

Introducing the Behaviour Management Team (BMT)

Personnel Involved:

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The Behaviour Management Team has been set up to assist teachers and students with the implementation of the behaviour plan that is used throughout Taikura. The school behaviour plan is available for all students and parents to read by emailing the office. It is posted within classrooms for students to refer to. The plan consists of five levels of monitoring behaviour. The incidents are categorized from minor infractions, through to severe. The restorative action taken depends on where the incident falls on the continuum. Referrals to the BMT are made by staff and come under the supervision of the BMT. After unpacking and discussions, the appropriate actions are followed through.

The BMT team consists of two teachers; Troy Gardiner who works alongside teachers and students in the Lower School and the High School and Anne Hilton who follows up with the administration and works mainly in the High School.

Throughout the year the BMT meets weekly with the Counsellor and School Management (Pippa Caccioppoli and Kelly Sutton) around incidents and monitoring students.

Relationship building and consistency are important factors that are always considered when dealing with incidents. Classroom teachers deal with the diversions and corrective behaviour by having strategies built into their daily work plan. Positive comments and good communication are considered imperative in the classroom for every teacher. Prevention is the first line of behaviour management and thus creating a learning friendly atmosphere so every child feels safe and is able to fulfil their right to learn. Going forward at Taikura we are also implementing the PB4L School-wide initiative (Positive Behaviour for Learning). With this we will utilise strategies and procedures to build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. We look forward to communicating and introducing this fresh approach to our community over the coming months.

Moderate incidents, as defined by the behaviour plan, are referred to the BMT and followed up to support the teacher and usually parents are notified of events. Major incidents are referred straight to school management.

All incidents need to be recorded on the school's student management system and are monitored on a weekly basis by Anne Hilton and presented at the weekly meeting. Where there are a frequent number of regular minor incidents by a student, these are discussed during the weekly meetings and either Troy or Anne follow through with appropriate actions; considering all the factors such as the student's age and/or the severity of the incidents.

An example: Late to school without good reason in the High School.

- **Initial Level:** (Considered minor incident) A 15-minute lunchtime detention is given that day or the very next day.
- **Missed the initial detention:** (Considered minor incident) If the initial detention was missed without genuine reason then a 30-minute detention is issued the following day and advised during sponsor time and school notices.
- **Missed the 30-minutes detention:** (Considered moderate incident) If the 30-minute detention is missed without genuine reason then a student management system report is generated, and Anne is advised. Anne then advises parents/caregivers and talks with students. From here an After-School detention for an hour is organized.
- **Missed After School Detention:** (Considered major incident) If this is missed without genuine reason it becomes an instant referral to school management.

At each step of this plan students are reminded of the expectations.

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Dear Whanau

Mike Sargent will be visiting Taikura during week 7 of this term. As always we look forward to the insight and wisdom Mike brings. Mike's last visit was during the week leading into Level 4 Lockdown. His return visit will be particularly helpful, his support will contribute insight into our ongoing efforts to better understand behavioural and relationship changes we are experiencing amongst students Post - Covid lockdown.

Below is an introduction of Mike, printed in a Grapevine earlier this year.

Mike supports us to observe and understand the children at our school more deeply. Here's a little offering of his background.

Mike graduated as a Doctor from Otago University in 1975 and went on to do a diploma in Obstetrics which he completed in 1977. From there he went into General Practice in Tauranga. In the mid 1980's he started working with the formation of the New Zealand Anthroposophical Doctors Group, whilst at the same time he and his wife were founding members of the Tauranga Rudolf Steiner school. During this time, he took on the role of the School Doctor. Family circumstances led to a move to Auckland where he started up an Anthroposophical Medical Practice in Mt Eden. His daughters attended Michael Park School, where he took over the role of School Doctor. The role of Michael Park School Doctor continued over some ten years, which during this time expanded to include supporting the Tauranga and Hamilton Steiner Schools too.

In the later part of the 1990's Mike moved to Hawkes Bay, living in Otane, and the schools he was involved with expanded to include Taikura, Te Ra, and Raphael House, and the Motueka Steiner School, and also various roles at Hohepa Hawkes Bay. In 2002 Mike and his wife moved from Hawkes bay to Christchurch, where he became School Doctor for Christchurch and Dunedin Schools too. Around 2005, due to health reasons, Mike needed to decrease his workload, and stepped back from his school doctor roles. After the Christchurch earthquakes Mike withdrew from private practice but continued to be involved with Christchurch Steiner School and accepted our invitation in 2016 to renew his connection with Taikura School. Mike relinquished his practising certificate about six years ago.

Mike's passion, and reason for giving of his services to the Steiner schools and kindergartens around the country over the years is that he has a deep understanding of child development and health from his years as an anthroposophical doctor, whilst at the same time having extensive knowledge of Steiner pedagogy, and the healing forces that are held within the curriculum. With this combined knowledge Mike has developed keen observational skills, and he is able to support us as teachers and kindergartners to develop our insights with the children who stand before us and give indications as to how we can best support them out of a holistic picture. As teachers here at Taikura Steiner School and Kindergartens we always feel very privileged to have Mike's depth of knowledge available to us. He gives his time freely to us, and was pivotal in our will to create the H3 Fundraising group, which has been operating over the last three years to enable all students at our school that we know would benefit from anthroposophical therapeutic support (Nursing Therapies / Eurythmy / Art / Speech / Extra Lesson), plus other therapeutic support (the iLs Listening Programme and the Leg Up Trust) to receive it by providing financial support to families.

Out of habit we have continued to use the term 'School Doctor' for Mike's visits to us. We feel, along with Mike, that this is out of date and lends itself to misinterpretation as of the purpose of his visits. We experience Mike as a wise elder who supports our teachers to deepen their understanding of Child Development through the lens of Anthroposophical insights.

Warm wishes

Kelly Sutton

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He pito kōrero!

Kua rangona e koe - Have you heard...?

... about **Mahuru Māori**, the challenge that runs for the whole month of Mahuru (September)? The kaupapa was begun by te reo Māori language champion Paraone Gloyne, and encourages participants to speak te reo Māori for the month.

Some people are taking this up for an hour every day, or for half the day, all the way up to those who will attempt to speak te reo every day for the entire month.

Our whānau have very limited te reo between us, but we've set ourselves the challenge of speaking only te reo during the hour of dinner prep and kai time. We are going to keep resources at hand to help us out, like Scotty Morrison's *Māori at Home* and *A Māori Phrase a Day* by Hēmi Kelly, so we don't end up silent and very hungry! Here's hoping...

Keen to give it a go? Find out more about Mahuru Māori and how to register for it [here](#)

Ngā manaakitanga
Whaea Kura

Kīwaha o te wiki...phrase of the week!

Kia mau ki te aka matua! (key ah mow key teh ar ka mar too ah)

Stick to the main point! (Whether in a discussion or action – originates from the ancestor Tawhaki, who was told to hold fast to the main vine as he ascended to the heavens!)

Rangi: Kia ora e hoa. I've got so many ideas about my project and what things to cover...it's hoha!
Hemi: What you decided yesterday sounded really good...kia mau ki te aka matua!

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

Taikura Parents Group

Welcoming everyone in the community to these free talks and gatherings (including parents, grandparents, past parents, those on the waiting list). Join us in the warm and relaxed space of the Hastings Taikura Kindergarten (in their lovely community space - just inside their front door). We aim to create a parent supportive environment and all our gatherings are baby/toddler friendly. You are welcome to arrive and leave as meets your needs.

Our guest speakers begin at 9:00 am and usually finish about 10:30am. Tea & coffee is freely available from 8:45 am. Donations of food for the morning tea are appreciated.

For questions, suggestions, offerings please contact Filipa Hope - 0274513445 or Melanie Sims - 0274 555 300

Next Parent Group meetings:

Friday 28 August: David Urieli - Taikura High School teacher. Looking at George W Carver benefactor to humanity.

Friday 11 September: Herman Veluwenkamp -What is Biodynamics? Looking at ideas behind this method of agriculture.

Mark Your Calendar

August 13	9:00 am	Class Photos - Important Information See Last Page For Details
August 13	7:00 pm	Class 10 Play - "Rosie" by Patrick Spillane
August 14	2:30 pm	Te Reo Books And Resources - School Library Te Whare Pukapuka
August 19	7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening -TH 3
August 26	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Meeting - School Library
August 28	8:45 am - 9:00 am Start	Parent Group - George W Carver benefactor to humanity - David Urieli
September 2	7:00 pm	HS Information Evening - More info To Come
September 11	8:45 am - 9:00 am Start	Herman Veluwenkamp - What is Biodynamics?

TERM 3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September (Friday 21 August – Monday 24 August - Mid Term Break

TERM 4: Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December

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Mā te whiritahi, ka whakatutuki ai ngā pāmanawa ā tāngata

Together weaving the realisation of potential

For the next 2 weeks Classes 1-4 and Classes 6 & 7 will be continuing to hold parent teacher interviews. The final day for these interviews is Friday 21 August. We warmly invite you to come along and meet with your child's class teacher. We look forward to this time in the year, where with whānau, we take a pause, reflect and plan together your child's learning journey.

It is our expectation that all parents attend these interviews. We will be using the same booking site as in previous years <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

We encourage you to book on-line please. However, parents who do not have access to a computer can phone Adrienne to book an appointment.

Warm wishes
Kelly Sutton

Booking Your Interview

When you login you will see each class teacher has a range of times on various days available for interviews. We trust that the many options available will make it possible for all families to attend.

On-line bookings are now open. Next week is the last week for interviews.

Please note that the interview booking times for the following week, will be closed off each Friday afternoon prior to that week. Families not booked for an interview will be contacted by the school prior to the final interview week to ensure a suitable time is found.

How to Book

1. Log onto the following website: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
2. Enter the following code into the 'event code': **vt6wp**
3. You will then be guided by the website.

Class 10 Presents "Rosie" by Pat Spillane

Class Ten has been working on their play, "Rosie"

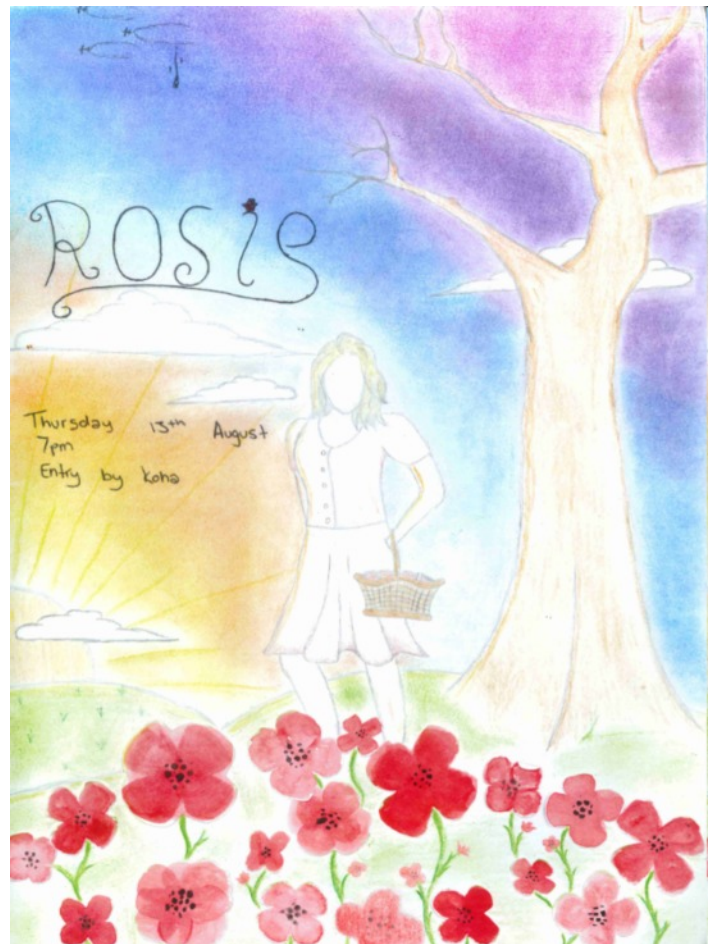
Rosie is a play about a girl, her family and friends, navigating life during World War 2.

Please come and support us:

When: 7:00pm Thursday 13 August

Where: School Hall

Entry by koha and all are welcome.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Art Of Eurythmy

Building a healthy rhythm in life through The Art of Eurythmy. This is an offering of six morning sessions 8:30 - 9:30am Starting Thursday 6 August – 10 September, at Taruna College. Cost: \$70:00 for six sessions. To register: contact Sue sue.simpson0@gmail.com or phone 0210396186



Recently a group of parents were able to taste eurythmy during a nursing workshop. The positive response has encouraged me to offer a course to which all are welcome. If interested please contact me sue.simpson0@gmail.com or phone 0210396186. For those working people, I'm open to running an evening course, please send me your notice of interest and what evening works best for you. No promises, but promising!

The Art of Well-Being

Meet yourself, Know yourself, Be yourself. Three, week-long seminars scheduled for Wednesday 19 - 24 August, Wednesday 4 - 9 November 2020 and Wednesday 10 - 15 February 2021.

The 'Art of Well-Being' lets you come back to your centre as you explore art, mindfulness, movement, and your life story. Sometimes we forget to care for ourselves, and **Art of Well-Being** is designed to nourish the soul, allowing a renewing of the senses. For further information see our website www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/pathways-of-transformation/art-of-well-being-i/ or call 068777174

The Hastings Choral

The Hastings Choral presents our first concert following Lockdown. The choir along with Soloists Dianne Abraham (Soprano) and Lili Junior Crichton, (Tenor) will bring you Perfect Nostalgia in a selection of light opera favourites from; The Merry Widow, The Bartered Bride, The Desert song and many more! Joe Christensen, conductor, Anna Hansen Pianist. Tickets; \$28.00 (\$22.00 from choir member), Students \$5.00 SUNDAY 6 September, @ 2:00 pm. Taikura School Hall, 507 Nelson St North.

Keen On Knitting?

Are you keen on knitting? Whether an absolute beginner or a seasoned virtuoso we warmly welcome you to join us in our newly developing circle. Our local expert Jessica Kerr (aka peggy_squared - check out her Instagram) will be on hand with her wide knowledge of yarns, needles, patterns, stitches, tips and tricks. Every Tuesday, in the Taikura kindergarten whānau room between 4:30 and 6:30 pm. Koha appreciated. **Adults only please.** For further information please contact Suzan 021 206 5909



Kereru Kindergarten Fundraiser

BioGro Certified Organic Lapin Cherry Trees for Sale \$15

We have 80 self fertilising Lapin Cherry Trees for sale. Get one (or many) into your garden now and you'll have cherries for Christmas! The fruit is large and sweet with dark firm flesh. They are currently 160 cm tall and individually bagged, however can grow up to 5 metres once in the ground.

Please text Rose on 021 172 0154 to arrange pick up from Hastings

Car For Sale

2005 Toyota Avensis Station Wagon 2 Litre. Gold, automatic, warranted, registered, new tyres, good condition Great family or surf wagon. \$3800 ONO Phone Janet 027 339 0990