



Attendance Dues and Donations

Over the past month, James and I have visited most class parent meetings on behalf of The Proprietors Trust. We thank the class teachers for allowing us to share their meetings with them. It has been great to get to meet our community in their space, answer questions and provide some feedback on how each class is doing with meeting their special character contributions (donations).

Each class receives the information differently, and there are some interesting and exciting ideas out in our community - which we are looking forward to exploring further. There are questions which come up in most classes so we thought it would be a good idea to consolidate these.

What is the difference between Attendance dues and Donation (Special Character contribution)?

Taikura is a state - integrated school, this means the Ministry of Education (MOE), pays for some teachers and some maintenance of the school, the balance - ownership / purchase of the buildings, maintenance and additional staff has to be funded by the parents. There are two streams of revenue: Attendance Dues which is based on the level of debt (mortgages) carried by the school – (debt is created by purchasing buildings, upgrading existing buildings, or building new spaces). The school needs to carry a level of debt because the MOE does not pay for buildings in the same way it does for State schools.

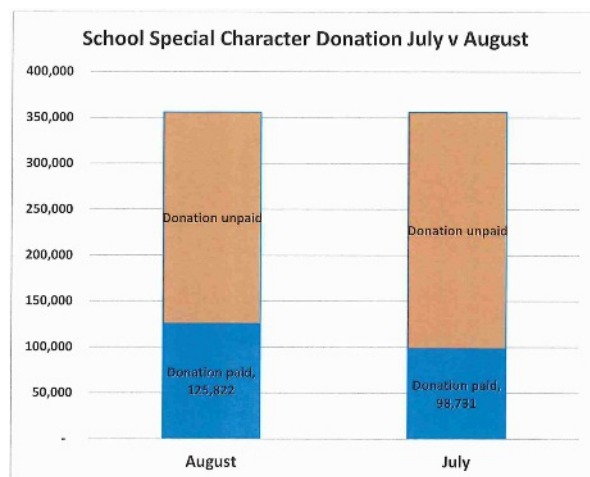
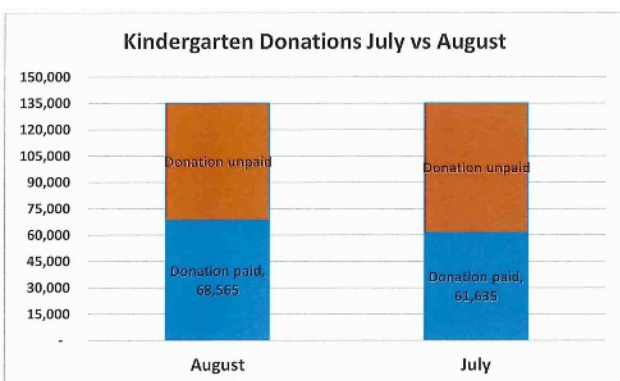
The Donation portion pays for the 'extra'. It is that piece that makes Taikura special, from extra staff, to the grounds, to the curriculum, to the buildings, to all the things that we as parents want for our children that is different from a state school, it is in a nutshell the reason we chose this education for our children. This is what the donation contributes to.

Donations are tracking at below 50% (\$180k from a possible \$400k). What does this mean? It means we need to have conversations. It means that we (as the parent body) are not keeping our part of the special character agreement, it means that hard decisions will need to be made by the Boards and the Management of the school.

What about compulsory fees at Kindergarten? And how much would these be?

This is a strong possibility as the Special Character contribution (donation) model is not generating enough to cover the costs of Kindergarten. The compulsory amount would be a similar amount to the current requested donation.

Aimee Hawke
On Behalf of The Proprietors Trust



Mark Your Calendar

August 31	8:45 am - 9:00 am start
September 5	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
September 6	11:00 am-12:30 pm
September 11	12:30 pm - 1:15 pm
September 14	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
September 14	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
September 19	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
September 21	All Day
September 22 and 23	All Day
September 25	12:30 pm - 1:15 pm
September 27	10:50 am
October 17	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
October 17	7:00 pm
October 23	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- David Urieli - The End Of Faust Part 1 by Goethe
- High School Information Evening - Level 3 TH
- Community Assembly - Hall
- French Conversation Group - Music Room
- Spring Dance Classes 5 & 6 - School Hall
- Spring Dance Classes 7 & 8 - School Hall
- Class 8 Parents Evening
- Class 12 Projects Display
- Class 12 Projects Speeches
- French Conversation Group - Music Room
- Spring Festival - Shared Lunch 12:30 pm
- Class 10 Parent Evening - Art Room Taikura House
- Class 5 Parent Evening - Class 5
- Class 11 Parent Evening - IT Room

SCHOOL NOTICES

Taikura Parents Group

All School Community Welcome - Including those on the waiting list.

Please come along and enjoy the opportunity to meet other parents and staff from our school in a relaxed and supportive environment. All meetings are baby/toddler friendly and you are welcome to bring them along and come and go as you need. Gatherings are held at the Hastings Taikura Kindergarten community space. Guest speakers begin at 9:00 am with tea and coffee available from 8:45 am.

Our next meetings:

- **September 14:** Margaret Mary Farr, **will be held at her studio** 100 Eastbourne St W Hastings - upstairs and opposite Women Centre. Local artist and highly regarded teacher of Art Therapy.

Any offerings, suggestions or questions please contact: Filipa Hope 027 4513445 filipahope@gmail.com

Public Health Nurse

Sandy our Public Health Nurse will be at school on the following days:

3 September, and 17 September at 12:30 pm

The venue will be level three of Taikura House in Lesley's office. Text or just show up for an appointment.

Sandy O'Shea | Public Health Nurse, Child Health Team Hawke's Bay District Health Board

Text or phone call on 027 2349379 or 8799440 Or email sandy.o'shea@hbdhb.govt.nz

French Conversation Group - Soirées de Conversation

French conversation group dates for the remainder of Term 3: Held in the music room from 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm Tuesday 11 September and Tuesday 25 September.

Cello Lessons Available

Hillary Baker, our itinerant cello teacher has two spaces available for lessons. If your child is interested in learning the cello, please feel free to contact her on 027 442 1212. Cellos are available for hire through the school if required. If you have any questions about other instruments for hire or teachers available, please contact me at school on 878 7363. Regards Zahira

Kindergarten Relief Teachers Needed

We are looking for Relief Teachers for our two kindergartens. If you are interested please send your CV and a covering letter outlining your availability to Erika Potter (erika.potter@taikura.school.nz) or Jan McKinley (jan.mckinley@taikura.school.nz) at the School Office.

Class 10 Fundraiser

Spring Dance 2018 - Friday 14 September

Classes 5 & 6 – 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Tickets \$10 to be purchased from Karyn Wills

Classes 7 & 8 – 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm

Snacks and drinks included.



Kids Art Works - Calendars, cards & more.

Coming soon - For the 11th year! 'Kids Art Works' (formerly 'Abacus') personalised and affordable Christmas gifts! Your child's own art or photograph may be used to create beautiful laminated calendars, greeting cards with envelopes, diaries, sketch pads or mouse mats.

Prices:	Art Calendar	\$12	Photo Calendar	\$12	Cards (pack of 8)	\$12
	Sketch Pad	\$14	Mouse Mat	\$15	Diary	\$16

This week the lower school teachers will receive the art paper on which the children will complete their drawing. If you have an existing work of art you wish to use please contact me for more details as some specific conditions apply.

From the 2nd week of **term 4:**

- **Art work will be available for viewing** in a blue box in your child's classroom.
- Examples of **products will be on display** in the hall foyer.
- **Order forms will be sent home** (spare order forms available from the office).

Closing date for orders: **FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER**. Further instructions next term.

Any queries please contact Iris Nobel 873 4035.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Family News - PFA (Whanau Group)

Our school has an extraordinary parent and teaching body who contribute in many ways to support our school. Often these happen silently and humbly. So the PFA have put together a directory of all the groups operating within and around the school that provide support in various ways to the school. The purpose of the directory is to create a space where parents, teachers and other interested parties can see what is going on in the school and where they can help or be helped.

Starting this week, we will share each group's mission and requirements. If there is something you feel you can contribute towards please feel free to put your hand out, if you are a member of a group you feel should be included in this directory, please contact someone in the PFA.

Title: Parents and Families Association (Whanau Group)

Main Contact Person: Ruth Strong - contactthespace@gmail.com

Mission Statement/vision:

Our children are at the centre of our aspirations... ko ā tātou tamariki (each child is the responsibility of us all). Our children are held by whanau who in turn are held by the wider school community – a community that is willingly and actively engaged with the school.

Group Structure:

Loose committee meeting when required. New members or curious/concerned community welcome.

Primary Goals:

- to support parents to have knowledge of the special character of our school
- to support efficient communication between school and community
- to support our teachers so they can do what they do best
- to support our parents to engage with children and our children to engage with community
- to support our board, and senior management, to achieve the greater objectives of the school

Current Projects:

Consult on the possible implementation of a social media style school and community communication system??
Weekly parent morning tea and 'catch-up'. Creating a space within the school where parents can connect.

Create Community Business Directory.

Create a 'Taikura Directory' of the many groups within Taikura which support Taikura.

Support and help to implement the delivery of lecture/talk series to build Waldorf pedagogy and Anthroposophical knowledge within our parent body.

Facilitate the creation of a parent/caregiver gift to the school of a mandala/community 'tree'

Waitangi day family picnic

Future dreams:

Create a parent space within the school grounds

Encourage and support parent-led initiatives

Survey parent body on specific matters to determine community wants and needs

Provide support and funds for teachers in their special goals and projects

Services Offered:

Community building within the parent/caregiver body.

Support for teachers/administration/parents to achieve their goals within the school.

The 'citizen's advice bureau' of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School.

Help Needed:

Anyone with will and enthusiasm to help build school community.

Weekly baking for the teachers (can be rostered)

IT skills, ie creating surveys, assisting in the implementation of communication system, etc

Communication skills, speaking to class parent groups to help engage with school activities.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Class 10 Fundraiser

Honey Wax Wraps ORDER NOW for Thursday 1 November delivery Orders close Thursday 18 October 2018

- Handmade in Northland using pure cotton, local beeswax, tree resin and organic coconut oil.
- Replaces plastic wrap! Use to cover cut produce, cheeses, bowls, snacks and sandwiches.
- Made in small batches, each design is a limited edition.
- With proper care and use, each wrap will last for around a year.
- Each wrap is compostable once it's lost it's cling.
- Clean with cold water, a soft cloth and mild soap.
- Not recommended for hot food, raw meat or pineapple.
- Small – 18 cm x 20 cm - covers half an avocado, small bowls and snacks. (Only available as part of a set.)
- Medium – 27 cm x 31 cm – covers a single sandwich, small bun, medium bowls, small blocks of cheese, cut fruit and veges. (\$10 each)
- Large – 33 cm x 35 cmm – covers a large sandwich, 1 kg of cheese, ½ pumpkin, large salad bowl. (\$12 each)
- Multi-pack – one each of a small, medium and large wrap. (\$25.00 each)
- Feel free to ask your friends and family to buy some too!

Please include a completed order form and the exact money in a sealed envelope to Karyn Wills in the Edwin Ayre building. Cheques to be made out to: 'Taikura 2009 Account'

HONEY WAX WRAPS



Honey Wax Wraps Fundraiser

Fundraiser Name:	<i>Clayton</i>
Child's Name:	

HONEY WAX WRAPS



Name:	Medium \$10	Large \$12	Multi set \$25	Total value
			Total	
				\$

Your wraps will be delivered in 5-15 working days once you have paid and returned the form to your fundraising coordinator

- SMALL: covers half avocado, small bowls and snacks (18x20cm)
- MEDIUM: covers single sandwich, medium bowls, small blocks of cheese, cut fruit and veges (27x31cm)
- LARGE: covers a large sandwich, 1kg cheese, 1/2 pumpkin, large salad bowl (33x35cm)
- MULTI SET: 1x large, 1x medium, 1x small.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Paint Meditate And Reflect

On The 21 Qualities of the Goddess Tara. Saturday 6 October 9am -5pm.

Initially you will be led in a painting exercise. Relating Tara's enlightening qualities to your own life experience, you will be facilitated to create your own picture and share your insights with the group. No previous experience in art expected. Cost \$150 incl. art materials and tea breaks. Please bring lunch to share and a journal. For more information contact Eva Urieli: 81 Rothowhenua Rd, Poraiti, Napier. evaurieli@gmail.com, 8786028, 02102771201

Art Class For Teenager 13-18 Years

Explore and research your own images. Try out different art techniques, gallery visits, story time.

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:45 pm. At the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson Street Hastings. \$18 per lesson, commitment for one term. Contact Eva Urieli < evaurieli@gmail.com > 878 6028 or text 02102771201

Art Therapy For All Ages

Individual sessions: To foster self-esteem and self confidence, mitigate emotional issues, balance the constitution, relieve negative behaviour patterns, encourage creativity, review life situations and belief systems, learn to accept ones biography. Contact: Eva Urieli < evaurieli@gmail.com > 878 6028 or text 02102771201

Wanted

Quality goods for a fundraising garage sale. Please drop off any good useable goods around at the back porch of The Christian Community, 617 Heretaunga street East. For any enquiries please contact Martin on email.mallow@gmail.com Thank you.

Earth First

Taruna college is offering a series of workshops for the month of September.

Compost Making: Sunday 1 September 9:30-4:30pm with Rachel Pomeroy and Jen Speedy.

Bee-keeping and Biodynamic Preparations: Sunday 8 September 5:30-11:30 am with Gui Vilhena and Hermann Veluwenkamp.

The Stars Above and Maori Star Lore: Sunday 15 September 1:00-8:00 pm with Nathan Foote and Rachel Pomeroy.

Vege and Fruit-tree care: Sunday 22 September 10:00-4:00 pm with Clare Buckner and Gui Vilhena.

All workshops are \$145 each and include refreshments and a light meal.

Registrations can be made through info@taruna.ac.nz or call 8777174



Organic Oranges

Jamie Wheeler (Class 9SM) is selling oranges to raise \$\$ for her student exchange to Germany next year.

\$5 for 2kg of sweet juicy seedless yumminess... ripened by the sun and picked with love from an organic orchard in Wairoa... Köstlich! jamiewheeler0035@gmail.com 022 474 8785

Baby Sitting

Hi my name is Rose Brooker I am 15 and live in Bayview. I am looking for casual or permanent baby sitting in Napier or the surrounding area including Taradale. Please contact me on 027 501 4820.

House needed urgently

Seeking a house to rent ideally through a private landlord in Hastings, Havelock or surrounding area. Please contact Rachel 0211282810

Calling all old Mobile Phones

Help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways.

It would be great if you could have one last rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones before the end of term.

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.