- Teachers new to Waldorf education who wish to extend their knowledge or to enliven and re-examine their classroom practice.

It also provides a helpful foundation for:

- Teacher aides in Steiner Waldorf schools
- Student teachers looking to teach in a Steiner Waldorf school
- Home-schooling parents or parents wishing to accompany their children's development and education in a Steiner Waldorf school.

**Enrolments for 2023 seminars are now open:**

**Seminar One: 16-21 April**

**Seminar Two: 8-13 July**

**Seminar Three: 24-30 September**

**Cost: \$1200 per seminar (Early bird price of \$1100 per seminar when all three seminars are paid on enrolment at least one month prior to Seminar One)**

*Rosie Simpson, former Principal of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School in Hastings, NZ is Programme Director for the CRSE.*

All inquiries please contact

[info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz) or see our website [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz)

or call +64 6 8777174

**Taruna College** is pleased to be offering the **Certificate in Rudolf Steiner Education**. Which is commencing on the 16 – 21 April, this course will be held over three seminars during the school holidays. It is designed for teachers who are new to Steiner education and for parents who may be wishing to learn more about their children's development and education within a Steiner school.



# Children's Holiday Art with Amanda Sowersby

MONDAY 17TH APRIL 9.30AM-12PM AGES 6-10 YEARS  
TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 9.30AM-12PM 11-13 YEARS  
WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 10AM-12PM YOGA & ART  
7-10 YEARS

\$45 PER DAY  
\$40 YOGA & ART  
HELD AT KEIRUNGA ART CENTRE  
"HOMESTEAD" HAVELOCK NORTH



The theme for the holiday art is Autumn.  
This will be fun and explorative. We will be doing painting and drawing.  
Bring morning tea and a drink bottle, art clothes, all materials provided.

The Wednesday we will be doing a cool kids yoga flow with a mindful art component after morning tea. Bring yoga mat and blanket.  
(yoga mats can be provided on request)



*Spaces are limited for each session*

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

Facebook: Amanda Sowersby Art & Artistic Therapy

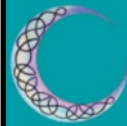
# Children's Holiday Yoga & Art with Amanda Sowersby

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 10-12PM  
YOGA & ART  
7-10 YEARS  
\$40 PER DAY  
HELD AT KEIRUNGA ART CENTRE  
"HOMESTEAD" HAVELOCK NORTH



*"We are all stars wrapped in skin the light you are seeking is always within".*  
We will be getting the body moving with a cool kids yoga flow, a morning tea break followed by a creative mindful art work.

Bring yoga mat and blanket, morning tea and drink bottle  
(yoga mats can be provided on request)



*Spaces are limited for each session*

To book: [art@amandasowersby.co.nz](mailto:art@amandasowersby.co.nz)  
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Facebook: Amanda Sowersby Art & Artistic Therapy

## House For Rent

Three bedroom one bathroom house in a quiet street in Akina available for rent. Long term tenant preferred.  
Rent: \$550.00 per week. Please contact Joel Fraser: 021 035 4370

## Kia Ora Whānau

For those who do not know me, my name is Tara Lamb, you may know my children Mostar and Hazel Prince. I am starting a home base care for young children, between the ages of 0-6 years. After school care and holiday care is available on booking. My home is very convenient to Taikura School and other schools in Hastings. I am qualified and fully registered. I have been working with young children for many years now and I have come to believe that smaller family environments are much more beneficial for the very young child. The Steiner philosophy is very much a part of me as I was privileged to have graduated from Taikura in 1999. The beauty and goodness it brings to education is amazing. If you need care for your little ones or know of anyone who does, please contact me or pass on my details. Phone **021 2604 992** or email [tklamb40@gmail.com](mailto:tklamb40@gmail.com). **Limited places available.**

I look forward to opening my home for care from Monday 24 April 2023

Arohanui Tara Lamb



## Hockey To Give Away

We have four hockey sticks, five sets of shin pads, one and a half pairs of green Taikura socks and a practice hockey ball to give away. Would suit younger students.

Please email me: [karyn.wills@taikura.school.nz](mailto:karyn.wills@taikura.school.nz) if you are interested.