

15 October 2020



Mark Your Calendar

October 19
October 21
October 21
October 21
October 23/26
October 27
October 30
November 11
November 13
November 22

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
6:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
7:00 pm
All Day
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
8:45 am - 9:00 am Start
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
8:45 am - 9:00 am Start
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Class 11 Parent Evening
Class 1 Parent Evening
Class 2 Parent Evening
Class 12 Parent Evening TH 3.3
Hawkes Bay Anniversary/Labour Day
Class 9 Parent Evening
Herman Veluwenkamp - Biodynamics Continued
Community Meeting - School Hall
Kaye Keats - Medical Herbalist/Nutritionist
Taikura School Fete

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

Growing kūmara

We are blessed here in Heretaunga with our climate, water and our soils. We have the ability to grow our own nutritiously nourishing homegrown kai throughout the year. Living seasonally with our kai also connects us to the rhythms of nature and the cycles therein. In our present moment in time, this late spring, we can start to grow our own kūmara.

There are a good number of varieties of kūmara that vary in flavour and texture, and also in growth habits. We have kūmara varieties that run vigorously like their whanaunga (relations) Bindweed or Convolvulus. The commercially grown variety, commonly known as Red Kumara, is one of these running types. The second growth habit, and lesser known, are those that grow in a bush form, for example Taputini. The Taputini variety are also slenderer in form than the Red Kūmara, and they have white skin and flesh.

For those of us with limited garden space, these bush types lend themselves very well should you wish to grow kūmara in your backyard. Small mounds are made above the ground instead of the now more common commercial practice of long rows in which the tipu (sprouted plant) is placed and grown. You can grow your own tipu or buy them from a grower. Tipu are easily propagated and this is another story to be told at a later date and in the right season. Whether you grow in rows or mounds the planting of the tipu is very similar.

Ideally the maramataka (moon calendar) is considered and the right moon phase is chosen to commence the planting of the tipu. The other consideration regarding a good planting time is the waiata of the Pīpīwharau (Shining Cuckoo). When the Pīpīwharau's waiata has reached a certain climax, it is another tohu (sign) that it is time to plant your tipu.

“Ko tangi te wharau, kua tou te kūmara”

“When the cuckoo cries it is time to plant the sweet potato”

Healthy tipu also have their roots dipped into a mix of the soil they are to be planted into and water (to make a watery paste) overnight or for a couple of hours before being transplanted. The soil is cultivated into the mounds or the rows that the tipu will be planted into depending on the variety of kūmara you wish to grow.

One of the keys to successful kūmara growing is to turn the roots up to form a J when you transplant into the soil. The tip of the J should be orientated to the east; this is, according to most cultural practices, very important. This is much easier to explain through demonstration rather than a written description.

Therefore, if you are new to growing kūmara then finding a local expert willing to share their valuable matauranga (knowledge) will undoubtedly yield the best results. You are also connecting to a culture that has carried this taonga across oceans, nurtured the kūmara for a few millennia, and considers the kūmara with utmost importance and reverence. Once planted, and depending on who you talk to, a single cup of water is given to the tipu, and in some areas that is all the water the plant will be given. Relying then on the tears of Ranginui (Sky Father) to quench its thirst during its long hot summer growing season.

Nā Nathan Foote (school parent)

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

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 Library. 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.

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Information and Communication

For some years now Taikura has been aware that there is a need for school information and communication from a variety of sources. This has been reinforced by suggestions from the parent body.

While we engage in regular email communication, publish our weekly Grapevine newsletter and have a website full of useful information, we can see there is room for more.

Mobile phone apps are a tool many other schools have utilised for several years now, and which come with the benefit of real time communication.

We are therefore delighted to let you know we now have a School App available for parents, students and staff. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors from within our community, this will be at no cost to the school. In order to download this free app please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to the App Store or Google Play store on your mobile device
2. Search SchoolAppsNZ
3. Download the App
4. Open the App
5. When it asks to send notifications – click allow.
6. When it asks to search your School – type your School Name in the search bar
7. Lastly, subscribe to the Alert Groups you would like to receive alerts for.

The home screen has been customised with our school logo. Here you will find quick links to the Grapevine, notices, school contacts, our website and our calendar which is filled with upcoming events, meetings, camps and trips.

We are still in the process of developing alert group subscription notifications for individual classes, kindergartens, sports teams and bus routes. Please bear with us this term as we navigate this new communication technology, and ensure all is working as it should.

School Hoodie Update

We have had the opportunity during the holidays to review the more than 80 responses from parents, students and staff to our hoodie survey.

Management has taken all viewpoints into account, and has made the decision to have branded Taikura hoodies only available to top sports teams in the High School.

Through this process we have recognized there is a need for the streamlining of our branding, and are therefore currently in the process of developing a Branding Policy. We will let you know when this has been added to our SchoolDocs site.

To align with this, teams wishing to have hoodies will be expected to submit an application.

We will be looking into other forms of school representation that could be used by those representing our school in all areas, be it sport, music, drama, debating and more. This may include items such as blazers, t-shirts or pins.

Many thanks to those who took the time to offer us their thoughts and feedback, it is very much appreciated.

Knitting Group

During Term 4 we will host knitting at the Taikura kindergarten whānau room week about on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30 pm and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm. Please come along when you can to enjoy some knitting, company and to learn from each other.



Jessica Kerr and Suzan Bart

Date	Time
Thursday 22 October	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Tuesday 27 October	4:30 – 6:30pm
Thursday 5 November	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Tuesday 10 November	4:30 – 6:30pm
Thursday 17 November	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Tuesday 24 November	4:30 – 6:30pm
Thursday 3 December	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Tuesday 8 December	4:30 – 6:30pm

SCHOOL NOTICES

Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Student Election Results

Rock, Lief	71
Cooper, Ashley-Rose	12
Invalid votes	3

I hereby declare Lief Rock duly elected.

Suzan Bart - Returning Officer

New Playgroup Coordinator

Introducing Ruth Mitchener, our new Playgroup coordinator.

Ruth and her husband Andrew moved to Hawke's Bay in 2017, and bought their first house in Hastings a year ago. Ruth moonlights as an artist doing intricate oil paintings in the evenings, as well as being co-owner and product designer at their family business Mitchener Architecture and Design. During the day, she is a mother to Dorothy in Willow Room at Taikura Kindergarten, and Frederick who attends Te Kōpere, and of course playgroup. She is looking forward to meeting all of the other existing, and new families in our playgroups, and the wider Taikura community.



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 10:30 am. Tea & coffee is freely available from 8:45 am. Donations of food for the morning tea are appreciated. For questions, suggestions, and offerings please contact Filipa Hope 0274513445 or Melanie Sims 0274 555 300

Next Parent Group meetings:

Friday 30 October - Herman Veluwenkamp - continuing an exploration of Biodynamics

Friday 13 November - Kaye Keats: medical herbalist and nutritionist- supporting anxiety and stress in children and adults with herbs.

Fete Notice

Bekkie the logistics coordinator for the fete is looking for someone to join her team with the idea they will take over her role within the fete committee in the future. The role looks like this:

- Ordering signs that advertise the fete and organising their distribution in Hastings/Napier/Havelock North
- Liaising with Class 2 to ensure all the set-up roles are covered
- Organising waste/recycling
- Set up of the fete must be available Friday/Saturday/Sunday of the fete weekend
- Set up includes facilitating a team to; mark out sites, seating, put up/take down gazebos, moving tables, chairs, trestles - ensuring fete is set up and then the school is returned to original state
- Includes heavy lifting and a mountain of walking throughout the fete weekend alongside being able to facilitate a team of people
 - This role could be taken over in its entirety or could be distributed between multiple people if a particular aspect speaks to you

The fete also needs a person available the morning of Saturday 21 November with access to a trailer and vehicle with a tow bar to collect seating for the fete from the Hastings area and deliver it to the school

The fete advertises the event within the community and are looking for people to distribute signs in the weeks leading up to the fete. If you are available to do this at the end of October / early November in either the Napier, Hastings or Havelock North area this would be greatly appreciated. You will need access to a drill and a vehicle to complete this. To take up any of these roles or enquire for more information don't hesitate to contact Bekkie Taylor on 0273016637 via text/call

Whare For Removal

We have received confirmation from the Ministry of Education that we are eligible to proceed with our whare rebuild. We therefore have available for removal one 103m2 prefab building with a kitchenette. The cost for the removal of this building is estimated to be around \$30,000 which will include repiling on your property. The site is to be left clean and tidy. Please contact Liam (property@taikura.school.nz) directly if interested, or for more information.

SCHOOL NOTICES



Have you thought about becoming a board member for your school?

Come along to NZSTA's Kōrari Programme to find out about becoming a board member!

We are holding community hui in the lead up to this year's mid-term elections. Even if your school isn't holding this election, come along if you'd like to know more about school boards and what they do.

Napier, Monday, 19 October at 7 pm
Havelock North, 20 October at 5.30 pm

At the hui you'll hear about:

- What is a school board of trustees
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a board of trustees
- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the board of trustees work

We look forward to seeing you and helping your school's succession planning!

To register for Napier, click [here](#)

To register for Havelock North, click [here](#)



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Kōrari – a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees

SCHOOL NOTICES

ANNUAL TAIKURA PARENTS PARTY

HEADS UP

\$10


save the date
november 7

HAUMOANA HALL
BYO & BRING A NIBBLES PLATE
7:00PM - 12:00AM

Featuring:
Live band
2 x DJ's

Get your brain into gear and plan a wild creation to wear on your head. It's time to party.

ANYTHING GOES!



Welcome

Dear Taikura Rudolf Steiner School students, parents & teachers,

Kathmandu Napier & Hastings are pleased to invite you to an exclusive shopping programme.

We are offering a one off **Community Discount** on purchases across the entire range.

Promotion Information:

To be held at our Napier & Hastings stores from Thursday 15th October- Sunday 18th October.

During this event we will offer our guidance and expertise, from important information on correctly fitting backpacks, different sleeping bag options, choosing the correct footwear, to technical information on clothing and apparel.

This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about what is needed for your upcoming adventure to ensure you will be safe and comfortable.

How to take advantage of this offer:

Simply present this flyer at the Kathmandu Napier or Hastings stores on the above dates to gain access to your community discount.

Terms & Conditions:

- Offer only valid at the Kathmandu Napier/Hastings stores between 15/10/20 – 18/10/20
- Purchases are strictly for Taikura Rudolf Steiner School students and staff only.
- Discount offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or sale/clearance discount.
- The store manager may revoke or restrict this offer at their discretion.

Kind Regards

Kathmandu Napier/Hastings Team

KMD Team please use this code to apply discount



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Veil Painting Class

Come and learn to veil paint. Working with the light, colour and darkness principles of Leane Collot d'Herboise. We will begin with simple soft paintings and work towards more complexity.

Tutor: Kathy Allan a practising Leane Collot d'Herboise/Haushcka Art Therapist

Where: At my studio in Clive

When: 10 week course on Tuesdays beginning 13 October 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Cost: \$15.00 per session

Materials: You will need to provide your own paint, paper and board.

Contact: Kathy Allan 0272330970 or 8700108

Therapeutic Art Class

Parzival

We will be working with ten guided colour meditations from the epic story of human development **Parzival**. Each person will receive one on one therapeutic guidance.

The medium is pastel which is easy for beginners to grasp and grow in.

Tutor: Kathy Allan a practising Leane Collot d'Herboise/Haushcka therapist

Where: Steiner Centre Corner Nelson and Whitehead Rd

When: Wednesdays starting 14 October 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Cost: \$15.00 per session

Materials: Provided

Contact: Kathy Allan 0272330970 or magentarose4me@gmail.com

Homeopathy


"Homeopathy is a great way to keep families well. Angela Hair from Concordia Health has worked in Heretaunga as a natural health practitioner for over 25 years and is now working at The Rudolf Steiner Centre.

Monday to Thursdays 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm: **Bookings online:** concordiahealth.co.nz

or by text 027 443 6737 email angela@concordia.co.nz


Art for Beginners

Come and have a go, explore the world of colour and form, and discover your artist within



Eight Wednesdays 9.00 - 10.30 am
21 October - 9 December
Finish with coffee at the Homestead

Make your first steps or grow your confidence as an artist. We will introduce you to simple techniques using a variety of media: charcoal; chalk pastel; watercolour and pencils. This is a great opportunity to put away inhibiting ideas you may have about your artistic abilities and try something new. Nourish your creativity in a supportive learning environment.
Materials provided
Cost: \$180

 **TARUNA COLLEGE**

To enrol - spaces limited to 12
contact info@taruna.ac.nz
or call 06 8777174
or www.taruna.ac.nz