



Taikura e....
e karanga e te iwi e,
kua eke mai nei ki runga te marae e.
Mauria mai i ngā mate o te motu e,
me ngā tini roimata e maringi whānui e.

Titiro e te iwi ki ngā mahi o te motu,
e hora ake nei e.
Rū ana te whenua, whatiwhati te moana,
aue te aroha, te mamae i a aue.
Rū ana te whenua, whatiwhati te moana hi!

Taikura is calling to the people
who have just set foot on this marae
Bring with you the memories of all those that have passed on
and so many tears spilling forth nation-wide.

Look at our people working across the land,
spread out far and wide.
Shaking is the ground, quivering is the sea.
Oh, the love and the pain within me.
The ground shakes and quivers!

Many years ago, the above waiata was taught to our Lower School kapa haka group by Matua John and Whaea Keita Matthews, our kapa haka tutors at the time. We have chosen this as our school waiata pōwhiri to welcome manuhiri (visitors) with. We thought it would be good to share this with you, as it is a waiata that the school sing whole-heartedly when called upon, and at some point when you are able to be at a school pōwhiri, standing with the school, you may be able to join with us in this waiata...ask your tamariki to teach you! Ngā mihi mahana o Hineraumati ki a tātou katoa!

Nā, Troy Gardiner





He pito kōrero!

Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week

Koinā tāku! (Coy naah taaar coo)
I agree!

Hemi: Te wera hoki i tēnei rā e hoa...It's hot as today!
Roimata: Koinā taku e Hemi!

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 this week. Please enjoy and have a read and familiarise yourself with the updates.

“Bee” Safe Wear Shoes And Slap On A Hat!

Our main field always attracts the buzz of our friendly little workers of the flowers. To ensure the children are safe from harm please check that they have suitable shoes on at all times. This is up to parents and staff to enforce. If you see one of our children on the field without shoes on, please ask them to go and put some on. And te ra (*the sun*) is out in force so please make sure you wear your hats too.



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. Please call in and collect by the end of the week.

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

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 15	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
March 1	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Taikura Kindergarten whānau evening - T Kindy

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 or 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

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

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

High School Dress Code - Part One

Specific to Classes 8-12

It is part of the Special Character of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School that we do not have a uniform for students. Whilst the staff acknowledges that some High School students tend to be influenced by the latest fashion trends and to experiment with their appearance, what they wear and how they wear it, is important. As High School students provide an important role model for our younger children and represent the school in the wider community we expect all clothing to be of an appropriate and functional style for school activities. There are public occasions such as the Carol Evening and off-site visits where smart casual dress is required.

1. Clothes must be clean and tidy. Frayed edged garments, ripped garments or holes are not acceptable.
2. Cleavage, and sides must be covered and undergarments should not be visible. Strapless tops, bare midriff clothes and low cut tops and dresses are not to be worn. Boys must wear a top at all times.
3. Slogans and illustrated clothing must be acceptably discreet and not contain images contrary to the law or the school philosophy, Eg marijuana leaf, references to alcohol, skulls or violent images on clothing are not acceptable.
4. Beach shorts, board/surf shorts, running shorts or brief shorts are not to be worn at school and neither are low-riding pants of any style.
5. Shorts, skirts and dresses must be no shorter than mid-thigh in order to maintain decency when moving around the school. If leggings are worn there must be an over garment worn which meets regulation length (mid-thigh).

The school reserves the right to direct students to change their attire if we deem it necessary. It is important that we have a clear direction on the standard which is required to fully reflect both a pride in ourselves and in our school. Emphasis will be on the condition of the clothes, overall presentation and modesty.

Cell Phones/Ear-buds at Taikura

Our rule of no cell-phone/ear-bud use on school grounds supports student well being and encourages the human being to be present when in the company of another.

The holding of this boundary is a cooperative endeavor that requires ongoing monitoring and support by parents and teachers. Below is a flow-chart of our procedure should a student choose to use their phone and/or ear-buds while at school.

For your information a description of the schools response to phone/air-bud use follows

Phone and Ear-bud Infringements - School Response

First Infringement:

Cell phone or ear buds used while at school -

Items confiscated and sent to the school office - collected at the end of the day.
Letter home notifying whānau of infringement

Second Infringement:

Cell phone or ear buds used while at school -

Items confiscated and sent to the school office - collected at the end of the day.
Letter home notifying whānau of infringement

Third Infringement:

Cell phone or ear buds used while at school -

Items confiscated and sent to the school office - collected at the end of the day.

Letter home notifying whānau of infringement and request made student either leaves phone and/or buds at home or drops them into school office.

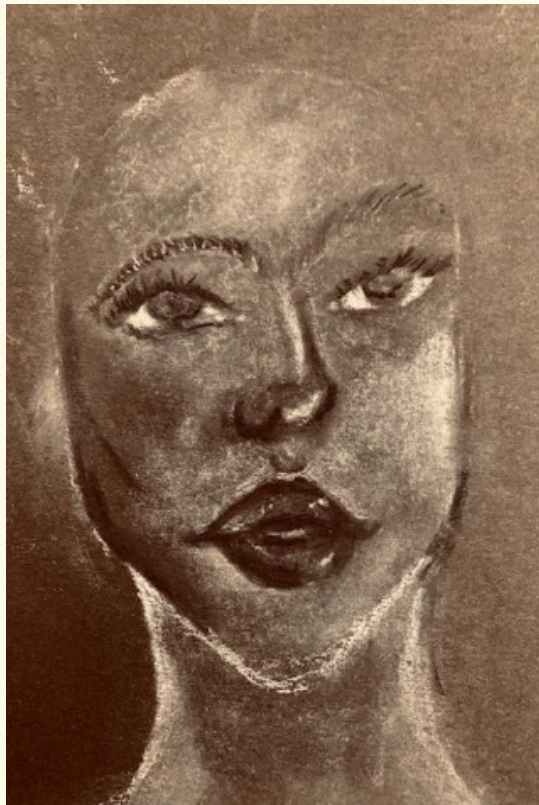
Correspondence reminds whānau that failure of the student to work within the outlined procedure will result in the phone/ear bud infringements being responded to through our Behaviour Management Procedures - eg: student will follow a pathway which responds with consequences for non-compliant behaviour.

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.

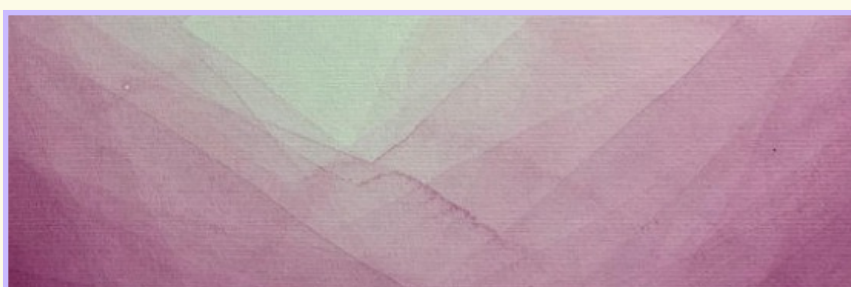
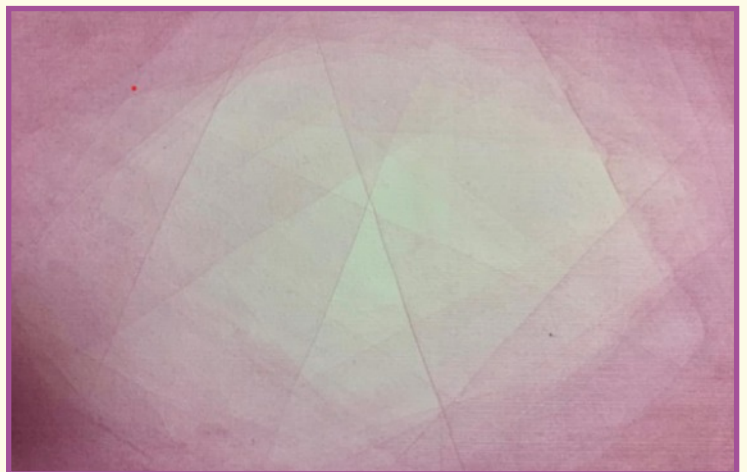


Silvia Robin



Zakir Zaini

Juniper Floyd



Jonathan Glover

Friday Market

We have a number of parents and community members asking about the return of our Friday Market. We would love to see this parent-led initiative return to Taikura this year. Last year we shared our survey results which were overwhelmingly in support of the market and the fundraising opportunity and community building it provides. If you are interested in being part of a small organising group please email suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz, we would love to hear from you!

Movement to unclutter your life, breathe and refresh yourself!



Eurythmy with Sue Simpson

9.00 am or 7.00 pm

Six sessions starting Thursday 16 February

Steiner Centre on the corner of Nelson Street and Whitehead Road

Costs: \$90.00 (if you want to know more, drop in for a taster session)

sue.simpson0@gmail.com

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 or Eva Steinmetz-Urieli: 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
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

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 or 027 248 4193.