Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



8 September 2016

One of the many beautiful things I noticed upon joining the Taikura community were the incredible blackboard drawings. I asked Clayton Gibson about this and he kindly gave me the following explanation:

"When entering a Steiner or Waldorf classroom anywhere in the world, you can't help but notice the care and attention the teacher has taken to create a beautiful environment for the children. The focal point of the classroom along with the festival table is often a beautiful drawing created in coloured chalk at the front of the room. A clean, tidy and beautiful classroom contributes to the social hygiene of the class community and the blackboard drawing is an integral part of this aesthetic environment that has been created.

In the early classes, it is out of the storytelling that the first images come, leaving detail out, to allow the children to live into their own imaginations. In older classes the images depicted in these drawings will re-enforce important motifs that sit with a particular topic. These blackboard drawings are created with inner conviction and warmth of heart and are presented to the children to enable them to make a connection with the world in which they live.

It is also good for the students to see the effort and struggles that the teacher has had to work through to create a beautiful image for them as they face similar challenges when creating their own illustrations in their main lesson books. The students may leave the lower school without remembering abstract facts but hopefully they will have made a connection with the subjects taught with their soul life and many students will remember the blackboard drawings that were lovingly created for them on this journey.

Later this year (31 October- 12 November) our 'All Sorts' art exhibition will be held at the Community Arts Centre in Hastings. This is an annual exhibition of artwork of parents, teachers, past and present students and artists who have an association with the school. It will also include some examples of blackboard drawings. We hope to see many of you there, as we share our love of art and all things beautiful.

Carmel Spencer Principal

Mark your Calendar!

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	Sept 9	8.45 (9:00 am start)	Parent Group: Ben Warren - Nutritionist of BePure on Nutrition and Well being	1
	Sept 15	7:00 - 8:30 pm	'Men in Steiner ' At the school Library	1
	Sept 17	8:30am - 5:30pm	Class 12 projects - In the School Hall.	
	Sept 21	7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening Taikura House	
	Sept 23	7:00 - 9:30 pm	Parent Group: Herman Veluwenkamp - astrological influences in Biodynamics	
	Sept 23		Last day of Term 3	
	Oct 10		First Day of Term 4	
	Oct 17	5:00 pm	BOT meeting	
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Please update your parent handbook:

On the inside cover of your handbook there is a list of the current teaching staff. Please can you amend Peter Lee's phone number to 878 6081.

Many thanks Vanessa

Donations and School Finances:

We are currently reviewing families' sundries accounts that are overdue. We do this in September every year as by this stage we expect all sundries accounts to have been paid in full. Each family will have received their account statement this week. Please look through your statement and make sure you pay anything that is still owing. If you have payments outstanding before school starts in Term 1, 2017 you will not be able to sign up your children for summer sports at the school. If you are having issues with clearing your account please make a time to meet with the school's Finance Manager Selena Crouch to look at putting in place a payment plan. This year donation letters and pledge forms will be sent out to all families early in Term 4, please look out for them and get your pledge forms in by the end of the year.

Staffing Updates:

We wish Mr David Jordan all the very best as he moves onto the next phase in his life at the end of 2016. We are very grateful for the amazing work he has done at Taikura over the years.

We congratulate Mr Brendan Hamilton-Gibbs on being granted a sabbatical by the Ministry of Education to develop further in mathematics. Brendan will be be away for Term 1 of 2017 and we are about to advertise for a suitable person to cover his class during this time.

We will be advertising for a teacher of Humanities and a teacher of Chemistry and Physics in the High School.

Mr Stephen Lange is covering music while Mrs Frances Te Weehi is on leave for a while.

Taikura Parents Group - All School Community Welcome:

Please come along and enjoy the opportunity to meet other parents and staff from our school in a relaxed and supportive environment - and if you have young ones don't worry as all meetings are baby/toddler friendly.

Gatherings are held at the Hastings Taikura Kindergarten community space a couple of Friday mornings a month. Guest speakers begin at 9am with tea and coffee available from 8.45am.

Our next meetings scheduled are:

Sep 9 - BePure's approach to wellness - Ben Warren is unfortunately unable to make this date so his assistant will kindly fill in for him talking on Nutrition and Well-being.

Sept 23 - Herman Veluwenkamp - "what are astrological influences in Biodynamic agriculture"

Questions and suggestions to Filipa Hope 0274513445 or filipahope@gmail.com

Class 12 Projects:

For students and families who are new to Taikura the Class 12 Projects provide a wonderful insight into our graduating students at the end of their 12 year journey. This year's Class 12 students are currently putting the final touches on their project documents which are due this Friday.

In Class 12 students undertake a project which is based on their interests and in which they immerse themselves for a whole year. These projects combine a practical and artistic element with research and students present a theoretical document, an artistic display and a public presentation to an audience. These projects are part of the Steiner School Certificate at Level 3 and students are assessed on each of the three components.

On Friday 16 September the Class 12 Project Displays will be open during the day for the community to view in the School Hall. This is an opportunity for you to see what students have undertaken over the year, read their document and speak to the students directly about their projects.

On Saturday 17 September you are warmly invited to attend the Project Presentations. Each student delivers their presentation and then there is time for the audience to ask questions. These are formal presentations which will take place in the Hall between 8.30am and 5.30pm. While we encourage all in the community, both Lower School and High School to view these presentations it is an expectation that all of Class 11 attend in preparation for the following year.

Class 12 Project Presentations Saturday 17 September 2016 in the School Hall

Please note that these are formal presentations and the Hall doors will be locked while individual speeches are being delivered but will be open between each of the presentations.

- 08.30 09.00am Francesca Lincoln "What's Eating You?"
- 09.00 09.30am Jordan Knight "Sounds from a Handmade Guitar"
- 09.30 10.00am Mia Anderson "Bitter Sweet"
- 10.00 10.30am Zoe Goom "Bumblebees: Undervalued but Vital"
- 10.30 11.00am Morning Tea
- 11.00 11.30am Cara Gibson "Veganism The Way of the Future"
- 11.30 12.00pm Liam McPherson "3D Modelling A journey through character design"
- 12.00 12.30pm Vivien Kinzenbach "Finding Inner Calmness Through Meditation"
- 12.30 01.00pm Joshua Achten "Sports Nutrition Does a specific diet enhance my cycling

performance?"

- 01.00 02.00pm Lunch
- 02.00 02.30pm Marco-Fabian Schmith "Shotokan Karate"
- 02.30 03.00pm Olivia Robertson "Stress Management: Is It Necessary?"
- 03.00 03.30pm Toby Vrieze "What Makes a Successful Café?"
- 03.30 04.00pm Afternoon Tea

04.00 – 04.30pm Alexander Bartley "Unravelling the Complexities of Video Gaming – What are the benefits and costs?"

04.30 – 05.00pm Calvin Corner "Prosthetic Make-Up – A Dying Art?"

05.00 – 05.30pm Kiri Pekepo "Fashion Design - Streetwear"



Taikura Kindergarten Introduces an evening



Men in Steiner

Thursday 15 September in the Library 7:00-8:30pm

Do you have concerns? Questions? There is sound reasoning behind the methods used in Steiner Education. Learn why at Steiner, we do the things we do and associating these skills to everyday life. Q&A with Clayton Gibson, a teacher from Taikura School to get the ins and outs of Steiner education.

Comments From a Dad That Attended the Last Evening:

"I appreciated the opportunity to ask stupid questions and not feel stupid. We all left feeling we'd taken some learning from the session and it's surprising how many of the dad's I've since bumped into at events around Hawke's Bay. I went because my wife told me to, I came away glad I'd gone."

Deputy Principal — High School. 5 MU

Michael Park is a decile 8 Y 1-13 area school in the Rudolf Steiner tradition. The school is an exciting one with enthusiastic, committed, dynamic teachers and staff who engage the students in learning in innovative ways. Due to promotion we seek a Deputy Principal for our High School with extensive knowledge of High School Qualifications and strong pedagogical and organisational leadership skills. An ability to foster a culture of academic excellence and the development of teachers will be important. A willingness to work in accordance with the special character shall be a condition of employment.

An information pack and application details can be obtained from **Ahead Associates** Ltd PO Box 109210 Newmarket Auckland 1149. Email <u>info@aheadassociates.co.nz</u> Ph (09) 365 1039 or 021 616 061.

Applications close and referees' reports are due by **4pm Monday 17 October** and are to be directed to **Ahead Associates**.



Dana Marcroft

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – 'All Sorts' Art Exhibition

Dates: 31 October- 12 November

Venue: Community Arts Centre in Hastings

This exhibition is designed to bring the artists in our school community together. With life becoming busier, the artists in our community often find themselves working in isolation with little opportunity to work together and share ideas and see each other's work. This exhibition creates this opportunity. It also gives the school an opportunity to showcase the artwork of our past and present students in a different space. This year we are hoping to have a group of artists working with students in the organizing, preparation and promotion of the event.

SCHOOL CLOSURE: Wednesday 14 September from 12.30pm onwards.

Dear Families of Taikura

This is to inform you that Taikura Rudolf Steiner School will be closing at 12.30pm on Wednesday the 14 of September.

During the closure Staff will be attending NZEI and PPTA Union Meetings.

PPTA and NZEI Te Riu Roa are holding combined meetings throughout the country during September. The meetings are to plan a response to the government's "global funding" proposal. School buses will be running **at 12.30** from the usual places.

There will be **NO buses** at the regular time of 3.00pm.

For those children who are unable to go home at 12.30 please advise your child's class teacher or sponsor by Tuesday the 13 September.

We apologise for any disruption this may cause.

School Management Team.

Class 2CY Fundraiser

Its Pumpkin Mania! On September 9 (Friday Market) Homemade delicious Pumpkin Soup will be available for purchase. \$5 for a 650ml take home container Pre Order via the order form or text 0279389845 or email <u>aimeenz@gmail.com</u> or bring your cash on Friday 9 September



Thank you Class 2CY

Hastings And District School Cross Country:

What a fantastic day we had at the Hastings and District Schools Cross Country held at the Hawkes Bay show grounds, perfect mild weather, lots of parent support and some outstanding results for Taikura. Well done to all the students who participated, everyone represented the school well with good attitudes, behaviour and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 12 in their age group which gave them a spot on the competitors podium, a massive achievement as most of these races had over 100 student participants.

Class 4 Girls Willow Barker 4th Imogen Gilbert 7th

Class 5 Boys Finn Barker 1st Rene O'Sullivan 2nd

Class 5 Girls Sophia Porter 10th Class 6 Girls Samantha Wood 11th

Class 7 Girls Isis Gardiner 2nd

Class 7 Boys Finn O'Sullivan 4th Drew Porter 9th Lucas Porter 10th

All of the above students have been selected plus the students listed below whose results also qualified them to compete in the Hawkes Bay Cross Country Champs held on Wednesday September 21st. I will send all of the qualifying students a training regime kindly put together by Claire Porter that they can follow for the next two weeks, should they wish to.

Louie Magee Orla Jefferson Amira Gardiner Laura Doig Noah Schmith Harris Gray Tess Gunn Jacob Mawson Ben Simpson Julian Schmith Elise Mc Gillen

Please confirm to me by email if your child wishes to go on to compete in this next level event. Once again we will require parent help with transport and supervision. Families will be notified with the details next week.

Janet Osborne Sports Coordinator



On Becoming Human:

An exploration of some of the ways we can become better people, better humans. Four Ideals of our Time: Monday 3 October: HAPPINESS Monday 10 October: CLEVERNESS and EDUCATION Monday 17 October: HATING EVIL Monday 24 October: PUNISHING CRIME

Parliament the Courts, journalists from newspapers, television and radio. People in public life often assume that he above four ideals are appropriate goals for regulating public affairs. Are they right? Are they helpful? Or do they perpetuate our current social and political problems? One thing is certain, many people believe they are basic to understanding human life today.

These four themed conversations are an exploration of modern life and attitudes today.

The aim is to find out why these themes are so important in modern life. Can we update them so we can make further progress?

Chris Bacchus 8786883 Entry Koha of \$10.00 or so! Rudolf Steiner Centre, Nelson Street, Hastings 7:30 pm start.

Kairos Centre Term 3 and 4 Courses 2016:

The Heart of Art: Strengthening the heart charkra through inner contemplation A Practical Course: Painting the tree through the seasons, dynamic line drawing (working with the four elements), veiling form drawing.

ENQUIRE NOW FOR 2017. Introductory year will run on Tuesday 8.50 am - 12.15 pm 7 weeks through the school term

Astrology for you, Astrology for Antroposophists September 17 and 18 9.00 am - 4.00 pm Costs: \$85 per day, \$160 2 days

Contact Margaret Mary Farr Ph/txt 0272484193. manawastudio@gmail.com Facebook: Kairos Artistic Endeavours Understanding The Agricultural Course Part One: October 14,15,16 Part Two: November 25,26,27 Costs \$235. Friday 6 and 8 pm Sat and Sun 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

TUESDAY MORNING ART CLASS FOR ADULTS

Pursue your own creative journey. Learn and become confident in different art techniques. This term: exploring your inner life through stories. 10-12 am. Try out lesson any time \$18 subsequent commitment for 9 lessons \$172, basic art materials included.

NEW: EVA'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASS FOR CHILDREN NOW ON MONDAYS

Explore new art techniques, look at interesting images, listen to a story. Children 8-13 years. \$15 per session - commitment for a term. From 3:00 - 4:10 pm Both at the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson St. Hastings. Contact Eva Urieli <<u>evaurieli@gmail.com</u>> 878 6028

Blossom Tree:

Blossom Tree is a Waldorf inspired boutique home-based care agency. We are opening a branch here in Hawke's Bay, and we are looking for educators to join our service. Previous experience is not essential as we will provide you with initial and ongoing training. As an educator you will be able to care for up to four children at a time, including your own children up to the age of 6. Blossom Tree Educators are paid per child and are able to set their own rates. Our base rate is \$6 per enrolled hour, so you have the opportunity to earn up to \$24 per hour or more. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents at home with their own small children to earn an income.

Please visit <u>www.blossomtreehomebasedece.com</u> for further information, and register your interest by emailing <u>blossomtreehawkesbayece@gmail.com</u> or contact Sabina Bacchus on 021 0830 7141.

Looking for land to establish 2+Ha size Biodynamic vineyard:

We are open to converting existing farms/land if required. Napier/Hastings area preferable as our children go to Taikura kindergarten. Please text or call Asuka 0223100550

Parenting NVC Workshop -Hastings: September 17 & 18 2016 9 am to 5 pm

Are you interested in new ways to meet the challenges of parenting that combine living your values, holding your boundaries and empowering your children?

NVC Parenting is a heart centered 'how to' process that really works!

- *Reduce family conflicts and sibling rivalry
- *Move beyond power struggles to cooperation and trust
- *Create deeper qualities of connection
- *Protect and nurture the autonomy & learning of children
- *Stimulate and strengthen intrinsic motivation & reduce reliance on dependence of externals
- *Find new creative ways to value and meet everyone's needs without conflict or giving in or giving up

Investment: \$220 with \$50 deposit by Sept 8 or \$250 afterwards. Facilitator - registrations: Filipa Hope <u>filipahope@gmail.com</u> 027 4513445

Violin Lessons:

I teach violin to adults and children using the Suzuki method of teaching. Based in Hastings please phone or text Hannah Hales on 022 1049867

Holiday Programme:

Needle Felting Class for Children

Would you like your child to explore the beautiful Art of Needle Felting? I am doing another Needle Felting class in the holidays and am wondering if there are more children in the community who would like to learn this beautiful craft, please phone Sabine at Goldkinder Crafts on 875 1905 or 027 492 8444

Drama Holiday Program:

October 5/6/7. Havelock North. Join us as we make a play in just three days! Program includes a visit to the Spiegeltent. For more information: <u>http://thedramaworkshop.co.nz/play-on/</u>

Classes opening in Napier:

We have two classes opening in Napier in term four! A primary class for yrs 3-6 and secondary class for yrs 9 & 10. For more information: http://thedramaworkshop.co.nz/play-on/









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8 classes per Term Call Carolyn, Email of Find US on Faceboook For details Littleyogis@grasshopperyoga.co.nz Ph O21 476 763

Eb & Sparrow return to the Bay as NZ Country Music finalists after releasing their critically acclaimed album Sun/Son one year ago!

After repeat sellout shows, don't miss out this time ~ 8 pm Saturday 24 September Haumoana Hall, 51-53 Haumoana Road \$20 <u>www.ebandsparrow.co.nz</u>

Calling all old Mobile Phones:

Please help to Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways.

After \$2.5 million donated to the Starship Foundation from the sale of unwanted old mobile phones it is time for a new multi award winning NZ charity - Sustainable Coastline to benefit from this scheme.

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances.

Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School.



Well Spoken:

Is your child interested in drama, storytelling, poetry or public speaking? Rudolf Steiner brought huge insight into the art of speaking and drama and from my training in this and teaching, I can help students achieve a high degree of effectiveness, confidence and style. If your child would like to excel in speech and drama, call me for a free consultation.

Therapeutic speech lessons available for students over the age of 9 years. Speech formation is a great help in developing articulation, confidence, memory and well-being.

I am five minutes from the school and can set up times to suit you. Call Robyn to find out more.

Robyn Hewetson robyn@wellspoken.co.nz 06 878 3496 021 217 8688

Travel:

If you're thinking of doing a student exchange, your big OE or just a holiday away, then contact me to discuss options or to keep an eye out for any future specials.

Travel deals change from week to week and costs are very much dependant on availability at the time of booking.

Phone Eric Cox on 8358574 or email eric@coxworldtravel.co.nz for a free quota.

Rabbits for Sale;

Giant Flemish / Angora cross. Very cute, very cuddly and very tame. They have been lovingly handled by our three children almost daily. \$20 each Phone 878 4430

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