



The Grapevine

2022 Powhiri



Mark Your Calendar

February 15
February 16 and 17
February 23
March 1

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Class Photographs - Photo Life
Class 1 Parent Evening - Class One
Class 9 Parent Evening - Hall
Class 3 Parent Evening - Hall

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

E te tī, e te tā, ngā mihi tino mahana o Hineraumati rāua ko Tamanuiterā ki a koutou katoa! Nau mai, hoki mai ki te wāhanga tuatahi o te tau hou Pākehā! A warm welcome back to all and I hope that your holidays have been tino whakatā...very restful!

As we start back at kura, I am always aware that the beginning of our year is also the time that we acknowledge the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, which was one of the foundation documents of our nation. I have included a link with this kōrero, which gives a very simple overview of the evolution of this taonga. It can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxy6cGMA0kM>

Last year we began our staff seminar with a wānanga (workshop) about Te Tiriti o Waitangi with Bill Hamilton. One of the outcomes of this wānanga was to make this taonga as visible as possible to our community, which is what was actioned last year. A poster of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, in both versions, with the noted differences between the two, has been hung in our papa pānui (community notice board).

I have also included here another link to the latest podcast from Taringa, which is an interview and very in-depth kōrero from Dayle Takitimu who is of Ngāti Porou, Te Whānau a Apanui and Te Aitanga a Hauiti, and is the head of school at Toihoukura, School of Māori Arts in Gisborne. She is also an indigenous rights and environmental lawyer who has presented on environmental and indigenous people's issues at forums both locally and internationally. I found her kōrero to be informative, confronting the issues of the Treaty, and a very informed view about this taonga. The kōrero can be found at: <https://www.taringapodcast.com/e/taringa-ep-225-special-feature-waitangi-2022-with-dayle-takitimu/>

Mauri ora! Nā, Matua Troy.

Kīwaha o te wiki – Kīwaha of the week.

Ko hea koe? (Cor here ah ko ear)
Where are you going?

Hemi: Kia ora e mara! Ko hea koe?

Rangi: Tino wera rawa atu e hoa...it's hot as, so I'm off to the river!

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



Class Photographs

Tuesday 15 February 2022

Photo Life will be at school on Tuesday 15 February to take class and sibling photos. Your child should have received a flyer detailing how to order their class photograph. All orders are done on line only. You can collect a sibling order form from the office and this must be returned before the photographs are taken.

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.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Music Notices

Kia ora

We have had our Lower School and High School orchestras developing ensemble skills and building in number year on year. If your child is 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*)

Itinerant lessons are available from Class 3 to Class 12 and it is strongly preferred that these lessons occur outside of main lessons and need to be arranged in close consultation with teachers whose lessons are affected. Lessons are available throughout the year, however, spaces are limited.

I would like to warmly welcome our new itinerant tutors that joined the music department at the end of last term.

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.

Rin, our new vocal tutor is available for lessons. Rin performs regularly as a singer-songwriter and teaches across the Hawkes Bay.

If you and your child are interested in lessons, please email me: thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Nga mihi, Thomas Pearson

Library News And Book Reviews

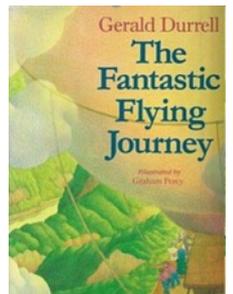
Kia ora koutou, it has been lovely to welcome classes back into the library and to hear about the exciting new books discovered over the holidays.

Books issued over summer are due back: A reminder that all books issued over the holidays need to be returned as soon as possible.

Christmas Cheer Appeal: Thank you to all those who donated to the Christmas Cheer Appeal. At the end of last year, I was able to fill the library trolley with a big pile of presents to give to the appeal co-ordinator. Your generosity was very much appreciated!

Student Librarians: This year we have had an epic thirty seven applicants for student librarian roles. It is wonderful to see so many students who are happy to gift their lunch break to help us in the library and I look forward to many fascinating conversations and new friendships forged in the months to come.

Favourite Read Aloud: This weekend as we chased our escaped frog Trevor around the kitchen while trying to hold back our very curious Cavoodle dog, I wondered if our house was becoming a little too much like the Durrell's zoo on Corfu! It made me think about the amazing array of books that explore the gift of having animals in our lives. This relationship is touched on many times in the Waldorf curriculum, and our library collection is full of beautiful animal stories. *The Fantastic Flying Journey* by Gerald Durrell is a book that has captivated small children for decades, and is still a favourite read-aloud. In this tale, three siblings tour the world by hot air balloon with their uncle, discovering wild and wonderful animals along the way. If you would like to issue this to read aloud at home, you are welcome to send a note with your child and I will send the book home with them.



Ngā mihi nui Nā

Kura

School librarian

Snippets From The Parent Handbook

Reminder of School / Kindergarten hours:

The school gate opens at 8:20 am

Classes 1-7 8:45 am to 3:00 pm

Kindergarten 8:45 am to 1:15 (mornings)

Classes 8-12 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Kindergarten 8:45 am to 2:45 pm (full day)

SCHOOLNOTICES

Study Smarter

Studying and our approach to studying is personal. Experiencing and being taught different approaches to study provides the opportunity for people to find a way that really works for them.

Finding one's own approach with study earlier on in life is supportive and empowering. Being able to embed learning whether off to university/EIT or immersed in one of the many online learning opportunities. Below is an online study course that some might want to explore.



11 x 45 min Study Smart Webinars and monthly Q&A coaching opportunities with international study expert Karen Tui Boyes. You'll feel increased confidence and more in control of your learning with the practical, simple to use tips and strategies.

STARTS

February 9th
7.00PM - 7.45PM
(NZST)

Topic 1: Memory Strategies
Learn the 7 keys memory, how forgetting occurs and ways to structure your study time for maximum effect

Here's how it works...

You will join, via a private Zoom link, for 11 x 45min sessions held on Wednesdays 7-7.45pm New Zealand Time from February to November. Karen will provide tips, tools and techniques to study smarter, rather than harder. Plus, join the FULL BOOST programme and you will be invited to monthly Q&A session between the webinar sessions to help you stay more focused, motivated and ultimately successful in your learning & study.

Here's what you will get...

Topics include:

- Understanding how learning actually works
- Memory tips & techniques
- Setting up an Effective Study Environment
- Note Taking & Note Making
- Using your Learning Senses
- Reading strategies for better comprehension
- Motivation protocols
- Healthy Mind, healthy body
- Revising your notes
- Exam tips and strategies



Study Smart Tips

You will learn (or be reminded of) practical, simple to use Study Smart tips to ensure you make the most of your study time. Karen will share tips to match exactly what you are learning & studying.



Motivation

With simple ideas, you can set up your study environment for success and even half your study time! Plus each month you can attend a 1-1 or small group coaching on specifically what you are learning at the Q&A sessions.



Focus

Most people waste over 70% of their study time focused on what they already know! Whilst focusing on what you don't know is hard, Karen will give you tools to spend your study time wisely.



Success

Over the 11 sessions, you will start to feel more confident, more in control of your learning and more successful. Karen's strategies ensure your exam marks go up!

Study Smart Boost Programme Details and INVESTMENT

Starts: Wednesday 9 February (other dates are published on the website [HERE](#))

Time: 7:00-7:45 pm NZT

Investment: \$47 per connection per session (if you opt into one session only)
OR \$395 (saving \$122) for all 11 sessions plus FREE Q&A sessions

Find Out More Here: <https://www.spectrumenteducation.com/study-smart-boost-22/>

SCHOOL NOTICES

Sports Notices

High School Sports Term One

We are starting the school sporting year in interesting times with Government mandates and the Covid Protection Framework in place. Here at Taikura we are committed to offering a varied bunch of sporting options in Term one that give every High School student a chance to participate in sport. All High School families were emailed this information last week and students have been asked today to register for any sports they wish to participate in. **Below are the options we will be offering. Registration will be open until Tuesday 15 February.**

Available To All Students

- **Waka Ama Classes 8-12**

One session a week after school with Troy Gardiner (possibly other school parents who are club members as well) at the Clive River.

Monday or Tuesday after school TBC **Cost:** \$ Club fee TBC - no more than \$40.00

- **Outdoor volleyball tournament- Inaugural "Diggers Cup"**

Classes 8-12

School teams of four players (mixed fine) Games on school site. Thursday after school Run by school staff

Cost: Free

- **Disc Golf**

Classes 8-12

Tuesday evenings (Maybe one lunchtime coaching session a week)

Coach: Leon Crellin

Cost: Free

- **Girls Surf And Snorkel Diving Program**

Classes 8-12

(This is offered to our female students as we will be contracting the Sea Sisters who run a funded programme for females).

6 – 8 week programme run by Sea sisters and Janet Osborne. **Mondays** after school

Cost: \$150-\$200 (may reduce if some funding is secured) All equipment/coaching and some travel costs included.

- **Surf Friday**

TBC – We still require qualified instructor to run this programme.

School boards supplied for student use and some lessons.

Cost: TBC

Lower School Sport

- Class 3 netball
- Classes 5 and 6 volleyball
- Lunchtime volleyball

Sports That Require A Vaccine Passport

- **Volleyball HB Senior volleyball competition**

Classes 10,11, 12

Pettigrew Green Arena

Wednesdays after school starts Wednesday 16 February. Need coach and manager to run.

Cost: \$70.00

- **Tennis**

Classes 8-12

Grade A and B playing in local secondary school competition.

Cost: TBC – (I know it is fairly cheap)

Any coaching would cost extra

Anyone interested to run on-site after school mini pitch games please contact Janet Osborne on 878 7363 or via email: sports.coordinator@taikura.school.nz

Janet Osborne - Sports Coordinator

SCHOOL NOTICES

Staffing Update - Elspeth Ross - High School Handwork Teacher

It is my very great pleasure to welcome back Elspeth Ross to Taikura. Elspeth taught Hand Work in the High School last year, on Fridays. This year she is with us on a more full time basis continuing with Hand Work in the High School. Last year she was also teaching Food and Materials Technology at Hastings Girls High School. When asked to say a little about her family Elspeth replied, "My husband and I and our two children live in Hastings. We love to explore Hawkes Bay in our spare time, particularly its beautiful bush walks and beaches. We have lived in the Bay for four years."



She has a son in Class Two and a daughter at Kereru Kindergarten.

Elspeth worked in the fashion and toy industry as a buyer and designer for fifteen years before completing her teacher training.

Wow, we are very lucky to have you, Elspeth. I am sure you will enjoy your time at Taikura.

Vonda Christensen

Lower School Handwork Teacher

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Eurythmy For Adults



Thursday 17 February 2022 two courses of eurythmy will commence.

All are welcome no matter how much exposure or experience you've had with the art of eurythmy. This is an opportunity to explore movement in a way that refreshes and gives vitality.

Thursday 17 February at 9:00-10:00 am
and

Thursday 17 February at 7:00- 8:00 pm

Steiner Centre corner Nelson Street and Whitehead Road

Each course will run for seven weeks. Please contact Sue Simpson sue.simpson0@gmail.com

House For Rent

Three bedroom house with deck and garden in Mahora area, next to Cornwall park and a few minutes walk to Taikura School. Totally furnished. The rental term could be six months minimum to one year while I am away. Price \$550.00 per week and two weeks bond. Please contact Aurelia 0226749450 or aurelialorenzovazquez@gmail.com

Individual Art Therapy For Adults, Teenagers And Children

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 AThR, Registered Art Therapist and ACC registered for adults :<evaurieli@gmail.com> mob 021 0277 1201

After School Art Classes For Children

Thursdays 3:00 pm - 4:10 pm, starting term one 2022. A small after school art class to explore new art techniques, look at interesting images and listen to a story. \$19.00 per session, commitment for a term. At the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson Street North, Hastings. Contact Eva Steinmetz-Urieli <evaurieli@gmail.com> text 02102771201