

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

The
Grapevine



6 November 2025

It's Fete Day on Sunday!

Administration Centre

When you arrive on Sunday to set up your FOOD STALL, please check in at the Administration Centre in the Gym Foyer. From here you can collect your float, provisions, and other essential information.

The following services are available at the administration centre:

- Information and administrative support
- Sustainable supplies including cups, plates, napkins, utensils etc.
- EFTPOS with cash out
- Money exchange and collection facilities
- First Aid services
- Safety equipment
- Lost children hub
- Magic Bean sales

Health & Safety

Please note

- No smoking, e-cigarettes, vaping, drugs or alcohol anywhere on the school grounds
- No animals allowed on site

Use gloves and be conscious of hand washing, particularly when serving food. Those preparing and serving food must not also handle money.

Setting Up

Please ensure your stall is set up completely by 9:00am on Sunday 16 November. You may access the grounds from noon on Saturday 15 November to set up. The grounds will be patrolled by HSM security guards overnight.

Please arrange to set up without young children in tow – this will be an active site and we would like to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

Vehicle Access

Vehicle access to and from the site is from King Street, next to Taikura House. If you take a vehicle onto the site, the maximum speed inside the grounds is 5km/h. Please be mindful of all people and activities! On Sunday, the site must be clear of vehicles by 9:00 am. There will be no vehicular access to the grounds before 3:15 pm, when the big field has been cleared of children.

Parking

Community and external stall holders should park on King Street. Please DO NOT park on Nelson Street or Whitehead Road near school so that there will be spaces for guests attending the Fête.

Financial Arrangements

Food stalls will be provided with a cash float on arrival. Periodically, one of the administration staff will collect surplus cash. At the end of the Fête please bring your float and takings to the Administration Centre.

Children's activities will operate on a STRICTLY MAGIC BEAN basis. If someone would like to pay in cash, please direct them to the nearest Magic Bean Sales point – at the Main Gate, the Administration Centre, and by the pizza oven at the entrance to Scannell's garden. Should the bean vessel become full before the conclusion of the Fête, they may be emptied at the Administration Centre. At the end of the Fête, please bring bean vessels to the Administration Centre at 3:00 pm, and no later than 4:00 pm.

Stall Dismantling

Dismantling of stall sites may take place after 3:00 pm, with all materials removed by 6:00 pm on Sunday 16 November. Items remaining on site after this time will be removed and disposed of. Please ensure the grounds are returned to their original condition after the Fête.

Magic Beans

All Children's Activities at the Fête will require two or more Magic Beans. Magic beans are available to purchase using cash or Eftpos at a special rate for Taikura whānau ahead of the Fête. Last days today & tomorrow!

Taikura whānau pricing:

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

Tickets for our fabulous raffle are also on sale this week, and Fête day!

Plants

For those raising plants for the plant stall – please bring them to school on Saturday 15 November between 8:00 and 10:00am so they can be sorted and priced.

Wet-weather plan

The forecast for the weekend is looking good! The fete will go ahead even if it's raining, and will only be postponed if conditions are absolutely dire.

Waste management on Fête day

We are continuing to try and reduce the Fête's waste footprint each year, and we need your help. We will have two waste stations: in the food area on the main field and where the old Class 1 building was. Bins will be clearly marked and there will be a Waste Station Warrior working at the waste stations all day. All other bins will be covered up on the day.

We will be diverting all waste into the different waste streams:

- Paper and cardboard - clean
- Compost/food scraps to the pigs
- Recycling - plastic/tin/glass
- Paper coffee cups – will be cleaned and used for seedlings for Fête 2026
- Soft plastics
- Landfill - last option. Let's see if we can have less than we did in 2024!

If you are working at a food stall please try to put all your waste in the correct bins to help save the extra work of sorting them after the Fête.

Participation

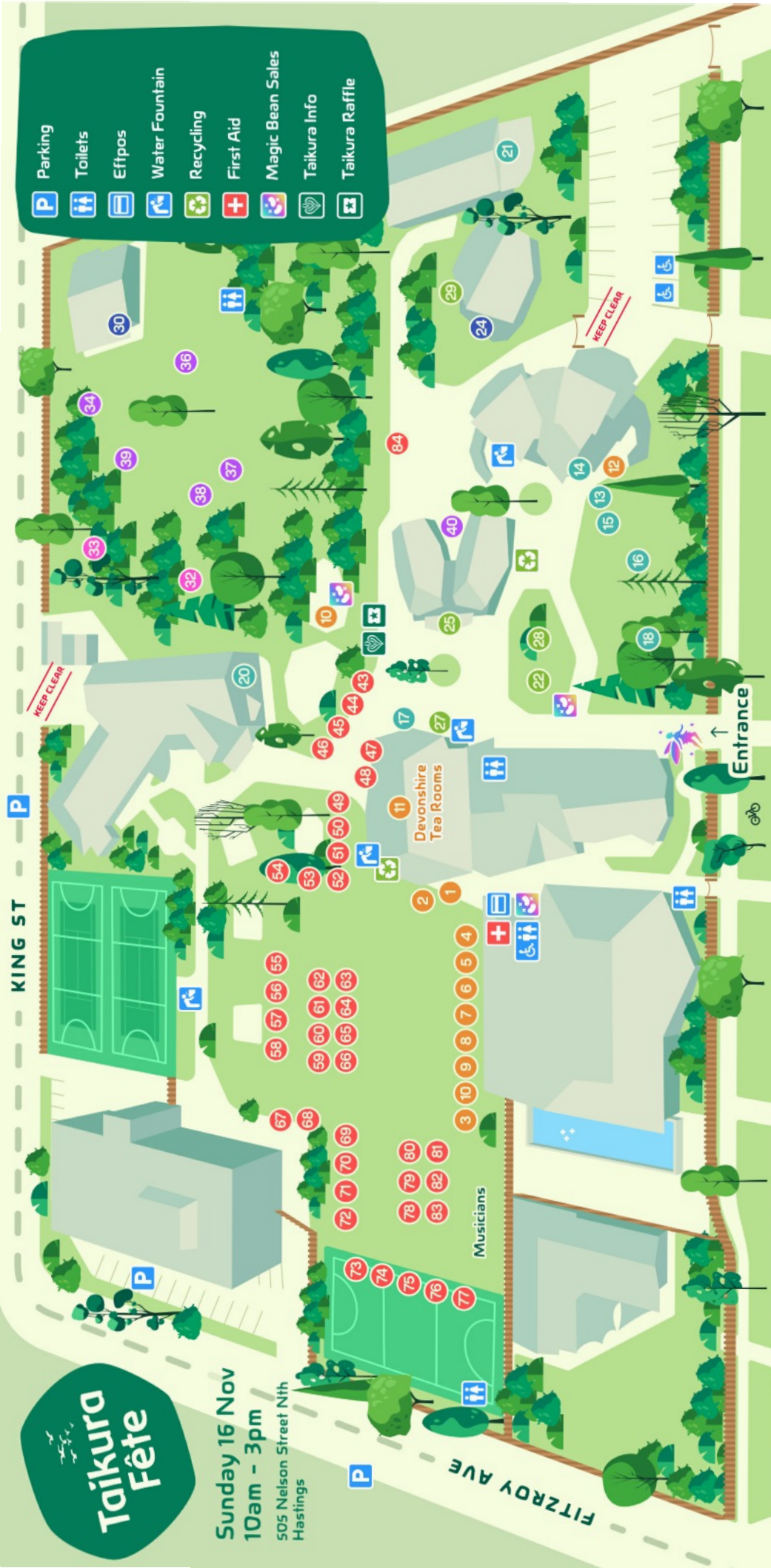
Heartfelt thanks for coming together as a community to create such a unique event. You should all have confirmed jobs at the Fête. Please check where you are meant to be on the map, and arrive in good time for your shift. There are some activities that need further support so please let us know if you are available. Please also be prepared to be flexible to adapt to circumstances on the day!



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 Querky 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

Kua rongo kōrero koe...? Did you hear...?

E kare mā, have you heard that here in Heretaunga, Toitū Te Reo is being held again at Toitōi this Thursday and Friday. The Symposium will tackle the most pressing issues for te reo Māori today, from bridging the reo divide, raising children with te reo at home, and the evolution of dialects, to challenges of tokenism, accessibility, and creating genuine pathways for all learners.

The programme also explores innovation through AI, the role of whānau and rangatahi, and the resilience needed to keep the reo thriving. Alongside these courageous conversations, audiences will experience the vitality of te reo through live performances, debates, waiata composition panels, and creative showcases, leaving attendees inspired, challenged, and energised. This the link for more information: <https://www.toitutereo.co.nz/symposium>

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

E mea ana! (Eh meh ar ar nah)
100% in agreeance with what is being said.

Hemi: Kia ora e hoa. I'm keen to hear the different kōrero at Toitū Te Reo this year!

Rangi: E mea ana!

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

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 at 11:00am - community welcome

Class 12 Graduation Dinner - Friday 21 November

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

Lower School Open Hour - Wednesday 26 November from 2:45 until 3:45pm

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

9 year old change workshop - Sunday 7 December

Splash Planet Road Patrol outing - Monday 8 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

Transitions and Teacher Cycles at Taikura

Our community may be aware that we are looking to employ a new kindergarten teacher as well as two Lower School class teachers for 2026. These positions have been advertised, and we are currently interviewing candidates. Going through this process gives us an opportunity to reflect on the transitions from Kindergarten to School and Lower School class teacher cycles at Taikura.

Over the years Steiner Waldorf schools around Aotearoa have explored different models in regards to the transition of the children from kindergarten to class one, the length of time that teachers are with a class in the Lower School and if High School sponsor teachers stay with their class or move through the High School. Historically it was very common for a class teacher to undertake an eight-year journey with a class, back when Class 8 were the top of our Lower School, from Class 1 to Class 8.

In 2017 our school and kindergarten staff dedicated significant time to reviewing transitions and teacher cycles at Taikura. We involved parents, students and staff who had experienced first hand both 7 or 8 year journeys and those who had experienced shorter cycles throughout the Lower School. The transition from kindergarten formed part of this review and led to the establishment of a Specialist Class One teacher position which Sue Hull currently holds. This review also considered class teacher cycles. The various positives and challenges were explored in regards to the development of the children, relationships, teacher knowledge and confidence, social dynamics and the need to value curriculum delivery and experiences for our children.

There was a sharing of examples of when a 7 year journey can be wonderful but also when it can cause long lasting issues. There was the acknowledgment that there are times during the Lower School journey where having a new class teacher can support the children's development by enabling them to be seen through a new lens. There was an acknowledgement that relationships within classes and between parents, teachers and children, can be our greatest strength and our greatest challenge. There was also an acknowledgement that challenges are important for development, both for our students and for ourselves as teachers but ensuring it is the right kind of challenge is important. There was also an acknowledgement that despite our best efforts and intentions, sometimes life has other plans and unexpected staffing changes happen.

The outcome of this review highlighted the importance of flexibility in teaching roles as a response to student needs. Decisions about whether a Class Teacher continues with a class should be guided by what best supports the learners. Each year brings new dynamics, and it's essential to reflect annually on what the students require and how we can meet those needs effectively. Ensuring that the teacher in front of the class is fresh, responsive, and well-suited to the group is key to fostering student growth. Challenges play a vital role in learning—for both students and teachers—as they encourage development and engagement. This approach is not about judgment, but about prioritising what is best for the children. The school must support these decisions to ensure that students experience stability through having teachers who are aligned with their evolving needs.

These pictures of the class teacher cycles and its development over the years are shared as part of our Special Character interviews with new parents and were shared with the community at the time. Continuing to reflect on how best to meet and support the needs and development of our children remains a priority for our Taikura teaching staff and how best to support transitions and Lower School teaching cycles continue to be discussed and improved annually.

We are hopeful that our upcoming interviews of prospective new kindergarten and Lower School teachers will go well and that we will be able to share updates on our new appointments before the end of this term.

Pippa Caccioppoli
Tumuaki/Principal

Our Kids Online - The Worst Children's Library

Imagine if everything children are exposed to online was placed on shelves in a library. You'd be looking at the world's worst children's library.

What if someone actually did that — just the book titles?

Well... it's been done. And it's terrifying.

On December 10th, "The Worst Children's Library" is coming to the New Zealand Parliamentary Library — a powerful, uncomfortable, and urgently needed visual reminder of what kids are exposed to online every single day.

This video breaks down why this matters and how we can use this moment to drive real, lasting legislative change.

I've written a full piece of legislation — The New Zealand Child Internet Safety Act — designed to protect every child in Aotearoa from the online harms that are currently flooding into our homes and communities.

Read the bill here:

https://www.ourkidsonline.info/_files/ugd/63a506_8c16da791a0e4ee9b846428e5916d1d1.pdf

- Share it with your local MP
- Forward this video to other parents, teachers, and community leaders.

We have a narrow window to act.

Rob Cope



Congratulations

Congratulations to Bautista Himschoot from Class 7 who has been selected from a Wellington football clinic to attend the prestigious "Barca Academy Clinic" in Barcelona, Spain this December.

Bautista was chosen based on his football skills, dedication, hard work and good behavior during his time at the Scouting clinic in Wellington. All the best!

Janet Osborne
Sports Coordinator

Hay Needed

We are after 8 to 10 bales of hay to be used for our Shepherd's Play, the performance of which is an annual gift to our students from their teachers. If you have any available, we would like to use them from Friday 12 December, until lunchtime on Wednesday 17 December. Please email suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz if you can help.



New bus network launches 25 January

Get ready for a better-connected Napier and Hastings — the new Hawke's Bay bus network launches on 25 January 2026. The redesigned network will be more direct and simpler to understand services, better connect the cities, and offer new connections to Hawke's Bay Airport and the Regional Sports Park.



In preparation, you might notice some work happening over the summer months as new bus stops are installed in Napier and Hastings. These new stops will provide access to the new network for passengers. We appreciate your patience while this important work is carried out and look forward to welcoming you on board the new network early in the new year.

To see a map of the planned routes and more information, visit the GoBay website.

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 Bublologist 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,

Fleece Wanted

If you have any undyed natural wool fleece (white or brown) which you do not need, I would be very happy to hear from you. Please text me on 02102771201 or email evaurieli@gmail.com

Eva Steinmetz-Urieli

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

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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



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/

Waipawa Musical and Dramatic Club Presents



December 11 - 14

CHB MUNICIPAL THEATRE
IN THE CONCERT CHAMBERS

Thursday 11th 7pm
Friday 12th 7pm
saturday 13th 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 14th 3pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM EVENTFINDA

ADULT \$35 / CHILD \$25



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Fringe in the 'Stings

Fringe in the 'Stings is ripping through Hastings city this 20-24 November with a bold, local, strollable programme, accessible for everyone. Centred around our artists' hub at 118 Karamu Road, FitS breathes life into Hastings' CBD.

The fun starts on the fringe of the fringe with a risque art exhibition, The Sin Bin, not for the faint of heart! Local musicians sing their hearts out at the best brewery in the Bay - Brave - in a series of free whānau friendly shows. There's comedic shenanigans at Hastings' Distillers with the next iteration in George Fenn's bizarre and charming trilogy - Sexy Golf Boy. Get educated with Baked not Burnt, an edible demonstration featuring the second coming of Christ. Sample a taste of the festival in FitS in a Glass - six short acts paired with Decibel Wines. Witness the true story of a Heretaunga local brought to life in a piece of original devised theatre - Set in Stone. Indulge in decadent late night burlesque with Diamonds after Dark.

Bring the whānau out to Albert Square for Carnival in the Park, a day of free fun in the sunshine featuring the bass heavy stylings of Heretaunga Dub Club and Machine Wreckers' ambient post-psychedelic instrumentals. A musical showcase features a host of FitS favourites from the strange and various sounds of Invisible Plain; to Brothers; Guitar's melodious musical journeying; to the darkly delightful Spooky Skeletons, finishing with Ben Liley In Circles' hard hitting, heart wrenching originals.

Acoustic Baroque quintet Inégal perform beneath the spectacular stained glass hallows of the Lady's Chapel at St Matthew's, complimented by a short talk on this unique piece of Hastings' history. The minds and bodies behind Only the Stars Know Where I've Been, FitS' most popular show of 2024, return with Quiet Rituals - a triptych of solo

contemporary dance performances that unearth tender memories and splintering realisations along the path of growing into oneself.

Ticket prices are tiered so everyone can access art, music, theatre, dance and more, all sprinkled with a little Fringe in the 'Stings magic at a price everyone can afford! From free whānau entertainment to shows with a little more edge for the artistically adventurous, it's all happening in Heretaunga!

Check out fringeinthestings.co.nz and social media for more details. Tickets available now from Eventfinda.

