



23 March 2023

Autumn Festival

Saint Michael Play





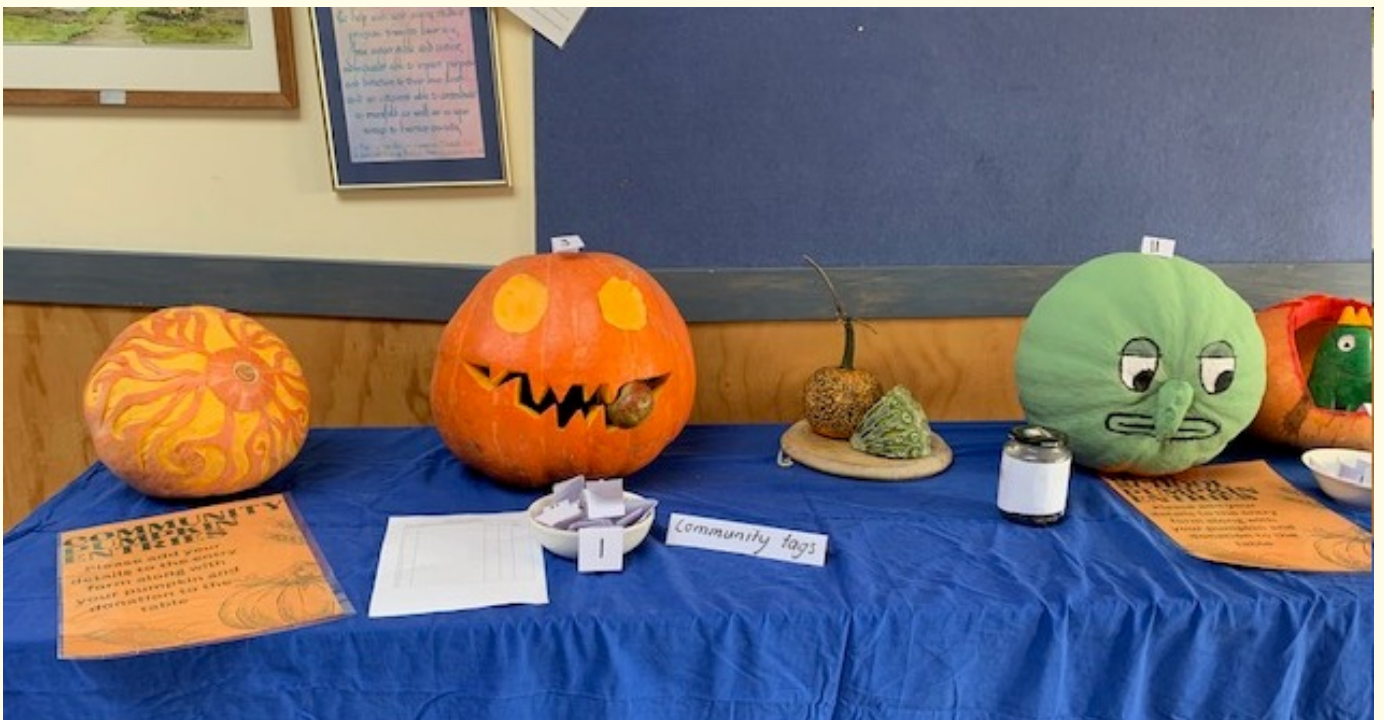


Harvest Table



Pumpkin Competition











He pito kōrero!

Nō hea tēnei ingoa...Te Mānukura?

Kia ora e te hapori o Taikura!

The naming of our whare was quite a task, as we met with Tū mai Taikura and then several meetings with ‘pou whirinaki’ (pillars of our kura, past teachers) who had seen the school from the initial seed that was planted in Heretaunga, and the journey along the way. The gathering of that whakapapa of our kura, was an interesting process. Their stories, woven together, giving rich insights of the evolution of Taikura.

At the planting of the mauri stone, Emilie Rutherford-Busck carried te kōhatu mauri onto the site, a single karoro (seagull), sent out a karanga as the dawn broke. As the kōhatu mauri was laid to rest in the ground where the new doorway of the Whare is, a group of karoro circled around the site. This was the initial tohu (sign).

Hui were also held with John Robin, who was the past Te Reo Māori teacher at Taikura and now one of the kaumātua of Kohupātiki Marae. When John saw the Whare for the first time, he talked about how the āhua of it reminded him of a huge manu, enfolding the space around it with their wide spread wings. When discussing the importance of ngā manu (birds), we talked about their migratory nature, with some that travel huge distances to reach their destination, like many of us who have travelled near and far to educate our tamariki at Taikura. We also talked about ngā manu being the messengers of the Atua, circumnavigating the realms of the heavens. We recognised the different types of manu and their varied attributes; from the kahu – the hawk as it soars through the skies, to the little pīwakawaka, flitting from space to space as it explores the ngahere, this felt like we were talking about our tamariki and the gifts they bring to our kura.

Lastly, the name of our school – Taikura, talks about the ‘heartwood’ of the tree, and when this kupu is separated – ‘Tai’ and ‘kura’ - Tai can be translated as currents (of influence, of emotion, of sensibility), as streams (of consciousness, of philosophy), as ocean tides, as tides of life and kura can be interpreted as a red glow, as a treasured possession, or as a sanctum of learning. It is also a sacred ochre, the pigment which comes from the blood that flowed in the separation of Rangi and Papa. We thought it would be good to have a common thread that linked the name of the Whare with our kura.

So, from all the above kōrero – Te Manukura was chosen as the name for the Whare. At the Opening ceremony of the Whare next week, when Papa Jerry Hapuku (Ngāti Kahungunu kaumatua) knocks on the walls of the Whare and asks the pātai “Ko wai te ingoa o te Whare nei?” (What is the name of this house) Our response will be “Ko Te Manukura, ko Te Manukura, ko Te Manukura!”

Tihei mauri ora! Nā, Matua Troy.

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



Class Photos - Postponement - New Date

Class photographs scheduled for today had to be postponed due to illness with the photographers. The new date is **Wednesday 26 April**. Please mark this in your calendar and bring in the forms if you have not already done so.

Fete Committee Meeting

Open for new members!

Let's make the Fete Great!

We are meeting at 7:00 pm **Monday 27 March**.

If you are interested please contact

Amber Wale on 021 2163 781 or email taikurafete@gmail.com

Ngā mihi - The Taikura Fete Committee

Careers Information

Victoria University of Wellington invites senior students and Whānau to attend a range of experience days during the April school holidays. These information sessions will include a subject taster talk, Q&A with current students, a campus tour and engaging hands on group activities. There are four different themed sessions across 3 Wellington campuses and students and Whānau can attend as many sessions as they wish.

For more information and to register please visit <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study/events-visits/visits>

Please contact Paula in the Careers Office for more information about University and Polytechnic open days, experiences and visits paula.rose@taikura.school.nz

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.

Steiner Certificate Registration Reminder

Steiner Certificate registration forms for Classes 10 -12 must be handed into the school office by Friday 31 March.

Upcoming Events

March 23	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Class 7 Parent Evening
March 27	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Board meeting
March 27	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 6 Parent Evening - EA
March 29	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	High School Parent Evening - Taikura House

Curriculum Corner

Class 11 visited the local Sikh Temple as part of the History of Religion Main Lesson. Members of the temple talked to us about their faith and then nourished the class with delicious food. We wish to thank the Sikh community for their warmth and hospitality.



Photos from the Gurudwara Sahib



Arrivals And Departures

Each morning from 8:20 am a teacher will be at the school gate on Nelson Street to welcome each child to school with a “good morning” and a handshake. This is our Main School gate and the one through which all children and parents must enter each day. Children should also exit through the front gate. There is teacher supervision and a crossing patrol on duty until 3:10 pm. Buses depart promptly at this time. If you are picking your children up from school please make sure you are on time so that they are not left unsupervised.

Lateness And Absence Procedures

Please ensure your children are on time and have a proper start to their school day. Children arriving late create disruptions for the beginning of Main Lessons and Morning Circle. This is an important time of day where the verse is said and a positive mood established.

At the start of each day the Lower School (Classes 1-3 only) teachers send written notification to the office of the day's absentees. High School teachers and all other classes enter absences or lateness directly into the student management system.

The office will text each parent/caregiver, via our student management system, if they have not already been notified of the absence. **Please notify the office of all absences, this includes holidays taken in term time, even if you have notified your child's teacher.**

It is essential that parents/caregivers phone early (preferably before 8:30 am) and leave a message on the 24-hour answer phone (press “1” for this option). Alternatively, you can notify us through our SchoolApp.

If a Lower School child is late they must come to the office to report and get a signed note before going to class. High School students may go directly to class. All students leaving for any length of time during school hours, must sign out at the office every time they arrive or depart, eg. for an appointment.

For prolonged absences a medical certificate may be required. When a short absence is planned or known of in advance, please notify the **teacher beforehand as well as the office.**

In the High School a detention system for lateness is used to encourage students to develop punctuality.

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.



School Policy Reviews

SchoolDocs review policies termly. In order to participate in reviews we encourage you to visit our SchoolDocs site (User name: **taikurasteiner** Password: **heartwood**). Along the top of the page you will see a tab labelled 'Current Review' where you will find a table with links to the policies currently under review.

- Follow the link
- Read the policy
- Click the red Policy Review button icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
- Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access our school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

School Directory

Our school directory will be published next week. If you **DO NOT** want your details included, please let me know as soon as possible via email suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz

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 email: thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

FLOOD FUNDRAISER

Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale

Class 9 Social Studies is holding a waste-free fundraiser for the people volunteering to help out in the floods.

MENU

Sizzled Sausage \$2

Lemonade \$1

Cakes & Cookies \$1 - \$3



We have vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy free options for all our products.

POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY 30 MARCH

DATE: Thursday 23 March at 12:30pm

Where: Outside the Edwin Ayre building,

However, if the weather is bad, we'll be situated in the canteen.

Caring Person Needed

Looking for a kind and caring person who would like up to 10 hours paid work a week supporting my son Andrew (44) who has Aspergers syndrome?

Tasks will be cleaning his small one bedroom house, cooking/food prep, keeping an eye on him and interacting with him while you are there. If he is willing, take him out and about too. Travel expenses available. Priority is connecting with him. His sister lives on the same property so would be there to guide you.

Please phone Romilly: 021 055 3921 or email: romilyjoy@gmail.com

Caring For People, Animals And Plants With Homeopathy

There are a range of homeopathic remedies that may help with the many emotions people are feeling at the moment - shock, grief, weariness and despair... Animals and affected trees are also struggling in some places. If you would like to discuss solutions that are available, please contact Angela Hair 0274436737 angela@concordia.co.nz

For Sale

Waterproof ski jacket and pants set. Men's size small. Colour is mostly grey with black. Excellent condition. \$170.00
Email: nicki.nicola27@gmail.com

Messy Church

Messy Church for the Parish of Greater Hastings will now only be held at St Martins Community Hall, 1120 Willowpark Road North, Mayfair (next door to Mayfair School). The next Messy Church will be on **Saturday 25 March 2023 4:00 - 6:00pm.**

Garage Sale For Stable Hearts - Pakowhai Road

Hi Taikura family on **Saturday 25 March** we are having a garage sale starting at **8:00 am.**

There will be pretty much everything. All funds raised will go to **Stable Hearts Foundation** who lost everything during the cyclone, including eleven horses used for special needs children.

Where: 108 Mclean Street St Leonards Hastings

Thanks Emil and Ruby

Kia Ora Whānau

For those who do not know me, my name is Tara Lamb, you may know my children Mostar and Hazel Prince. I am starting a home base care for young children, between the ages of 0-6 years. After school care and holiday care is available on booking. My home is very convenient to Taikura School and other schools in Hastings. I am qualified and fully registered. I have been working with young children for many years now and I have come to believe that smaller family environments are much more beneficial for the very young child. The Steiner philosophy is very much a part of me as I was privileged to have graduated from Taikura in 1999. The beauty and goodness it brings to education is amazing. If you need care for your little ones or know of anyone who does, please contact me or pass on my details. Phone **021 2604 992** or email tklamb40@gmail.com. **Limited places available.**

I look forward to opening my home for care from Monday 24 April 2023

Arohanui Tara Lamb



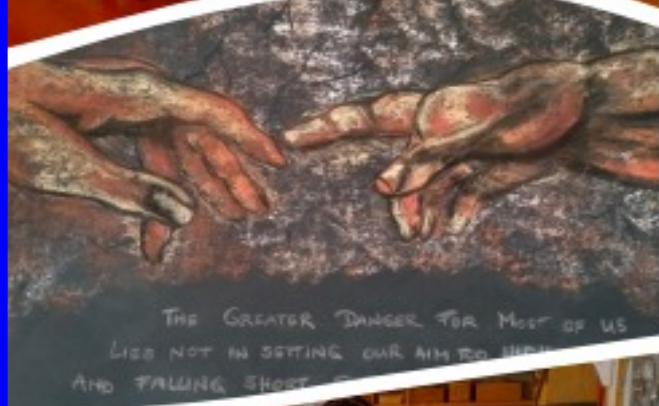


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The certificate is an introductory course to Rudolf Steiner Waldorf education. This part-time year-long programme gives a broad overview of the many-faceted dimensions of Waldorf pedagogy, curriculum and culture. Alongside lectures and workshops that will deepen and extend your understanding of child development and approaches to teaching and learning, you will have the opportunity to engage your creative side with many practical activities including arts, crafts, music and movement. Biography work, observation and reflective journaling recognise the importance of schooling and nourishing the inner life of the teacher.

The Certificate programme is designed for:

- Teachers new to Waldorf education who wish to extend their knowledge or to enliven and re-examine their classroom practice.

It also provides a helpful foundation for:

- Teacher aides in Steiner Waldorf schools
- Student teachers looking to teach in a Steiner Waldorf school
- Home-schooling parents or parents wishing to accompany their children's development and education in a Steiner Waldorf school.

Enrolments for 2023 seminars are now open:

Seminar One: 16-21 April

Seminar Two: 8-13 July

Seminar Three: 24-30 September

Cost: \$1200 per seminar (Early bird price of \$1100 per seminar when all three seminars are paid on enrolment at least one month prior to Seminar One)

Rosie Simpson, former Principal of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School in Hastings, NZ is Programme Director for the CRSE.

All inquiries please contact

info@taruna.ac.nz or see our website www.taruna.ac.nz

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Taruna College is pleased to be offering the **Certificate in Rudolf Steiner Education**. Which is commencing on the 16 – 21 April, this course will be held over three seminars during the school holidays. It is designed for teachers who are new to Steiner education and for parents who may be wishing to learn more about their children's development and education within a Steiner school.