



Pippa's Pānui

28 October 2021

Kia ora Taikura whānau

Starting the term with a short week and a long weekend is certainly lovely but also a little disruptive to our weekly rhythm. During the short weeks there still seems to be a long list of things which need to be done at school and kindergarten.

As I mentioned in my pānui at the end of the holidays this term holds a number of challenges for us. The final term of the year is always busy, the warmer days tease us that summer is on her way and it can feel as if we are caught in a fast flowing current rushing over rapids towards the end of the year. We also have the ongoing impact of Alert Level 2 and we are working through the implications of this on our loved annual events which usually signal the end of the year's journey. We appreciate for some the uncertainty around how these events might look may be frustrating. It is our intention to share our planning as soon as we have it completed. The additional layer is the vaccination mandate which we were notified of during the recent holidays. This mandate requires all school staff, contractors and volunteers to be fully vaccinated by the 1 January 2022. On 25 October 2021, the COVID-19 Vaccination Order came into effect and from today we are starting to have the implications of this unpacked for schools and kindergartens by their various related agencies. We are fully aware that this also is an issue which is causing uncertainty for staff, students and parents, not just in our community but around the country, for those on all sides of this issue.

For our dedicated staff there are a huge number of possible distractions at this time, but the observation is, that as always, the focus is on our students. At Taikura the start of this term has seen students heading out on camps, day trips being planned, play and eurythmy rehearsals underway in the hall, high school students confirming their elective choices for next year, kindergarten children having their first visit to the class one playground, our beautiful gardens full of spring blooms as well as skipping, laughter and energy, beautiful chalk drawings on blackboards, woodwork and handwork projects nearing completion and generally the experience of a busy, bubbling brook, which has a sense of purpose and direction.

In my pānui to Taikura staff at the start of this term I shared that while the intensity dial may feel like it has been turned up for this coming term I also know that we have fantastically dedicated staff who are in education to support the healthy development of our young people and if we are able to hold onto our essentials at this time, looking after ourselves and those around us with respect and love we will be able to cope with whatever is placed in our way.

The vaccination mandate is not a body of water that we can avoid, build a bridge over or a tunnel under. This is an issue which we are all going to have to work our way through. Below is a verse by Rudolf Steiner for the Michael Age which we often turn to provide inner strength when needed:

For the Michael Age
by Rudolf Steiner

*We must eradicate from the Soul
All fear and terror of what comes towards us
From out of the future,*

*And we must acquire serenity
In all feelings and sensations about the future.
We must look forward
With complete equanimity to everything that may come,*

*And we must think only that whatever comes
Is given to us by a world directive full of wisdom.
It is part of what we must learn in this age:
Namely to live out of pure trust
Without any security in existence,*

*Trust in the ever-present help of the Spiritual World.
Truly, nothing else will do
If our courage is not to fail us.
And we must seek this awakening within ourselves
Every morning and every evening.*

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

Ngā Tukemata o Kahungunu!

We are resharing this beautiful kōrero written by Erena Tōmoana and published in He Pito Kōrero last year:

As Māori we live by the ways of our ancestors. There is a very well known and often referenced whakataukī 'Me hoki whakamuri, kia haere whakamua' which translates as 'look back to the past in order to move forward'. Often during challenging times, we put these words into action and consider what our tipuna (ancestors) might do in such a situation. Ngāti Kahungunu have deeply considered the ongoing situation and looked to our stories and ancestors for an alternative to our tikanga of greeting with physical embrace, hand shakes or hongis. Ngāti Kahungunu as an iwi is named after the tipuna (ancestor) Kahungunu, grandson of Rongokako.

In his time Kahungunu was renowned for traveling alone throughout the country while others travelled in groups of warriors – such was his charisma. He help build and strengthen communities as he revealed his hardworking ethics by gathering food, building houses, constructing and designing Pā. Kahungunu is renowned and remembered through our waiata (songs) and pūrākau (tribal stories) for his many marriages that subsequently created the iwi we are today. It was the raising of his bushy and prominent eyebrows that attracted his many wives and subsequently the nickname for Ngāti Kahungunu descendants 'Ngā Tukemata o Kahungunu', meaning the bushy eyebrows of Kahungunu.

We have built this whakataukī into our ways of being and greeting each other, the raising of the eyebrows is what we have called the 'Kahungunu Wave'. In Kahungunu history and tradition the 'Kahungunu Wave' is more common than the hongis! So, next time you want to greet someone, consider the 'Kahungunu wave'.

Kīwaha o te wiki – phrase of the week

Kai whea atu! (kar ee fear ah ah too)
Legendary!

Tama: Kia ora e mara! Did you hear Kahu singing last night?

Hine: Kai whea atu e Tama!

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



Policy Review

This term SchoolDocs is reviewing the policy 'Māori Educational Success'. In order to participate in this review we encourage you to visit our SchoolDocs site (User name: taikurasteiner Password: heartwood). Along the top of the page you will see a tab labelled 'Current Review' where you will find a table with links to the policies currently under review.

- Follow the link
- Read the policy
- Click the red Policy Review button icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
- Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver from the drop-down list.
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access our school office staff can provide you with a printed copy of the policy and the review form.

Donation Forms

Reminder that donation forms are due back in week four. Donation forms were posted out last term and an email was sent out during the holidays. Should you need another donation form, please call into the office to collect one.

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Our School Health Nurse

Tēnā koutou katoa
Greetings to you all

He uri tēnei nō Ngāti Kahungunu
I'm a descendant of Kahungunu

Ka tu ake au ki runga I te maunga paratu a Puketapu
I stand on my lofty mountain Puketapu

Ki reira ka tu rangatira ōku marae a Ōmahu me Te Āwhina
Where my two great marae stand, Ōmahu and Te Āwhina

Ko Ngārūrōrō Moko Tuararo ki Rangatira te awa, kāinga o te taniwha, Karukaru
Ngārūrōrō Moko Tuararo ki Rangatira is the river, home of our taniwha (guardian), Karukaru

Ko Takitimu te waka o te iwi
Takitimu is the waka of my tribe

Ko Ngāti Hinemanu me Ngai Te Ūpokoiri ngā hapū
Ngāti Hinemanu and Ngai Te Ūpokoiri are my hapū

Nō Ōmahu taku kāinga
Ōmahu is my home

Ko Diane Huriwai āhau
I am Diane Huriwai

Nō reira, tēnā koutou tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa
Therefore, greetings and thank you all.

Above is my pepeha and my connections to the whenua (land) specifically Kahungunu ki Heretaunga and our awa (river), commonly known as Ngāruroro and all things pertaining to Omahu. Our whenua and our awa is shared by many in our community and sustains us all. With respect and care for our whenua, our awa, they will continue to sustain us.

I am a Public Health Nurse for the Child Health Team and work for the Hawkes Bay District Health Board. My role in the kura involves me working alongside tamariki and their whānau in kura and at home, enabling engagement with other health and social services. I also provide education and health plans for whānau and kura who have tamariki with high health needs. Immunisations in kura is another role of mine, however, I also tautoko (support) whānau if they wish to decline this service. For adolescents, I am able to offer support, education with and access to sexual health needs such as contraception, among other general health needs. Any other issues that affect the public, I take the opportunity to raise awareness and share that within communities.

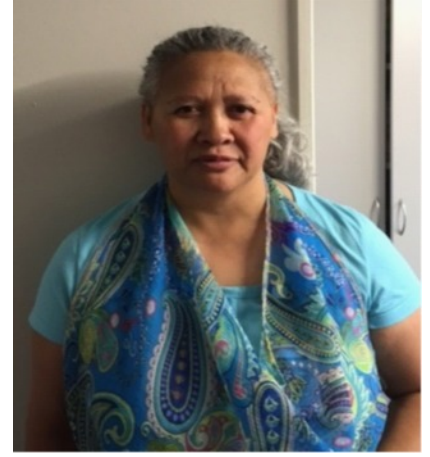
Feel free to call or text on my cell phone between 9:00 am – 15:00 pm
Ngā mihi

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Mark Your Calendar

November 23

All Day

Teacher Only Day - School Only

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sports News - Taikura Surf Club Starts This Friday

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.

To cover costs \$2.00 is required **on the day, every week** for usage of school equipment (wetsuits and surfboards) to help upkeep the maintenance of boards, leg ropes and wax.

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. Any further information contact Brendan or Janet at school.

Thank you
Brendan Hamilton-Gibbs

"Bee" Safe Wear Shoes And Slap On A Hat!

Our main field always attracts the buzz of our friendly little workers of the flowers. To ensure the children are safe from harm please check that they have suitable shoes on at all times. This is up to parents and staff to enforce. If you see one of our children on the field without shoes on, please ask them to go and put some on. And te ra (*the sun*) is out in force so please make sure you wear your hats too.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Organic Free Range Eggs

"Marley's farm is proud to introduce our range of organic, free range eggs.

Our girls have complete freedom to wander through our organic lime orchard and are fed a mixture of certified organic feed and organic greens from our market garden.

\$9 per dozen - some so large we struggle to close the box! Free delivery around Hastings/Napier once a week.

To order please contact: Aleya 020 41915374 or Eli 020 4079 9242

Taikura And Kereru Kindergartens Are Looking For Casual Relief Staff

Registered Kaiako And Kindergarten Assistants

We are looking for enthusiastic people to come and support us in our kindergartens. If you are an experienced kaiako or someone interested in Steiner pedagogy in the kindergarten setting this might be an opportunity for you! Casual hours between 8:30 am - 2:45 pm (might be shorter), term time only.

We are looking for both qualified registered Kaiako as well as Kindergarten Assistant support.

If you are interested, please contact Danica Hensel Ondrusova at danica.henselondrusova@taikura.school.nz.

Individual Art Therapy For Adults, Teenagers And Children

And family sessions supporting the grieving process.

Accessing your creativity, art therapy is an effective way to address and overcome grief, depression, anxiety, life crises and trauma and to discover a new relationship to one's biography. No previous experience in or aptitude for art necessary. For more information contact: Eva Steinmetz-Urieli <evaurieli@gmail.com> 06 878 6028 or 021 0277 1201

Inner And Outer Landscapes Of Your Life - A Life Story Painting Class

This workshop is based on the seven year life phases as outlined in Anthroposophy. By means of simple wet on wet paintings, done each session, we will be travelling through your biography in six big steps. Beginners in art welcome. Tuesdays 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm starting Tuesday 2 November and ending Tuesday 7 December. At the Steiner Center Hastings 500 Nelson Street North. \$140.00 all art materials included.

Contact Eva Stinmetz-Urieli to enroll on 021 0277 1201 or email evaurieli@gmail.com