

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

The Grapevine



6 November 2025

Taikura Fete

Fete 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 to let us know roughly what you will be donating so we can plan. Thank you!

Food

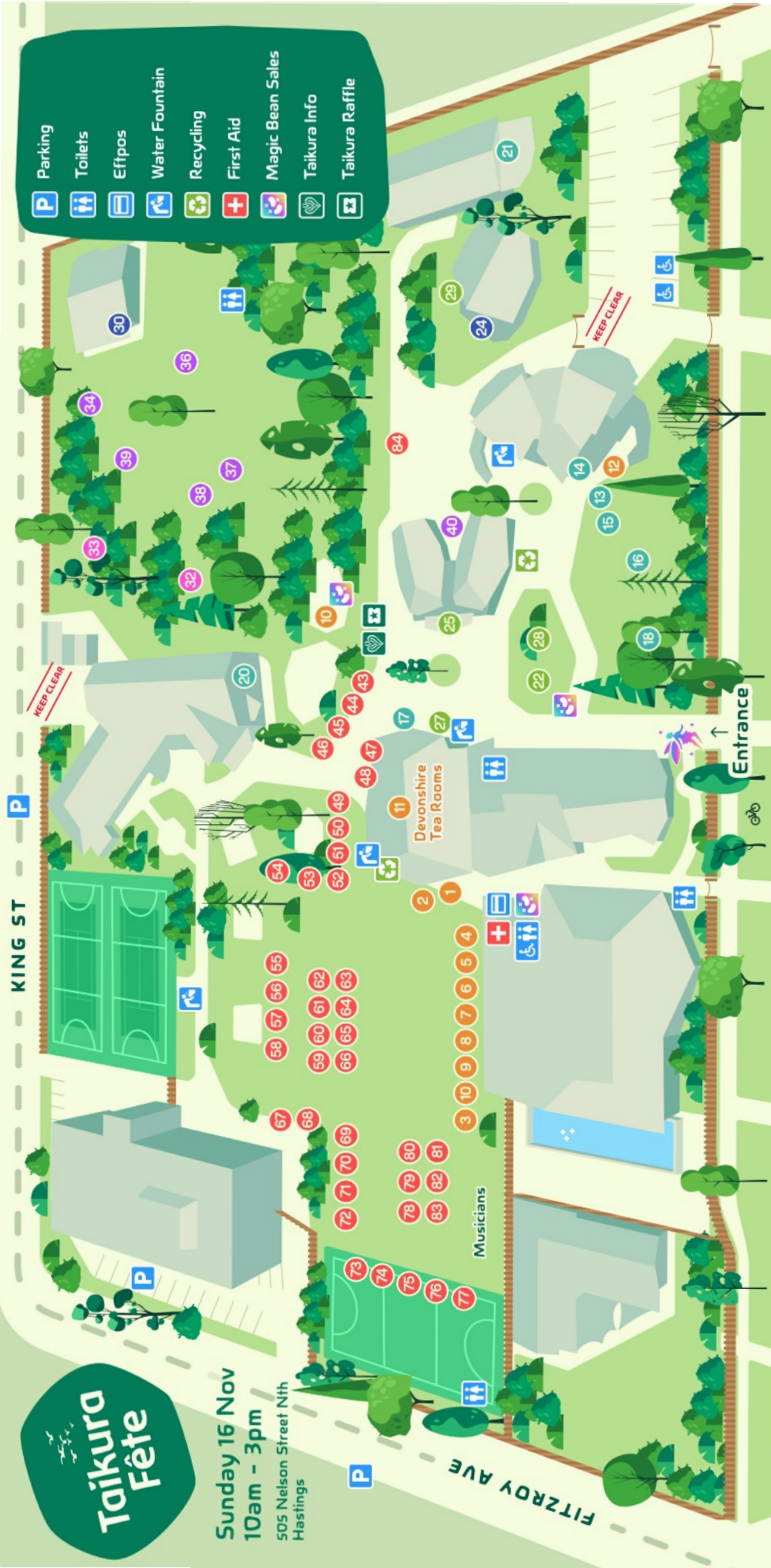
We have a vacancy for a food stalls coordinator. If this sounds like you please get in touch with us at taikurafete@gmail.com. We are very appreciative of classes managing themselves so well this year - but please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any questions answered, no matter how small!



Taikura Fête

Sunday 16 Nov
10am - 3pm

505 Nelson Street Nth
Hastings



Food & Drink

- 1 Coffee
- 2 Cakes
- 3 Ice Cream
- 4 Toffee Apples Drinks Popcorn
- 5 Waffles
- 6 Salads
- 7 Pakoras
- 8 Nachos
- 9 Burgers
- 10 Sausages
- 11 Devonshire Teas
- 12 Children's Cafe

Childrens Wonderland

- 13 Mrs Pockets 3
- 14 Children's Shop (9yrs+) 5
- 15 Treasures in the Hay 2
- 16 Crystal Panning 2
- 17 Humpty Dumpty 1
- 18 Fishing 2
- 20 Candle Boats 2
- 21 Te Pito, Story Weaving 2

Arts & Crafts

- 22 Face Painting 3-5
- 25 Candle Dipping 3
- 27 Art Spinner 3
- 28 Hair Feathers 3
- 29 Flower Garlands 4
- Wood Workshop
- 24 Sword Whittling 3
- 30 Hot Burner Pictures 4

Magic in The Woods

- 32 Ice Monarch 2
- 33 Potion House 3
- Fun & Games
- 34 Stocks 1
- 36 Fencing 3
- 37 Sumo Wrestling (12yrs+) 3
- 38 Jousting 1
- 39 Coconut Sny 3
- 40 Photo Booth 4

Market Stalls

- 43 Raranga Rongoa Recyclables
- 44 Lovable Felts
- 45 Jubilee Flutes & Pipes
- 46 Crafty Corner
- 47 Taikura Kindergarten
- 48 Jadeen Sewing Studio
- 49 Fairy Friends
- 50 Plant Based and Arts
- 51 Himalayan Weaving
- 52 Bubbles in the Bay
- 53 Bee's Knees Balms
- 54 Joy Energy Tarot
- 55 Wellness Sanctuary
- 56 Sashe
- 57 Auntie Sue Sews
- 58 Gligi Knits
- 59 Crafty Foragers
- 60 Beekah Beeswax Candles
- 61 Pixie Ink
- 62 Oshun Creative Designs
- 63 s.m.art
- 64 Crystal Child

- 65 Mayfair Lady
- 66 Henna Art
- 67 Bean Flower Jeweller
- 68 2nd Hand Books
- 69 Moki
- 70 The Christian Community
- 71 Colour Pop Yarn
- 72 Textures by Erica
- 73 Rooky Wood
- 74 Soft Earth Art
- 75 Earth and Ease Creative
- 76 Lush
- 77 Dye4U
- 78 Querkly Home
- 79 Persephone Potions
- 80 Blooms are Pretty
- 81 Hohepa
- 82 Knotted for You
- 83 Pepper and Pearls
- 84 Taikura Fete Plants



He Pito Kōrero

Kīwaha o te wikiKīwaha 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-ringā?

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 ōna 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-7lCcY>



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

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 Bubbologist 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.

Please note: Most of our community notices are paid advertisements. While we're happy to share them, they don't necessarily reflect our views or endorsements. If you would like your notice or advertisement included, the cost is \$5 for 2 weeks. Please email office@taikura.school.nz by noon Tuesday.

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.

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 Cantic to the Sun by St. Francis. If you would like to join the chorus, please contact: Astrid Anderson starguide@xtra.co.nz John Jackson jackson33@yahoo.co.nz or Tania Diedericks taniaanz3@proton.me



Deepening Course 17 and 18 January 2026
Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School
5 Helios Place, Titirangi, Auckland
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

Best Family
Act award

Face TV New
Zealand

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

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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/

NOW SHOWING!

WHAT LIES BETWEEN IN CINEMAS TODAY

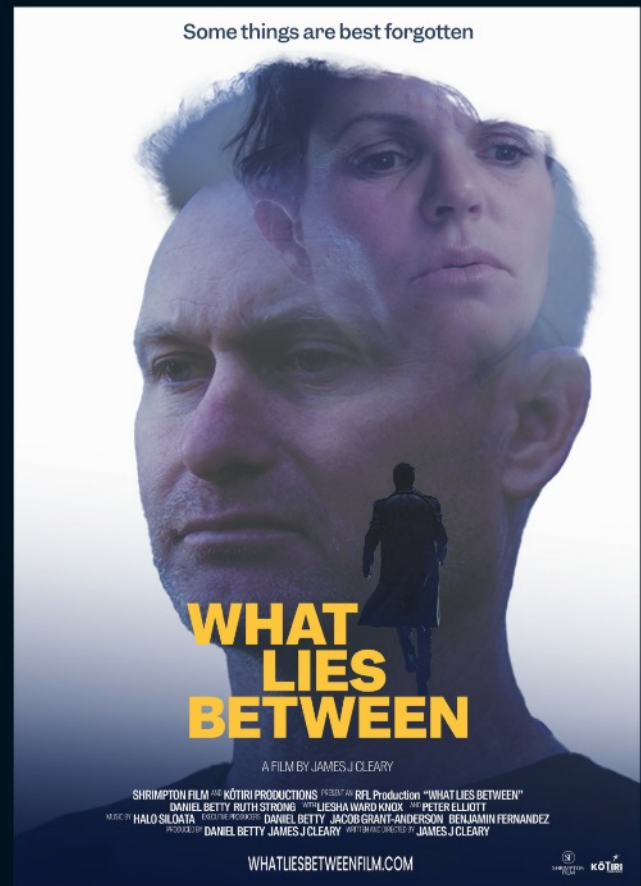
Exclusive first week screenings at **Focal Point Cinema
Havelock North** from today.

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**



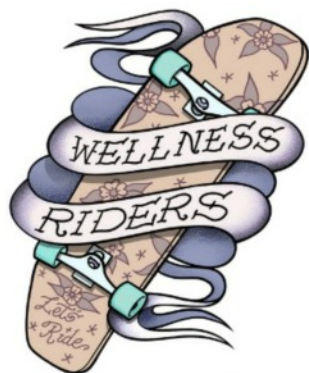
**HAVE A HIT AROUND AND LEARN SOME NEW SKILLS
WITH SOME EXPERIENCED PLAYERS BEFORE THE
OPENING ROUND OF PHL IN NAPIER WHERE THE
FALCONS TAKE ON THE MAVERICKS IN GAME 1!!**

**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



Taīkura Fête

Rudolf Steiner School

Sunday
16 November
10am - 3pm



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