



### Turning Over A New Leaf

As you are hopefully more than aware, the way we, as a society, manage our rubbish and our recycling has become unsustainable. There are countless videos of our oceans filled with plastic, of landfills overflowing with waste and stories of recycling being shipped off to who knows where. New Zealand's 100% Pure reputation has taken a severe battering, but slowly steps are being taken to attempt to address the issues that are causing so much harm to the environment: Some supermarkets are no longer supplying plastic bags, people are buying their coffees in reusable cups, and at Countdown you can now recycle soft plastic. This is all a start.

Richly woven through the Steiner curriculum is a deep love and reverence for Mother Nature, alongside this is the notion of lifelong kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of the environment. It is therefore essential that Taikura children become aware of the impacts of their decisions and take responsibility in caring for their kura and their local environment. We take this very seriously and think it's high time for some positive change to take place within our own kura in the hope that this will sow the seed for change within the greater community.

There's a big shake up happening in the way Taikura deals with its waste and recycling and it is being led by our own tamariki. Apple cores were sneaking their way into recycling bins, yoghurt pots hiding in rubbish bins and paper floating amongst the rubbish. The Lower School is in need of a serious environmental re-education and the Rainbow Warriors have taken up the challenge. The Lower School is striving to make sure that "rubbish" is disposed of correctly and doing their utmost to learn to be sustainable Kiwis. The Rainbow Warriors are making sure that recycling, rubbish and compost end up in the right place and are trying to educate their classmates at the same time. The Rainbow Warriors and the Lower School are the beginning of a school-wide initiative to ultimately become a zero-waste school.

To this end, we are asking parents to consider what goes into lunch boxes and to look at ways to reduce the amount of potential rubbish that goes into them. We will be asking children to take any rubbish they bring to school, home with them. This will hopefully make the children much more aware of how they contribute to landfill and see how much of an impact a Zero-Waste Lunchbox can have over a year.

Whatungarongaro te tangata toitū te whenua



### Mark Your Calendar

October 26	8:30 am - 9:00 am start	Art Therapy - Eva-Maria Urieli - Taikura Parent Group
October 29	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Library
October 31	7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening
October 31	6:00 pm	Classes 4CY and 4TM Parent Evening
November 5-9	All Day	NZCSE Exams
November 6	6:30 pm	Class 2 Parent Evening
November 7	7:00 pm	Class 3 Parent Evening
November 9	8:30 am - 9:00 am start	What's the Connection? - Herman Veluwkamp - TPG
November 18	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Taikura School Fête
November 21	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Community Meeting Whole School and Kindergarten
November 29	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Evening - Library
December 7	11:00 am	Class 12 Cushion Concert
December 12	6:30 pm	Class One 2019 - Parent Evening
December 18	7:00 pm	Carol Evening - School Hall

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## ' Kids Art Works'

### Calendars, Cards And More.

By now all the children should have completed their art work at school, and this week will hopefully have brought home order forms. Please check school bags if you have not received these. Spare order forms available from the office if required.

As of this week art work will be available for viewing in a blue box in your child's classroom and examples of products will be on display in the hall foyer. **Closing date for orders: FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER.**

**TO ORDER:** Please fill out a **separate order form for each child** and place these, along with payment, in an envelope marked 'Calendar Orders' or 'Kids Art Works' and deliver to the school office. The office **does not carry change** so please ensure you bring the correct amount in cash. Cheques can be made out to 'cash' or 'Aroha Children' with a name and phone no. on the back please.

If placing an online photo order, please make sure to note down the reference number they give you and write it on your order form.

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

Any queries please contact Iris Nobel 873 4035

## 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:

- October 26: Art Therapy Introducing the theme of art therapy by doing a short and easy colour exercise with the group while sharing some images from my art therapy practice. Presented by Eva-Maria Urieli.
- November 9: Biodynamics, Anthroposophy, and Science - What's the connection? Herman Veluwenkamp - Taikura School Parent.

Any offerings, suggestions or questions please contact: Filipa Hope 027 4513445 [filipahope@gmail.com](mailto:filipahope@gmail.com)

## Radio Opportunity for a High School Student

Ever thought about having your very own Radio Show? Radio Kidnappers is offering an opportunity for a student from classes 10 thru 12 to have their own show for 3 to 6 months. Our studios are just above the school office. If you wish to know more please contact Lara on 878-8710 or email [lara@radiokidnappers.org.nz](mailto:lara@radiokidnappers.org.nz)

## From the Proprietors Trust

The Proprietors met at the close of term three and we are pleased to welcome Craig Riddeford who has joined us, increasing our membership to six. Craig is a Chartered Accountant and we welcome his financial expertise. Over the years, he has been connected with Taikura through his work with the Ruth Nelson Trust. For those who do not know of the Ruth Nelson Trust, it is named after one of the founding owners of our school. For many years, the trust has supported Taikura with annual donations. Speaking of donations, we are pleased to see a slight increase in donations from families, and thank you for making that extra effort that supports the education of our children and students.

Sue Simpson  
Chairperson

## Spare Pastels Wanted

Hi, I am Tamaki Shimaoka of Class 8.

For my Class 8 project I am doing 3-D ground art in pastel. For this I am seeking pastel donations. If these could please be dropped off at the office it would be hugely appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Family News

Our school has an extraordinary parent and teaching body who contribute in many ways to support our school. Often these happen silently and humbly.

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.

Each week we will share a 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:** Liaison parents group

**Main Contact Person:** Kelly Sutton

### **Mission Statement:**

A parental role, taken on for one year, which offers vital support to the community and the teaching staff. Teachers experience the capacity of parents over the years to weave together a kete that embraces and carries the children. This is the social fabric that will carry the class through the challenges of adolescence. Success relies on all of the children being held in the parent's consciousness, not just their own child.

### **Group Structure:**

Termly meetings between all class liaison parents and the leaders of the Lower School and High School.

### **Liaison parent responsibilities:**

- Providing a channel for information between the class teacher and the parents
- Maintaining regular contact with the class teacher and offering pro-active assistance
- Helping the teacher organise parent evenings, assisting to set the agenda and taking the minutes (or delegating if unable to attend)
- Being familiar with the parent handbook in order to assist others
- Supporting festivals and organising rosters where needed, e.g. Whitsun
- Working together with the class treasurer to oversee the class bank account
- Helping to develop class fundraising initiatives (though not carrying the responsibility)
- Enlisting parent support for class outings, camps and working bees
- Helping to facilitate or organise social events or off-site meetings between parents and ensuring the teacher is kept informed of these gatherings
- Welcoming new families into the class and facilitating their integration into the school community
- Facilitating and organising class participation in the school fete, held every November. Co-ordinating rosters and food stall management
- Attending termly liaison parent meetings
- Handing over the role to a new Liaison parent for the coming year in Term 4 and attending the Term 4 meeting together to facilitate a smooth handover

The role of Liaison parent is not one of problem solving or mediation. Where there are parent questions or concerns that cannot be easily answered or dealt with, they should be directed to the Teacher, Lower School or High School Associate Principal, or Principal.

## Can You Help Us?

We are looking for a team of artistic parents to help create an artwork to enhance the school. This will be a fun project a parent group can create together to gift to the school. Contact Ruth [Contactthespace@gmail.com](mailto:Contactthespace@gmail.com)



*When human beings meet together seeking the spirit with unity of purpose then they will also find their way to each other.*  
Rudolf Steiner

## Taikura Fête Sunday 18 November 2018

Fête is creeping up on us again. With less than a month to go, it's time to get busy. Please clear the date in your calendar now. Taikura Fête is an accomplishment of the creativity, dedication, generosity and skill of the entire body of families, children and staff. By opening our school to the wider Hawkes Bay community we offer something of our school's special character that endures beyond the festivities' conclusion. As a state-integrated school, Taikura Rudolf Steiner School receives no funding for school facilities. These are funded from within the school community. Taikura Fête is the most important fundraising event at our school.

## Your Participation

Taikura Fête depends on EVERY whanau's help and participation. There are many ways to contribute according to our individual skill and ability.

## Crafting

Small handcrafted items are needed for sale in the Children's Shop. There should be no less than 15 of each craft item in the shop, but ideally 20-40. Crafts should reflect the special character of the school and be made from natural materials as far as is possible. Completed items can be dropped to the Taikura Kindergarten Parent Room.

## Class Food Stalls

Each class is allocated one food item at the Real Food Market. This is where the bulk of the income from the Fête is generated. Your class is responsible for sourcing ingredients, following recipes, preparing food in a safe environment and storing food hygienically in advance of the Fête. Food Coordinator Suzan Bart will advise Liaison Parents about what is required. For more information, call Suzan on 021 206 59 09 or email [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com)

## Natural Materials

We still need natural materials- seeds, shells, decorative grasses, dried flowers for the Clay Play activity. Please drop to the Office.

## Face Painters & Hair Braiders Needed

Are you a budding artist? Or perhaps you are crafty or good with your hands? If so, please consider volunteering to paint faces or braid hair at the Fête. These are popular stalls and make a big impression. Training can be provided. If you are artistically inclined and would like to try your hand, contact Rosheen 027 777 07 59 or email [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com)

## Calling All Musicians

Classical Musicians needed for entertainment in the Devonshire Tea Room, and the Class 1 Playground area. Parents or students who play piano, violin or another soothing instrument please volunteer an hour or so of your time. Contact Suzan on 021 206 59 09 or email [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com)

## On Fête Day

Rather than attempting to give a little to each of our children's classes or kindergarten groups, we ask that each parent or whanau spend half of fête day working on just one stall and the other half enjoying the fête. If you have a special skill, such as face painting, hair braiding, or horse handling please volunteer preferentially for these activities.

**Shifts for Children's Activities are: Morning: 9:45am-12:30pm                      Afternoon: 12:30pm-3:15pm.**

### Shifts for Food Stalls are:

**Set Up/Serve: 9:30am-11:30am              Lunchtime: 11:30am-1:30pm              Serve/Pack Down: 1:30pm-3:30pm**

A roster for Food Stall shifts is available online now. A link will be distributed through Liaison Parents. If you have volunteered at a stall in the past and are willing to do so again, please let us know by email at [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com) or you can call Rosheen on 027 777 07 59.

# SCHOOL NOTICES



## He pito kōrero!

- **Whiringa-ā-nuku 1. (personal noun)** fifth month of the Māori year - approximately equivalent to October.
- A time of the year when the earth has become quite warm. Planting of crops began. Tipu from the kūmara are propagated.

To learn more about Te Tātai arorangi – Māori Astronomy there is a Facebook page that Dr Rangī Mātāmua has created: 'Living by the Stars with Professor Rangī Mātāmua'. He has a live feed that he gives every Monday at 7.30. This page is open to everyone.

### Kiwaha – Idiom/colloquial saying:

- **Marika** (*Mar dee car*) - Enthusiastic agreeance.
- **Tangi:** "White Night was awesome in Ahuriri on Saturday night!"
- **Hemi:** "Marika!"



## French Conversation Group

Unfortunately as Stasia is studying for her final Class 12 exams she will not be able to run French conversation group this term, but we would love to invite all current and past group attendees to a final group lunch on Tuesday 4 December. If any older students with experience in French language are keen to take up the coordination of this group this term and in the future, please be in touch with Stasia at school or email [kura.kura.rutherford@gmail.com](mailto:kura.kura.rutherford@gmail.com)

## Class One Fundraiser



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