



Pippa's Pānui

In 2014 the government implemented Communities of Learning/Kahui Ako, as a part of their *Investing in Educational Success* initiative. The Ministry of Education state that “Communities of Learning provide the opportunity for significant change in the way New Zealand education is organised, functions, and works as a self-improving education system. Communities are designed to enhance teaching practice and leadership by providing opportunities for collaborative enquiry and knowledge sharing, and extending career pathways for kaiako/teachers.”

The New Zealand Steiner schools and kindergartens have a history of working collaboratively and liaising with the Ministry of Education around questions relating to curriculum and our Special Character, so the transition into forming a Steiner Kahui Ako seemed like a natural extension of this working together.

We currently have five Steiner schools in our Kahui Ako: Taikura, Michael Park School (Auckland), Te Ra School (Kapiti Coast), Raphael House (Wellington) and Christchurch Steiner School. Te Ra School currently goes from Class 1-7, the rest are Area schools like Taikura which go from Class 1-12. All five schools are State-integrated with a Rudolf Steiner Special Character. We also work closely with the Waikato and Tauranga Waldorf schools and Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School and are looking at extending this collaboration to include our kindergartens in the Kahui Ako as well.

As a Kahui Ako we set shared goals, or achievement challenges based on the particular needs of our students. Our initial achievement challenges were in the areas of literacy and numeracy. As we move into our next three year cycle we have the opportunity to establish new achievement challenges and we are currently developing inquiries in the areas of health and wellbeing, the digital curriculum, cultural responsiveness, growing teacher capacity and embedding our work around literacy and numeracy.

One of the opportunities provided by the Kahui Ako is of growing teacher leadership. Each of the schools involved has an appointed Within School Teacher who leads the work related to our shared goals. At Taikura Sandra Jordan currently leads numeracy in the Lower School and Kelly Sutton literacy. Jo Wiltshire is our Within School Teacher for the High School. Within the Kahui Ako we have also employed three Across School Teachers who oversee the work being done within the individual schools. Overall leadership of the Kahui Ako is held by a Lead Principal. For the last three years Thomas Proctor, the current principal of Christchurch Steiner School has held this position and it has required him to be out of his school for two days each week. Thomas resigned at the end of last year from the Lead Principal position and we went through an appointment process. We were extremely pleased to appoint Anne Hilton to this position at the start of 2020. Anne Hilton has been our High School Across School Teacher for the last two years and as well as her expertise in Digital Technology she also has past experience as a Primary principal. Anne has a significant interest in student achievement as well as the organisational and strategic skills to lead our national work. Anne will continue to carry Digital Technology at Taikura alongside this leadership role and we wish her all the very best in this new challenge.

Pippa Caccioppoli
Principal

Mark Your Calendar

March	6	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Waiata Mai - Whare
March	12	8:30 am -12:30 pm	Class 5 and 6 Hearing and Vision Testing
March	16	5:00 pm	BOT Meeting - Staff Room - Main Office
March	19	12:30 pm	Autumn Festival - Big Field
April	9	11:10 am	Community Assembly

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero

Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura!

This year, one of the goals of our He Reo Ora - Te reo me ōna tikanga School Strategy is to grow the number of te reo Māori words - kupu Māori - used within the school realm.

Growing our understanding of common nouns and verbs is a vital building block for language acquisition, and while the ideal would be to be using whole phrases, learning key words is a valuable starting point...and hopefully we can start to join them into phrases along the way.

We have provided here a list of some of the words that you might see used in the Grapevine, notices, emails etc without translation. Over the year we will share more of these kupu in the He Pito Kōrero Grapevine space, and we will eventually collate these into a full reference list. Kia kaha te reo Māori!

Common kupu Māori:

- **Ākonga/tauirā** - student/learner
- **E te whānau whānui** - extended family
- **Hoa** - friend
- **Hui** - (noun) gathering, meeting, assembly, seminar, conference
- **Iwi** - tribe
- **Kaiako** - teacher
- **Kaumātua** - elder, elderly man, elderly woman, older person - a person of elderly status within the whānau
- **Kaupapa** - topic, policy, matter for discussion, plan, purpose, scheme, proposal, agenda, subject, programme, theme, issue, initiative
- **Kōrero** - to tell, say, speak, read, talk, address
- **Kura** - school
- **Mahi** - to work, do, perform, make, accomplish, practise, raise (money)
- **Mihi** - to greet, pay tribute
- **Pānui** - (as a noun) public notice, announcement, poster; (as a verb) to announce, notify
- **Rōpū** - group, party of people
- **Tamariki** - children
- **Taonga** - treasure, anything prized
- **Tikanga** - correct customary procedure, custom, habit, method, rule, code, practice
- **Waka** - canoe
- **Waiata** - song
- **Wānanga** - (noun) seminar, conference, forum
- **Whānau** - family

(All of the English definitions for this are taken from Te Aka, the Māori dictionary <https://maoridictionary.co.nz/>)

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



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 has started again. 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.

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Governance Update

The Board of Trustees and the Proprietors Trust held their first meeting of the year on the first day of term, Monday 3 February. We are trialling a new format for our meetings as we continue to establish a close working relationship between the Board and the Trust. Currently this means we are meeting once or twice a term on a Monday evening starting at 5:00 pm. The Board of Trustees meets first, from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm, then we have a combined meeting from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm, before the Proprietors Trust meets from 6:30 pm until 7:15 pm. Of course this is rather optimistic time-setting as important conversations have a tendency to run over time! But we are doing our best. Setting the BoT's meeting at 5:00 pm ensures parents have a clear time-frame in order to give them the opportunity to attend this part of the meeting, which is public. I encourage any parent wishing to know more about the running of our kura to come along to these meetings in order to gain deeper understanding and knowledge. Also please remember agendas and minutes of Board meetings are public documents, and always available in the office.

Both the Board of Trustees and the Proprietors Trust received a proposal from one of our teachers and parents, Sarah Millington. Sarah is working towards our school becoming a zero-carbon school, and together with Class 9, as part of their Practical Ecology work, plans to undertake the calculation of our school's carbon footprint. Sarah was seeking permission for access to Taikura's electricity bills, fuel bills, and waste service bills, as well as the support for engaging in the process. The BoT and PT were happy to grant permission and offer their support, and look forward to seeing the results of Sarah and Class 9's research.

As mentioned in last year's Grapevine, our whare has been identified as an earthquake risk, and needs to be replaced. The Board of Trustees, with the support of Matua Troy and Management, has decided that in order to protect students and staff the whare will be vacated at the end of this term. An alternative arrangement for all classes which take place in the whare will be found, and we will keep you informed about any further developments around the replacement of the building going forward. This is an area where the Proprietors and the Board are working closely together with Management in order to meet legal and financial obligations, and for the benefit of all students and teachers.

The Board of Trustees is continuing their work with School Docs, an on-line policy and procedure service for schools. All policies and procedures for our school sit on this site, and will shortly be accessible to the whole school community. Currently the Board, Management, Teachers and Support Staff are familiarising themselves with the site, but we will let you know as soon as this is live, and in what ways you can be part of policy review processes.

The Proprietors Trust are the kaitiaki (guardians) of our Special Character, and in this capacity have made the decision to support teachers and teacher aides in attending the upcoming Kolisko Conference in Napier. This is a wonderful opportunity for those living locally to gain deeper knowledge and understanding of our Special Character. Visit <https://www.anthroposophy.org.nz/2020/01/29/kolisko-conference-napier-8-12-july-2020/> for further information and to register.

Our next meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Monday 16 March in the staff room.

Suzan Bart
Board and Trust Secretary

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

All of our community, parents, teachers and students, will be seeing and hearing news regarding the coronavirus, please find information for the education sector, and parents, caregivers and whānau of learners below:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/student-and-staff-health/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>

Please note these pages are under active review and are updated regularly.

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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 12 March, and she will include them.

Karyn Wills
Literacy Support & Lower School SENCO

Welcome Coffee Morning

Friday 13 March - At 9:00 am, 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 13 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 027 451 3445

Ko au te moana, ko te moana ko au – "I am the sea, the sea is me"

Seaweek– Kaupapa Moana is New Zealand's annual national week celebrating the sea. Starting from Saturday 29 February until Sunday 8 March, there are lots of Seaweek 2020 activities happening in Hawke's Bay. Check out the events below or visit www.seaweek.org.nz.

Twilight at Pandora Pond – Thursday 5 March 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Book Launch of IF ONLY from Adele Broadbent – Thursday 5 March from 5:30 pm

Marine Parade Beach Clean – Friday 6 March 5-6 pm

Our Seas Our Future No Butts Cleanup – Saturday 7 March 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Seawalls Mural Bus Tour – Saturday 7 March at 1:00 PM

Department of Conservation Marine Metre Squared – From 29 February to 31 March 2020

Snippets From The Parent Handbook

Lower School Dress Code

Hats:

Lower School pupils need to keep a sun hat at school during Terms 1 and 4 – named, please. On summer days children will not be allowed outside unless they wear a brimmed sun hat.

Swimming:

Swim and beach-wear should be modest and needs to be functional; ideally a rash-vest for sun protection; a one-piece for girls (or two-piece that covers midriff – no bikinis)

Modesty/ Practicality:

Narrow-strapped tops and singlets are not allowed. Shoulders and chest must be covered.

Medical/Allergy Updates

For the safety of the students, we are currently looking at their allergy/medical records and would like parents to please **confirm if the situation is the same** for their children or **inform us of any changes**. Particularly with any students who have life-threatening conditions.

Thank you

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SCHOOL NOTICE

Career Notices

The 2021 prospectuses have arrived from AUT and they are the first University to visit Taikura this year.

AUT is New Zealand's leading Sports University. AUT Millennium is a world class sports training and research facility.

This is just a taste of some of AUT's programmes:

- Health Science including Paramedicine, Midwifery and Podiatry
- Architecture and Art and Design
- Hospitality, Tourism and Events
- Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences and a whole host of other degrees

Here is a link to choosing school subjects that support entry to study options

<https://www.aut.ac.nz/subjectchoices>

University Liaison Visits

These are usually 40- 50 minute sessions where representatives from each University give a general introduction to the University and the degrees that they offer.

The aim of these visits is to introduce the University and demystify tertiary study for students who are thinking of going to university. The topics for the presentations can be tailored specifically to students' needs; however the prepared presentation includes the following:

- Introduction to University
- Entry requirements
- The range of first degrees available
- Planning a degree
- Tuition fees, student loans and allowances and scholarships
- Accommodation (where appropriate) and the application process
- University study and student life
- Important dates and upcoming University events and Open Days.

Taikura Visits: See Lesley Cox if you would like another university to visit school.

Time: 3:15pm

Venue: Mrs Brooker's English Room, Taikura House for Class 11-12 students and parents.

- **March Tuesday 10** AUT www.AUT.ac.nz
- **March Tuesday 17** Victoria University www.victoria.ac.nz
- **March Tuesday 24** Waikato University www.waikato.ac.nz
- **TBA** Auckland University www.auckland.ac.nz
- **May Tuesday 5** Massey University www.massey.ac.nz
- **TBA** Otago University www.otago.ac.nz
- **Career Expo 26-27 May**
- **TBA** Canterbury University www.canterbury.ac.nz

University Scholarships For Class 12 Students

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2021. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list.

Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

The scholarship page is free to use and always will be. Unlike GivMe, students can access the information at home and on their mobiles etc. We have published a number of tips for application success as well, designed to make the application process less stressful for students.

Lesley Cox
Careers/Gateway/STAR Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

Careers Continued...

Can you see your face in this picture or know someone who'd make a good cop?

Recruiting Event Tuesday

10 March 2020 5:30pm

Everyone welcome

Hastings Boys High School

Craig Hickson Lounge by Rugby Field

Come and chat to our friendly staff one on one about our 30 plus career options from front line to support staff. We'll have some of our toys on display. Yes dogs will be there! Bring a smile and all your questions ????

Help keep your whanau, friends and communities safe



Celebrating Women in Services - International Women's Day Sunday 8 March

Perfume Point Ahuriri Reserve Napier 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Come and meet women who work in the Emergency Services and help make Hawkes Bay a safer place.

Displays, fun activities - including a friendly tug of war and entry tests to each of the Emergency Services. Are you up to it? Give the Police grip test, the fire hose drag or the Army assault course a go. Or just watch the services take part in a tug of war competition around midday.

