



*Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.
My success is not mine alone, it is the success of the collective.*

Over the last couple of weeks the positive opportunities possible in working collectively together have been evident across a variety of areas.

This week our newly elected School Board had their first official board meeting. Our new board includes parents, a student and staff representative, past parents and staff, past students and staff who are also parents, a wonderful cross section of our Taikura community. This group have generously made themselves available to support Taikura and the effort, time and care that they bring to this role is essential to our kura. As a State Integrated school we have not one governing group but two and our Proprietors Trust are equally essential to our school and kindergartens. At the School Board meeting I shared with members the significant time that our past and present proprietors have dedicated to raising our parents' awareness of the importance of the Special Character donations that we ask for. Over recent years proprietors gave their time to visit parent evenings as well as making phone calls and meeting individually with those parents who have not returned donation forms. Parents will have received their donation forms for 2023, or they will be on their way in the mail and many thanks to those who have already returned them.

Across the hall from my office there has been a growing number of items accumulating over recent weeks in preparation for our upcoming Fete this weekend as beautiful crafts have been dropped off along with donations and purchases for stalls and activities. The logistics have been discussed and finalised, food stalls are being organised and parents have been positively encouraging others to contribute time and resources to this event. The Fete would not be possible without the combined efforts of parents, students and staff and we are looking forward to a full, busy and satisfying day on Sunday.

The preparations are not just about the Fete. As we head into the final weeks of term there are also a number of preparations being made to acknowledge the journey that our students, staff and parents travel on together. Preparations for Carol Evening, end of year dinners of celebration and acknowledgement, cushion concert, Prize Giving and introductions to Class One.

A significant aspect of our curriculum which is strengthened through the active working together of teachers, parents and students are our camps. This term is full of camps with Classes 4 and 8 our last week, Classes 12 and 10 out next week, Classes 5 and 6 headed away earlier in the term and Class 9 finish the year with a camp.

All of the above events and activities require effort, time, commitment and resources from those involved and all are focused on improving the learning journey and experience for our students. Thank you for all that is given so generously.

*The healthy social life is found
When in the mirror of each human soul
The whole community finds its reflection,
And when in the community
The virtue of each one is living.
This is the Motto of Social Ethic*

Rudolf Steiner

Below is a reflection from one of the parents, Will Tong, who attended the Class 8 camp last week:

I've returned from camp feeling younger and wiser than before. This was a great opportunity for me to spend some time in good company in a beautiful place and I'm stoked that I got to go.

I possibly wasn't as helpful as I could have been, fair to say I was crossing a few thresholds of my own. I might not have mentioned that this is the first time I have done a full pack-in pack-out tramp so I had a bit to learn.

As parent help we didn't really get too involved, we sort of hovered around and made sure that nothing was too outrageous. A bit of tightening guy ropes before the rain and gently suggesting that they try and keep dry. Gee and Ruby were more direct about keeping dry, I guess they have previous experience on this one.

The hike in was test enough for some of us and just getting there and back deserves full credit. Others went at the hike like bulls at a gate and probably would have run if we let them. I promised that if they bust ankle running down a hill then I wasn't going to carry them out which slowed them for about a minute.

Gee took a slow and steady group out first and then we strategically placed a few parents in line to hold back the rowdy ones. They got bit frustrated by the slow pace but I think that they might have come to terms with it by the end. We oldies felt that it was important that we stick together as a full group for the walk.

The first hint we got of salvation was the whiff of the long drop which wasn't amazing but then the glorious sight of the hut and the end of the agony. Hi-fives from Gee for everyone as they staggered out of the bush and dropped their packs.

After we caught our breath, we set a perimeter and then the kids just got to it. They fully set themselves up with little tent (and hammock) communities scattered around and then mixed, mingled and got familiar with their new environment.

We spotted a Whio who clearly owns this piece of river which got me a bit excited. Gee issued out a block of wood and a whittling knife to all takers and challenged them to make a spoon. By Thursday I saw some of the kids eating their porridge with these, so I count that a big success.

The next day was a hike to the hot pools. We weren't all enthusiastic about more walking but hot pools are a pretty good incentive and the packs were light so away we went. One hour later, soaking in a hot tub or swimming in an icy river or both. The weather was great and it was a lovely day. A little sunbathing even. I think some solid effort was put into catching a possum in the evening. Ultimately unsuccessful because it was definitely at my tent that night and the next.

Wednesday morning dawned a little gloomy and sure enough just on breakfast time the rain started. Gee had a trick up her sleeve though and you might see a new necklace on your child which they made. We spent the morning a little bit house bound but made the most of it.

Around the middle of the day Gee and Ruby started to get the kids ready for the solo. They let them decide for themselves how deep into this they wanted to go. For some kids the camp experience was challenging enough and these stayed home for the night. A couple chose to spend the night by themselves but close enough to hear the campers. The rest were taken off and hidden in the woods. Bevan and Robert kindly volunteered to do the same so as to keep an ear on things. I was too chicken. Two of the lads were on the cusp so Gee suggested that they do a two-person bivouac with the close group. Fortunately, the weather cleared up a bit whilst they set themselves up but it didn't hold and they had a wet night out there.

Thursday morning was wet and wetter. The weather showed no signs of improving so we got to pack up in the rain. A few kids were pretty reluctant to get out of their beds. They may have been damp but were still the cosiest thing around. Nevertheless, we had them all packed and wrapped before the last of the soloists got in.

One by one they came, when they were ready and in their own time, to be greeted by cheers and clapping. The faraway look in their eyes showing that the experience had moved them somehow.

When all were present and accounted for it was time to hit the road. With the weather being unfriendly we were talking about cutting it short and heading home. No firm decision at this point but it was certainly tempting.

We were expecting a wet and dripping hike out so we set off at a slow pace because we didn't want to be taking rest breaks in the rain. As it happened, the weather lifted as we went and it was warm work up the steep bits. The kids cruised along with easy pace and in good humour. All in all it was a nice walk. As we walked we listened in on the talk and despite the clearing weather felt like the consensus was that it was home time. Looking at the weather now I'm very happy with this decision.

We packed up quickly and piled onto the vans. A quick look at the clock and we figured we would be home at half past three.

It didn't quite work out that way!

About two minutes into the drive and we had a van stuck in the mud. We pretty quickly worked out that the vehicles we had weren't going to pull it out so we had to make a plan on the fly.

Luckily there was a nice sheltered grassy area about fifty meters up the road so we all gathered there whilst a couple of us shot up the road to catch Gee who had pulled over up the road. Once we explained that our vans wouldn't pull the stuck one out Gee suggested that we head further out to see if we could find a friendly farmer with a tractor. We drove all the way to the ford without seeing a soul and when we got there found the water level was too high to cross.

This isn't as big of a deal as it sounds, these crossings rise and fall within a couple of hours. There is also a bridge nearby but this is on private property and there are some sensitivities about its use - so its for real emergencies only.

Once we found the ford impassable, we decided that it was time to get on the phone. We got a phone signal just above the ford and Gee phoned Pippa who sorted out the rescue package. After that we headed back to the group to wait for the Caccioppoli Cavalry.

I think that we hoped to be away fairly quickly and thought we could get back by 7:30 pm. The kids hung out and played games whilst the adults moped and did some math. We worked out prep and travel time for the tow truck and realized that we would actually be lucky if we got back on the road by 7:30pm.

Hindsight is great and we really should have given an update on this but it was a twenty minute drive to get a phone signal. We should have done this so sorry for not.

I think that we all did a lot more bonding in the few hours of waiting than the entire rest of the trip. I got to hang out and throw stones with the kids and yarn with the adults. Young and old truly on the same level.

The kids also seemed to draw closer. At the camp they pitched their tents in social groups which I assume are who they hang out with at school. As the day drew on, I watched the groups coalesce like droplets of water on a plate pulling together until they were one big puddle. This is not to say that they didn't mix before but it ended up with them moving like a big swarm of humanity. From adversity comes unity.

I reckon that Gee had this camp pretty well planned and organized. When it went pear shaped, she adapted and got us all home. Thanks Gee. I had a blast on this trip. Ten out of ten would recommend.

Upcoming Events

November 20	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	School Fete
November 21 - 25	3:30 pm - 8:00 pm	LOWER SCHOOL CLASSES 1-5 ONLY Interviews
November 25	ALL DAY	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL ONLY
December 2	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Class 12 Cushion Concert
December 2	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Last Day of School for CLASSES 10 -12
December 9	ALL DAY	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL ONLY



He pito kōrero!

Ngā mihi mahana o Tamanuiterā ki a koutou katoa!

The following pictures are of Te Puna Tuatoru – Class 3 planting the tipu they helped grow in the school nursery. Deb (our school gardener) went to the wānanga about how to plant the tipu at Aunty's Gardens, at Waipatu!

Kīwaha o te wiki...Kīwaha of the week!

Taputapu kē (tar pu tar pu keeh)

neat, choice, cool, excellent, terrific, great, fantastic - a colloquialism complimenting the listener(s) on something they have done or achieved.

Rangi: Kia ora e Tama. I've just got my results and I've passed all my exams for the year!

Tama: Taputapu kē e hoa!



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



Te Tāhuhu o Taikura

As part of Te Tāhuhu o Taikura we have identified expected behaviours for each of our values. As part of the embedding of this programme we are going to focus on a different expected behaviour each week. We will share our weekly focus in our Grapevine for the coming week so that families can participate and support also.

Te Tāhuhu o Taikura - Focus for Week 3 and 4

Our teaching focus this week will be **Respect/Whakaute**, specifically: **Observe Tikanga**



When human beings meet together seeking the spirit with unity of purpose then they will also find their way to each other.

Rudolf Steiner

Taikura Fête Sunday 20 November 2022

It's Fête day on Sunday! Please spread the word amongst family, friends and colleagues so that as many people as possible can experience this joyful day.

Magic Beans

Magic Beans will be on sale at the discounted rates for the community at the school gate from 2:45 pm-3:20 pm until Friday 18 November.

Setting Up

Please ensure your stall is set up completely by 9:00am on Sunday 20 November. You may access the grounds from noon on Saturday 19 November to set up. The grounds will be patrolled by HSM security guards overnight.

Please arrange to set up **without young children in tow** – this will be an active site and we would like to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

Vehicle Access

Vehicle access to and from the site is from King Street, next to Taikura House. If you take a vehicle onto the site, the maximum speed inside the grounds is 5km/h. Please be mindful of children. On Sunday, the site must be clear of vehicles by 9:00 am. There will be no vehicular access to the grounds before 3:15 pm, when the big field has been cleared of children.

Parking for Stall Holders

Community and external stall holders should park on King Street. Please **DO NOT** park on Nelson Street or Whitehead Road near school so that there will be spaces for guests attending the Fête.

Administration Centre

When you arrive on Sunday to set up your **FOOD STALL**, please check in at the Administration Centre in the Gym Foyer. From here you can collect your float, provisions, and other essential information. The following services are available:

- Information and administrative support
- Sustainable supplies including cups, plates, napkins, utensils etc.
- EFTPOS with cash out
- Money exchange and collection facilities
- First Aid services
- Safety equipment
- Lost children hub

Financial Arrangements

Food stalls will be provided with a cash float on arrival. Periodically, one of the administration staff will collect surplus cash. At the end of the Fête please bring your float and takings to the Administration Centre.

Children's activities will operate on a **STRICTLY MAGIC BEAN** basis. If someone would like to pay in cash, please direct them to the nearest Magic Bean Sales point – at the Main Gate, the Administration Centre, and by the pizza oven at the entrance to Scannell's garden. Should the bean vessel become full before the conclusion of the Fête, they may be emptied at the Administration Centre. At the end of the Fête, please bring bean vessels to the Administration Centre at 3:00 pm, and no later than 4:00 pm.

Pea Straw sales

Bales of pea straw are now for sale for pick up after the fete. \$20 per bale. Pre-order at taikurafete@gmail.com

Participation

Heartfelt thanks for coming together as a community to create such a unique event. You should all have confirmed jobs at the Fête. Please check where you are meant to be on the map, and arrive in good time for your shift. There are some activities that need further support so please let us know if you are available. Please also be prepared to be flexible to adapt to circumstances on the day.

Stall Dismantling

Dismantling of stall sites may take place after 3:00 pm, with all materials removed by 6:00 pm on Sunday 20 November. Items remaining on site after this time will be removed and disposed of. Please ensure the grounds are returned to their original condition after the Fête.

Health & Safety

Please note

- No smoking, e-cigarettes, vaping, drugs or alcohol **anywhere** on the school grounds
- No animals allowed on site
- Use gloves and be conscious of hand washing, particularly when serving food. Those preparing and serving food must **not** also handle money.

Fête Proceeds

All fête proceeds are set aside to be used towards projects which need attention at Taikura. 2022 proceeds will be used towards the construction of an activity area for High School students.

Acknowledgements

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Taikura Fête

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FITZROY AVE

Main Stage Entertainment

Devonshire Tea Rooms

Entrance

Food & Drink

- 1 Coffee
- 2 Cakes (Class 1)
- 3 Ice Cream & Lassi (Class 7)
- 4 Waffles (Class 10)
- 5 Drinks & Pastries (Class 12)
- 6 Salads (Class 9)
- 7 Pakoras (Class 3)
- 8 Nachos (Class 5)
- 9 Burgers (Class 8GR)
- 10 Sausages (Class 4)
- 11 Falafel Pockets (Class 11)
- 12 Devonshire Teas (Class 6)
- 13 Children's Cafe (Class 8DU)

Childrens Wonderland

- 14 Children's Shop
- 15 Treasures in the Hay
- 16 Crystal Panning
- 17 Humpty Dumpty
- 18 Fishing
- 20 Candle Boats
- 21 Puppet Theatre

Arts & Crafts

- 22 Face Painting
- 23 Hair Feathers
- 24 Flower Garlands
- 25 Candle Dipping
- 26 Cookie Decorating
- 27 Art Spin
- 28 3D Art

Magic in The Woods

- 31 Fairy House
- 32 Ice Monarch
- 33 Potion House
- 34 Wood Workshop
- 35 Sword Whittling
- 36 Hot Burner Pictures

Fun & Games

- 34 Stocks
- 35 Archery
- 36 Fencing
- 37 Sumo Wrestling
- 38 Jousting
- 39 Coconut Shy
- 40 Photo Booth
- 41 The Shocker
- 42 Go Karts

Market Stalls

- 43 AJR Fashion
- 44 Barefoot Mama Jewellery
- 45 Beans Unique
- 46 Mundo
- 47 Crafty Fox
- 48 Moki
- 49 Magpie Jewellery
- 50 Noni Collective
- 51 Oshun Design Crystals
- 52 Plantkynd
- 53 Sand Art
- 54 Taikura Kindergarten

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- 55 A Little Bit Vintage
- 56 A Little Bit Vintage
- 57 Junk at Home
- 58 Sashe
- 59 Mandy Pal Designs
- 60 Earth Energy Jewellery
- 61 Concordia Health
- 62 TukiTuki Lavender
- 63 Soo's Garden
- 64 Spooning Trees
- 65 TinkFerg Crafts
- 66 Trade Aid

- 67 Taikura School
- 68 Naturally by Tam
- 69 MiChalk
- 70 Jubilee Flutes & Pipes
- 71 Lush
- 72 Dye4U
- 73 Crystal Child
- 74 Karyn Worthington Photography
- 75 Taikura Zero Carbon
- 76 Te Whakariorio Trust
- 77 Bubbles in the Bay

Mallows Driver Training

For all stages of learning to drive you will benefit immensely from taking some driving lessons by being more fully informed and so prepared for your driving test and future on road safety. Feel free to text or call **Martin** on **021 183 0862** for further inquiries.

Ebony Lamb & Band

SMALL HALLS SESSIONS HAWKES BAY

Wednesday 23 - Sunday 27 NOVEMBER

Wednesday 23 November - Kereru Community Hall

Thursday 24 November - Tikokino Community Hall

Friday 25 November - Sherenden Community Hall

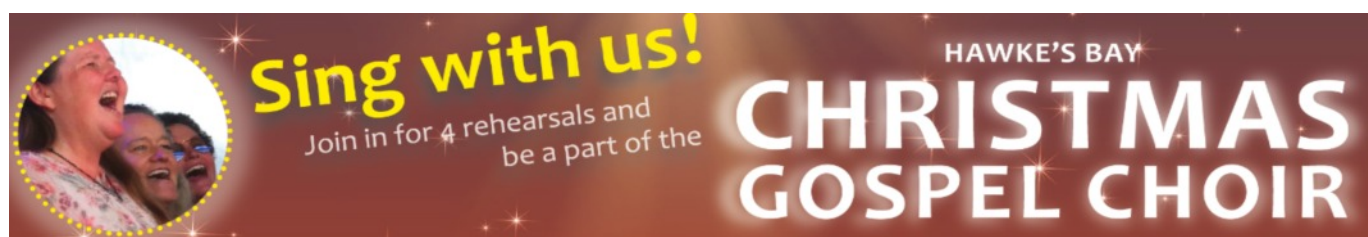
Saturday 26 November - Poukawa Community Hall

Sunday 27 November - Haumoana Community Hall



Ebony Lamb (former Taikura student) is genre-defying powerhouse with *"a voice of woodsmoke and honey"* (Nick Bollinger), a critically acclaimed singer-songwriter from Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington who was the driving force behind alt-country sweethearts **Eb & Sparrow**. Renowned for her dynamic performance and audience rapport, her performances will offer a tantalising glimpse of the new work from her long awaited solo album made with co-producers **Bic Runga** and **Kody Nielson** (Mint Chicks, UMO). A show not to be missed playing all new work with some of Wellington's most sought after musicians (Hikurangi Schaverien-Kaa on drums and Phoebe Johnson on bass) with *"a depth and power that, in places, is equal to any current big name, from Gillian Welch to Cat Power"* (Dompost) Ebony has supported international and national acts such as Nadia Reid, Marlon Williams, Beth Orton, Rodriguez, Bic Runga, Tami Neilson, The Warratahs and more. *"...one of the country's coolest, most sultry voices"* The NZ Listener.

TICKETS <https://www.smallhallsessions.co.nz/> Taikura has a special discount \$10:00 off per ticket at point of purchase with the **CODE: taikura** More Info <https://ebonylamb.com/>



Christmas time is high season for singers. Soul Choir leader Stephan Zebe invites again to sing Gospel Songs and Carols in a special project choir for a month.

Four rehearsals on Wednesdays in Advent (November 30, December 7, 14 and 21) and a performance on Christmas Eve at 8:30 pm, with many guests and with candlelight at Napier Baptist Church - that's the frame for this community sing-along event. "All lovers of Gospel Choir Music are welcome to join us. Whether you have choir or vocal experience or not, with or without music reading skills, all who love to sing may come." We will repeat some music from last three years, so a few will remember. But be there all four nights to reach the goal! Please register at hbsoulchoir@gmail.com

Wednesday rehearsals start at 7:00 pm, 36 Riverbend Road, Napier. Everybody is welcome!

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