



5 May 2022

Welcome Back To Term Two



With the changes in alert levels we are looking forward to once again being able to share events with whānau and community.

This term will see Whitsun, Mid-Winter and Matariki too. An exciting time for Aotearoa - the honouring of Matariki through a legislated national holiday. I anticipate wonderful events happening across all of New Zealand to celebrate this event. Definitely at Taikura the korero has started about how we will be celebrating.

Please keep a look out in the Grapevine for dates of Festivals and information around upcoming events.

Last November the school community were asked to participate in a mid-winter festival survey, a big thank you to all those who completed this. The survey asked questions about the practical aspects of how we celebrate mid-winter and about how parents wanted to receive learning about festival events and the bigger picture behind why we do what we do.

This survey gave valuable feedback, helping us to build the picture of what the community wishes for festivals and how these are understood at Taikura.

Between them, the respondents had attended a wide variety of mid-winter events and were able to share their thoughts of each of these and how some events could be shaped in the future.

For us at school it was heartwarming to read that over 90% of parents felt they received enough information about the festivals, and that the Grapevine is a primary source for parents to read about the wider festival themes. The survey did highlight the desire by some for parent evenings to also include some festival information and learning. This is an area which we will be looking at more closely in our faculty meetings.

As a result of our survey we have some clear direction moving forward as to how we celebrate our winter months.

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Our parent mid-winter spirals are very much appreciated by those who have attended, these along with our student spirals will continue on the winter solstice.

One hundred percent of people who responded indicated they wished the Winter-warmer to continue. The survey showed that community events which provide opportunities for families to meet and connect are important to our community. It became evident that times for informal social connection, in a supported festival environment would also be deeply appreciated by whānau.

We had a number of people put forward their names to support the 2022 Winter-warmer and many suggested activities and ideas. Many indicated that the Winter-warmer would be best held at either the start or completion of Matariki. Needing the temperature to be low enough for children to experience the cold of the season means the end of Matariki is likely our best choice, however with the public holiday and events happening around the country, we will for this year at least, keep the timing for the Winter-warmer in early Term 3. Change will be considered in 2023.

I want to really thank those who took the time to participate in the survey. It was a privilege for the festival group to read the reflections and observations of past events and listen to the enthusiasm and interest for those to come.

Those who communicated their interest in helping with our 2022 Winter-warmer will be contacted this term.

Warmly, Kelly Sutton
On behalf of the Festival Group

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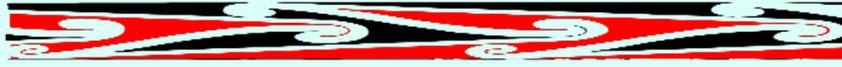
If you have not already done so, please download our SchoolApp into your smart phone. You will find school contacts, newsletters, a link to our website, term dates, absentee notifications and our calendar which is filled with upcoming events, meetings, camps and trips. Subscribe to class alert groups and you will receive notifications such as class camp school arrival times and meeting reminders straight to your phone. So much useful information!

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Upcoming Events

May 10	All Day School Only (Kindy as usual)	Teacher Only Day
May 9	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening
May 24	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Class 9 Parent Evening
June 1	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Class 6 Parent Evening
June 6	All Day	Queen's Birthday



He pito kōrero!

Te Ture mō te Hararei Tūmatanui o Te Kāhui o Matariki

Te Kāhui o Matariki Public Holiday Act.

E rere āku mihi ki te tai timu, ki te tai pari...Greetings e te whānau! On Monday I was listening to a live feed on the Facebook page 'Living by the Stars' with Te Ahorangi – Rangi Matamua. In the kōrero he shared, he spoke about the passing of the bill that now recognises Matariki as a national holiday. The Government has committed to ensuring mātauranga Māori is at the heart of celebrations of the Matariki public holiday, and it will be a time for:

- Remembrance – Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki
- Celebrating the present – Gathering together to give thanks for what we have
- Looking to the future – Looking forward to the promise of a new year

The very first Matariki holiday this year will be on Friday 24 June. Our kura has already started to plan activities that will enliven this time within our classes and with our community. If you are interested in hearing more about this kaupapa and other kōrero about the maramataka or Te ao tukupū – the universe, then follow *Living by the stars with Professor Rangi Matamua!*

Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week.

I nē? (ee neeh)

Is that so?

Mata: Kia ora e hoa! Did you hear about the Matariki holiday being made official? It's every year from now on!

Hina: I nē?

Mata: Pono e hoa...True my friend!

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



Waiata Mai Is Back

Thursdays – 12:30 – 1:00 pm, in the Library!

Ngā mihi hīkaka ki a koutou ngā manu tioriori o Taikura!

Waiata mai will start again as of next Thursday 12 May! So, every Thursday in our Whare pukapuka – The library. If you want to learn some of the waiata that your tamariki sing at school, nau mai, haere mai te katoa....all are welcome!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!

Nā Troy Gardiner.

Taikura's Canteen Is Open Again!

Nau Mai - Welcome

We'll try our best to provide the tamariki and staff with a variety of nourishing food, suitable for a day of learning and exploring. Please bear with us and give it a try - even though it might not be the "classic Kiwi canteen food". Everything we'll serve has been approved by our four kids, some dishes have been favorites for years. So we are confident your kid(s) will like it as well. We'll start with basic dishes and will add on treats over time.

Some details:

- We'll be open for Morning Tea and Lunch every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**
- There will be **every day standards** and **daily changing dishes**.

Our Every Day Standards:

Morning Tea:

- **Porridge** - sproutling style - (with cinnamon, ginger, apple and carrots - vegan, lactose free)
- **Yoghurt with fruit** - (organic Greek yoghurt with cooked fruit - mostly berries)
- **Butterbrot** - (buttered German rye bread)
- **Vutterbrot** - (vegan version of the Butterbrot)
- **Egg** - hard boiled - (just peel off and enjoy)
- **Fruit basket** - Full of fresh organic fruits

Lunch:

- **Fancy Butterbrot / Smørrebrød** (Germany rye bread with different toppings, e.g. Italian style with pesto and smoked mozzarella)
- **Butterbrot** - (buttered German rye bread)
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Our Daily Changing Dishes:

Morning Tea:

- **Pudding of the Day** - like Chia Pudding, Rice Pudding, Semolina Pudding, Millet Pudding - all with fruit

Lunch:

- **Warm Dish of the Day** - anything nourishing and yum, like soups, pasta,... and on Fridays: Nachos
- **"Salad" of the day** - like Quinoa Salad, Pasta Salad, Rice Salad,...

These **changing Dishes** will be published every **Friday** for the following week via our newsletter, on the [website](#) and here on Instagram.

Pre-Order / Pre-Pay

- To make it most efficient for everyone we have created this option - you can choose the meal options for your child in advance, pay for it, and the children will get their pre-ordered food delivered to their eating areas when the bell rings - so there will be no wasting of precious play time while standing in line for food.

We have created an order form to preorder (www.sproutling.nz)

- Preorders can be placed as soon as the menu is published on Friday and need to be in by Monday morning 8am. After submitting the form you'll receive two e-mails: a detailed summary of what you ordered for which day and an invoice with different payment options. Payments also need to be in before the day of the order by 8am, otherwise we have to cancel the order to secure a smooth process for everybody.
- And of course there will always be the option to buy food at the beloved canteen window. If you choose to do this, please give your child enough money in the morning as we won't be able to give any credit.

Thank you so much to all those that have already ordered this week! It's been great fun to prepare the food for the tamariki and staff!

Mā te whiritahi, ka whakatutuki ai ngā pūmanawa ā tāngata Together weaving the realisation of potential.

Dear Parents and Whānau of Lower School Children

During weeks two and three of Term 2 the Lower School will be holding parent teacher interviews.

We warmly invite you to come along and meet with your child's class teacher. We look forward to this time in the year, where with whānau, we take a pause, reflect and plan together your child's learning journey.

It is our expectation that all parents attend these interviews. We will be using the same booking site as in previous years. <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

We encourage you to book on-line please. However, parents who do not have access to a computer can phone Adrienne to book an appointment.

There is a teacher only day on Tuesday 10 May, second week of Term Two. Some teachers have made themselves available during this day for interviews - please check the online booking schedule for teacher's available interview times.

Bookings are open now and will close tomorrow Friday 6 May. Bookings after this date will not be accepted. Interviews are 20 minutes long.

We are very aware that your time is important. It is respectful practice to ensure our interviews run on schedule. To do this well teachers will be using a timer device. The alarm will sound at 15 minutes. This initial alarm will tell you there is 5 minutes to go and to bring the discussion to an end. A final alarm will sound at 20 minutes indicating the interview is over.

Interview times - start and finish as scheduled. If you are late, extra time is not added to the end of the interview slot. We are working to improve the punctuality of our meetings, and we thank you in advance for your support in this.

Warm wishes Kelly

Booking Your Interview

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 6 MAY. THERE WILL BE NO BOOKINGS TAKEN AFTER THIS TIME!

When you login you will see each class teacher has a range of times on various days available for interviews. We trust that the many options available will make it possible for all families to attend.

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How to Book

1. Log onto the following website: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
2. Enter the following code into the 'event code': **5bhur** (lower case)
3. You will then be guided by the website.

Specialist Teacher Interviews

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In our February 2021 Reporting Survey - parents indicated they would like an opportunity to have interviews with specialist teachers. In the past when available uptake of specialist interviews was minimal, with this in mind, we are offering one afternoon of availability. Specialist teachers will be centrally located to minimise transition time.

These interviews are on Thursday 12 May in the school hall. Please note these interviews are 7 minutes in length. We suggest one whānau booking, per each specialist teacher - talking about your collective children at each interview appointment.

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3. You will then be guided by the website.

List Of Specialist Teachers Available For Interviews

- Te Reo Māori - Matua Troy
- Spanish - Sandra Jordan
- Gym - Ben Throp Classes 3 and above
- Eurythmy - Nives Frigerio
- Music - Thomas Pearson
- Health Gee Reisma Classes 6 and 7
- Handwork - Vonda Christensen Class 1 - 5
- Handwork - Elspeth Ross Classes 6 and 7
- Woodwork - Paul van Kampen
- Learning Support - Karyn Wills
- iLs Listening Programme - Jaci Chambers
- Extra Lesson Nicole Scheidegger

Community Notices

Eurythmy Courses

Thursday 12 May 2022 two courses of eurythmy will begin. All are welcome, the nature of eurythmy is that the movement is accessible to all, neither age nor mobility hinder engagement. This is an opportunity to explore movement in a way that refreshes and gives vitality.



Thursday 12 May 9:15 - 10:15 am
And
Thursday 12 May 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Steiner Centre corner Nelson Street and Whitehead Road

Both courses will run for 8 weeks
Cost \$115

Please contact Sue Simpson sue.simpson0@gmail.com

Your Own Yoga

Gentle Hatha Yoga and Sound, with Linda

A nourishing practice, gentle on the body, accompanied by the sound of the Tibetan Singing Bowls.

A focus of calm as we turn inwards through our Autumn journey. Suitable for everyone, all welcome!

- Fridays 9:30 am-10:45 am at Your Own Yoga studio, 810 Karamu Road North, Hastings 4122

Bookings: paula@yoyoganz.com or Txt [020 4011 3830](tel:02040113830) \$18.00 casual, Concessions available.

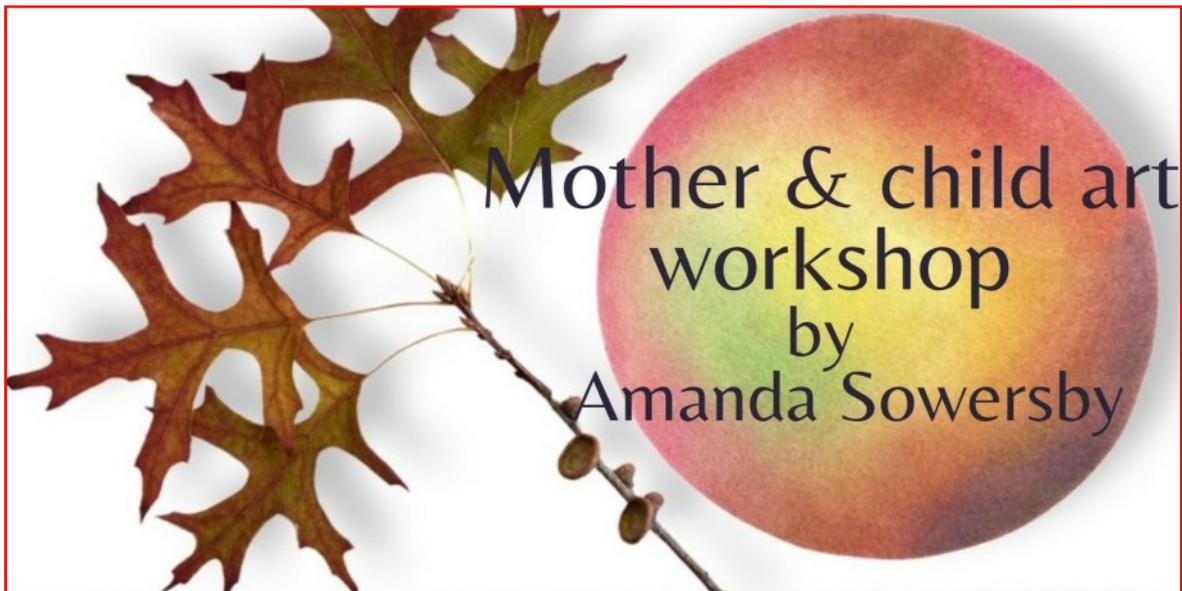
Reader/Writers Required

Are you, or do you know of someone who might be interested in becoming a Reader/Writer for akonga in the High School? We are looking to create a pool of willing assistants that can be called upon to support students during tests and examinations (an hour or two every so often). This position would suit someone who has flexibility in their daily schedule, including grandparents, with the ability to read, and record student responses. Some remuneration is available. Please contact our High School SENCo, Sanne Coulthard, if you can help. 8787363 ext. 841 or sanne.coulthard@taikura.school.nz

Senior Gardener

We are looking for a motivated and adaptable permanent part-time Senior Gardener to work alongside our gardener for 14 to 17 hours per week, depending on the capacity to potentially work with groups of students. Our gardening team is responsible for the general maintenance of the grounds and gardens at Taikura. This position requires previous gardening /landscaping experience, seasonal planting knowledge and an understanding of bio-dynamic practices.

For further information and a copy of the position description, please email suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz



Mother & child art workshop by Amanda Sowersby

Saturday 21st May
1.30pm-3.30pm
Investment: \$30 per person

Where: Taruna College
Demeter Room
33 Peak Road,
Havelock North



Come and bond with your child by having a creative art experience together. The theme for this workshop will be Autumn, we will be doing three gorgeous art activities of drawing, pastel and clay.

All materials provided. No prior art experience needed.

Children from 6-12 years.

Herbal tea and fairy tea will be offered for nourishment.

Arrive 10 minutes early to get settled. Park at the bottom carpark & walk to the classrooms which is situated on the left of the driveway



Limited spaces
Bookings:
info@amandasowersby.co.nz