

What a wonderful start to the year. Taikura is teeming with extra curricular activity. New cohorts of children have taken up the various civic duties of their year and already camps and outings are underway. As always, we thank the many parents who make these activities possible with the gift of time either during the event or in the preparation leading up to it.

This week and last, school has been a hive of activity and the long lazy summer days are a distant memory.

Last week Class Four had a wonderful Camp at Aramoana beach, snorkeling and exploring sea life. Class 3 will next week be experiencing their first ever class camp at Te Awanga and Class 12 today went out at Ahuriri completing exploration for their Zoology Main Lesson.

Triathlon training for Classes 6 is underway, each morning children complete in swim wear complete circuits of running training before leaping into the pool to swim laps. Next week will see biking added to their training schedule.

On Tuesday Class Five caused the watering of mouths everywhere when they prepared their Indian Feast, the classroom a sensory delight of colour, smells and tastes.

Wishing you all lovely days as we enjoy the last of the Summer sun and looking forward to a vibrant and busy year ahead

Kelly Sutton
Deputy Principal



Mark Your Calendar

February 23
February 24
February 25
February 25
February 26
February 26
March 3
March 4

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
8:30 am
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
6:30 pm
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

School Family Picnic
High School ID Photos
Class 10 Parent Evening
Class 6TM Parent Evening
Class 6KS Parent Evening
Athletics Day
Class 7 Parent Evening
Class 12 Parent Evening

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero

Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura

Last month Piri Sciascia, an eminent Kahungunu kaumatua (elder of this area) passed away. We would like to acknowledge his life-long work with the revitalisation of te reo me ōna tikanga and the pathways he laid as a guiding light into te ao Māori. Many thanks to Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated for giving us permission to publish this panui (notice) which was written and researched by Jeremy Tātere MacLeod at the request of Piri Sciascia's whānau and sent out on 18 January, 2020:

E tama, i whanake i te ata o Pipiri,
Piki nau ake ki tō tini i te rangi,
E puta rānei koe, e tama,
I te wā kaikino nei?
Taku tamaiti, hohoro te korikori;
Kia tae atu koe ki te wai ahupuke i ō tīpuna;
Kia wetea mai ko te tōpuni tauwhāinga,
Hei kahu mōhou ki te whakarewanga taua.
Ko te toroa uta nāku i tautara,
Ki te akerautangi;
Ko te toroa tai nāku i kapo mai,
I te huka o te tai;
Whakangaro ana ki ngā tai i rutu, tī!

Professor Piri Sciascia was a member of Te Taumata o Ngāti Kahungunu, an eminent group of esteemed Ngāti Kahungunu exponents, joined by Dr. Sir Pita Sharples, Dr. Sir Tīmoti Kāretu, Dr. Rangimārie Pere, Liz Hunkin & Dr. Moana Jackson. He has proven to be an exemplar of our tribe in cultural, political, social, environmental and economic spheres. He has provided many instances as a role model, but no less so than in the field of education, where he broke the mould of his labouring generation by going to university and providing a slipstream for others to follow. Hundreds, if not thousands, have since followed in that tertiary trail. And Piri himself, has excelled in these endeavours, as his former position at Victoria University attests.

Parallel to those educational achievements, were his strident efforts in the cultural evolution of the arts, and its language and whakapapa components, which are now widespread throughout the fabric of this country, with struggling kaupapa such as the Polynesian Festival, Te Māori, Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council, Māori and South Pacific Arts Council, Te Papa, and Matatini, which have become current national icons. Piri was also a former chair of Te Māngai Pāho.

Piri was one of 5 members of the auspicious Te Whare Pūkenga o Te Wānanga Whare Tapere o Takitimu, recognised as Tohunga Huarewa, alongside the late Tama Huata, Ngāpō Wehi, Pīmia Wehi and the remnant Dr. Sir Pita Sharples. Piri received the Te Kete Aronui o Ngā Toi Award for language revitalisation contribution through the arts at the inaugural Ngāti Kahungunu Māori Language Awards held in July 2013. On the 16th of September 2013 he received the Insignia of an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Māori arts. In 2016, he was awarded the Sir Kingi Ihaka award by Creative New Zealand recognising his lifetime contribution to the preservation of the arts.

In 2016, Piri retired from Victoria University, taking up a new role at Te Puni Kōkiri providing cultural assistance to the Governor-General and Prime Minister, which saw him host an array of international leaders, including visits from the Royal Family.

One could go on all day providing examples of his successes and achievements. Piri has scaled the heights of Ngāti Kahungunu excellence at a level that all of our tribal members can aspire to. Even with his high national profiles and tasks, he consistently returns to our less visible hui and kaupapa, including one of our pioneering kapa haka, Tamatea Ariki Nui. He was a repository of not only Ngāti Kahungunu knowledge and history, but also multi-tribal histories.

Piri also worked within his other tribal affiliations, including Ngāti Raukawa, Rangitāne, Ngāi Tahu and Ngāti Māmoë, not to mention his Italian heritage, who will no doubt feel the gravity of this very sad loss.

Piri embodied his renowned proverb: He Toi Whakairo, He Mana Tangata. Where there is artistic excellence, there is human dignity.

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

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Snippets From The Parent Handbook

The Context of 'Special Character'

As an Integrated School, Taikura Rudolf Steiner School has a defined 'Special Character' described by the Ministry of Education as meaning:

Education within a framework of particular or general religious or philosophical belief, and associated with observances or traditions appropriate to that belief.

The School is a Rudolf Steiner School in which Rudolf Steiner's Art of Education is practised.

'Anthroposophy, as a world conception, its description of the universe and the human being, is the basis of the art of education and of all endeavours in the school.

Orienteering

Orienteering for the school competition for Classes 6 and 7 has started. There are events coming up every Wednesday for sprint events around Hawkes Bay Schools. With a School Sprint Competition on Sunday 22 March. If your child is keen to run and read maps then this is a great activity. Pauline and Menno are there and can help you find the way. Events are open for new and more experienced runners. Come and join us!

Orienteering TRAINING Day at Tauroa Station this Sunday! Starting time 10:15 am.

Students of all levels are welcome with parents and siblings. Pauline and Menno (Class 6KS) will be there too to help out. For more information ask Pauline 0273797233



Waiata Mai Every Thursday, From 12:30 – 1:00 p.m

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura!

Waiata mai will start again from Thursday 20 February. This will be every Thursday from 12:30 – 1:00 pm in the 'Whare'. If you want to learn some of the waiata that your children sing at school, nau mai, haere mai te katoa.....all are welcome!

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!

Nā Troy Gardiner.

Gym Gear

A change in requirement for this year will mean it is no longer compulsory that the students wear their green Taikura shirt to gym. Instead they may bring any change of t-shirt and shorts/track pants so long as it adheres to the school rules. The green sports top may still be worn by students if they choose and is used by some teams for extracurricular sports. As such it is still available to purchase in the office - but not a necessity for gym.

Sanne Coulthard

Denise Buczynski

Our dedicated pianist Denise Buczynski is unable to continue to accompany the eurythmy lessons at our school. We are looking for someone to take her place. If interested, please contact Adrienne in the office.

Many Thanks

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Sports Notices

Volleyball

This term we have six volleyball teams competing in various weekly competitions.

Volleyball like netball is such a great social game, where each player gets a lot of time on the ball during each game, there is no room for taking the ball from one end of the field/court etc to the other. I am really happy so many students are upskilling and enjoying this fantastic summer sport.

Thank you to all the various people who are making this possible by coaching teams.

Gee Reisima, Judith Grellman, Lua Vilhena, Emily Ryan, Sanne Coulthard, Keitha Parkes, Urarii Ruatoe and Tara Nuku

Cricket

Thank you to Murray Barker for taking the High School Cricket again this term. The team is still open to a couple of players should any High School students wish to play.

Triathlons

This term we have many students from Classes 6 and 7 competing in the local Town and Country schools triathlon. If other students are interested in local triathlons, please google HB tri for more info about local competitions.

Orienteering

Pauline Korevaar has kindly offered to manage intermediate aged students to attend local summer competitions. Contact her directly for more information.

Surfing

Surf Friday will start up again this week, please see information in regards to this group in last weeks Grapevine.

Winter Sport

High School sport registrations are already under way. Some of the sports will require trials for team selections.

The dates for Hockey trials are Monday 30 March and Monday 6 April.

Other sport information for High School teams will be announced soon.

In general it is a good time to start building up fitness in preparation for the upcoming season.

Coaches

We are looking for volunteer coaches for several High School teams this year. If you are part of the school community, have some skills and could offer some time to a team sport we would love to hear from you.

Coaches are needed for:

Football: 1st and 2nd 11

Hockey: 2nd 11

Basketball: Senior Boys

Please contact Janet at school for more information. sports.coordinator@taikura.school.nz

Thank you

Janet Osborne

Sports Coordinator

Vision And Hearing Technician School Visit

Lynley Keehan, the Hastings Vision and Hearing Technician will be visiting the school on Thursday 12 March.

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 not had a Before School Screen or 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 29 March, and she will include them.

Karyn Wills

Literacy Support & Lower School SENCO

Engage Your Brain

Mon 2 March, 2020 7:30pm - 9:00pm

William Colenso College - Napier

William Colenso College is proud to announce that Nathan Wallis, the host of the documentary "All in the Mind" and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret Life of Girls", is coming to our community with his talk - Engage Your Brain.

This talk focuses on the social/emotional aspects of your brain development – how feeling impacts our thinking. While the times that our social/emotional brain really has the steering wheel is 2-8yrs, and again in the middle of adolescence, it is relevant to all learners who want to feel engaged, enthusiastic and passionate about what they do.

Highlighted in this talk is the importance of play-based learning and how this enhances outcomes for our tamariki.

A fundamental educational mistake that New Zealand society has made over the last few decades, is thinking that the earlier we get ready to be seven, by learning numeracy and literacy, the better off our tamariki will be. Come along and find out why this is not the case.

Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz

Get in quick as tickets will sell out.




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Your chance to try a bunch of cool sports,
learn new skills & get information for free.

Come along and have a go!

HAVE A GO

FREE family sports day
#concussionwise



Mitre 10 Park HB

Sunday 29th March 2020

10am - 2pm



MITRE 10 PARK
HAWKE'S BAY

INFO ➡  **BrainInjuryHB**  **braininjuryhb**

CONTACT ➡ **educator@braininjuryhb.co.nz**



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Urgent Accommodation Required

My family of two adults and two children urgently require a three bedroom house to rent long term. Must have garage and preferably in Napier. But anything considered. Please phone Helena on 021 202 2230

Accommodation For Two Required

We are a family of two that have just arrived in Hawkes Bay. We would be grateful if anyone knows of a house, flat, or caravan to rent. Please ring Helin on 022 0209 500. Thanks for your help.

Wellspoken After School Classes

Robyn Hewetson from WellSpoken offers after school classes for students aged nine up in both therapeutic speech and in Voice Coaching for drama or public speaking. Robyn helps you with clarity, confidence and to be heard, understood and remembered. Classes also for adults. Call Robyn for a free consultation to see how she could help you. 021 217 868 robyn@wellspoken.co.nz

Reiki Course February 2020

Reiki is a natural energy healing. Reiki Level 1 for opening a connection to healing energy is to be held on Saturday 29 February 2020. Level 2 is an advanced two-day course to extend the healing ability with Symbols and Mantras utilizing specific aspects of the energy. Level 3 for the Reiki Master Symbol will follow. For enquiries contact Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 021 054 9035.

Sound Bath, Crystal Singing Bowls with Crystals

Meditation/Relaxation with healing sounds of Crystal Singing Bowls with special formation Crystals. Throw yourself on the Sound Bath, take deep breaths and feel Crystal energies! Cost: \$20.00 by booking, or \$25.00 door sales. The date: 8:00 pm Thursday 20 February. Venue: The Lotus Centre. For enquiries contact Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 0210549035.

Art For Beginners At Taruna College

Havelock North: Wednesdays 9:00 am - 10:30 am \$180.00 for 8 weeks, includes all art materials and morning tea. To register contact Charmaine <http://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/art-for-beginners/> phone 06 8777174 or email: info@taruna.ac.nz

Bedsit For Rent

Nice sunny cottage with own kitchen and bathroom, \$275.00 per week, includes power, wifi, lawns and gardens maintenance. This tenancy requires up to one hour a week care-taking responsibilities. Suitable for a single person or couple. Phone 027 788 5991 for enquiries.

Individual Art Therapy for Adults, Teenagers and Children

Accessing your creativity, art therapy is an effective way to address and overcome grief, depression, anxiety, life crises and trauma and to discover a new relationship to ones biography. No previous experience in or aptitude for art necessary. For more information contact: Eva Steinmetz-Urieli :<evaurieli@gmail.com>, 068786028 mobile: 021 0277 1201

Eva's After School Art Class For Children

Thursdays 3:00 pm - 4:10 pm. Explore new art techniques, look at interesting images, listen to a story. \$17.00 per session, commitment for a term. At the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson St. Hastings. Contact Eva Urieli <evaurieli@gmail.com> 878 6028 or text 021 0277 1201

Request For Help

From James and Bekkie Taylor

We have Oliver who's nearly five and in his second year at Kereru Kindergarten, Pounamu Room. My husband James and I both work full time. Is there a family out there willing to have Oliver from 8:00 am in the mornings and bring him to Kindergarten during the week, even if it was a few days? We are really happy to negotiate an exchange whether it be childcare, baking or in another form.

If this could suit your family, please contact Bekkie on 0273016637