

Linking Our Local Environment To Our Curriculum

Last Thursday Class Five were blessed with a beautiful day for our trip to the gannet colonies at Te-Kauwae-a-Maui. We made the journey with Gannet Beach Adventures, travelling along the beach and partly in the water, on trailers behind their vintage tractors. This experience is fantastic for the beginning of Class Five, or the end of Class Four. It links to the exploration of Human and Animal, Local History and Geography Main Lessons in Class Four and the widening of this exploration in Class Five to New Zealand Geography and Botany.

As we travelled the class was treated to an explanation of how the cliffs have been formed over thousands of years through the movement of the earth's crust. We could clearly see the various layers of rock marked out in the cliff face and the fault lines where earthquakes have created ruptures in these layers. We handled deposits of volcanic ash and peat, seeing how different origin material dictate the qualities of the rock, laying seeds for our Geology Main Lesson in Class Six.

We revisited the account of the interactions between tangata whenua and James Cook at this place in 1769, which we had heard in Class Four. We read about how the Gannets are a relatively new addition to this section of coastline, not having been notable until the 1870's.

We all trekked to the plateau at the top of the cliffs where the main colony of gannets are. Here we saw adult gannets with chicks ranging from quite fresh, to almost ready to embark on their first flight; a journey of 2,800 kilometres to Australia.

The Class brought their sketchbooks with them and enjoyed their first experience of open air landscape and animal sketching, with the children being challenged to work quickly to capture a feeling of the landscape and wildlife.

A wonderful day exploring a spectacular part of our local area while enhancing our curriculum experience. Many thanks to the parent helpers who generously gave their time so that we could go.

Leon Crellin
Class Five Teacher



Mark Your Calendar		
February 18	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 5 Parent Evening KL
February 23	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 11 Parent Evening - TH Level 2
February 24	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Kereru Kindergarten Parent Evening
February 25	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 10 Parent Evening - TH Level 3
March 3	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening - TH Level 3
March 3	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Taikura Kindergarten Parent Evening

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

Kua tau ngā waewae a Rūhīterangi

As I was listening to Professor Rangi Matamua's kōrero on his Facebook page 'Living with the Stars' he talked about being in the ninth month of the maramataka, which is also known as Te iwa o Rūhīterangi. The phrase above 'Kua tau ngā waewae a Rūhīterangi', which figuratively speaking refers to Ruhi's feet (a star currently rising in the sky) now being on the earth, the time when it can be unbearably hot, and people feel tired from that heat. The other part of Ruhi's rising is the second phase of growth within Papatūānuku; the flowering of plants, the ripening of fruits that we see so clearly in Te Matau-a-Māui (Hawkes Bay).

The picture taken below during the timely rain in the Bay, is of our kūmara and the prolific growth of the rau (leaves) and hopefully this is echoed with the kūmara below, as we get closer to the time of hauhake (harvest)!

Nā, Matua Troy.



Kīwaha o te wiki – phrase of the week

Aheiha (Ah hay ha)
Yeah, hard! Truly! Exactly! Certainly!

Hemi: Kia ora e hoa! It must be hard for those businesses in Tāmaki Makaurau at Level 3 again!

Rangi: Aheiha, e hoa!

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



SCHOOL NOTICES

Policies And Procedures

A reminder that all of Taikura's policies and procedures can be found on the SchoolDocs website <https://taikurasteiner.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "taikurasteiner" and password "heartwood".

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

There is a detailed formal 3 yearly review cycle administered by SchoolDocs which feeds into improvements not just at Taikura, but at all schools signed up to SchoolDocs across the country. Parents are an essential part of this review process. Although this is a formal process we consider the policies living documents with the capacity for feedback and improvement.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented.

Currently the **Home Learning** policy is under review until the end of this term, and by visiting the website and following the prompts, you are able to send any feedback on this policy directly to the Principal. We very much encourage you to take part in this process.

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

Community Health Consultation on Sexuality Education

As part of the Ministry requirements every school is required to consult its school community on how they teach sexuality education.

This year I would like to meet with the community on Tuesday 16 March at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm and Tuesday 30 March 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm on level 2 Taikura House room 28. The first meeting will be led by myself on what we do as a school around sexuality education, my intentions moving forward and getting feedback. The second meeting will be gathering ideas from this working group on how they can support the Health Curriculum outside of school. Eg having guest speakers for the community and parent/caregiver education.

Everybody is welcome and I look forward to seeing you.

Gee Reisima
Wellness Coordinator
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Canteen Bank Account Detail Amendment

Please Note the correct canteen account number: MW & MJ Bristow - ANZ 01-0422-0003105-00

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sports Notices

Taikura Surf Club

Last Friday our 1st "surf club" session got under way out at Waimarama. About fifteen keen learners attended on a warm afternoon with a suitable one metre swell.

Ruby Mackwell (new Class 7 teacher), Lara Watson and Francesca Janke offered surf lessons, overseen by Brendan.

Below is the outline of how Surf Friday will be working this term for anyone who missed the details from a previous grapevine.

This Friday 19 February: NO surf club due to Brendan having a prior commitment. We are aiming for the next session to be Friday 26 February.



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.

Volleyball

We have 4 volleyball teams starting next week. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have offered to support these teams at their games. Tai -Maree Rees, Judith Grellman, Sanne Coulthard, Brendan Hamilton- Gibbs, Troy Gardiner, Paul Van Kampen and Anna Follett.

TACS - Town and Country Schools Triathlon. Tuesday 2 March

Many of the students from Classes 6 and 7 will be competing in this event as teams. More information will be coming out soon. We will be requiring parent help to make this event possible, let me know if you are available that day please.

Summer Series Orienteering.

If any lower school students are interested in more information, please email sports.coordinator@taikura.school.nz

Winter Sports.

Over the next few weeks high school winter sports teams will be starting to get organised.

Once again thank you to Angeline Ramsay, Morag Wilson and Murray Barker for your long service to Taikura school sport teams in the past.

We now need to look forward and for 2021 we are in need of some new coaches for several teams.

High school netball coaches.

Junior football team

High school basketball.

Badminton.

Please contact me if you or anyone you know of may be able to fill one of these roles.



Confirmed High School Coaches To Date:

1st 11 hockey- Anne and Bill Hilton

2nd 11 hockey- Adam Hay

Senior Boys football- James Taylor

High School Team Trials

Hockey- Monday 15 March - 4:00 pm

More information will be given to the students at school.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Music Notices

Itinerant instrument lessons are available during the school day. Instruments include violin, viola, cello, flute, drums, piano, guitar and ukulele. If you would like further details please contact me on thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Lower school orchestra and high school orchestra are up and running weekly. If your child would like to join, please get in touch in person or through thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Instruments For Hire 2021

The school has a number of instruments for hire at reasonable rates. We have many violins and violas, cellos, trumpets, trombones, saxophones, clarinets, flutes and guitars. An instrument can be hired for one term initially if you'd like to trial it first before making a commitment for the year.

There are a number of Itinerant teachers coming into the school who can support your child's learning on a variety of instruments and yet others in the wider community.

If you think your child would be interested in playing an instrument this year, please feel free to give me a call at school on Fridays between 11:45 am and 2:30 pm or email me: zahira.rickard@taikura.school.nz

I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm Regards
Zahira Rickard
Instrument Hire

Impetigo

Recently we have had some cases of impetigo/school sores at school. Below are some key points which are important to remember when dealing with impetigo as it is a highly contagious condition.

Key points to remember about school sores

- school sores (impetigo) are common in children - it is a skin infection caused by bacteria
- school sores spread between children very easily
- try to prevent your child scratching the sores as much as possible - cover sores with a watertight dressing and cut your child's fingernails
- wash hands with soap and dry thoroughly before and after touching the skin or sores
- your child can go back to school, kindergarten or daycare **one day after the start of treatment** and when the sores are completely covered with dressings
- continue medical treatment until all sores are healed.

Treatment talked about in this instance is allopathic. If treating with alternative or Anthroposophical medicines it is important to have the support of a Anthroposophical nurse/doctor or your alternative health care professional. Impetigo can be incredible invasive and compromising for a child once established. In these cases it is important that time is given for the child to rest and recuperate at home until all sores have healed.

For further information follow the links below.

<https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/school-sores-impetigo-detail>

<https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/health-a-z/s/school-sores/>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/impetigo-school-sores>

School Reports

There are still a number of reports from last term that have not been collected. Please collect your child's from the school office. We chose not to mail these out last year due to the cost of postage.

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
Water \$2.00

Frozen Juicie \$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt \$1.00
Hot Soup in Colder Months \$4.00

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ENLIVENING MOVEMENT EURYTHMY SESSIONS FOR ADULTS



Wherever we go in nature we experience life and movement. Stillness comes out of the movement; inner quiet is sought in the turbulence of life and equanimity is found through life's contrasts. Eurythmy offers an opportunity to explore the polarities, develop a greater awareness of what we meet and can help in finding a sense of wholeness.

In term one of 2021 two courses are open to all no matter how much exposure or experience you've had with the art of eurythmy, all are welcome. Eurythmy can bring vitality to life and strengthen the soul life.

Commencing Tuesday 9 February at 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Steiner Centre corner Nelson Street and Whitehead Road

This course will run for 7 weeks. Registrations are now open. The course will cost \$80.00 for 7 sessions. For interest and registration please contact sue.simpson0@gmail.com

Commencing Thursday 18 February 8:30 – 9:30 am
Taruna College, Te Mata Peak Road, Havelock North

This course will run for six weeks. Registrations are now open. The course will cost \$70.00 for 6 sessions. For interest and registration please contact sue.simpson0@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Steiner Education Development Trust
General Manager position

Steiner Education Development Trust (SEDT) is seeking a person for the position of General Manager reporting to the Board.

SEDT manages the New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education (CSE) which is delivered internationally. The position, which could be New Zealand or Australia based, requires some awareness of Steiner Waldorf Education but especially general management, entrepreneurial, financial, IT and marketing skills together with good communication and people management to direct a small NZ-based and international team. This team of highly skilled professionals works remotely and is involved in delivering the certificate to a growing number of schools in New Zealand, Australia and the Northern Hemisphere.

This is an opportunity to work with a highly motivated team dedicated to making this unique secondary school qualification available right across the Steiner Waldorf Education world.

Applications close on 15 March 2021

For a full position description and expressions of interest please contact

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Director and General Manager

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Call Matthew on 020 4025 9211

Wanted

Secondhand plastic painting boards and Stockmar paint. I am happy to pay for them or give a koha. Please contact Joy Mintorn in the evenings on 027 876 3232.

Communication For Connection

Hastings: Saturday 13 March and Sunday 14 March

Empowering support for Parents

This workshop is significant support for all parents! Providing new awareness, confidence, and skill to communicate more effectively, deepen connections and foster cooperation - *is guaranteed!* You will also discover new ways to keep your cup filled and have a more empowered relationship with yourself. If you would like to hear feedback from someone at Taikura who has completed this course, contact me.

Based on the worldwide proven principles of Nonviolent Communication, facilitator Filipa Hope (past Taikura parent) has been providing her workshops around the country since 2010. Filipa is contracted by the Ministry of Education, providing this empowering personal and professional development for educators.

Numbers limited to 14 Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm both days.

Cost: \$250 by Monday 8 March (includes morning & afternoon tea)

Registrations to Filipa: filipahope@gmail.com phone 0274 513 445