

# Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



8 December 2016



Dear Taikura Family and Friends

You will have received an email from the chairs of the Board of Trustees and the Trust Board regarding my resignation.

For some time now, I have been considering my professional journey. Subsequently, after much reflection and thought, I have decided that I need to step away from Principalship. When I came to Taikura, I genuinely knew this to be a place of learning to which I could strongly relate. This has proven to be true and I have found the atmosphere and community very welcoming and engaging. It was my intention to commit to a longer term of service to this community. My decision to leave is not in any way a reflection of my opinion of Taikura – it is simply a decision to allow me to move to a different journey in my life, which is what I now know I need to do.

From the beginning of May 2017, I will be taking up a position with the Catholic Education Office of the Palmerston North Diocese in an advisory role in Religious Education and professional support of teachers in the Secondary Colleges of the Diocese. This will cover Taranaki, through Wanganui and Manawatu and across to Hawke's Bay. In this capacity I will be heading back to my 'roots' in education, but I will also be taking all the wonderful things I have learned about Steiner education to my new position.

I will be finishing at the very end of Term 1, 2017. Until then, we are moving on as usual with the planning and running of the myriad of aspects of school life. The school is in very good heart, and it is my intention to ensure that we have chartered and set off on our course for 2017 and that we are well underway on that journey before I depart.

Thank you to all of you who have made me feel so welcome in so many ways. You must never underestimate the value of a kind word, a smile or a piece of friendly advice.

Warm wishes

Carmel Spencer  
Principal

## Mark your Calendar!

Dec 9	12:30 am	Finish	Classes 8 and 9 end of school year. Return for Carol Evening Dec 13
Dec 9	8:45 am		Parents Group - Rosie Simpson - Southern Hemisphere Christmas
Dec 13	7:00 pm		Carol Evening in the Gymnasium at School
Dec 11	7:00 pm		Shepard's Play for Adults
Dec 14	9:20 am		Shepard's Play for the school
Dec 14	12:30 pm		Finish for the year, children may go home

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Dear families,

This year we have used up record amounts of photocopying paper, in particular printing the Grapevine and we would like to reduce this cost to our budget and to our environment. Our request to hear from families who prefer to view this from our website has received limited response and therefore next year we will make a different request, we will be asking you to please let us know if you do wish to have a paper copy provided to you (which we are very happy to do).

We hope to be able to provide a link to the Grapevine via our student management system next year, however this will only accommodate families with children at school. Hopefully this will remind you to have a read through this regular and important communication.

## Parent Handbook 2017

We are also making a slight change to this resource. Families will receive the handbook early in 2017. This resource will remain current throughout 2017 and beyond. Separately you will receive an in-house produced booklet including names, addresses and telephone numbers of our families. Please can you let Adrienne know as soon as possible any changes in address, contact phone numbers and email addresses. This list will be finalized very early in Term 1 from our student management system – we hope that this way we will minimalise errors. The best way to advise the office of these changes is via email to: [office@taikura.school.nz](mailto:office@taikura.school.nz)

Vanessa van Kampen

## Nativity Raffle - Taradale Kindergarten

Congratulations to **Kate Galloway** - the winner of the Nativity raffle from the Fete. Thanks to everyone who supported the kindergarten by buying tickets.

Helen, Taradale Kindergarten

## 'Bee' Safe Wear Shoes:

Its the time of year when the honeybees are busy around our lovely school grounds. They are enjoying the patches of flowering clover in the grasses areas. Please remind your child/children to keep their shoes on when outside to avoid any stings.



The Gardeners Jen and Jo

## Instrument Hire Return

Hi everyone. Could hired instruments now be returned to the school office for checking before the 12 December. Please put your name and contact details inside the case of the instrument and any information I may need to know, for example, if you wish to keep it over the holidays or you've noticed something that may need repair. If you require the instrument back for end of year performances please mention that as well and I will attend to your instrument first. If you have any questions please leave a message for me at the office on 8787 363 and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Many thanks Zahira

## Listen to Class 8 on Radio Kidnappers, Saturday 10 December

Class 8 students will be sharing their views, creative responses and humour about local and current issues, including animal cruelty, water bottling, transport in Hawke's Bay, and climate change.

**What:** Taikura Talks

**When:** 4-5pm Saturday 10 December

**Where:** Tune in to Radio Kidnappers on 1431AM or 104.7FM

**Access them online:** After broadcast date

on <http://www.radiokidnappers.org.nz/downloads.php> then scroll down to Student Zone

# 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.

- December 9 Rosie Simpson - past Taikura principal - Celebrating a Southern Hemisphere Christmas.

I look forward to resuming with the Parents Group next year. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time. Thank you to all our speakers and thank you to all of you have come along! It's been another fun year of learning and growing and community together. Hope to see you Friday and wishing you joy and wonder through the holidays.

Questions and suggestions to Filipa Hope 8799281 / 0274513445

## For Sale From The Music Room:

Five x Casio CTK – 481 Electric keyboards. Has the following features:- 100 tones, 100 rhythms, auto accompaniment, 100-tune song bank, musical information system, MIDI compatibility. \$20 each.

Please contact Zahira on 8787 363

## Thank you From the Music Department

We would like to thank the DeVries family for their donation of a Clarinet and to the person who kindly donated a flute. These are very much appreciated and we look forward to seeing the students enjoying them.

With thanks, Stephen and Zahira

## Abacus Cards and Calenders

Thank you for supporting his fundraiser, your child will have received their order this week. Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.

Jackie Blair (for Class 5)

## Fire and Earthquake Drill

In light of the recent earthquakes around the country we conducted an earthquake and a fire drill. Well done and thank you to the students and staff who responded extremely well, making this drill run smoothly.



## Music Tuition in 2017

The best time to start learning an instrument (including voice) is...NOW. Here are the contact details of our Music tutors for various instruments. Feel free to contact them to set up tuition for next year.

Susan Barham - flute [sebarham@gmail.com](mailto:sebarham@gmail.com) 8771889

Dan Fulton - guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, double bass [danfulton@hotmail.com](mailto:danfulton@hotmail.com) 021 02997053

Campbell Lovatt - classical and folk guitar, ukulele [cb\\_lovatt@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cb_lovatt@xtra.co.nz) 027 3484827

Marion Stronach - violin, viola 8559464

Margot Wuts - voice [margotpierard@gmail.com](mailto:margotpierard@gmail.com) 027 579920

Anton Wuts - saxophone, clarinet, jazz piano [antonwuts@gmail.com](mailto:antonwuts@gmail.com) 027 6418225

We will also be offering other instruments, such as brass (trumpet, trombone), piano, and cello. We will be confirming the tutor's details at the start of 2017.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Marāetotara

Site available for self contained bus/caravan. Scenic 360 degree private views. Metered water, no power, long drop. 31 kms to Havelock Nth post office. \$40 week ph Kaz 8750-341 or 027 33 49 311

## House sit / house minding wanted!

Dear fellow Steiner family/community my name is Jason. My family and I will be holidaying in the North Island of New Zealand from Alice Springs in central Australia. Our kids Lolevia 9, Kiara 6 and Mira 2, all go to the Steiner school in Alice Springs. We are planning to be in your area for either the first or second week of January. If you are planning to go away during this time we can look after your home, feeding and exercising animals and watering plants if you need. We are house proud home owners and are used to having house sitters in our home when we travel. We are tidy people and will respectfully look after your home returning it to you in at least as good a condition as you left it in.

Please contact us on: [aussisurfdude@hotmail.com](mailto:aussisurfdude@hotmail.com) or PH: +61 8 89 53 28 63

Thank You very much.

The Trevers Family

## The Drama Workshop

"Summer Holiday Drama Programs. December: 20 - 22; January: 24 - 26. Make a play in three days with The Drama Workshop. Build confidence, learn about acting technique and meet new friends! Havelock North. To book:

<http://http://thedramaworkshop.co.nz/play-on/>"

**THE Drama WORKSHOP**  
Theatre, Television & Screen

**Summer Holiday Programs 2016/2017**

At: 'The Green Room' Bennelong Place, Havelock North.

Times: 9:00 - 5:00 (Can drop off at 8:45)

Cost: \$180 +gst for 3 days.  
2 or 3 children from one family, \$150 +gst each!  
Deposit of \$50 required to confirm place.

Join in the fun of creating a play in 3 days. Build confidence, learn about acting technique and meet new friends. For children aged 7 to 13 yrs.

**Pre-Christmas:**  
"I'm in a Fairytale, Get Me Out of Here" by Paul Cockcroft  
Tuesday 20 Dec, Wednesday 21 Dec and Thursday 22 December 2016

**January:**  
"Merlin the Magician" retold by Stewart Aulby  
Tuesday 24 Jan, Wednesday 25 Jan and Thursday 26 January 2017

**To Book:**  
[www.thedramaworkshop.co.nz](http://www.thedramaworkshop.co.nz)  
[classes@thedramaworkshop.co.nz](mailto:classes@thedramaworkshop.co.nz)  
Enquiries: 0274585438

## Situation Vacant

CLASS 6 (Y7) 2017 TEACHER

We are looking for an experienced Waldorf classroom practitioner to take over this class from Term 1 2017, and deliver a rich curriculum based in the performing, visual, social and practical arts, and facilitate robust academic outcomes for our tamariki.

An understanding of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi is essential, as is NZ teacher registration (or the proven ability to become a NZ registered teacher).

For an application pack please phone (0064) 04 299 0812, or e-mail [office@tera.school.nz](mailto:office@tera.school.nz)



## Opportunity to attend an Opera

Next February on Thursday 16 in the late afternoon there will be an opportunity for students to attend the opera, Carmen, at the Napier Municipal Theatre.

Please pencil this in and get a permission slip from Frances next year to ensure you get a seat for this very exciting show. Many students from local high schools will be on the stage as well as making up the audience.

## Community Notices

These will be the last community notices for this year. Our next issue is for school notices only. We look forward to hearing from you all next year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Season Greetings and a safe and memorable holiday.

