



Pippa's Pānui

This week I have started the Parzival Main Lesson with Class 11. The story of *Parzival* by Wolfram von Eshenbach begins with the statement that a Man has both light and darkness within him. Inconstancy is described as darkness while steadfastness as drawing one closer to the light; but he who strives may reach blessedness. The theme of the book is Parzival's striving to transform from innocence to doubt to blessedness. He is said to be "a brave man slowly wise". It is a privilege to teach this Main Lesson and to be a part of discussions with our young people as they explore the questions and issues raised in this text and relate them to their own experiences and the world they live in today.

This week, as well as having the gift of the Parzival Main Lesson I have been moved by the generosity of spirit from staff, our governors as well as past staff and principals who have gifted time and kind offers of support to ensure that our students' learning is able to continue with as little disruption as possible.

As part of the vaccination mandate process staff had until midnight Monday to confirm their vaccination status, which meant that until Tuesday morning we did not have final confirmation for all. Moving forward those affected staff have until 1 January to be fully vaccinated, and some may return to working on site before the end of the year. Officially, staff currently not on site are on leave and every situation is different as per the individual nature of their position.

As with any situation when a staff member is on leave, cover is provided for their role and responsibilities, with the aim of providing as much continuity and consistency for our students as possible. Parents have been communicated with directly where their child's day to day experience has been impacted.

Below is a poem that I often share with the Class 11 students as part of the Parzival Main Lesson.

There is a Land of Inner Sun,
A virgin land of inmost day,
Where men may meet and make their way
Upon a journey long begun.

A fragile, firm, unfettered place –
So near, yet ever just apart –
Where men may greet with waking heart
The one who bears their brother's face.
Where each may find what is his own,
Where one can tread on truth alone,
And freedom is the only air
For men to breathe who journey there.

Arvia Mackaye Ege

Mark Your Calendar

November 23

All Day

Teacher Only Day - School

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

A couple of weeks ago, we showcased a Māori sculptural work, Māui-tikitiki-a-Taranga, that resides in the bottom floor of Taikura House. One of our parents, through personal connections with a tutor from Toihoukura, the Māori Visual Arts course in Turanganui-a-Kiwa (Gisborne), confirmed that the artist is Tai Kerekere and the school purchased the piece about 25 years ago. It was great to get the whakapapa of this taonga!

This week, with the support of Jen, our school gardener, Class 3 prepared the māra (garden) and planted the tipu (shoots from the kumara) in the gardens across from our kura. The rows were dug diagonally, facing east to west, to maximise the energy of Tamanuiterā (the sun) to support their growth. Ka mau te weh,i e te puna tuatoru...well done, Class 3!



Kīwaha o te wiki – phrase of the week

Kua puta a pito! (Coo ar poo tah ah pee ator)
I'm so full! (Literally, my belly button is popping out)

Kaea: Tino reka te kai e Hine! That kai was awesome! Do you want dessert?
Hine: Kāo...no! Kua puta a pito!

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 (At Level 1)

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura!

Waiata mai will start again at Level 1. 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 App

If you have not already done so, please download our SchoolApp into your smart phone. You will find school contacts, newsletters, a link to our website, term dates, absentee notifications and our calendar which is filled with upcoming events, meetings, camps and trips. 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!

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.



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Congratulations

We are very proud of Kea Templer McConnell of Class 11, who has been formally offered a place in the Otago University Advanced School Sciences Academy OUASSA for the 2022 academic year.

Judith Grellman, her nominating teacher highly recommended Kea for this programme and Otago University was impressed by Kea's application and essay on Science in the 21st Century.

As part of the Science Academy, Kea will attend both of the science camps in Dunedin (23 - 29 January and 10 - 16 July 2022) and for the rest of the year will be enrolled in a Virtual Academy and contribute actively to a Science Communication online project between the two camps.

OUASSA gives Kea the opportunity to

- Work alongside and be challenged by leading scientists across a wide range of disciplines.
- Participate in a programme of stimulating science research projects and fun social events
- Engage in enjoyable, meaningful and challenging on-line extension work while networking with like minded budding scientists from across the country
- Develop confidence in communicating with fellow scientists and relating science to a wider audience.
- Explore the wide range of science career options.

Congratulations Kea !

Congratulations to Isaac Cox of Class 12 who was part of a group of twenty students receiving the Hastings Heretaunga Lions Club Young Achievers Awards for 2021 from Hastings Mayor, Sandra Hazlehurst. Isaac's nomination was based on his academic, sporting and cultural achievements. During the ceremony, Isaac performed a solo violin work, and following the award presentation he acknowledged the support he had received from Taikura, teachers, coaches and family members.

Class 11 Eurythmy Performance



"It has been a privilege to have worked this year with Class 11 and prepare their Eurythmy performances. I want to acknowledge all the effort the students have put in last week in presenting two beautiful performances of the stories of Demeter and Persephone and Orpheus and Eurydice. A job well done, congratulations students!"

Nives Frigerio
Eurythmy

SCHOOL NOTICES

Library News

Kia ora koutou,

It's been a busy and fun year in our whare pukapuka. Thank you to those who have given kind donations of books and time during 2021, we greatly appreciate your support. A special thanks to Willow Sharp who has helped cover books throughout the year. A massive thank you to all our student librarians, who have worked so diligently throughout our year, shelving thousands of books over the year, and helping keep our library looking fresh and cared for.

A huge thanks also to Matua Troy for the stunning gift of a hand-woven taonga for our library. This piece is named 'Ko au, ko koe, ko ia' and is woven from dyed harakeke and pingao. It was created for an exhibition held at the Pacific Arts Festival in 2008 in Pago Pago, American Sāmoa. The theme of the festival was U'iga'ula a le Atuvasa: Threading the Oceania 'Ula. The Ula is a necklace that is worn for festive occasions. When weaving this, each sculptural piece is representing the different cultural regions of Te moana-nui-a-Kiwa – the Pacific; Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia.



Congratulations to Class 4 who have issued a phenomenal number of books this year - 1373 books and counting. Class 4 can feel proud of this!! Congratulations also to Class 5, who have issued 914 books so far this year, another amazing effort.

Books are due back by Monday 29 November: It is the time of year when all books need to be returned. Please remind your tamariki, and contact me at library@taikura.school.nz if your child is having trouble locating their books.

Summer issuing: For the first time we are offering summer issuing! Students will be able to take library books home for the holidays so long as they have brought back all the books they have issued during the year.

It is a huge privilege to work with your tamariki and to share in their journey with books and reading. Thank you also to *you all* for helping keep the passion for books and reading alive in our school community. Next year, I look forward to finding more ways to connect with you all, our invaluable community...so watch this space.

Ngā mihi mahana o Hineraumati ki a koutou
Nā, Kura Rutherford - School Librarian

Watches And Reading Glasses Found

- A black watch with a blue strap and a picture on the face, was found in the gutter outside school on Wednesday.
- Round face watch with a stainless steel strap and white inside the face.
- Large G Shock found last week, strap has been cut to make it smaller.
- Pair of prescription reading glasses found "Deus" brand.

If any of these items belong to you, please see Adrienne in the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Looking For Housesitters

Kia ora, we're a Steiner family in Lower Hutt looking for someone to house and pet sit while we're away from December 23 - January 19 (can possibly discuss dates starting just after Christmas.) We live at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac on the edge of Belmont, in a house with a rambling peaceful garden with big trees, vegetable garden, chickens and a little stream down the bottom, bordering a bush reserve. Beach, bush and city delights are all close by. Our sweet dog would like some company and walks and our other pet animals are low maintenance and mainly need feeding and a few cuddles!

Please get in touch with Katja and Paul on 022-1265112 or katjakoekie@hotmail.com for a chat if you are interested.

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

Home-based Care Available

I am providing Steiner inspired childcare in Flaxmere. I live on a back section on a quiet street, with my three children aged 12, 3 and 3. Providing natural and gentle rhythms throughout the day, and the children engage in child led play. We also enjoy regular activities such as drawing, painting, and baking, as well outings to local parks. I'm happy to support parents in their gentle parenting pathway, and can facilitate the use of cloth nappies. I'm also happy to use baby wearing for young ones who may feel more settled and secure in this way.

As I will no longer be working through an agency, subsidies will not be available. However I'm happy to negotiate the hourly rate, especially for those on a single and/or low income.

Please get in touch to find out more. Sabina Bacchus 02108307141 or sab.bacs@gmail.com

Summer Violin Lessons

Are you or your child thinking about learning the violin? Been playing for many years and wanting some fresh input? I am a Taikura graduate going into my third year of study at the New Zealand School of Music, and I am offering short-term violin lessons over the summer holidays. Boost your playing to the next level. All levels of experience welcome, from absolute beginners to Grade 8 and beyond.

Contact Miru at 0212328830 or mirushimaoka@gmail.com

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A LIBRARY THING FOR TEENAGERS
SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2021-22

HASTINGS DISTRICT LIBRARIES

summer sparks

Challenge yourself this summer and be in to win great prizes! Karawhiua!

29 Nov 2021 - 30 Jan 2022

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