



Advent Season Approaches



The time of Advent is fast approaching. The Advent and Christmas season for parents often means a super busy, or silly season of non-stop sorting, preparing, making and organising.

Wanting to give whānau a small moment of peace during the hurry - we offer an evening where there is the opportunity to enter into the mood of Advent, contemplate what this festival experience offers the human soul and create something special to take home.

We invite parents to come and join us on Thursday 30 November in the evening.

During this evening the themes of Advent will be explored, along with a dedicated time for creating an item for the home Advent table.

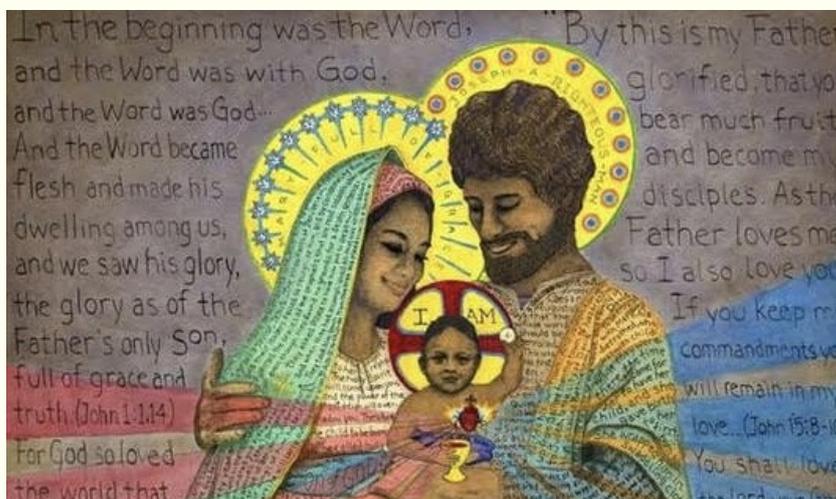
This evening will be hosted by Taikura, with guest presenter - artistic therapist Margaret-Mary Farr. Maggie will explore the theme of Advent with us - paying special attention to the archetype of the Madonna.

We look forward to your company as we enjoy a quiet moment of contemplation, a warm drink and create something for our festival table.

30 November 2023 Thursday evening 7:00 - 9:00 m Venue: Whare Te Manukura

Please register by midday Monday 27 November with kelly.sutton@taikura.school.nz. Due to the preparation of materials needed for this event, late registrations or arrivals on the night - in this instance - are unable to be accommodated. We ask for a koha, of what is possible for you, towards materials.

We look forward to welcoming you.
Warmly Kelly Sutton



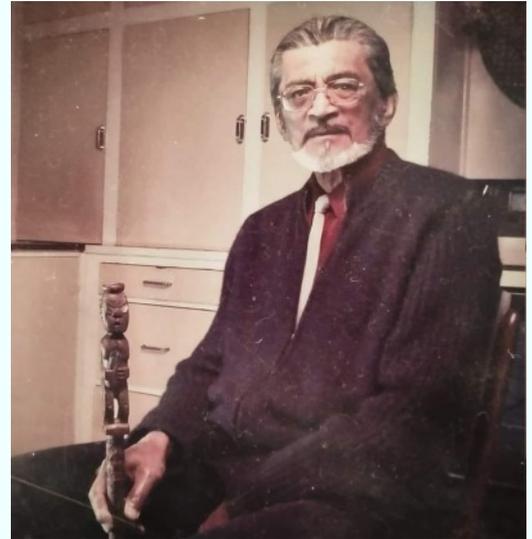
The first Advent Sunday in 2023, is Sunday 3 December. At school we celebrate this with an Advent assembly on Monday morning.



He maimai aroha!

E te whānau whānui o Taikura,

Last week, it was with great sadness that we farewelled our school kaumātua – Valentine Wirihana Maioha. The service held for Val in our school hall, saw many travel from far and wide to pay homage to a man who carried te ao Māori and Anthroposophy in his daily life, and throughout the time of his journey in our kura. I thought it would be good to share an article that Val wrote about how Te reo Māori me ōna tikanga was planted in our kura. As one of the Matriarchs of our kura stated, “Val brought his world to our school – te ao Māori, at a time when it wasn’t popular or an accepted thing to teach!”



Te Reo Māori in our School – by Val Maioha

Was there any? Were there any? W...e...ll, on the first count, No”...On the second...apart from Tanja Maioha, Lynette Paap and Michael Ford...not significantly.

So let me tell you a story about the birth of Māori in our school:

The new school year was soon to begin. Class teachers Kathy Armstrong and Jo Mackenzie approached me for assistance with a project they were considering. It was a re-enactment of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in which every child in the school would be involved. (Given today’s school roll, it would be a logistical nightmare, but it was easily done back in 1972.) They also asked whether or not their proposal would be in violation of the Kawa, Tapu and Mana of the local iwi...Ngāti Kahungunu. Being a member of the Ngāpuhi confederation of the Northland tribes and having been in the Hawke’s Bay only one year at the time, I suggested we seek the advice of an old friend, Canon Sam Rangiihu, Anglican minister for the Māori pastorate of Waipatu-Moteo, who duly blessed the initiative and thereby...planted a seed.

The signing of the Treaty took place on the lawn in front of the Boarding House and was entered into with due reverence by both Māori chieftain and Pākehā settler alike, although bystanders found it very difficult to tell one from the other. The outstanding success of this brilliant extravaganza led to an invitation from Kathy to teach her class some Māori songs. At the time, Carina and I were employed as House Parents in the Hōhepa Homes at Clive and the only time available for such an undertaking was on our “day off” which was fine by me. Before long, the one class had become two, when Jo asked that her class be included and in the twinkling of an eye, the two had suddenly become four, with further expansion limited only by a lack of space in what at the time was the biggest room in the school...Class 7, next to the hall.

Success breeds success (ancient Māori proverb)...and in this instance, led to further negotiations with class teacher, Fred Westrupp, who together with his wife Jocelyn, ran the Boarding establishment. The discussion led to the birth of a Saturday evening Kapa Haka, principally for boarders, who had little if anything constructive to engage them, on Saturday evenings in particular. Before long, “day pupils” were joining the activity and I was being stretched. My limited repertoire of waiata-a-ringa and lack of expertise (none at all actually) with poi led me in 1974 to appeal to Nancy Butler, acting principal for Hukarere Girls on Saturday evenings, things were looking good.

Towards the end of 1974, it was decided that we should showcase our newly acquired talents with a concert in which we would provide the first-half programme and Hukarere the second. Thanks entirely to the immeasurable philanthropy and generosity of Mr John Nimon of Havelock North, the entire Hukarere Kapa Haka group was delivered to our doorstep for a memorable first ever Māori Concert in our school. The whole evening was a memory I treasured for many years. It signalled the hope that the seed which had been planted would continue to flourish and grow.

Ever in the background throughout these years of the 1970's was the benign presence of Canon Sam Rangiihu. He had become intrigued by what he saw as the dynamic vitality of the Steiner Community – Hōhepa Homes, Biodynamic Society, Weleda and of course our school – and was taking every opportunity to learn more about our underlying philosophy. Hans and Ineke van Florenstein Mulder, Kathy Armstrong, Jo McKenzie and Jan Brooking made up a group of teachers who were eminently instrumental in generating the interest in and introduction of Tikanga Māori into our school. Together we attended the Tuesday evening classes in Tikanga Māori run by Canon Sam, as he was affectionately known, at Kohupatiki Marae, and thus automatically became members of a group as Te-Whānau-a-Hine-Ahu-One (the family of Hine-Ahu-One), who in Māori mythology was the first woman, “the maiden formed from the earth” by Tāne-nui-a-rangi, God of Man as we know him. Pupils past and present, who have experienced the Marae Week at Kohupatiki, will remember the significance of those two names. Tāne-nui-a-rangi is the Wharenuī or Meeting House and Hine-Ahu-One is the Wharekai or Dining Hall.

During my years as Class Teacher (1981-86), apart from teaching my own class, I provided Tikanga Māori lessons wherever they could be fitted into my schedule. But the bulk of this in recent times was carried by John Robin in the eleven years from 1987-97. John loved his years in our school and as a token of his appreciation left the beautiful Taonga which stands in the garden beneath the wide-spreading Pepper Tree in the Lower School courtyard: Te Whaea-O-Te-Matauranga, Mother of Esoteric Knowledge and Wisdom. Ngā manaakitanga o te Runga Rawa ki a koe, John, me ngā mihi aroha hoki.

In conclusion, I would like to return to my starting point (another ancient practice). Canon Sam, having tested the waters for several years, finally took the plunge and came into our school as Kaumātua (elder statesman) and Teacher of Tikanga Māori. Sadly he passed away shortly after. His immense Mana was powerfully illustrated by the teeming multitudes, both Māori and Pākehā, who attended his Tangihanga. His passing was a sad loss for the community of our school, but...yet another seed has been sown. Takoto mai i runga i te rangimārie!

E te pou whirinaki
i whakatō te kākano o Te Reo me ōna tikanga
kia puāwai i roto i Taikura
Aue te mamae o te ngākau,
te hotuhotu a te whatumanawa
mō te wehenga o tēnei taonga
tō tātou rangatira ki te pō!
Moe mai ra e Val
i roto i tō moenga roa.
Haere ki Hawaiiki nui, Hawaiiki roa, ki Hawaiiki pamamao
te huinga o ngā wairua o te pō,
moe mai ra!

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





With the Fete just a week on Sunday, the Fete committee would appreciate it if you could give your attention this week to any final details that you need to organise for the kindy/class/es you are associated with. The rosters are looking pretty full but there are a few gaps still to fill so if you haven't come forward yet, please do so before next Monday 13 November so we know that everything is covered. If you are already committed, know your role and time slot, be organised, support each other, turn up early, and let's make this a fantastically fun Fête!

Magic Beans Sales

Magic Beans are available to purchase for the Taikura community in advance of the Fete. These will be available from the school gate after school starting on Monday 13 November and for the remainder of that week.

Kindergarten Magic Bean sales

Taikura kindy 8:30 - 9:15 am Wednesday 15 November

Kereru kindy time and date tbc.

Price

For beans purchased in advance next week, there is a special Taikura community price:

\$10 for 12 beans + bag

\$20 for 28 beans + bag

\$30 for 42 beans + bag

This is cash sales only so please be prepared with your cash.

Waste Warriors Part 2 - reusable cups

Further to our information last week on waste recycling, we won't have any disposable cups for coffee sales.



We have two options either to bring for your whānau a reusable cup/s for coffee.

Or we will also be offering something exciting and new, edible cups. That's right, have your coffee and then eat the cup!

Taikura Fête 2023 Poster

The 2023 Taikura fête poster is included below. Please share this digitally, or print A3 or A4 (in colour if possible) and share it at your:

- * Workplace
- * Staff room
- * Local area Facebook page or other interested groups
- * Sports club
- * Local Four Square notice board
- * Car window
- * Yoga studio, etc.



Share, share, share - let's spread the word and welcome the community to our wonderful fête!

Facebook

If you are a user of facebook, the Fête has its own facebook page @taikurafete. Any interactions on this page are helpful, liking/sharing the posts, commenting on them, clicking 'going' on the facebook event. Facebook works best with interaction so we appreciate any form of interaction you feel comfortable with. If you are also connected into community groups for your local area/community we would love you to share.

When human beings meet together seeking the spirit with unity of purpose then they will also find their way to each other.

Rudolf Steiner



Mā te whiritahi, kā whakatutuki ai ngā pūmanawa ā tāngata Together weaving the realisation of potential.

Dear Parents of Classes 1 - 6

During the week of Monday 13 - Friday 17 November, there will be parent teacher interviews for students from Classes 1,3,4,5 and 6

- Presently Class 2 (teacher - Tanja Maioha) interviews are closed due to the passing of our school Kaumātua, Val Maioha.

We will be using the same booking site as in previous years.

School Interviews - Home: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

We encourage you to book on-line. Parents who do not have access to a computer can phone Adrienne to book an appointment.

Bookings **OPENED Friday 3 November at 4:00 pm** - bookings will **CLOSE TOMORROW Friday 9 November at 3:00 pm**. Interviews are 10 minutes long.

We are very aware that your time is important. It is respectful practice to ensure our interviews run on schedule.

Interview times - start and finish as scheduled. If you are late, extra time is not added to the end of the interview slot. We are working to improve the punctuality of our meetings, and we thank you in advance for your support in this.

Warm wishes Kelly

Booking Your Interview

When you login you will see each class teacher, has a range of times on various days, available for interviews. We trust that the many options available will make it possible for all families to attend.

On-line bookings are open and will close **TOMORROW Friday 9 November**. Please book at your convenience and note that late bookings will **not** be accepted after the closure date..

How to Book:

1. Log onto the following website: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
2. Enter the following code into the 'event code': **p4dzv** (lower case)
3. You will then be guided by the website.

What are Special Character Donations?

There has been confusion over the years about what a donation is! We know that Special Character donations are vital in funding our Waldorf Curriculum. This includes our special character staffing such as Eurythmy, Extra lesson, Handwork and Woodwork to name a few.

Special Character Donations are:

- vital in the delivery of curriculum for your children
- set by the Board of Proprietors every year
- used to cover Waldorf curriculum costs
- allowable for tax donation rebates of 33%
- able to be paid by payroll giving or regular direct credit
- help fund non-integrated building costs

Attendance Dues Are:

- set by the Ministry of Education
- to cover the cost of mortgages, insurance and maintenance costs of integrated buildings
- a compulsory fee
- required to be paid, non-payment can result in un-enrolment

What Does Integrated Mean?

We talk a lot about integration at School Board and Ministry of Education level, but not everyone understands what this means. Back in 1991 Taikura changed from being a fully private school to an integrated school. When the school was private, parents funded the entire cost of the education at Taikura, that included all teaching staff.

Becoming integrated meant that the Ministry of Education would make Taikura a state integrated school. The Ministry would fund Taikura for their role as an equivalent state school but allowing our special curriculum to remain that would be funded by parents. We are funded the same as another state school but all our additional Waldorf curriculum staffing and costs are funded by donations that parents pay to the Proprietors.

The other difference is that the Ministry of Education do not own our school buildings, the buildings are owned by the Proprietors Trust. As mentioned above in attendance dues, the Proprietors are responsible for mortgages, insurances and maintenance on all school buildings.

In Summary Integration Means:

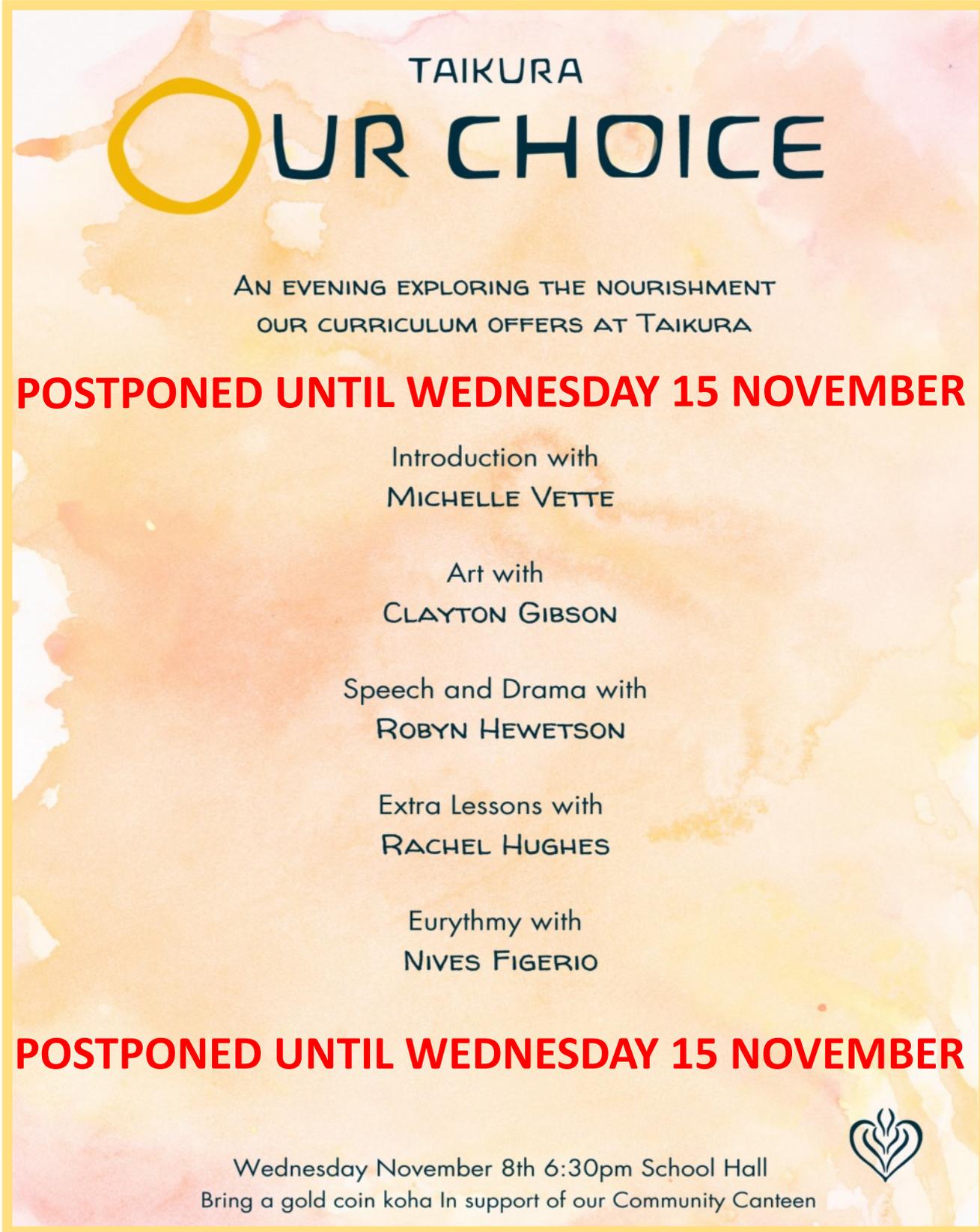
- Ministry of Education funds staffing to the level of a comparable state school
- Waldorf curriculum costs are funded by parent donations
- Proprietors own and are responsible for the costs related to all school buildings

Selena Crouch
Business Manager

Upcoming Events

November 10	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Class 7 Play "Joan d' Arc"
November 15	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Community Evening "Our Choice" - School Hall
November 19	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Taikura Fête
November 27	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting - Staff Room
November 30	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Advent Themes with Margaret-Mary Farr - In The Whare

Please be advised our community evening, 'Taikura. Our choice' has been **postponed until next week Wednesday** due to illness, and will not be taking place this evening. We look forward to seeing you then.



TAIKURA
OUR CHOICE

AN EVENING EXPLORING THE NOURISHMENT
OUR CURRICULUM OFFERS AT TAIKURA

POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Introduction with
MICHELLE VETTE

Art with
CLAYTON GIBSON

Speech and Drama with
ROBYN HEWETSON

Extra Lessons with
RACHEL HUGHES

Eurythmy with
NIVES FIGERIO

POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Wednesday November 8th 6:30pm School Hall
Bring a gold coin koha In support of our Community Canteen



Self Contained Living Space To Rent

ONE BEDROOM living space, with own kitchen, toilet, shower, lounge and shared laundry, in a very peaceful setting in Havelock North. Everything has been completely renovated. Would suit mature single person. Please phone 021 183 0862 to view and discuss complete details.

Gardener Required

We are looking for a motivated and adaptable permanent part-time school gardener, or gardeners who may wish to job-share, to take responsibility for the general maintenance of our beautiful grounds and gardens at Taikura. Confidence in working with groups of students would be an advantage, but not essential. This position requires previous gardening/landscaping experience, seasonal planting knowledge and an interest in bio-dynamic practises. Starting date is negotiable. This position may suit two school parents wishing to work ten to fifteen hours per week each. Please email suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz for a detailed position description.



'CONNECT THROUGH CREATIVITY' FIVE WEEK ART COURSE



Free!

I'm delighted to offer a "Connect Through Creativity" five-week art course designed to support individuals who have been affected by recent local and global events, experiencing emotional, physical, mental, or spiritual challenges. Our intention is to create a safe and nurturing environment where you can come together with like-minded individuals to explore the world of art, guided by the experienced tutor, Amanda Sowersby. No previous art experience is necessary; all you need is a passion to create.

The core purpose of this course is to help you unwind, release the constant chatter of your thoughts, and connect with your heart space, offering solace from the everyday pressures. During each session, we will delve into various art skills, including painting, drawing, clay, and pastel.

This will be a small group to ensure a supportive and intimate experience, located in beautiful surroundings in Havelock North

Participation in this course can be initiated through written referrals or nominations. If you wish to nominate yourself, a small fee of \$75 is required. To secure your spot, please reach out to Amanda.

Contact us

021449168

Dates: Monday 20/11, 27/11, 4/12, 11/12
6.30pm - 8pm

[amandasowersby](https://www.instagram.com/amandasowersby)

amanda@artandalchemy.co.nz

creative nz
ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND / TOI AOTEAROA

Holiday House Swap

Kia ora Taikura whānau,

We have recently joined the Hōhepa school community and are looking for affordable house swap or house rental opportunities in Hawkes Bay during the upcoming Christmas holidays and periodically through 2024.

We are currently Wellington based and live in a four bedroom home in Island Bay, close to the lovely south coast with sea views. Island Bay is a bustling little suburb on a direct bus route into the city which takes around 20 minutes. Sleeps six. Bikes are available along with safe cycle ways, plus a paddle board for coastal exploring.

If you are going away over some of your summer and are interested in renting your house or want to explore the idea of a house swap for a week or so, please get in touch for more information. You might also be planning a trip away during 2024 and want someone to care for your home. We are a respectful and caring family of four. Photos and references can be supplied.

Susan and Logan 022 638 0578



THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
In Conversation with Angels

“Rangimarie” 617 Heretaunga Street East
Hastings
Contact: Corrie 027 368 0242

Friday 10 November 2023

6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Living with Angels
8:30 pm Close of Day Service

Sunday 12 November 2023

Normal community program
Movement for Religious Renewal

Saturday 11 November 2023

10:00 am The Act of Consecration of the Human Being
11:30 am With Angels through the Day
1:00 pm Lunch
2:45 pm Through the senses to the Spirit
4:15 pm In Conversation with my Angel
5:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Holiness of Sleep
7:30 pm Close of Day Service

Sunday Afternoon
12th November
4pm-5.30pm
Taruna hall,
Havelock North
\$30

RestOra

Rest - allow your body to rest from work.

Ora - weaving of wellbeing, optimism and new beginnings



Join us for a beautiful Sunday RestOra Session. This will be a lovely blend of gentle restorative yoga poses with a tranquil soothing sound journey followed by a guided meditation (Yoga Nidra).

Concluding with nourishing herbal tea. This event is open to all. We warmly welcome mature children for the cost of \$20. Your gracious hosts Amanda & Aaron will be guiding the session. Kindly RSVP to confirm your attendance, and please bring your yoga mat & blanket.

email: bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz



House For Sale

Private sale of a lovely family home a few hundred meters from Taikura.

This character bungalow needs some tender loving care and renovations to bring it back to its former homely qualities. Three plus bedrooms; 2 bathrooms; new heat pump; separate lounge and large open dining/kitchen area. A nice sunny yard and spray free fruit trees to enjoy. Convenient to town, school and Cornwall Park. Ideal for renovators wanting a family home or investors. Price by negotiation.

All enquiries contact Charmaine 0277885991 or email charmainewilson10@gmail.com