



## Welcome To 2023

During the summer break several projects happening around the school have been finished or are nearing completion.

The lift and stairwell in Edwin Ayre have been completed and are ready for use.



Scaffolding was erected to paint the interior of the hall. Which is now completed.



## Te Whare Manukura



Concrete being poured for the paths to the Whare.



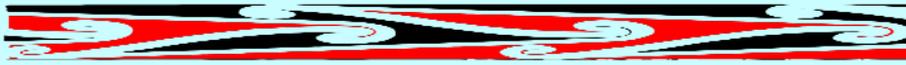
Paths completed, just waiting on the landscaping!

Decking, hand rails, steps and ramp being installed.



Laser cut Maihi panels to be installed on the front of the Whare.





## *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 a time of rest and rejuvenation!***

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 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxy6cGMA0kM>

A poster of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, in both versions, with noted differences between the two, has been hung in our Papa pānui (community notice board). I have also included another link to a 'Taringa' podcast (that I shared last year), 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 descent.

She is the Head of School at Toihoukura, School of Māori Arts in Gisborne. Dayle is also an indigenous rights and environmental lawyer who has presented on environment 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. Taringa - Ep 225 - Special Feature - Waitangi 2022 - With Dayle Takitimu | Taringa Podcast

Mā te wā! Nā, Matua Troy.

### ***Kīwaha o te wiki – Kīwaha of the week.***

Kai whea atu! (ka e fair ah ah too)

Legendary...

A kīwaha that is used to praise/congratulate someone or something.

**Hemi:** Kia ora e hoa. Pēhea ngā hararei, how were the holidays?

**Mana:** We went on a tipi haere around Te Taitokerau – Northland! Kai whea atu e hoa!

*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 has started. 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

## **Parent Handbooks**

The Parent Handbook for 2023/2024 will be distributed to the eldest child in the family to bring home next week. Please enjoy and have a read and familiarise yourself with the updates.

## Lower School Reports

There are still a number of Lower School reports that were not collected at the end of last year. These will now be available from the school office, between 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

## Contact Details

A reminder to please let the office know when your phone number or address changes. It is important for us to have up to date contact details for all parents and caregivers in case of emergency.

## Updating App Information

- A reminder to please check your current app group subscriptions to ensure they are up to date. Are you a liaison parent? Do you still have children at kindergarten? Are you a bus family?
- Please remember to update your alert group subscriptions to your child/ren's new class by the beginning of Term One 2023.

## URGENT UPDATE TO Absence Notifications

This term we have moved to **app** and answer **phone absence** notifications **only**, eliminating the need for us to maintain a mobile phone in the office, and lessening the workload for staff having to check multiple devices and sources of information. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation. Please find instructions on how to download the school app below.

## School App

If you have not already done so, **we encourage you to download our School App 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.



## Upcoming Events

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| February 6  | School Closed       | Waitangi Day                                   |
| February 9  | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm   | Class 4 Parent Evening                         |
| February 9  | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm   | Class 5 Parent Evening                         |
| February 11 | 10:00 pm - 12:00 pm | Taikura Kindergarten Garage Sale               |
| February 13 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm   | School Board Meeting - Staff Room              |
| February 14 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm   | Class 2 Parent Evening                         |
| February 14 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm   | Class 3 Parent Evening                         |
| February 22 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm   | HS Parent Evening Classes 8-12 - Taikura House |
| February 23 | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm   | Autumn Festival Parent Evening - Class 1       |

# The Season of Autumn

**Thursday 23 February - 6:30 pm**



**Venue - Class One**

## Autumn

An opportunity for parents to explore the festivals of the year - Autumn.

In Aotearoa the seasons of Te Waru, the time of scarcity, and Ngāhuru - plenty, and the season for the kumara harvest all contribute rich themes for what we draw to celebrate at home and in school.

You are warmly invited to come along to hear about our festival and a little of the background behind the Autumn Saint Michael Play.

There will be opportunity to create and korero as we reflect on the nourishment festival moments bring to our community and family life as well as us individually.

Participants will come away with items to contribute to the creation of their own Autumn Festival Table.

Due to the preparation of materials needed for this event, late registrations or arrivals on the night in this instance will not be able to be accommodated.

**Please email [kelly.sutton@taikura.school.nz](mailto:kelly.sutton@taikura.school.nz) or [sue.hull@taikura.school.nz](mailto:sue.hull@taikura.school.nz) by Friday 17 February** to reserve your place. We ask this to ensure we have enough materials and supplies prepared.

**Starting at 6:30 pm - Korero and warm drink followed by craft activity.**

## Taikura Music Lessons

We will have tuition available in 2023 on-site for **guitar, ukulele, bass, banjo, piano, voice, recorder, violin, viola, and cello**. Lessons are available for students of Classes 3 to 12. This is a wonderful opportunity to impart resilience, perseverance and creativity. It is strongly preferred that these lessons occur **outside** of main lessons and they need to be arranged in close consultation with teachers whose lessons are affected. Lessons are available throughout the year, however spaces are limited.

If you and your child are interested in lessons, please me via email: [Thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz](mailto:Thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz)

## Instruments For Hire

Welcome back everyone. I'm looking forward to sharing the school instruments with your children and seeing the enjoyment this brings them.

If your child is interested in taking up a new hobby, and would like to give playing an instrument a go, we have a selection for them to choose from.

The instruments we have for hire are:- violins, violas, cellos, double bass, trumpets, trombones, saxophones, clarinets, flutes and guitars. For further information on any of the above please contact me at:- [zahira.rickard@taikura.school.nz](mailto:zahira.rickard@taikura.school.nz)

Look forward to hearing from you and all the best for the year ahead,  
Zahira Rickard

## Sports Notices

Congratulations to Kaito Wallis for achieving his black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Well done Kaito!

### Volleyball

This week I am taking names of students from Classes 6 - 12 who are interested in playing volleyball this term. Please talk to your student about their interest to play this term.

### Girls Ocean Sports Program

If we get the numbers we will be running the program this term.

Please email me if you wish to have more information about this program, this is for girls 13 or older.

### Waka Ama

Please email [troy.gardiner@taikura.school.nz](mailto:troy.gardiner@taikura.school.nz) if you have a student interested in waka ama.

Janet Osborne - Sports Coordinator

## Thank You And Appreciation

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our former gardener and long-time past parent Jo Doig, for her generous donations of flower arrangements for our office foyer area. For the last decade Jo has created stunning arrangements and bouquets with flowers donated from her own garden. With her daughter Laura having graduated last year Jo is moving on and will be putting her skills to use elsewhere, we will miss your friendly visits and of course the beautiful flowers. All the best and many thanks Jo!

## Kindergarten Garage Sale

Taikura Kindergarten car park, 414 Nelson St North, Hastings Saturday 11 February 10:00 -12:00 noon This will be a mix of unneeded kindergarten resources, bric a brac etc. Come down and find some treasures.

## Curriculum Corner

At the end of 2022 this year's Class 7 continued to work on individual veil paintings and explored Roman Portraits using charcoal. Following are some examples of their mahi.

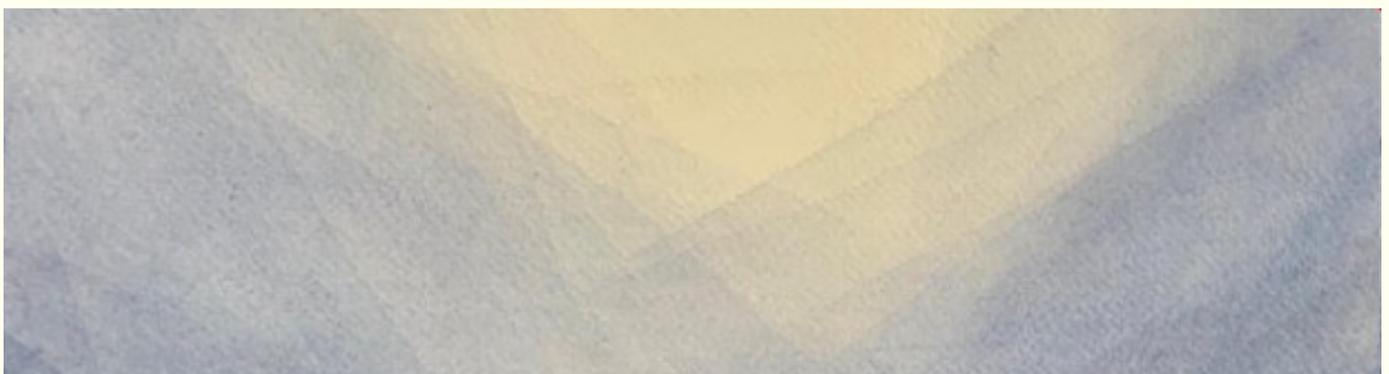


Zoe Rousteau



William Hay

Tylah Kairau

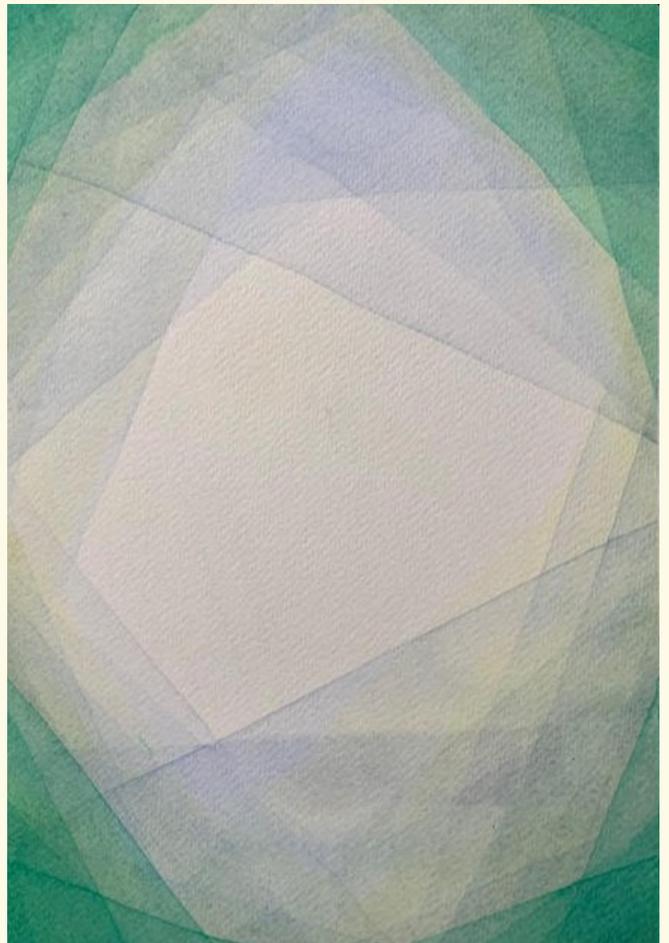




Coby Ransom

Zoe Rousteau

Isabelle Eichenseher





Tara Theyer-Durham



Fern Wynands

### Dear Artists

There is an opportunity for you to participate in a mixed exhibition in the exhibition space at the Steiner Centre on Whitehead Road. The exhibition will be on the theme of Peace. The time will be mid May to the end of June, which ties in with the Whitsun festival on Sunday 28 May 2023.

We would like to invite you to create or choose from your existing oeuvre a piece of art for this exhibition. Be inspired by symbols of inner peace, birds, the dove, flames, the holy spirit, world peace and the colour white.

If you wish to contribute to this exhibition please register your interest with either:  
Angela Hair: [angela@concordia.co.nz](mailto:angela@concordia.co.nz) or Eva Steinmetz-Urieli: [evaurieli@gamil.com](mailto:evaurieli@gamil.com)

# Children's Afterschool Art Class

WITH AMANDA SOWERSBY  
MONDAY 3.30AM-5PM  
KEIRUNGA ART CENTRE  
HAVELOCK NORTH



CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES  
7 YEARS-13 YEARS

TERM 1: STARTING MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023  
3.30PM-5PM

TERM 1 ENDS MONDAY 3RD APRIL  
\$26 PER CLASS \$208 FOR THE TERM  
LOCATION: KEIRUNGA GARDENS ART CENTRE.

ART ACTIVITIES: PAINTING, DRAWING, CLAY, PASTEL, PRINT  
MAKING AND MORE....

AMANDA SOWERSBY IS A LOCAL ARTIST, ANTHROPOSOPHICAL  
ARTISTIC THERAPIST, HOLISTIC HEALER AND YOGA TEACHER.  
ONE ON ONE ARTISTIC THERAPY SESSIONS ALSO AVAILABLE

THE INTENTION FOR THE CLASSES IS TO CREATE A SAFE  
NUTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CHILDREN TO SHINE  
THROUGH THEIR CREATIVITY.  
(CLASS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED)

Book: [art@amandasowersby.co.nz](mailto:art@amandasowersby.co.nz)  
0211449168

## Violin - Fiddle Style Lessons

I am offering violin/fiddle style lessons from the beginning of February 2023. The cost is \$100.00 per term with the fiddle provided. If you are interested please call Chris Bacchus on 878 6883 or email: [chrisbacchus@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbacchus@gmail.com)

### An Invitation to Gain an Esoteric Understanding of the Old Testament as given by Rudolf Steiner and Emil Bock.

Lecture and discussion with Cleone Armon, followed by painting exercise with Margaret-Mary Farr.

Term 1 commences with the age of the First Kings, Saul, David and Solomon. The twelve tribes are united and Israel becomes great. After Solomon the kingdom breaks up and the two remaining tribes are guided onward by the great prophets.

Term 2 we see how the descent of Christ is finally prepared. There are fierce battles in heaven and on earth. Christ comes into the body of Jesus in the baptism in the Jordan, but takes three years to fully penetrate into it.

Cost: \$253 / term.

Online or in person at Manawa Studio, Hastings.

Tuesday 9am - 12 noon, commencing 14th Feb 2023.

Enquiries: [manawastudio@gmail.com](mailto:manawastudio@gmail.com) or 027 248 4193.