



## Taikura Fête

6 November 2025

### Fête Update - 10 days to go!

With the Fête just over a week away, the Fête 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 good (thank you everyone!) but there are still quite a few gaps to fill; liaison parents please check your class responsibilities and communicate with those who have not yet volunteered their time. 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 – on sale next week

Magic beans are available to purchase using cash or Eftpos at a special rate for Taikura whānau ahead of the Fête. These will be available at the school gate next week from 3:00pm.

Taikura whānau pricing:

\$10 for 12 beans  
\$20 for 25 beans  
\$30 for 38 beans

### Children's Shop Crafts

Please finish up any last minute crafting and drop your items into the office so we can organise and prep for the beautiful Children's Shop.

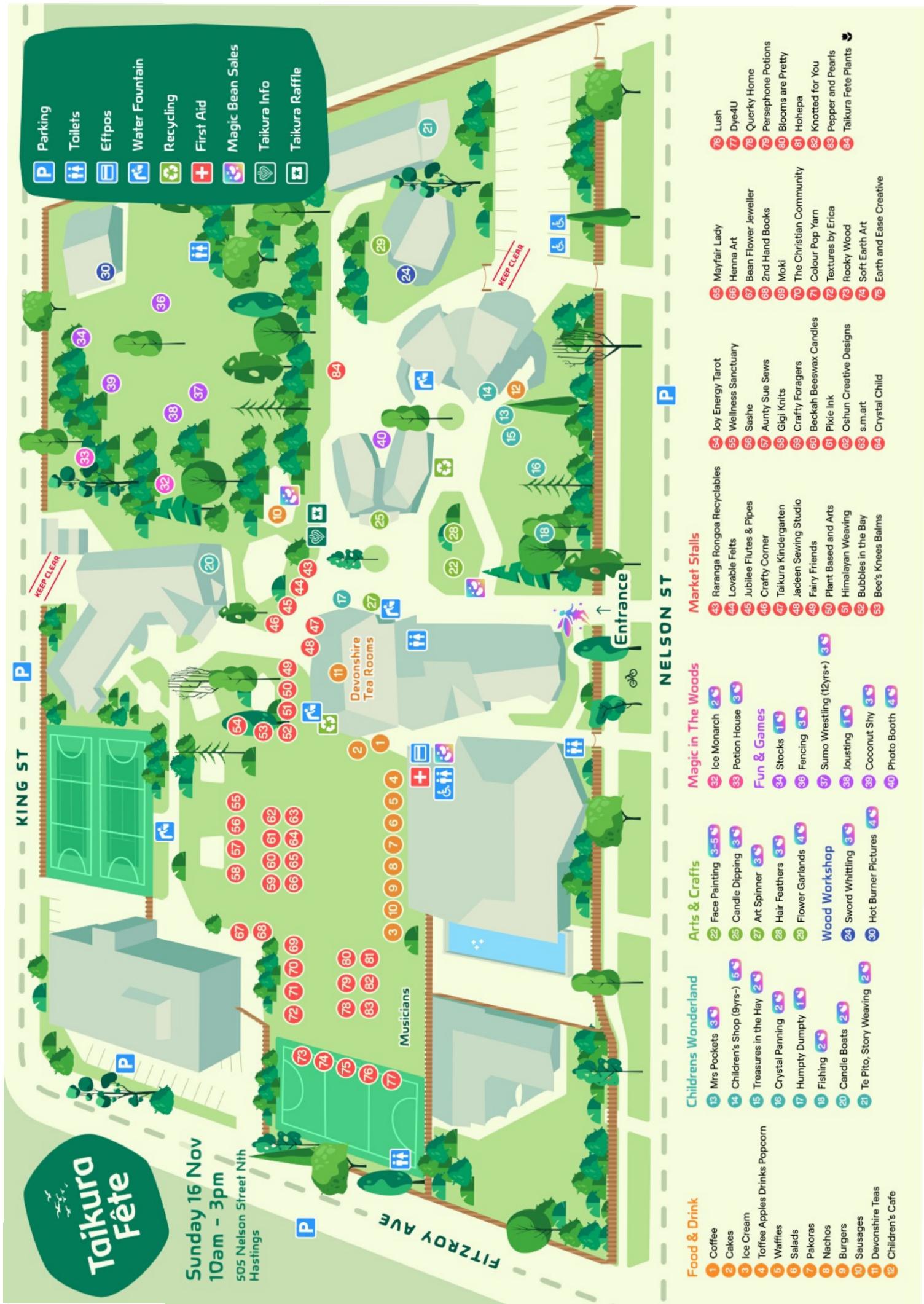


### Plants

For those raising plants for the plant stall – please bring them to school on Saturday 15 November so they can be sorted and priced. If you haven't already, please email the Fête Committee on [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com) to let us know roughly what you will be donating so we can plan. Thank you!

### Food

We have a vacancy for a food stalls coordinator. If this sounds like you please get in touch with us at [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com) We are very appreciative of classes managing themselves so well this year - but please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any questions answered, no matter how small!





## He Pito Kōrero

### Kīwaha o te wiki .....Kīwaha of the week!

Aua atu (owe ar ar too)

Nonetheless, no matter, nevertheless, never mind, it doesn't matter, who cares, don't worry - an idiom used to indicate that there is nothing to be concerned about.

Hemi: Kia ora Rangi! How's it going with your actions for that new waiata-a-ringa?

Rangi: I keep forgetting that bit in the middle of it, with that different step!

Hemi: You've been practising heaps! Aua atu e hoa, you'll get there.

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



## Waiata Mai Every Thursday 12:25 - 12:55pm!

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

Every Thursday in our whare, Te Manukura, you can learn some of the many waiata that your tamariki sing at kura! Nau mai, haere mai te katoa...all are welcome!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!

## Upcoming Events

**Taikura Fete** - Sunday 16 November

**Last day for classes 10,11, and 12** - Friday 21 November

**Class 12 Cushion Concert** - Friday 21 November

**Class 12 Graduation Dinner** - Friday 21 November

**School Board meeting** - Monday 24 November at 5:00pm

**Class 2 2026 whānau hui** - Thursday 27 November at 6:30pm

**The Bubble Show** - Saturday 29 November at 2:00pm

**Class One sharing evening** - Wednesday 3 December at 6:00pm

**Class 5 play performance** - Thursday 4 December at 7:00pm

**Last day for Class 9** - Friday 5 December

**Class One 2026 whānau hui** - Wednesday 10 December at 6:00pm

**Class 8 project displays & speeches** - Thursday 11 December

**Last day for Class 8** - Friday 12 December

**Last day of term** - Wednesday 17 December - 12:30pm finish

**Carol Evening** - Wednesday 17 December at 6:00pm

## Measles

Health New Zealand is alerting schools to an escalating risk of measles as it responds to a measles outbreak.

This escalating risk is a concern, especially for education settings where measles can spread rapidly. In New Zealand, our measles immunisation rates are too low to prevent outbreaks from happening when measles is circulating in our communities. Our low immunisation rates contribute to this lack of community protection.

Measles is highly contagious and serious – about one in three people may need hospital care. It spreads when an infected person breathes, coughs or sneezes.

- Anyone with measles symptoms must stay at home and should seek urgent advice by ringing their doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.
- Anyone who is closely exposed to a measles case must stay at home. Health New Zealand will provide individuals with advice on a case-by-case basis (including when they can leave quarantine at home).
- Health New Zealand is actively working with the schools that currently have measles cases.
- People are considered immune to measles after having two doses of a measles vaccine from 12 months or older, or if you have had measles before. For more information on measles immunity visit:

### Helpful links:

*You can check your vaccination status here:*

My Health Record – Health New Zealand



*Book a free vaccine here:*

Book My Vaccine – Health New Zealand



## Our Kids Online

This week -

Gaming and Brain Development

Ever wondered what really happens to your child's brain when they game? In this video, we'll unpack the brain science behind it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mf-q-7ICcY>



## Taikura Fete Musicians Wanted

At the fete this year we want to have as many students as possible playing music (adults too). We have decided not to have a stage for music to make it less daunting. To encourage the students we are giving them the chance to 'busk', and they will receive a food and beverage voucher. To make it a successful experience so it can grow in future years and encourage more young people to learn and practice instruments can we all support these courageous musicians.



There will be a gazebo for musicians by the field or they can play in the hall for the devonshire teas (pianists are best in hall please) or if they prefer they can play near the Class One playground (a good option if they only want to play for a short time).

If your children play an instrument, please encourage them to have a go and sign up. Adult musicians are also most welcome please. Please add your name and a phone number to the roster:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Lznv-RyQAwK2ULmlHZC7\\_GFb927VcuRLx0WEy\\_V6OAc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Lznv-RyQAwK2ULmlHZC7_GFb927VcuRLx0WEy_V6OAc/edit?usp=sharing)

For any questions phone Tania Diedericks on 8761021 or 0210664908 or see Elspeth Ross.

## Community Notices

### The Bubble Show is Coming to Taikura!

We're excited to welcome *The Bubble Show* to the Taikura School Hall on **Saturday 29 November** at 2:00pm.

The show is created and performed by Eran, who previously taught Drama and Bothmer at Titirangi Steiner School before becoming a full-time performer touring internationally.

Eran has performed around the world — from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival all the way to the South Island of New Zealand and beyond. He has even put Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern inside a giant soap bubble, served as Resident Bubblistologist at Rainbow's End Theme Park in Auckland, and received numerous awards including:

- The Variety Artists Club of New Zealand Award for Best Children's Entertainer
- Nelson Fringe Festival – Audience Choice Award
- Face TV Award for Best Family Act
- Features at Guinness Worlds of Records 2025 with his bubble skills



*The Bubble Show* is a joyful and uplifting experience especially suited to the lower school age group, blending art, science, and imagination through the wonder of bubbles.

## Talk

Thomas Mayer\* will speak on Thursday evening at the Rudolf Steiner Centre in Hastings:

"Living with the Deceased and the Effects of Materialism on the Afterlife"

Thursday, 20 November 2025, at 7:30 pm.

Entry by Donation.



This will be followed by a MEDITATION WORKSHOP from Friday evening to Sunday 2:00 pm. Details, including an email address for enrolment can be found via the QR code.

### \*About Thomas Mayer:

THOMAS MAYER, author, meditation teacher and civil rights activist, was born in southern Germany. He is co-founder of More Democracy, an association in Germany to further direct democracy or participatory politics, particularly through referenda (of which he has organized many). He has lectured widely on the subject of regional currencies and initiated pilot projects to introduce them. He organized a referendum in Switzerland in 2018 called Sovereign Money regarding the question of who should have the right to create money: private banks or public institutions? Since 2004 he has been teaching anthroposophical meditation, together with Agnes Hardorp.

He is the author of eleven books, including Answering the Call of the Elementals (2021).

## For Sale: Wild Oasis in the Middle of Town

1450m2 organic/BD property, 2 storey house with 3 bedrooms + office. Enjoy the feeling of being out of town while only 3 blocks from school. Loads of fruit trees, gardens and endless possibilities. Great for a young family with children at Taikura.

I am advertising here before it needs a makeover and goes on the market in January. I am happy to show as is, privately. Contact Gui: 0210670118



## Rental Property Wanted

Kia ora,

We are a Dutch family of six, and we'll be moving to New Zealand at the end of the year. Our children will be attending Taikura for the next school year, and we are currently looking for a long-term rental property in the area.

Ideally, we're looking for a home with at least 3 bedrooms, available from mid-January—though we can be flexible with the start date to suit availability.

If you have a suitable property available, or if you could point us in the right direction, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Please feel free to get in touch via email at [rolbekker@gmail.com](mailto:rolbekker@gmail.com).

Warm regards,

Sebastiaan, Meike & kids

## Creative Speech

We have a Speech Chorus speaking poems and verses at the Anthroposophical Society (over the road). It is an interesting, challenging exercise, working on the text together, until the sounds start speaking, and the gestures come through with the meaning...We work on qualities, like the four elements of nature, which also show in the four temperaments. Some texts are grand and big - epic, others have sharper, dramatic qualities, or gently flowing lyrical ones...

Speaking together is a wonderful social exercise too, and the rhythm carries the togetherness. Breathing together is very energising and gives you confidence.

Developing teamwork together through this is quite special, but we are very open to expanding the chorus and inviting anyone who is interested to join us and have fun together in this work....The more, the merrier..!

**For those who are interested, here is some further information –**

The nature of this work comes out of anthroposophy, and it is our striving to practice this as a path of learning. Working with the Living Word and the cosmic forces of the planets and the zodiac through the sounds of language is the new impulse that Rudolf Steiner gave: it helps us to move beyond mere entertainment – which involves only the emotions and is still bound up with personality – into a life-giving, healing and ‘energy-boosting’ universal space, of movement, rhythm and the objective mantric-poetic element, which raises our speaking above the purely material, into an etheric (life energy) flow.

Such speaking opens up new perspectives and allows something higher to come to life, the cosmic forces being felt, when we allow the sounds to speak...

*A tall order..? – maybe, but we can experience being energised, enlivened and coming to ourselves – a lot of fun..!*



Through Rudolf Steiner’s work with speech and acting, a new path of inner transformation has been shown. This is the path given particularly in the Speech and Drama Course of 1924 and the basis of the anthroposophical Speech and Drama Training, a four-year full-time course.

Today, we are needing to find different ways of achieving such a course, often in shorter increments in time, as full-time courses have become increasingly more difficult to uphold. In the **‘Spirit of the Word School’**, here in New Zealand, we have tried different formats, and this year, we are planning some new full-time blocks for 2026, that will work for those already in training and others who are interested.

We are also planning some courses in educational speech, working with the wonderful age-appropriate, inspiring curriculum that Rudolf Steiner gave to the teachers of the first Waldorf School in Stuttgart, from 1919 onwards. This was so important to him, that we work with the etheric (life energy) and allow the sounds to speak, that he personally worked with each of the teachers, to bring movement and flow, rather than emotional hype into their speaking and also into story-telling.

If anyone would like to experience doing some chorus work, you are welcome to join us for our practices, on Tuesdays from 4:30 – 6:00pm at the Rudolf Steiner Centre, opposite the School. We will be doing some light-hearted texts for the Summer Festival, on 21 December; as well as the Canticle to the Sun by St. Francis. If you would like to join the chorus, please contact: Astrid Anderson [starguide@xtra.co.nz](mailto:starguide@xtra.co.nz) John Jackson [jackson33@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:jackson33@yahoo.co.nz) or Tania Diedericks [tanianz3@proton.me](mailto:tanianz3@proton.me)

**Deepening Course 17 and 18 January 2026**

**Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School**

**5 Helios Place, Titirangi, Auckland**

[edith.vandermeer@gmail.com](mailto:edith.vandermeer@gmail.com)

# **'THE HUMAN BEING AS SYMPHONY OF THE CREATIVE WORD'**

**Saturday: Brian Tracey**

*'Play and Creativity for Life'*

**Sunday: Sue Simpson**

*'Awakening to the creative forces of the night'*

**With workshops:**

1. **Brian Tracey**-*A Key to Understanding...The Temperaments*
2. **Sue Simpson**-*Eurythmy: Out of the Word*
3. **Evelyn Davis**-*Improvised storytelling*
4. **Abi Ortiz**-*Music heals the heart and makes it whole*
5. **Jo Erskine**-*Creative expression of human metamorphoses in clay*
6. **John Lawry**-*Making Porotiti: Good Vibrations!*
7. **Susanne Cole**-*Eco printing with nature's colour and form*
8. **Susie Gay**-*Painting: Harmony, balance and joy*

THE HIGHLAND JOKER PRESENTS

# The Bubble Show

Join Mr Bubbles with his extraordinary soap bubbles in all shapes and sizes!

Suitable  
for ages  
**3-12+**



Guinness World  
Record Holder  
Bubble Artist  
2025

'The Bubble Show:  
flawlessly simple  
and full of wonder...  
engaging showmanship  
from bubble maestro the  
Highland Joker'  
\*\*\*\* The List, Edinburgh



**Tour dates**  
Summer 2025



15 November – Uxbridge Arts, Auckland  
16 November – Artworks, Waiheke Island  
22 November – Playhouse, Hamilton  
23 November – Baycourt, Tauranga

29 November – Taikura School, Hastings  
30 November – The Globe, Palmerston North  
6 December – ASB Theatre, Marlborough  
7 December – The Suter Theatre, Nelson

**Book your tickets now on: [www.highlandjoker.com/tour/](http://www.highlandjoker.com/tour/)**

NOW SHOWING!

## WHAT LIES BETWEEN

IN CINEMAS TODAY

Exclusive first week screenings at **Focal Point Cinema Havelock North** from today.

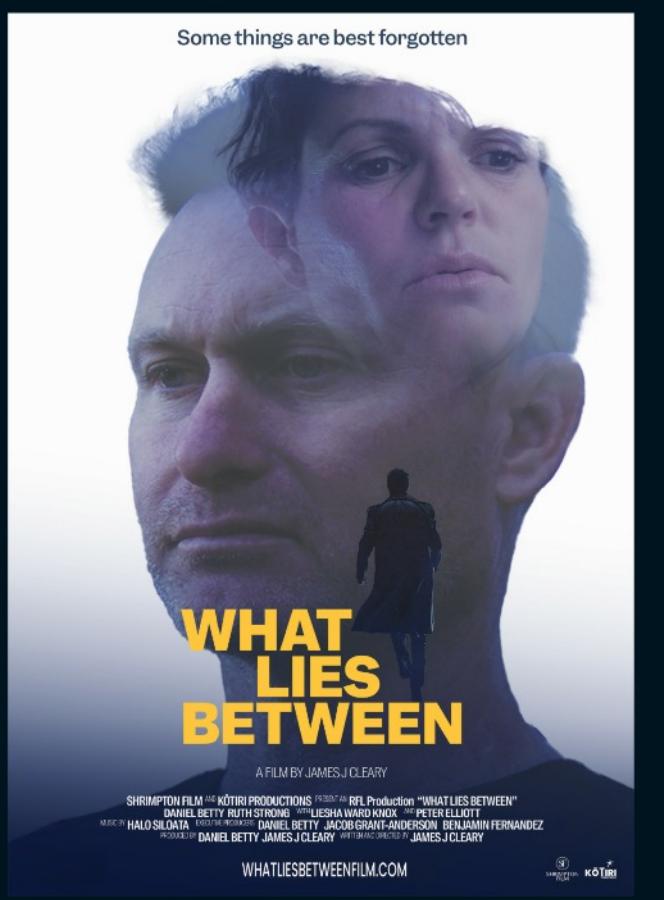
Special Q&A screening 15th Nov at **MTG Theatre Napier**

For more information, ticketing and the trailer please visit our website:

**WHATLIESBETWEENFILM.COM**

**Please note:** The film is rated **M** for offensive language and self-harm

recommended for mature audiences 16 years and over.



## TRAIN WITH BLACKSTICKS AND FALCONS PLAYERS

Coaches include Kaitlin Cotter and Sean Findlay  
*Saturday November 8th*

**11-12:30**

**\$ 30 per player**  
**For all ages**



**HAVE A HIT AROUND AND LEARN SOME NEW SKILLS  
WITH SOME EXPERIENCED PLAYERS BEFORE THE  
OPENING ROUND OF PHL IN NAPIER WHERE THE  
FALCONS TAKE ON THE MAVERICKS IN GAME 1!!**

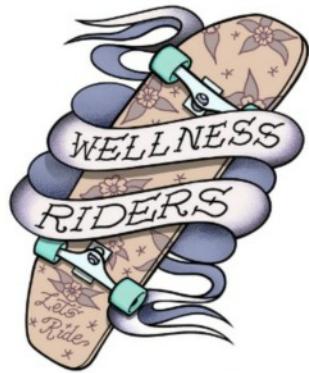
**Location: Park Island**

**Contact: Hannah Findlay on**  
**+64 22 467 6607**

**SIGN UP NOW**

<https://forms.gle/1jtk6GpBsmdPPfFh9>

Fundraising money goes towards the Findlay girls getting to the Junior World Cup to represent New Zealand in Chile this December



# SKATE CARNIVAL

SAT 08 NOV 2025

12 - 3 PM



YOUTH SKATE SHOW 1.30 PM

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - HASTINGS SKATEPARK



ART, FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES, CLOTHING, FACE-PAINTING

LIVE MUSIC - NICK HERBISON & SNEEKY

# Taikura Fête

Rudolf Steiner School

Sunday  
16 November

10am - 3pm



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