



Pippa's Pānui

This year has been one which has required flexibility and a willingness to adapt. The impact of the pandemic has meant that we have had to navigate our way through the requirements of alert levels and traffic light systems and the impact that this has had on our camps, trips and activities and our ability to come together as a community. In August the lockdown meant that we had to transfer our students to learning from home followed by on site bubbles as the alert levels changed again. On returning to site again a number of events needed to be altered or fitted in to adjusted timeframes as a result of the lockdown. Our October holidays were interrupted by the announcement of the vaccine mandate and this term has been impacted as we have had to work through the many and varied implications of this. Unfortunately, due to employment situations still being in process we are not in a position to be able to acknowledge the individual staff impacted by this mandate however it is our intention to do so as soon as it is possible as we are greatly aware of the significant impact that this has had.

I would like to acknowledge all of the staff, students, parents and community who have made this year possible, providing interesting and engaging learning opportunities, those who have carried and supported tramps, camps and day trips, those who have produced and enabled plays, led musical performances, and organised events. Those who have enabled our special events to happen, project presentations, book week, festivals, our mid- winter warmer for the community, the pantomime, and the shepherds play. In our school our students are supported in their learning and educational journey, not just by teachers but also our wonderfully dedicated teacher aides, Nicole with her Extra Lesson work, Robyn, John, Eva and Maggie our therapists, Maxine our counsellor, Lesley with her years of experience in careers, Jenny and Rin for the care they provide our gardens and the children's experience of these.

I would like to thank Ruby Mackwell for stepping in to carry Class 7 this year and the wonderful commitment you have given this group of students. I wish both Jade Powell and Danica Hensel Ondrusova all the very best for next year, Jade as she takes time to refresh and focus on her own professional development and Danica for the fast approaching arrival of her and Tobi's baby. We also wish Thomas McArdle all the very best as he makes the transition from Class 7 to Class 1 next year. At our High School prize giving we acknowledged Anna Follett and Judith Grellman who are both embarking on new journeys next year. During their time at Taikura they have both carried huge amounts in their respective subject areas and we wish them well for the next leg of their journeys. I would also like to acknowledge Sanne Coulthard, who after 11 years carrying both the gym subject and space is stepping into a new role of High School SENCO next year, we wish you all the very best for this and we thank you for the many gifts and expertise you have shared with students and staff during your time in the gym.

We have been fortunate to have some wonderful applicants apply for the positions in Gym, Science, Handwork and Social Sciences and we look forward to introducing these new staff members to our students and community in the new year.

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season and restful summer break.

Christmas

In the eye of the soul is mirrored
The light of hope of the Earth.
Holy Wisdom of Worlds
Speaks in the heart of Man:
The Father's eternal Love
Sends to the Earth the Son,
Who on Man's pathway sheds
Bounty of Heaven's Light

By Rudolf Steiner

Class 12 Prize Giving Results

EIT Trades Academy – Bakery Level 3 – Overall Top Student – Kody Johnson

Outstanding Contribution to School Sport - Drew Porter, Lua Vilhena, Rory Merwood and Alejandro Correa

Top Academic students in the following subject areas at each level:

The Sciences - across Physics, Chemistry and Biology - Luna Kirchner

Mathematics - across Statistics and Calculus - Eamon Carroll

Humanities - English and Drama - Luna Kirchner and Selina Charlton

Movement - including Eurythmy and Physical Education - Lara Watson

The Social Sciences - across Social Studies and Geography - Phoebe Zuiderwijk

Technology - across Handwork, Woodwork and Digital Technology - Orla Jefferson

The Arts - Art and Music - Larissa Dance-Mollman

Consistent Effort to Improve - Markus Hirczy

Otago University Entrance Scholarship for 2021 - Francesca Janke and Lara Watson

Dux Award - Top academic results across all subjects at Level 3 - Selina Charlton

Taikura Award – in recognition of an outstanding student who in their attitude and endeavours throughout their time at Taikura represents the ideals of Waldorf education in their thinking, feeling and willing - Isaac Cox

Class 12 Reflections



Baxter Barron

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

My Class 12 project

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Class trip to Tonga

Explain what your future plans are

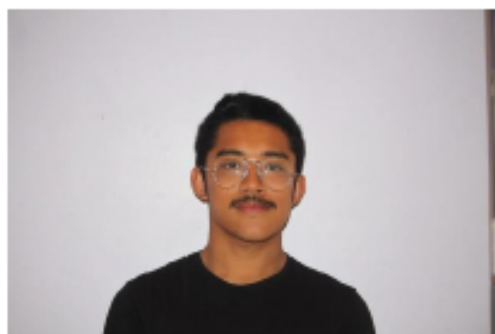
I plan to move to Wellington and take a year-long course studying film and content creation at YOOKIE college. This will allow me to expand my skills and knowledge in the subject. I also plan to follow music as a passion and try to make a career out of it.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advise on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Just stick it out, don't worry about school. Treat it as an opportunity to strengthen your friendships with your classmates, as you may not see some of them for a long time after school ends, but they will always be in some strange way, family.

My favourite quote

"It's not about the screw up, it's about how you deal with it."



Ray Solis

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Went on a class trip to Wellington and ate Nandos. Then a couple weeks later, I went back down to Wellington for project week and due to many reasons, it was a week to remember.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Camps have always been the best part of Taikura, and I think my favourite was the Tongariro Crossing camp. We went on a hike where they filmed the Lord of the Rings, and it was just such a surreal landscape to experience with my own eyes. Then we just had tons of fun in the warm, comfy lodge that had big buffets.

Explain what your future plans are

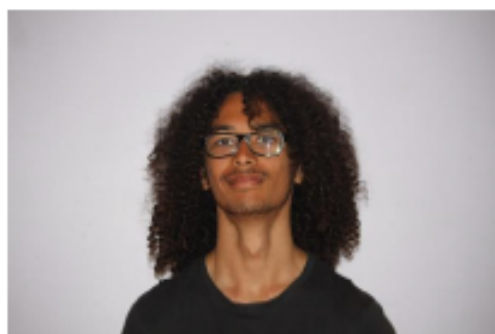
I plan to move to Wellington and study Concept Art (artwork for movies, tv shows, games etc). At the same time I want to work, party and play basketball. Most importantly, I want to have a good time, and work so that I can have a good time for the rest of my life.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Everyone will say this, but seriously, don't stress. Just enjoy your last year and don't sweat the small stuff. I suppose one thing I can say is if you don't want to have too big of a workload, consider doing trades. I wasn't sure if it was a good idea, but once I did it, I think it was one of the best decisions I made. You have less assignments and homework to worry about and you spend Fridays doing something completely different from regular school. I did the sports course, and I spent my Fridays doing sports, workouts, recreational activities like paddleboarding, movie watching and going to the spa. Obviously there was paperwork, but it was all interesting stuff.

My favourite quote

"I'll leave tomorrow's problems for tomorrow's me" - Saitama



Kody Johnston

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Being able to leave school at lunchtimes/ Trades

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

All the different camps we were able to go on

Explain what your future plans are

Try and become a baker

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Trades make Fridays so much better

My favourite quote

I got Time - Mr Incredible



Selina Charlton - Dux

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

The stand out experiences of my year were the plays I took part in, in both the Drama Club and as a class (Our Town and The Mouse That Roared). The plays were always very exciting, and brought people closer together, which made the experiences memorable.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

While I have many favourite memories of my time at Taikura, I remember in the Lower School the excitement I always felt when walking into the classroom on the first day of a new Main Lesson. Walking in and seeing the beautiful blackboard drawing of the new topic. It would start the day off with a little bit of whimsy, and sometimes make us laugh, as our teacher was partly colour-blind and would occasionally mix up colours.

Explain what your future plans are

Next year I am moving to Wellington to study Design for Stage and Screen at Toi Whakaari (New Zealand School of Drama). It is a three-year course that will qualify me for costume design, which I am intending to pursue as a career and open up connections for job opportunities.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Enjoy it. The year is always said to be difficult and stressful, which is partly true, but not always. The year allows you more freedom and opportunities, it is a chance to connect with your classmates and finally achieve goals and assessments. Finding ways to bring joy into your work or school life will result in an easy and relatively stress-free year.

My favourite quote

"If all the world hated you and believed you wicked, while your own conscience approved you, and absolved you from guilt, you would not be without friends." – Charlotte Brontë, Jane Eyre.



Lua Blessing Vilhena

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

This year's Covid lockdown made a big impact on all of our lives and our school work.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

My best memories are on all the camps and playing volleyball, hockey, and futsal with the class.

Explain what your future plans are.

I'm not sure what I want to study or if I want to study, so I'll just be working and hopefully traveling in the next few years.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Try really hard to have enough motivation to want to finish school.

My favourite quote

Your mind is like this water, my friend. When it is agitated, it becomes difficult to see. But if you allow it to settle, the answer becomes clear - Grand Master Oogway



Alejandro Correa

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Unfortunately this year and last year were so heavily affected by Covid, that I don't feel like we got to have the "normal class 12 experience". So I'll say the most stand out difference and experience this year compared to all the others was leaving at lunch time for food with the boysssss.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

One of my favourite memories of my time at school would have to be the camps. The camps have all been equally amazing and fun experiences to go on with my mates.

Explain what your future plans are

My plans for the future are to study CMP (creative media production) as this degree doesn't have a huge time commitment, it will leave me time to work on my music, as well as give me extra skills in areas I am interested in.

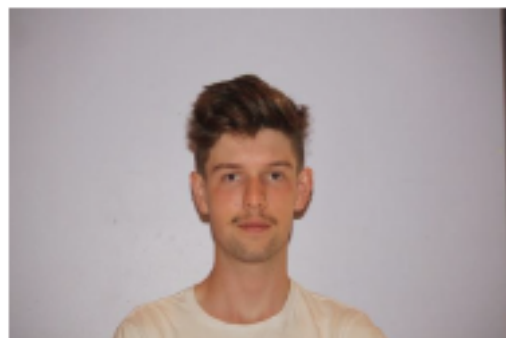
If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Try not to stress too much, the year is tough but overall I think that the entire year (including the projects) is all made out to be much harder than it is. Also make the time to play sports, play an instrument or anything you love doing. It's important to have fun and enjoy yourself when the year can be stressful.

My favourite quote

"I choose a lazy person to do a hard job. Because a lazy person will find an easy way to do it."

— Bill Gates



Eamon Carroll

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

For me the stand out experience of Class 12 was being able to play D1 football and really challenging myself to perform well for myself and the team.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

The camps have all been really good, especially the class 7 Tonga camp.

Explain what your future plans are?

I plan to head down to Wellington and study architecture at Victoria which will hopefully pathway me into a very strong and secure career.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

If you have a career in mind, definitely pick electives that will support that but don't stress it too much and definitely make sure you balance your workload.



Jamie Wheeler

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

The weeks we spent in the hall rehearsing the class 12 play was a highlight. As always with every class play and camp, the full immersion time spent with the class brings us all much closer together. Working through the challenges that came with the play made the end product something epic to be proud of.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

I have loved being a part of the senior Netball team over the past three years, being a part of a team with people from other classes is great fun. My exchange to Germany would also be pretty high on the list of favourite memories, and like everyone else, the class camps have been a highlight.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Take a moment during your class 12 project speech to pause, look around and see everyone's attention focused on you and what you have to say. It's pretty amazing.

Explain what your future plans are

Live it up in the city for a bit, climb a couple of mountains, make stupid decisions, ya know, just life stuff.

My favourite quote

"Making stuff happen since 2002" - Jamie Wheeler



Luna Kirchner

What has been the standout experience of your class 12 year?

The biggest highlight for me would be the class 12 project. I learnt a lot about writing, layouts, and visual comprehension. I also stepped out of my comfort zone, and as a result became more confident in my passions, and writing. It allowed me to be creative, expressive, but also stay academic, and learn about important historical events.

What is one of your favourite memories at Taikura?

I will never forget the class 7 Tonga trip. We experienced a whole new culture, as well as explored beautiful locations all around the island: caves, markets, beaches and local schools. It was a great experience and opportunity to connect and share with others, and see how the world works from an entirely new perspective. It made me appreciate the simplicity of life, and exist in a place that felt timeless, mellow, and cultural.

Explain what your future plans are?

I plan to work next year to get some work experience and money, and hopefully study at university the year after that. I am planning to study an english-related field.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Balance is important, especially in class 12. Find a good contrast between personal time, social time and study. Try not to neglect yourself, and take care of your mental health first and foremost. Try to write out a

plan for your week, including when you will work on assignments, study, etc. This will help you stay focused and remind you of your deadlines. Also, start the class 12 project early, as this will give you more time to focus on speeches, displays, exam practice later on, and importantly, it will allow you some free time for doing the other things you enjoy, because staying with your hobbies/passions can be tough when schoolwork gets in the way.

My favourite quote

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences." - Audre Lorde



Sebastian Wathey

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Enjoying the moments I have had, with the family I was not born into, but chose to be with.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Drinking freshly sliced coconuts on the pristine beaches of Tonga.

Explain what your future plans are

Going to university in Auckland studying business and livin' it up.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

This one year in your life in no way shape or form determines the rest of your life. So just enjoy it.

My favourite quote

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take - Wayne Gretzky" - Michael Scott



Drew Porter

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Would simply have to be spending it with the boys. So many good memories were made this year and so many more to be made.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Daily morning swims on the Class 7 trip on the Spirit of Adventure

Explain what your future plans are

Travel for a year, or 10 years. Just going with the flow, experiencing new things.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Relax, give everything your best shot and be nice to Mrs Anna.

My favourite quote:

I need a room full of mirrors so I can be surrounded by winners.



Ewan Williams

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Would have wanted it to be a ski camp but unfortunately that didn't happen so I would have to say the class 12 project and the speeches.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Our class camps, especially the trip to Tonga with Clayton Gibson back in class 7, made lifelong friends and joyful experiences thanks to my time at school.

Explain what your future plans are

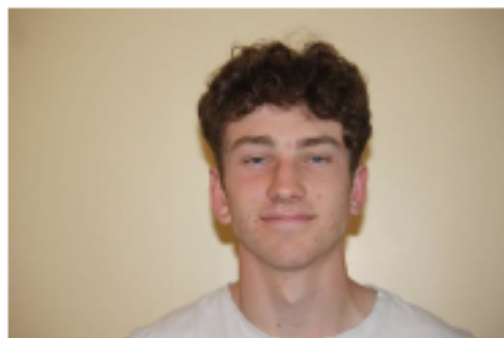
Once school is over I'm going to work full time at the orchards until February, fly to Europe to work and study for a year or longer. I could be interested in taking up architecture or joining the airforce in the future.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Work at a comfortable pace, Class 12 is not as stressful as you think it would be. It is only stressful if you have poor time management and leave assessments to the last minute. If you don't procrastinate and if you get things done sooner Class 12 will be a breeze. And remember to study.

My favourite quote

"Some days we have good days, some days we have bad days but don't let one bad day bring you down because there will be plenty more good days." -Ewan Williams 2021



Isaac Cox – Taikura Award

What has been the standout experience of your Class 12 year?

For me the Class 12 project was a lot of fun and a definite highlight. We took a trip down to Wellington with some of the class which was great and it gave us some insight into life in the big city. It also gave me some ideas around my career and what options I want to pursue, and others I do not want to do, after leaving school.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

It's hard to pick just one. All of the camps and plays were so awesome and memorable, but I have to say going to Tonga in Class 7 with Clayton and the class was definitely one of the best highlights. It was our last trip with everyone before moving into High School, after which a number of classmates left for other schools; so it was a really nice way to end the many years we had spent together.

Explain what your future plans are?

To pursue a professional basketball career as best as I can, while possibly doing a course with some sort of tertiary education institute like EIT. After gaining some more life experience, and hopefully travelling a bit, I would also like to become a police officer later in my career.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Don't stress too much about assessments, but also manage your time well; it's definitely a balancing act. This is going to be the last time you are all with each other, so you may as well make the most of it before you go out into the world.

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My favourite quote

"You can't get much done in life if you only work on the days when you feel good" -Jerry West



Francesca Janke

What has been the stand-out experience of your Class 12 year?

The most stand-out experience of class 12 was my class 12 project because I could explore something I was passionate about and see if it's something I would want to do in the future.

What is one of your favorite memories of your time at Taikura?

My favorite memories at Taikura would be going to Tonga with my class, it was such an amazing experience.

Explain what your future plans are

Next year I will be heading down to Otago in Dunedin to study for a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Clinical psychology and minoring in criminology. In the future, I hope to work in mental health.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

I'd say enjoy the last year of High School because High School has been such a big part of my life, and as much as I am looking forward to going out into the world it is scary to think about how I won't have this structure anymore, how I won't see these people every day. Just enjoy it while it lasts, don't stress too much because it's not the end of the world it's just High School. Make as many memories as you can and have fun.

My favorite quote

High School Musical is pretty unrealistic



Orla Jefferson

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

My class 12 project, and learning how to deal with my workload.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

The Tonga camp by far

Explain what your future plans are

Future plans are to have a break from anything study-related, and work and travel in my van around the North Island, and hopefully overseas. After those adventures, I would love to try fashion design.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Yes, Class 12 is a bit more stressful but if you are able to balance your study with social life, it makes it a lot more enjoyable, as High School is not everything.

Don't sweat it if you don't know what you want to do after you leave school, I still don't know exactly what I want to do, but I think if you experience different places and try new things you will find what you like eventually, even if it takes time.

My favourite quote

$[5 \cdot (5 \cdot 5)] + [42 \cdot 30] + 345$ Yeah, I can DEFINITELY see how I can use this in my life



Larissa Dance-Mollman

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Class 12 project

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

My highlight of my time at Taikura was the class camp to Tonga in class 7.

Explain what your future plans are

I plan to have a gap year in 2022; work all through the summer to May and then hopefully head over to Europe for 6 months or so. Head to university in 2023 to study Psychology at Vic.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Get on top of your assignments. Don't stress it and enjoy the last year with your classmates as much as possible.

My favourite quote

The difference between school and life? In school you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life you're given a test that teaches you a lesson. -Tom Bodett



Lara Watson

What has been the stand out experience of your class 12 year?

I really enjoyed listening to everyone's class 12 speeches and seeing that process all come together.

What are your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Going to Tonga in class 7 was totally rad and my exchange to Holland in class 10 was amazing, highly recommend. Surf Fridays were also a major highlight throughout my time at Taikura.

Explain what your future plans are?

I will have a gap year to get my funds up, and then hopefully get to Europe, before I embark on my studies at Otago university in 2023.

If you had to give future class 12 students advice on handing their last year at school, what would it be?

It goes so fast so try to enjoy it!

My favourite quote

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."-Ferris Bueller



Emily Ryan

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Making it through this year was the standout experience. It feels a bit surreal being in my last year of High School and in a blink of an eye, school is nearly finished. So I would say, this whole experience of Class 12 is the stand out experience.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Many of my favourite memories have come from participating in the school drama club, each year when Mr Urieli organises them. They were always filled with laughter and enjoyment of creating masterpieces which are gifted to the community. Of course going on school camps always have wonderful memories attached to them.

Explain what your future plans are

Future plans are just working full time and maybe travelling around New Zealand when the opportunity arises. Just exploring life as a young adult and experiencing the outside world.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Enjoy the last year of school. Motivation and commitment may be waning, but don't forget this is your last opportunity of High School so make the most of it. Take deep breaths, relax and don't forget to have fun. Help each other out and look after one another, you are all in the same boat. I promise you, the last year will fly by.

My favourite quote

"Don't be afraid to fail. It's not the end of the world, and in many ways, it's the first step toward learning something and getting better at it." — Jon Hamm



Markus Hirczy

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

The stand out experience for my Class 12 year was the completion of the Class 12 projects. The Class 12 projects were a major part of the year and put me under a lot of stress so being able to finally complete it all was a huge relief.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

I think the best memory at Taikura was going on an international exchange in 2019 to Austria as I experienced a new culture and was exposed to a different lifestyle as well as a different way of education. Since I had never been outside of New Zealand before it was a massive eye opener for me because it gave me a better understanding of other countries and how they differ from New Zealand.

Explain what your future plans are

My long term goal for the future is to become a professional football player. So I will want to play as much football as possible so I can hopefully get scouted by a professional football club in New Zealand. Alongside that I will continue my job at the Hastings District Library and start work at my new job as a lab assistant for the orchard company Mr Apple.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

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I think the best thing that could help with future class 12 students would be to manage time. It is easy to just push everything to one side and forget about assignments for subjects that are due later on. But it is always good to start subjects early so you won't have to stress about them later.

My favourite quote

"Rebellion cannot exist without the feeling that somewhere, some way, you are justified" - Albert Camus



Acacia Cournane

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

My independence.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

When I leave :) ... Trades was definitely the best day of the week.

Explain what your future plans are

I plan to move to Wellington and take some time to solidify what I want to do with my life.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Nothing is that important, life goes on whether you fail or not.

My favourite quote

"Goats are like mushrooms, if you shoot a duck, I'm scared of toasters".



Tiana Gillett

What has been the standout experience of your class 12 year?

The highlight for me this year would have to be going on project week to the Pukaha wildlife centre and photographing for my project. It was an amazing experience with many hours spent capturing the diverse scenery and beautiful animals. The pristine, native bush and conservation successes were wonderful to observe.

Nature photography is a peaceful, calming and stress relieving process, and this is something I will continue with to support my mental health, and provide another aspect of balance in my life.

What is one of your favourite memories at Taikura?

There are many fond memories I have at Taikura including the lantern festivals, fetes and going to Tonga but over all the memories I will take away and mean the most are the simple moments, like playing cards with my friends, joking around and feeling comfortable to be myself in an environment that was familiar and comforting.

Explain what your future plans are?

I plan to take a gap year after school and work, gaining some independence and work experience. I am considering going to university after that, either Victoria or Massey. I don't have an immediate idea of what I want to study and with the gap year I hope to explore many avenues and gain some clarity and passion.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

My advice would be to relax, and, although this might seem like the most stressful time in your life, it could actually be one of the last times to bask in childlike wonder, and be somewhat free of responsibilities. School

is important and what one learns is valuable but so are other aspects of your life. It is important to enjoy this last year at school both professionally and personally. I would also recommend multitasking, doing little bits of work so it doesn't pile up and you can get the best results.

My favourite quote

"So, let us move forward with faith in ourselves, in our intelligence, in our indomitable spirit. Let us develop respect for all living things. Let us try to replace violence and intolerance with understanding and compassion and love." — Jane Goodall



Rory Merwood

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Failing

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Class trip over to Tonga

Explain what your future plans are

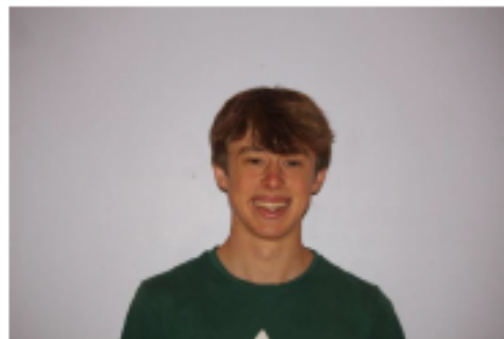
Work for the DHB teaching youth about the dangers of vaping

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Start your project early

My favourite quote

"Be like glass, if they break you, cut them"



Finn O'Sullivan

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Unfortunately, the stand out experience was the class 12 projects.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Many of the camping trips have been huge highlights ever since the first one in class 3 but probably my favourite memory from throughout the 12 years I've been here is the class camping trip to Tonga.

Explain what your future plans are

To go to university in Wellington. Or just in general move out of the Bay.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Start things early... The saying, "diamonds are made under pressure" is not always true.

My favourite quote

"If everything seems to be going well, you obviously overlooked something." - Murphy's Law



Phoebe Zuiderwijk

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

I think the stand out for me in general was being able to have more freedom and independence throughout the year, being able to pick most of my subjects along with managing my personal school work and how I carry it out in a way that worked best for me really made this year stand out. This then allowed me to focus on the things that were the most important to me.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

There have been many good memories I have gathered throughout my years but the foremost was seeing our two classes come together and become great friends. We have all been through this school journey together as a class and that has definitely brought us closer, this year in particular for me.

Explain what your future plans are.

I hope to be a free young adult through the summer months travelling, working, spending time figuring out what I love to do and hopefully gain life experiences before studying sustainable fashion or sustainable management in my future.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Do what works the best for you. I found it important to leave school problems at school, this gives you opportunity to de-stress and gain experience outside the classroom. Your class is there to support you and so are all the teachers so take advantage of having these close relationships, many people don't get that in other schools. Definitely get a job to pay for the stress eating during project due dates (waste free snacks of course).

My favourite saying

"Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Rot, Recycle"

SCHOOL NOTICES

Class 12 Woodwork

Examples of work from some Class 12 students.



Baxter Barron, Sebastian Wathey and Drew Porter smoothing the felt on the pool table with their Eftpos cards.



Table by Larissa Dance-Mollman



Chair by Lara Watson

SCHOOL NOTICES

Class 12 Woodwork Continued



Subbuteo Table (Table Football) by Drew Porter

Table by Francesca Janke



Table by Kody Johnston



SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

Kia ora e ngā whānau, e te hāpori o Taikura,

Ngā mihi mahana o Tamanuiterā rāua ko Hineraumati ki a koutou katoa! Warm greetings to you all, as we come to the final week of our school year.

This week I was sharing a whakatauākī (a proverb where the source is known) with a colleague, as a way to finish a kōrero she has written for a tauira (student) as they come to their last festive activity in our kura. This whakatauākī was spoken to King Tāwhiao in 1884 by the koroua (elderly male) Rangawhenua, prior to his journey to England. It reminds me, when I find myself travelling somewhere or contemplating some inner journey, that taking a breath and saying and feeling the depth of this whakatauākī can give me peace of mind.

Kia hora te mārino,
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,
Kia tere te kārohirohi i mua i tō huarahi.

May peace be widespread,
May the sea glisten like greenstone,
And may the shimmer of light guide you on your way.

Kura and I want to acknowledge all those people who have contributed this year to the mauri (life force) of 'He pito kōrero', with the varied articles, sharing of events and pūrākau (stories). We wish you all a joyful, whānau filled time, and that it is rejuvenating for all!

Noho ora mai koutou, i raro i te manaakitanga o te Atua!

Nā, Matua Troy

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



Lower School Reports - Classes 1-7

As happened last year, your child's report will be available for collection from the Eurythmy Hall between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm and between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm this coming Friday 17 December.

We ask you to please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

Alternatively for those unable to make this time reports may be collected from the office on Monday and Tuesday 20 and 21 December between 8:30 am and 11:00 am

If you would like to arrange another time for collection, or this arrangement will not work for you, please get in touch with suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz by Tuesday 21 December so we can ensure your child's report gets to you before the end of the year. **They will not be posted out!**

SCHOOL NOTICES

Crafted Leather Crossbody Bag

At Taikura we are fortunate to have a master craftsman commanding our woodwork room. Paul Van Kampen is a passionate craftsperson and shares his knowledge with students generously. Many students choose to spend their lunch time in this space. Here under the skillful guidance of Paul they create works of art.

Such as this bag pictured here - a meticulously crafted leather crossbody bag made by Millie McGuinness from Class 6.

Leatherwork is a craft Paul has introduced more recently for Classes 5,6 and 7.



A detailed view of the exquisite hand stitching. The clasp cover has been fashioned out of leather using a poker machine.

Graduation Classes 7RM and 7TM



SCHOOL NOTICES

Music Notices

We have had our Lower School and High School orchestras developing ensemble skills and building in number year on year. If your child may be interested, we are looking for students who are interested in violin, viola, cello, double bass, percussion, flute, clarinet, piano, and guitar.

We have tuition available for guitar, bass, banjo, piano, drums, percussion, voice, flute, recorder, violin, viola, and cello. The start of the year is a great time to initiate lessons for students and there is strong evidence instrument lessons improve maths and reading skills. (Journal of Research in Music Education)

Lessons are available throughout the year and spaces are limited. Itinerant lessons are available from Class 3 to Class 12 and need to be arranged in close consultation with teachers whose lessons are affected.

I would like to warmly welcome our new itinerant tutors that have joined the music department at the end of Term 4 this year.

Firstly, Thalita Magalhaes our new strings tutor. Thalita has a Teaching Degree in Art Education, (Major in Music) and a Bachelor of Music from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.



Thalita teaches violin at a number of schools in the Hawkes Bay and enjoys working with children, developing their confidence in music. Thalita can also teach recorder and viola.

Thalita is already a part of the wider musical community in the Hawkes Bay through involvement in Suzuki classes.



Secondly, Rin de Lune, who is already working and a part of our community is joining us for vocal tuition. Rin is an experimental singer-songwriter. Rin is a solo artist who performs at local music venues under her stage name, de Lune.

Having grown up in a musical family, singing and playing music has always been a part of her self-expression which led her to pursue music study, completing her NZ Diploma of Music in 2020.

Rin, who enjoys teaching is always striving to instill confidence and facilitate the freedom music provides to her students. If you would like to hear some of her original music, check out www.delune.bandcamp.com

If you and your child are interested in lessons, please do get in contact with me via my email: thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Nga mihi,
Thomas Pearson

TERM DATES FOR 2022

KINDERGARTEN: Monday 31 January 2022 (returning children)

Wednesday 2 February 2022 (new children) Powhiri

TERM 1: Wednesday 2 February – Thursday 14 April

Whole School Starts -Wednesday 2 February

Monday 7 February – Waitangi Day - Observed

Friday 15 April- Good Friday – Monday 18 April Easter Monday – 25 April Anzac Day (During Holiday Period)

TERM 2: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

Monday 6 June - Queen's Birthday

TERM 3: Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September

Friday 26 August – Monday 29 August - Mid Term Break

TERM 4: Monday 17 October – Friday 16 December

Friday 21 October – Monday 24 October - HB Anniv. Day/Labour Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sleepout For Rent - Havelock North

My son is off to university in February, so I'm looking for a tenant for the sleepout commencing the end of February 2022. Bathroom and kitchen facilities are shared, so this needs to someone who would be compatible and comfortable with our particular circumstances of a family home comprising a sole parent (father) of a Class 5 student. Rent \$150/week plus bills. Contact Nick on 021 118 7724.

Rental Home Wanted

Kia ora, We have just moved to New Zealand, and are new to Taikura. We are a family of five, looking for housing. We came for a job at the Hastings Health Centre next door, and so living near the area would be a nice option. We don't have any pets, but we would be open to pet sit/house sit, if that were available as well. We would love to find a partially furnished place, with garden space if possible. We welcome any suggestions, ideas, or offers you may have. Thank you for considering. Please contact us- Annie- 022 035 7760 acfigurski@gmail.com

Colourscapes-Exhibition Of Paintings By Diana Bacchus

Inspired by nature and landscapes, my semi-abstract oil paintings are my conversations with colours. As my approach to displaying and advertising my art is modest, this is a rare opportunity to view a selection of my paintings.

Picasso once said "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." This reflects how I feel about the artist process and the importance of art. I was introduced to watercolour painting and studied the history of art while attending Emerson College, England, at the end of the 1960s, then my involvement with Taikura Rudolf Steiner School spanned 30 years, firstly as a parent and then a kindergarten teacher. Art works in this exhibition, *Colourscapes*, have been painted since my retirement.

- Exhibition of paintings by Diana Bacchus **10 - 22 January, 2022**
- Hastings Community Arts Centre Gallery 106 Russell Street, Hastings

Eurythmy

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent and I'm offering a gift of **four** eurythmy sessions in preparation for Christmas, to bring warmth and light into life.

Where: Anthroposophical Centre, corner Whitehead Road and Nelson Street.

When: Mondays starting 9:30 am.

KOHA is gratefully received to cover costs for hire of the room. **All Welcome.**

Sue Simpson sue.simpson0@gmail.com



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