



# Taikura Rudolf Steiner



4 February 2021

## Pippa's Pānui

Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai.  
*Nurture the seed and it will bloom.*

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and I welcome you all back to this new school year. Over recent months I have spoken to many parents, friends, whānau and staff who have loved ones overseas and there has been a recurring theme shared of how fortunate we have been in Aotearoa with the freedom to travel, socialise and enjoy the summer sunshine, at our beaches, lakes, rivers, neighbourhoods and homes.

The start of the new term marks the beginning of a new journey for all of us at Taikura. We have new students and staff who are joining us and other staff and students who are returning after time away. For each of our classes and their teachers an opportunity to reconnect with each other while at the same time having a new curriculum and developmental year to explore and experience.

We have new children and their whānau who are just beginning their educational journey with their first week in our kindergartens. The transition of our Class One children from kindergarten to school, which began at our Carol Evening at the end of last year, was completed at our Powhiri on Monday morning. Class 8 ended last year by saying farewell to their Class teacher and they have spent this week orientating themselves in the High School, finding new classrooms and meeting new teachers. Nearing the end of the journey are our Class 12 students who are settling in for their final year at Taikura, finalising academic programmes and Class 12 project topics and shouldering the mantle of being role models and leaders for our younger classes.

Over the holidays work has continued around our grounds and buildings including painting, new carpets, and the redistribution of a number of our teaching and learning spaces. In Taikura House the school has now extended into all of Level 2 with new High School classrooms and work spaces. Our middle school classes have found a new home at the top of the Edwin Ayre building alongside our Lower School SENCO, and our Extra Lesson and Listening Programme spaces have moved back to the Katherine Laing building making them a great deal more accessible to our Lower School children. Matua Troy has established a temporary learning space on the ground floor of Taikura House for this year and we look forward to sharing the planning for the new whare as that process gets underway.

With the return of all of our staff and students this week our grounds and rooms are full of a lively and positive energy and there is an enjoyment and appreciation in having the opportunity to reconnect with each other and an excitement at the possibilities that this year can hold. The possibilities of plays, projects, camps, day trips, sporting endeavours, new skills to be mastered and shared, friendships to enjoy and adventures to be had.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and productive year.

The healthy social life is found  
when in the mirror of each human soul  
The whole community finds its reflection,  
And when in the community  
the virtue of each one is living  
*Rudolf Steiner*

# SCHOOL NOTICES



## He pito kōrero!

Ngā mihi mahana o Hineraumati ki a koutou e te whānau o Taikura! Ko te tūmanako, kua haumanu te tinana, kua tau hoki te wairua mā koutou i ēnei rā whakatā! Warm greetings of the summer and I hope you are all well and rested from the holidays!

The beginning for the whole staff was a Treaty of Waitangi workshop with Te Huia Bill Hamilton. I have taken part in a number of Treaty workshops over the years and each one has brought a different experience and new learning. One of the aspects that was interwoven throughout this workshop was our tamariki. The following understanding of this kupu comes from Doctor Rose Pere's book Te Wheke – A celebration of infinite wisdom:

'Tama is derived from Tama-nui-te-rā the central sun, the divine spark; ariki refers to senior most status, and riki on its own can mean smaller version. Tamariki is the Māori word used for children. Children are the greatest legacy the world community has.'

This was a powerful way to remind us all of the task of a teacher and our responsibilities as educators to uphold the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, the founding document of our State.

As you walk past the 'Community Notice Board', you will see a copy of the Treaty in both Te Reo Māori and English. As part of my lessons this week, I have been taking students to this space and discussing in a very broad sense the articles of the Treaty and some of the misunderstandings through the translation and kupu mino – transliterate words utilised in the document that were foreign concepts for Māori at that time. However, a whakatauki – proverb that Bill shared with us at the time resonated strongly for all and was focused around our tamariki, for me can be applied to the ongoing learning of our stories and history from this whenua.

**'Miria te pounamu, e pīata ana'**

*Polish the greenstone, so it will shine!*

He pito kōrero will be a part of our weekly Grapevine and for Whaea Kura (our school librarian) and I it is a space that we would like to invite people within our whānau whānui – wider community to be able to share their own kōrero about aspects of Te Ao Māori that would be beneficial for all to read about if you want to. Below are our email addresses if you want to contact us about contributing to this space.

Noho ora mai, nā Matua Troy.

[troy.gardiner@taikura.school.nz](mailto:troy.gardiner@taikura.school.nz)

[kura.rutherford@taikura.school.nz](mailto:kura.rutherford@taikura.school.nz)

*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

## Directory

We are aiming to have our School Directory out very soon. This will include parents' names, email addresses and cell phone numbers. Please let Suzan know asap if you do not wish for any of these details to be included [suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz](mailto:suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz)

## PE tops

A reminder that school branded PE tops are no longer a requirement for gym classes. Students may bring a t-shirt of their own choosing to change into, as long as it meets the dress-code.

## Police Vet Checks

Please remember if you are thinking of helping on your child's camp as a parent volunteer, you will need to be police vetted. These checks can take up to six weeks, and are valid for three years. We have the forms available in the office, and we will need to sight a driver's license and passport or birth certificate.

## Local Outing Forms

You should have received a local outings permission form for 2021 from your class teacher. It is important these are signed and returned to ensure teachers are easily able to plan a local outing for the class anytime during the year.

## School App

If you have not already done so, please download our School App into your smart phone. You will find school contacts, newsletters, a link to our website, term dates, absentee notifications and our calendar (currently being updated). Subscribe to class alert groups and you will receive notifications such as class camp school arrival times and meeting reminders straight to your phone. So much useful information!

## Class One Playground

A reminder that the Class One playground is not to be used by children and families at pick up and drop off times. It can be very distracting for our new learners to have playground activity going on outside the window while they are still in class. In addition to this there are times when this playground is used as a withdrawal space for those children who need it. There are tikanga practises around the use of our playgrounds at school, which can become blurred when parents and whānau have a different approach to the supervision and the rules for their children. Many thanks for your understanding and support in this.

## Sports News - Taikura Surf Club

Brendan and I have been looking at solutions to keep the school's Friday Surf Club going in 2021. For the school to run such a club it is required that a trained surf instructor or lifeguard is present and in charge for the afternoon. We were lucky to have Clayton who was a trained surf instructor, teacher and competent surfer running the club previously. We have explored options of contracting in people qualified in this area with no luck to date, however we are lucky to have Brendan Hamilton-Gibbs our Class 6 teacher and current senior lifeguard, competent ocean swimmer and surfer willing to take some Surf Friday sessions this term. With his commitment to the Waimarama Surf club he will not be available every Friday.

Every **Wednesday** it will be written on the school notice blackboard by the canteen if Surf Friday is happening that week. The information will also be sent out on the school app. If there are any parents that are competent surfers with current qualifications as an instructor or lifeguard who may be interested to help out please contact Brendan or Janet at school.

The surf club is an informal meeting of students and parents at Waimarama beach on Friday after school from 4:00 pm. School boards are used for basic lessons, and surfing practice. More competent students can attend with their own boards. All students require a parent supervisor, as in, it is **not** a drop your child off session. Often parents have a go as well if there are spare boards available with some then enjoying a fish and chip dinner with other families post surf. This year we will have a koha tin that we hope students will contribute to as a way to help offset the ongoing costs of the upkeep of the school boards. A gold coin from everyone each session will help.

The intention is for the first session to be Friday 12 February

Thank you  
Janet Osborne

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## School Canteen Menu

**Stick this on the fridge or somewhere safe for future use!**

Parents or Caregivers are able to order via text and pay with Internet banking for casual use or can authorise an account for their child that will be billed at the end of each week.

**Text:** 020 402 59211.

**Internet Banking:** M.W&M.J Bristow **ANZ** 01 0422 0003105 00

High quality, reasonably priced catering is available from in home birthdays and anniversaries to weddings and conferences. We can cover most dietary requirements. We have several venue options. The top six items are available as take home packs that are suitable for the freezer, a minimum of 20 items.

There may be opportunities for casual work at the canteen, preferably people who may require canteen or catering credit. Please see Matthew at the canteen.

Vegetarian Quiche **GF** \$4.00

Vegetarian Pie **GF** \$4.00

Steak Pie **GF** \$5.00

Spinach & Feta Roll **GF** \$5.00

Samosa **Vegan** \$4.00

Ham & Cheese Calzone \$4.00

Hot Dog \$4.00

Nachoes **vegetarian** \$4.00 1/2 Nachoes \$2.50 **GF** option available

Stuffed Baked Potato **vegetarian GF** \$4.50

Chicken Salad Bap vegetarian option available if ordered at morning tea or text \$5.00

Egg Sandwiches \$4.00

Macaroni Cheese \$3.00

Crumbed Fish \$2.00

Sausage Roll \$1.50

Cheese Toastie spaghetti or nacho bean \$1.50

Mini Mince Pie \$1.00

Apple Pie \$2.00

Cake, Muffin or Slice small \$1.00 / large \$2.00

**DF/GF** slice \$2.00

Bliss Ball **vegan** \$2.00

Biscuit small 50c / large \$1.00

Hot Chocolate \$2.50

Lemon&Honey \$2.00

Kombucha \$4.00

Water \$2.00

Frozen Juicie \$2.00

Frozen Yoghurt \$1.00

Hot Soup in Colder Months \$4.00

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## School Reports

If you have not received your child's report from last term please come to the school office and collect it. We chose not to send these out last year due to the cost of postage and have several still to be collected.

## Mark Your Calendar

February 9	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Class 1 Parent Evening - Class 1
February 10	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Class 6 Parent Evening - EA 4
February 11	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Football Meeting - Janet Osbourne - TH Ground Floor
February 16	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Class 7 RM Parent Evening - EA 6
February 16	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 7 TM Parent Evening - EA 7
February 18	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 5 Parent Evening KL 5
February 23	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 11 Parent Evening - TH 3.8
February 25	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 10 Parent Evening - TH 3.2
March 3	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening - TH 3.4
March 3	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Taikura Kindergarten Parent Evening

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Therapeutic Art Class

With Kathy Allan

This term we are taking a break from Parzival and will be focusing on the Grimms fairy tale the **Queen Bee**. It is a 10 week course.

Each week we work with a coloured pastel meditation from the story. At the end of ten weeks you will be able to put your pictures together to create your own little story book.

There will be one on one therapeutic guidance for each person.

Pastel is an easy medium for beginners to grasp and grow confident in.

**Where**.....Steiner Centre corner of Whitehead Road and Nelson Street

**When**.....Wednesday 10:00 am - 11:00 am starting Wednesday 3 February

**Cost**...\$15.00 per session plus a one off \$5.00 for materials

**Facilitator**.....Kathy Allan a practising Leane Collot d'Herboise/Hauschka Art therapist

**Contact**.....Kathy Allan 0272330970

## Art for Beginners

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

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.

- Nine Wednesdays 9:00 am -10:30 am from Wednesday 17 February – Wednesday 14 April
- Cost \$190 - all art materials and morning tea afterwards in the Homestead is provided.
- To enrol contact [info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz) or call 06 8777174 or register online [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz)

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