The vine Grapevine Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



Taikura Kindergartens

Korihi te manu Takiri mai te ata Ka ao, ka ao, ka awatea Tehei mauriora

The birds sing The morning has broken It is dawn, it is light, it is broad daylight Behold, there is life

Our kindergartens are an important part of our school community where for many children the journey through our kindergarten / school starts. Presently we have four kindergarten rooms Magnolia and Willow at Taikura Kindergarten, Kowhai and Pounamu room at Kereru Kindergarten. Each room is housing 18 - 20 children between the age of 3.5 and 6.5. The Charitable Trust and School Management together with whanau and teachers have made a commitment to provide two qualified teachers in a full time position for each room. During 2018 we faced many changes with long standing teachers changing direction and we were able to have relief teachers holding the positions while we were working to finalise the new structure.

This year is a new beginning for our kindergartens. It is with great pleasure to be able to introduce our new permanent teachers for our kindergarten team.

Ngā mihi, nā Corrie Levick

Leah Browning

Kia ora koutou, I have been a qualified teacher for 15 years. I completed my Diploma of Teaching in Early Childhood Education in 2004 and then later upgraded to the Bachelor of Teaching in Early Childhood Education in 2012.

I have previously undertaken various roles within the early childhood education sector including, Education and Care Services, Home Based Visiting Teacher, private and state Kindergartens and have recently been appointed as full time teacher here at Kereru Kindergarten. I am excited to begin this new journey at Kereru Kindergarten and have a strong passion for play based learning and allowing the child to develop in their own time, embracing diversity and uniqueness. I look forward to working alongside you and your tamariki.



Debs Templer

Kia Ora Whanau, my name is Debs Templer and I am teaching in the Pounamu room. I have a Bachelor of Teaching - Early Childhood degree and have been teaching for over 10 years now. I discovered Waldorf Education whilst I was studying and it just aligned with my own personal and teaching philosophy perfectly. I worked previously at Miro House Steiner Kindergarten in Hamilton for 4 years before moving to the Hawkes Bay, where I have been relieving at Taikura Kindergarten for the past 2 or so years and then moving to find my space at Kereru Kindergarten. I have three lovely children at Taikura School and we are all enjoying being part of our community. I look forward to getting to know you all and spend time with your wonderful children.



Nga mihi, Debs

Bridget Berlin

I tipu ahau i raro i te maunga Paparaka I tipu ahau i taha o te awa Moanu anu anu Ko Whangamāta toku tūrangawaewae No Heretaunga ahau e noho ana Ko Bridget Berlin ahau

I worked in a Steiner kindergarten in Tauranga for three years before moving with my family to Hawkes Bay in 2003 to be house parents at Hōhepa Poraiti. In 2013 we moved to Hastings and I was fortunate to work with the kindergarten teachers in the creation of Kererū kindergarten. I was an assistant, reliever and co-teacher at Kererū and after six years there I am excited to be at Taikura with Emma and the rest of the team. I have one child at Taikura School and two who are past students.





He pito kõrero!

Waiata Mai

Tēnā tātou e te whānau, ngā mihi o te tau hou!

Every Thursday lunchtime we gather in the whare, in the company of Matua Troy, to connect in with what our children are doing at school, to build relationships within community, to learn, to laugh and to feed our souls with the magic that we make with our voices.

Te reo Māori me ona tikanga is a significant part of the heritage of our land...and therefore a part of the heritage of each and every one of us.

Tō tātou reo tō tātou ohooho.

Tō tātou reo tō tātou māpihi maurea.

He reo rangatira. He rākai ataahua.

This language that belongs to us all, is a precious treasure. It is unique and a thing of great beauty that we, the people of Aotearoa NZ, can adorn ourselves with.

Waiata Mai offers us an opportunity to connect with things Māori... regardless of our lineage, regardless of our ability to kōrero Māori. All are welcome.

Na reira, nau mai hoki mai, nau mai haere mai ki te Waiata Mai.

Nā Tracey Wheeler (School parent)

Kīwaha o te wikiKīwaha of the week!

Kia pai mai hoki! (key ah pie my hor key) That's fantastic! How neat is that!

Hemi: Guess where we're going this week? Te Matatini!

Rangi: Kia pai mai hoki!

He pito kōrero is a space dedicated to celebrating and promoting Te Reo me ōna Tikanga



Welcome Coffee Morning

Friday 1 March At 9:00am Taikura Kindergarten

A warm welcome to new and existing parents in both the school and kindergarten. Please join us for our first Coffee morning on Friday 1 March, 8:45am for a 9:00am start at Taikura Kindergarten, morning tea is provided.

Please do not be shy to come along and meet with parents and Pippa Caccioppoli, an ex-student and current parent and Principal at Taikura. Our informal talks are child friendly for babies and toddlers. All community members are welcome including those on the waiting list.

Any queries about the parents group please call Filipa on 0274513445.

Finance Update For Parents And Caregivers

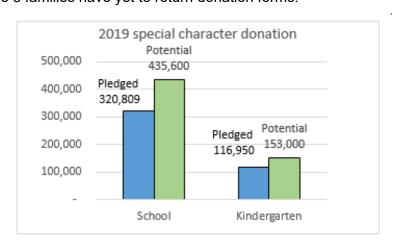
Over the past two years the BoT have worked towards changing sundries from a bulk charge to a detailed list of charges covering stationary, camps and class consumables which complies with Ministry requirements. This year we introduced two types of stationery packs, a general and a Special Character pack (Lower School). The special character pack includes main lesson books, lyra pencils, crayons and paint brushes (which vary between year levels based on the curriculum).

You would have also seen on your child's school charges list and your statement the Curriculum Resource Donation, which was previously known as the BoT donation. As an Integrated school we are funded by the Ministry for a basic state education however the funding we receive is not always enough to provide resources for the delivery of our Special Character Curriculum. To support this, the Curriculum Resource Donation will replenish our school's curriculum resources and support learning programmes. The donation is \$100 and is eligible for the tax credit rebate.

During the summer break Proprietors Trustees, James Taylor and Aimee Hawke, contacted families that are yet to return Special Character Donation forms. Special character donations come to the school via the Proprietors Trust who as well as having responsibility for our school buildings are also the guardians of our Special Character. As well as ensuring that our buildings are maintained these donations are used to fund our many Special Character elements which are not covered by our state based Ministry funding.



Looking towards the year ahead, the total potential of Special Character donations for the school is \$435,600. To date, school families have pledged \$320,809. This does not include the 44 families that are yet to return pledge forms. The kindergarten Special Character donations potential is \$153,000. Kindergarten families have pledged \$116,950, while 8 families have yet to return donation forms.



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The Proprietors Trust are and will follow up with families who have outstanding forms. I would like to the thank the Trust who volunteer their time to support the finance team in doing this. If you have not yet returned your form, please call in to the school office to complete a Special Character donation form.

This year, the Proprietors Trust will introduce Special Character review meetings with families. The intention of these meetings, is to support parents and caregiver's commitment to our special character and their commitment to their child/children's journey through our school.

Below is some Special Character donation information for both school and kindergarten. The Trust would like to thank families and acknowledge their support for the school and kindergarten and their very valued contributions towards special character.

Kindergarten	2018	2017
Paid	102,054	94,306
Potential	135,200	146,600
	75%	64%

School	2018	2017
Paid	226,126	222,155
Potential	366,000	392,000
	62%	57%

The finance team are working on changes to your monthly statements so that they are easier to read and to clearly distinguish between BoT and Trust charges. We would like to remind families to check statements and pay any 2018 and prior balances owing.

The end of the tax year is fast approaching. We will send families their tax receipts mid-April by email. To complete your tax credit, please visit the IRD website for the 2019 Tax credit rebate form.

I would finally like to thank a parent in our High School community who kindly donated two Ipads for our assistive technology programme. These acts of generosity and manaakitanga are highly valued and treasured by our staff and children.

Selena Crouch - Fiance Manager

Proprietors Trust

Our first Proprietors Trust meeting of 2019 was held last week. Through our MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and sub-committee groups we are working together with the Board of Trustees to strengthen Taikura's governance and leadership, and we are looking forward to building on the positive progress made last year. Selena has been working very hard to ensure budgets for 2019 have been created and approved, as well as working with the auditors who begin their school-wide audit this week.

Our kindergartens are benefiting from the formation of a working group, made up of Corrie Levick (Kindergarten Senior Teacher), Erika Potter (Kindergarten Operating Manager), Selena Crouch (School Finance) and Aimee Hawke (Trust representative and ECE leader). We are fortunate to have this group's level of expertise to guide us, and they will look closely at all aspects of the kindergartens in order to make recommendations to the Trust going forward.

Ngaa manaakitanga, naa, Suzan Bart Proprietors Trust secretary

Grapevine Distributors Required

Due to a change in circumstances we now require volunteers to distribute The Grapevine. The right applicants would be required to count out and deliver the Grapevine to the teachers pigeon holes and deliver to the kindergartens on a Thursday morning. Please contact Adrienne in the office for further information.

Watch Found

Black Coca Cola watch found. Please see Adrienne in the office to claim.

Sports Notices

There are a few belated congratulations from the end of last year.

Well Done to the following teams who finished well in last terms volleyball season

- Our two Class 4 (2018) volleyball teams finished 2nd and 3rd in the Year 5 Kiwi Volleyball League.
- Class 6 (2018) finished 2nd in the Super League, this term they have now moved up to Division 1.

We had lots of good results at the HB primary and Intermediate Triathlon in Term 4 2018

- Willow Barker who came 3rd in the Year 7 Individual female section.
- Three boy's teams from Class 6 that finished 1st 2nd and 3rd in their section.
- A Class 7 boys team who came 1st in their section.
- A Class 4 mixed team who came in 2nd in their section.

This term we have

- Class 6 and 7 competing in the Town and Country schools triathlon.
- Class 7 playing in the Division One Volleyball Super League.
- Senior mixed volleyball team.
- Two high school Futsal teams.
- One tennis team.
- One rowing team.
- Students competing in this terms East Coast Athletics Competition.

Thank you to the following people who are helping to make these sports teams run smoothly: Rachel Pearson, Jessica Kerr, Raewynne Achten, Jenny Speedy, Morag Wilson, Amira Gardiner, Brendan Hamilton–Gibbs and Kylie Dipper.

Winter Sports Registrations

High School- Wednesday 13 March at lunchtime.

High school winter sports available.

- Hockey (Trials Tuesday 19 March 3.30pm on school turf)
- Netball
- Football Junior (Class 8 and 9) and Senior (Classes 10,11, 12) teams.
- Basketball Junior (as above) and Senior (as above) teams.
- Badminton.
- Table tennis.

Umpiring and coaching training information will be available at sports registration day.

Lower School- Monday 18 March - Classes 4-7

Lower school winter sports available.

- Hockey
- Netball

Class 3 will be offered a "Give it Go" period in both hockey and netball before being asked if they would like to play either of these sports this year. Winter sport games begin in Term 2 but for many teams, practices will start in March. All sport teams can only be entered where we have enough students, a coach and a manager. If anyone would like to view the Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Sports booklet which includes our policies and procedures, please ask at the school office.

Story Of Parihaka

The story of Parihaka is a significant tale of our land. All are welcome to share in a story experience offered by Tracy Wheeler: Tuesday 26 February at 8:45am - 9:30am at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Nau mai here mai tatou katoa

RSVP sarah.millington@taikura.school.nz, so we can organise the most suitable venue.

Holiday House

Holiday house at Waimarama beach for rent – **now at a very discounted rate to school parents**. View online. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zdniv6yaFKM Contact Marina by Text/Ph 02102337988

Vision and Hearing Technician School Visit

Lynley Keehan, the Hastings Vision and Hearing Technician will be visiting the school on Thursday 4 April. She will be carrying out standard tests for distance vision with some of the Class 5 & 6 students - this happens every year for all students in New Zealand, and is helpful for picking up on simple vision issues which may not have been previously identified. She sometimes checks other students too: If there is no record of your child/children having had a Before School Screen or if they need to be re-screened; for these exceptions, I will send home a letter informing you that Lynley would like to see them. If you have concerns about your child/children's vision or hearing, and they are not being seen by an outside professional, please collect a yellow form from the office and have it filled in and returned before Thursday 4 April, and she will include them.

Karyn Wills Literacy Support & Lower School SENCO

Internet Safety Community Talk

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At the request of parents and due to the (generally) high misuse of electronic media amongst Hawkes Bay youngsters, I have organised for Detective Seargent Heath Jones from the Child Protection Unit to come and speak about internet safety on Wednesday 27 February at 6:30 pm.

The talk he gave to last year's Class Six and Seven students was very well received and the parents who attended were greatly enlightened (and at times, rightly horrified) by the stories DS Jones relayed about real cases in Hawkes Bay. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend this event, which should finish by 7:15 pm. This is appropriate for all parents of the school, no matter how young your children.

Please let the office know if you are attending so that we can organise the most suitable location.

Nga Mihi, naa - Karyn Wills Lower School SENCO

Call For Donation Of Tools For Our New Class 9 Practical Ecology Course

This year we are offering Practical Ecology as a subject at Class 9. The first project the students will be working on are the design and construction of recycling stations for our school, followed by design and construction of potting benches and a tunnel house in the nursery area.

We would be so grateful to receive donations of carpentry and gardening tools in good working condition to help us get going with our projects. In the first instance we urgently need hammers, pry bars, crow bars, hand saws and nail pullers. Then we'll need secateurs, spades, forks, hoes, hand tools such as trowels, hand forks, compost sieves and dibbers.

If you have any tools in good working condition that are surplus to your needs and are cluttering up your shed, then please bring them to Edwin Ayre Room 7.

Also, if there are any whānau members out there who are keen to get involved in practical sustainability projects with our Class 9 ākonga, then also please get in touch with me. There is so much value in being a sustainability role model ... so don't be shy!

Kia ora rawa atu, nā Sarah Millington (Practical Ecology Teacher)

H3 Therapy Group

Trousers, shorts, jeans, longs -- whatever they are called, they will be needed this year!!! Available for gold coin this Friday. H3 Clothes stall. CHECK IT OUT AFTER SCHOOL.

Mark Your Calendar		
February 25	8:30 am	High School ID Photos
February 27	6:30 pm - 7:15 pm	Det. Sergeant Heath Jones - Community Talk - Social Media
February 27	7:00 pm	Class 7 Parent Evening
February 27	7:15 pm	Class 6 Parent Evening
February 27	7:30 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening - TH 3-3
March 5	12:30 pm - 1:20 pm	French Conversation Group - Library
March 6	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Meeting - Library
March 6	6:30 pm	Class 2 Parent Evening
March 11	9:00 am	High School Athletics Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

House Sitter Needed

A small house (not suitable for a family). Good location, close to Taikura, Cornwall Park and shopping. A sitter is needed from 11 March until 30 March. There is a small swimming pool and two cats to look after. Please contact Allysen or Mike on 873 5549 or 027 324 9855. 804 Nelson Street North

Willco Electrical

Servicing our community! Please contact Will to discuss your electrical requirements on 0275298371 or by email williamtong78@gmail.com or www.wilco-electric.co.nz

Cape Kids Out Of School Care

Kia ora e te whanau o Taikura, we are excited to announce that we are running After School Care from Haumoana and are happy to take tamariki from other schools. Please check our online minisite and bookings at https://enrolmy.com/cape-kids/activity/3-Cape Kids After School Club For any enquiries feel free to email Jaci or Di at welcome@capekids.co.nz or phone Jaci on 021 140 8672 or Di on 0275 661 603

Situations Vacant

Garden and orchard workers to sow, plant and harvest!

Situations vacant at Norton Road Organics for enthusiastic team players... who are interested in organics and working the land in innovative ways. Contact Peter on 0224383107 or peteralexander235@gmail.com

Violin Lessons Available

I teach violin to children and adults. Children can learn at Taikura during school hours. I teach with the Suzuki method or traditional. For more information please call Hannah Hales 2809813 or 022 1049867.

We Need A Home To Rent

We are a quiet, tidy, respectful, eco-friendly mother and teenage son, with no pets. We require a home for at least a year, preferably within walking distance of Havelock North High School. I can supply excellent references. Please phone Narnia on (06) 877 8770

Calling all old Mobile Phones

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

It would be great if you could have a 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.

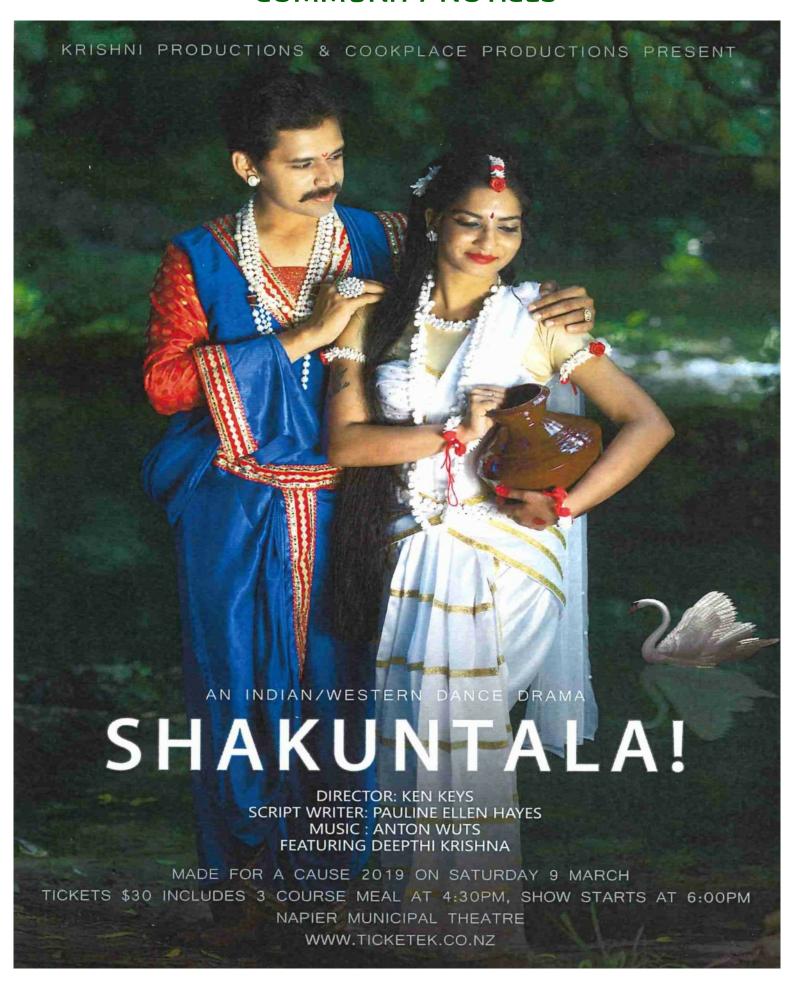
Please drop any unwanted mobile phones in the collection box in the school office.





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Featuring Bede Wright an ex student of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School