



30 May 2024

Mahia i runga i te rangimarie me te ngākau māhaki
With a peaceful mind and a respectful heart, we will always get the best results

Reflections of Restorative Practice Workshop

On Thursday 16 May at our Taikura Teacher Only Day we hosted a Restorative Practice workshop for all of our school and kindergarten teachers, our support staff and our governors. The facilitator for this workshop is from Te Whai Toi Tangata, University of Waikato and was made available to Taikura as part of our journey with PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning). The PB4L Restorative Practice Kete Book states that *"Restorative Practice is based on a relational approach, which recognises that human beings exist in a world of relationships and that a person's character is developed through their relationships with others. The underlying principle of the relational approach is that all people are entitled to enjoy respect, care and dignity."*

Over the course of the day staff worked through the following sections:

- Whanaungatanga -The importance of connection
- Restorative Practice - What is it? Pedagogy, philosophy and application
- Restorative Conversations

"The fundamental hypothesis of restorative practices is disarmingly simple: That human beings are happier, more productive and more likely to make positive changes in their behaviour when those in positions of authority do things with them, rather than to them or for them". (Wachtel)

We appreciate the challenge for some families in accommodating students during these Teacher Only Days and we are very grateful for the opportunity it provides our staff to work collectively. We have had some wonderful feedback on this workshop from our staff including the following:

- I have the feeling that this workshop will strengthen us as a teacher body; working on shared foundations.
- A terrific day and fascinating too. Thank you very much.
- This was a good session and it felt like everyone achieved something from our day.
- I found the practical activities particularly engaging and even team-awareness strengthening.
- I enjoyed this day, it was fun, informative and I felt like I could take action and have restorative conversations.
- This was really worthwhile professional development for our entire school to undertake.
- The content was delivered in a manner that was understandable and we could tailor it to our Special Character.
- I look forward to using the skills we gathered and adding them to my kete of knowledge and professional practice.

This workshop is the first step in our journey with Restorative Practice. From here we will work on a bespoke approach for Taikura which aligns with our Steiner Waldorf Special Character and enhancing the foundations we already have.

Manaakitia te tangata,
Ahakoa ko wai
Ahakoa nō hea

Treat people respectfully
Irrespective of who they are
And where they come from

Pippa Caccioppoli - Tumuaiki/Principal



He Pito Kōrero!

Kia hiwa rā
Kia hiwa rā
Kia hiwa rā ki tēnei tuku
Kia hiwa rā ki tērā tuku
Kia mataara!

The above is a whakaara, that was a call by the sentries who looked out from the tūwatawata – a raised platform at the entrance of a Pā, informing people that an ope (group of people) were approaching or something was about to happen. I was asked by one of our ākonga “Matua, are you going to the Hui Taumata?” my response was ‘Kāore a tinana, ēngari, kei kōna tōku wairua!’ – Not in body, but definitely in spirit! The Hui Taumata is a call for Iwi – nations/clans to gather and to look at a united approach to the number of changes that have happened since the inauguration of the new Government.

Omāhu Marae is hosting this hui, and it is expected that thousands from around the motu will gather to discuss, debate and look at ways of addressing the issues that impact on all of us as a people. This is a link for more information about the Hui Taumata. <https://www.huitaumata.co.nz/>

Turou hawaiki!
Nā, Matua Troy.

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



Stories from the Library

The Taikura whare pukapuka was very fortunate to receive a donation of new books from the Ministry of Education and the National Library of New Zealand School Library Collection Recovery Initiative, to replace those items lost or damaged due to Cyclone Gabrielle. Our library is a place of belonging, imagination, information and joy, and our library collection is well used and well loved by students and teachers. This donation has meant that those lost or damaged books have been replaced without having a negative impact on the continued development of the collection.

Paula Rose
Librarian



Community Survey

We would like to gather some feedback from our parent body about our school. What do you and your tamariki/rangatahi enjoy most about Taikura? What do you value/connect with most about the various aspects of our Special Character? What areas could we strengthen? This is the **third set** of our questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RM8597Q>

We encourage you all to participate, either via the links, emailing us directly, or dropping in handwritten notes, whatever works for you! For those who have not yet got to it, here is the link to the first set of questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCQVX99>

And the link to the second set: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8FXWLD9>

Please don't hesitate to contact us office@taikura.school.nz or by phone 06 8787 363 if you would like a hard copy, or an emailed version of the survey.

Employment Opportunities

High School teacher aide, 27.5 hours per week. Until the end of this year, and possibly beyond. This position would be ideal for a parent looking for a school hours, term-time only position.

Playgroup Coordinator. Our playgroup currently runs on Monday and Tuesday mornings across the road from school at the Steiner Centre. We are looking for a coordinator to lead the group and complete some administration. 4 - 7 hours per week as agreed. Previous Steiner ECE experience preferred but not essential.

Please contact Suzan in the office for more information suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

King's Birthday - Monday 3 June - SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CLOSED

Combined kindergarten parent evening - Wednesday 5 June at 6:30pm

Class Eight Play Performance - Thursday 6 June at 7:00pm

Teacher Only Day - Friday 7 June - SCHOOL CLOSED

School Board meeting - Monday 17 June at 5:00pm in our whare Te Manukura

Kererū Kindergarten mid-winter festival - Wednesday 19 June at 6:00pm

Mid-winter spiral for parents - Thursday 20 June

Taikura Kindergarten mid-winter festival - Friday 21 June at 6:00pm

Te Wiki o Te Pūrākau - Story Week - 24 to 27 June

Big Blue Planet Earth Show

A Class 8 Play

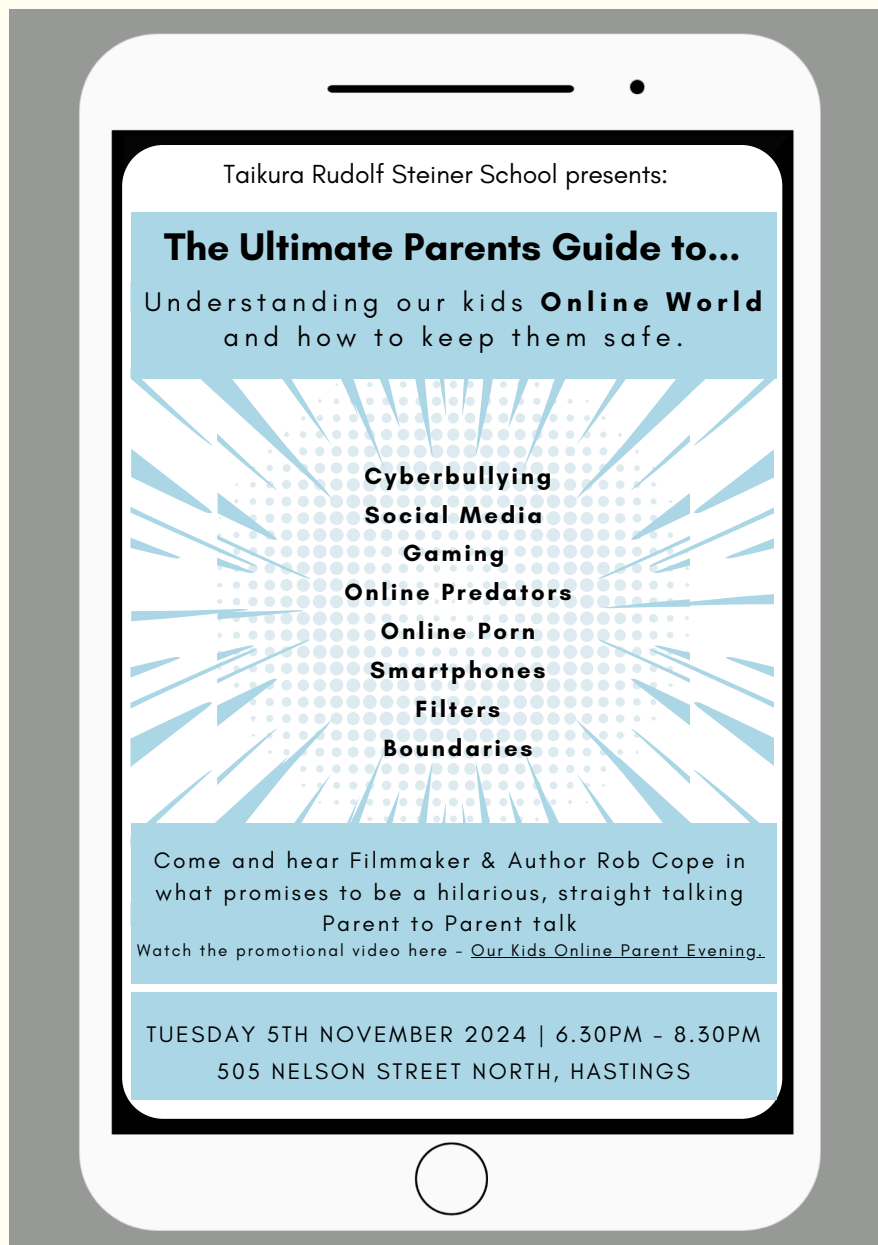
Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Hall on Thursday 6 June at 7:00pm

Gold coin donation (suitable for those aged 10 years and above)

The Big Blue Planet Earth Show was first performed in March 1991 during the Fringe Festival at Bats Theatre in Wellington, directed by Gary Henderson. It is a quite confronting and thought provoking piece about the environmental issues of the time. Sadly those issues are still confronting us now with even more urgency. Having said that, there are heaps of funny moments throughout the play.

There are three interweaving stories. The first around four 12 yr old children writing a school project about endangered species. The second is around an endangered species of monkey and those who slaughter them for their own gains. The third is about a space shuttle tasked with taking a satellite into space, but what is it about that satellite...

Clayton Gibson - Director



Community Notices

He Rangatahi Pounamu: 'Treasured Youth'

Kia ora whānau, Thank you for the interest, I will be available on Tuesday from 3:10pm - 3:40pm for further discussion and information.

Terveisia, Te Whiti Seeds

When : February 2025 – March 2025 (4 weeks)

Who: Rangatahi /Youth (14-17y)

What: A four week adventure journey in Finland (Suomi)

How: Applications are open until 15 June



A genuine Finnish cultural experience with myself to guide and support youth to maximise their time, with dedicated pre-departure preparations and orientations to support our youth to succeed, learn and grow. A trip through the country, the nature, the food, having host families, visiting schools and ultimately the people; the silent Finns who live in the happiest country in the world.

Contact: Te Whiti Seeds(Kaiwhakahaere/Director) 021 1278279

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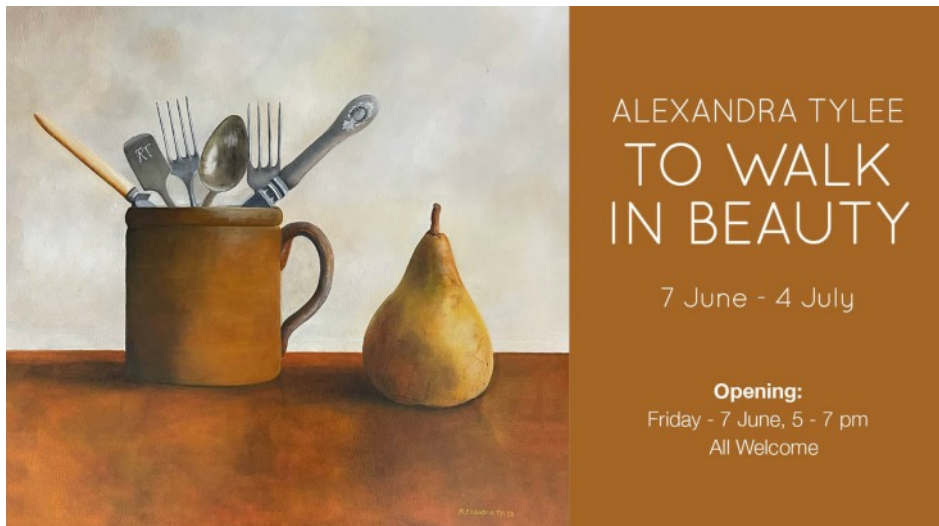
To Walk in Beauty

Join us to celebrate Alexandra Tylee's new work, To Walk In Beauty, which draws from a Navajo prayer celebrating harmony and balance. It deeply connects with nature, fostering peace and unity in our lives.

In today's chaotic world, we all need grounding elements that bring us joy. For Alexandra, it's the beautiful shapes and colours of fruit, flowers, vegetables, or a perfectly proportioned jug or bowl. Their beauty lies in their fragility and impermanence.

Join Alexandra and us on Friday, 7 June from 5:00pm - 7:00pm to celebrate the opening of 'To Walk in Beauty' at 5 Havelock Road, Havelock North at Muse Art Gallery.

The exhibition runs from 7 June - 4 July.



The Essence of Steiner Education

A series of seven fortnightly evenings for the public of Hawkes Bay.

Each evening will have a talk, and opportunity for questions, discussion and sharing dedicated to discovering Rudolf Steiner's ANTHROPOSOPHY, the way of thinking and perceiving the world that lies behind the Steiner/Waldorf education of Taikura School, the Inclusive Social Development of Hohepa, Biodynamic farming and gardening, the adult education courses of Taruna College, Anthroposophical Nursing and Healthcare and Weleda medicines.

There are a smorgasbord of possible questions to explore:

- What is my most profound question about life?
- Does God know who I am? What is the meaning of life?
- How can I understand the human being as Body, Soul, and Spirit?
- How do the Kingdoms of Nature relate to us?
- The 'Big Bang'. Was all matter created in an instant and none thereafter?
- What is Truth?
- What is Anthroposophical spiritual science?
- Human development from before conception to death and beyond;
- What are the key principles for a healthy education?
- Some thoughts regarding curriculum:
 - Stage of child development as the key to topic and treatment;
 - History: How past human deeds shape our modern life;
 - Geography: How where we live affects how we live;
 - Science as a method of exploring the natural world we live in;
 - The spirit of Mathematics involves pure thinking.

Robin Bacchus will be the facilitator. Robin is an experienced Steiner/Waldorf teacher. He was one of the founding teachers of the Taikura High School and later taught a lower class for 8 years. At Taruna College he led the Steiner Teacher Preparatory Course for 17 years before traveling regularly to Asia as a Waldorf Education Consultant for 10 years.

The first evening will be on **Friday 7 June** from 7 to 9pm at the **Rudolf Steiner Centre**, 401 Whitehead Road, Hastings (over the road from Taikura School entrance).

Further evenings will be held on Fridays fortnightly: 21 June, 5, 19 July, 2, 16, 30 August.

ALL WELCOME