

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



13 October 2016



A very warm spring greeting to all of our families. Earlier this week we were blessed with a warm and sunny day for our Spring Festival. Although we have shifted this festival to a weekday, we were heartened to see so many friends and family joining with us. We were especially happy that the weather played a positive part given the rather wet month we have had.

Class 4 and Class 5 engaged us with their Maypole dancing and music, while surrounded by beautiful and fragrant flowers on the poles prepared by each class. As I did gate duty that morning, I was delighted to see the vast array, and sheer quantity, of flowers and greenery coming through the gate, most of it from home gardens, but I suspect a little 'donated' from overhanging gardens on the way to school!

Nonetheless, as I shared with our community, we are so blessed to live in this region with such a strong horticultural base. We also all need to be aware of the plight of bees both locally, nationally and globally. I fear for our future ecosystems when I see how the ongoing use of some pesticides are wiping out the very creatures that ensure we produce food! While it would be easy to wring our hands and wail, we must be proactive, think globally and act locally. Perhaps you might want to get a bee hive or some bumble bee homes for your garden?

A particular highlight of the Festival was the performance of the 'Mummers' Play by Class 9. Directed by Bede Wright, and written and produced by a small group of the class, this was a witty piece of writing, well prepared and superbly performed. This group organised and prepared themselves, including over the holidays, and are to be commended on the outcome. It certainly fits with the Arts Festival theme we have going on in Hawke's Bay at the moment.

We are now busy preparing for the final stage of our school year which includes our Advent and Christmas seasons, final examinations and graduations; as well as a good deal of preparation for 2017 in terms of staffing, timetable and budget planning. We look forward to a joyful and satisfying conclusion to 2016 – which is not as far away as we may think.

Nga mihi
Carmel Spencer
Principal



Mark your Calendar!

Oct 17	5:00 pm	BOT meeting
Oct 18	7:00 pm	Class 7 DJ Parent Meeting
Oct 18	6:30 pm	Class 6 Parent Meeting
Oct 19	7:30 pm	Class 5 Parent Meeting
Oct 19	7:30 pm	Class 8 Parent Meeting
Oct 25	6:30 pm	Class 2 RA Parent Meeting
Oct 28		Parents Group: Lynda Warren: Recipes for children
Oct 31 - 12Nov		Allsorts Exhibition

SCHOOL NOTICES

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:

October 28 - Lynda Warren: discussion and sharing on nutritious recipes for children. Please bring along your favourite nutritious children's recipes to share as well.

November 11- Kaye Keates: A past parent and past Steiner Kindergarten who now practices as a Medical Herbalist & Nutritionist at Cornucopia - focus to be announced.

Rewena Bread:

Hi all, Josh Achten here, I'm fundraising for my trip to Europe next year, where I hope to pursue my cycling career. I'm selling beautiful fresh Rewena bread every morning from Monday to Friday. I'm bringing the bread to school for pickup, for only \$5 dollars a loaf. Flick me a text or give me a call to order.

Cell phone: 0278710099

Home phone: 06 8748554

Class 2 Fundraising - Flower and Vegetable seedlings:

Are you planning on planting a vegetable garden this season, flowers for spring or swan plants for the Monarch butterfly's? If so please support our Class 2 fundraiser. We are selling Planters Nursery seedlings at \$3 a punnet of six and Swan/Strawberry plants (100 limit) at \$2.50. These will be ready in time for Labour Weekend. Get in quick because our order must be placed this Friday the 16 so please place your order with a Class 2 family, meet us at the Friday market or give me a call. Happy planting everyone.

Janene 8444683 / 0211039563

Abacus Calendars, Cards, Diaries and Note Pads

Perfect for Christmas Gifts!

This week the Lower School classes will have the opportunity to complete art work for individualised cards, calendars etc. (Teachers have been issued correct art paper for the class).

A copy of children's own art work/or photo may be used to produce beautiful greeting cards with envelopes, laminated calendars, diaries or note pads.

Your child will bring home **order forms** this week.

Examples will be on display in the hall foyer from the start of Term 4.

Prices: Art Calendars	\$10	Photo Calendars	\$12
Cards (Pack of 8)	\$12	Diaries	\$15
Kids notepads	\$12	Mouse Mats	\$15



Closing date for orders **Friday, 28 October**.

Further instructions next term. Any queries, please phone Jackie Blair 878 8932

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sports Notices:

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help make the winter sports season a smooth and successful season. I am sure everyone has been thanked appropriately by team members and families.

It is now time to move onto the summer sport options. All students from Classes 4-7 have taken home information on the options available. Please discuss these options with your child, if there are other sports students are interested in that are not listed, please call me or ask your student to come and have a chat.

We have junior volleyball for Classes 8 and 9 as well as some students from the Senior High School participating in other Volleyball HB options.

The first High School, 2017 triathlon team meeting with Carmel late last term was successful. If anyone missed the meeting and would like information please feel free to contact me.

School surfing club will start on Friday November 4, details to follow.

Congratulations to Niamh Jefferson, who has been selected as a finalist in the Hawkes Bay Secondary Schools Sports Awards for female rugby player of the year. Good luck Niamh!

Well done to all of our students who qualified at the Hastings and Districts Schools Cross Country to go on and compete in the Hawkes Bay schools primary and Intermediate cross country.

Congratulations to Finn Barker who placed 2nd in the year 6 boys, a fantastic result, Rene O'Sullivan who placed 4 and Willow Barker who placed 4 in the year 5 girls.

Janet Osborne
Sports Coordinator

Please note the school requires all previous sports costs to be cleared in full before signing up for any new sports. Please refer to the Sports Handbook: How Do You Become Part Of A Taikura Team? If you require a Sports Handbook please see Janet for a copy.

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Board of Trustees Student Election Results 2016

Barker Reid 19

Le Bon Danielle 51

Richardson Antonia 7

I hereby declare Danielle Le Bon duly elected

Student Representative takes office Friday September 23rd 2016

Janet Osborne

Returning Officer



SCHOOL NOTICES

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 info@aheadassociates.co.nz 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.

Photos from The Spring Festival



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Parenting NVC Workshop - Hastings

November 26 and 27 9am to 5pm

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

Filipa Hope filipahope@gmail.com phone 027.451.3445 Cost: \$250

Fête

Signs - We need families that are willing to place a sign out the front of their house? They are no larger than A3 and will ideally be in places with great visibility and traffic. For mapping purposes if you could either text or email me your Name, Phone and Physical Address with a reference to Taikura Fete Signs I'll coordinate getting one to you- Brad Friis – 021 288 3308 or taikurafete@gmail.com Please and thank you!

Donation of Materials - We need materials for decorating the fairy house and the children's shop - cloths, crystals and other ethereal fabrics and decorations. Please be aware we are looking for these things to be donated and won't be tracking and returning them - they will go into the pool and used next year too! Please drop off your donations to the school office where we will be collecting your offerings each day. Thanks!

Helpers at the Fete on the Day (Nov 20th) - We need parents to look after one of the children's activities on the day - approx 2.5 hours each - WE NEED YOU - especially if you have a talent for face painting, hair braiding and hair styles. We'd love to get more representation from the lower school. Please get in touch with Rosheen on 027 777 0756 or email us - taikurafete@gmail.com

Pre-orders of Pea Hay - we're letting these go for \$12 - what a bargain. To place your order text brilliant Bekkie on 027 301 6637 or email us - taikurafete@gmail.com

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

The time has come to sort out and clear your books for the Fete. You can leave them at the office or contact Osha on 0211330213. If you would like to help out on the book stall please don't hesitate to give me a call.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

On Becoming Human:

An exploration of some of the ways we can become better people, better humans.
Four Ideals of our Time:

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 the 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! 7:30 pm start.

Rudolf Steiner Centre, Nelson Street, Hastings

Kairos Centre Term 4 Courses 2016:

The Heart of Art: Strengthening the heart chakra 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: Contact Margaret Mary Farr Ph/txt 0272484193. manawastudio@gmail.com

Facebook: Kairos Artistic Endeavours

Understanding The Agricultural Course

Costs \$235. Friday 6 and 8 pm

Part One: October 14,15,16

Sat and Sun 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Part Two: November 25,26,27

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

Eurhythmy Therapy:

Rudolf Steiner described the effect of fortified, concentrated, therapeutic Eurythmy gestures as very deep and transformative. I started giving Eurythmy in Taikura in 1982 for two years then at Hohepa and in private practice, also working overseas in England and Ireland. I am now offering sessions from my home in Akina Hastings. Contact me at 8733104 John Allison

Car For Sale:

2004 Hyundai Sonata, 167xxx, runs great, no issues, has towbar, rego and wof good till next year. \$2,900, call or text Lara 0220838636.

Hawkes Bay Chiropractic now at 206 Eastbourne Street, Hastings.

"Providing an experience that combines going to see a medical professional and meeting up with an old friend who cares about your well being".

