

## Special Character Events at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School & Kindergartens

If you are interested in finding out more about the Special Character of the school and kindergarten, the following events are held throughout the year and are open to anyone interested in Rudolf Steiner education.

Please check out our school newsletter (Grapevine) which is published weekly (Thursday) for information on upcoming events, copies of the Grapevine can be accessed on the school website. Events may need to be modified, cancelled or have restricted attendance depended on the current Covid19 Alert Level at the time, so please check the website/Grapevine for the most up to date information.

### *Festivals*

Seasonal and Christian festivals are celebrated within our kindergarten and school. Autumn Harvest, Spring, Christmas Carol Evening and Shepherds Play are celebrated with the wider community.

- Autumn Harvest: March
- Spring Festival: September
- Shepherds Play: December
- Carol Evening: December

### *Community Assemblies*

Community assemblies offer a glimpse into the activities and learning of each of the year levels, along with giving the students the opportunity to share their learning with both peers, family & the community.

- Term 1: April
- Term 3: September

### *Class 8 & Class 12 Projects*

In these classes the students undertake a full year of independent research in a wide range of topics. These are presented to the community in the second half of the year.

- Class 12: End of Term 3
- Class 8: Week 9, Term 4

### *School Tours*

Tours of the Lower and High School are held once a term. All families are encouraged to attend a tour before their first child starts at the school. Places are limited, so please contact the school office to book in, dates for this year are:

- Term 1: 1 March 2021
- Term 2: 31 May 2021
- Term 3: 6 September 2021
- Term 4: 15 November 2021

### *Waiata Mai*

Waiata Mai is held every Thursday at 12.30pm during term time, and is open to anyone keen to come and learn the waiata our tamariki sing at school

### *Class Plays & Performances*

Most classes are involved in plays and are presented throughout the year. Those that are available for the community to attend will be advertised in the Grapevine.

### *Rudolf Steiner Playgroups*

Held weekly in Hastings and Taradale for parents and young children. Spaces are limited, please contact Enrolments Registrar for information.

- Hastings – two sessions Tuesday & Wednesday morning
- Taradale – one session Monday morning

### *Special Character Talks*

The school and kindergarten run talks throughout the year on a variety of topics related to our Special Character such as Eurythmy, Nutrition, Nursing therapies and Steiner Education for new families. Topics vary each year and we are always open to hear new suggestions and ideas for talks.

### *Coffee Mornings*

Regular Friday morning talks are held and open to all community members including those on the waiting list. Parents are invited to arrive early to join others for a cuppa before the talk begins. A wide range of topics are covered, talks are informal and you are welcome to bring babies and toddlers.

### *Taikura Fete*

The fete is culmination of the creativity, dedication, generosity and skill of the entire body of families, children and staff at the school. The fete is the major fundraising event at the school and is held in November each year.

### *Anthroposophical Library (Rudolf Steiner Centre, 500 Nelson Street North, Hastings)*

The library contains books on Rudolf Steiner Education and Taikura Rudolf Steiner School has helped to develop a parenting section. It is open Wednesdays during school term time: 11.00am – 3.00pm. Located opposite Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, the entrance is off Whitehead Road. Non-members of the society are able to borrow book for a small charge.

#### Recommended Reading:

- Childhood - A Study of the Growing Child (C. von Heydebrand)
- First Three Years of the Child (K. Konig)
- You Are Your Child's First Teacher (R. Baldwin Dancy)
- Completing the Circle (T. Poplawski)
- Education Through Art; the Steiner School Approach (A. Nobel)
- Spiritual Basis of Steiner Education (R. Wilkinson)