



27 April 2023

Autumn Night

Listen. .

With faint dry sound,

Like steps of passing ghosts,

The leaves, frost-crisp'd, break from the trees

And fall.

By Adelaide Crapsey





He pito kōrero!

Tēnā koutou e te whānau!

Below is the Ode of Remembrance that commemorates those who fought on our behalf; the great loss of life and lives for all forever changed.

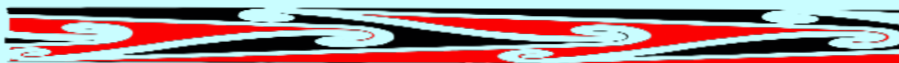
Growing up I never really thought much about Anzac Day and what it meant. It wasn't until one day when collecting the mail, I read my father's full name on the front of a letter for him – Te Urunga Cassino Gardiner. My father's middle name is Cassino, which as a child I mistakenly thought was about a bet or a gambling incident? However, my siblings and I were told that he was named in honour of an uncle whose life was taken in Cassino, in southern Italy, during the Second World War. I then learnt that for many of our people, the names of the places where our tūpuna lost their lives during the different wars became the first or middle names of their descendants, so they forever live on in the hearts of their whānau.

*E kore rātou e kaumātuatia
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore
Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā
I te hekenga atu o te rā
Tae noa ki te arangamai i te ata
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou*

The Ode of Remembrance

*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
We remember them.*

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 Whare Te Manukura

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

Waiata mai has started. Every Thursday in our Whare Te Manukura. 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

Proprietors Trust Update

We would like to update our community on the status of the Class One building following the closure of the classroom post Cyclone Gabrielle. The Class One classroom was built in the 1970s and many past and present students will remember their first year at Taikura in this special space fondly. As part of the responsibility which the Trust carries for property, our Class One classroom was already due to be assessed, in particular in regards to ongoing issues with leaks. The cyclone brought this work forward. Following the damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, the Trust undertook a comprehensive review of the building, including an external report. Based on the information gathered it has become clear that the building's issues, including black mould and asbestos, would require a complete rebuild, something we do not believe to be a responsible use of our financial resources at this time. During our last meeting the Trust therefore unanimously made the difficult decision to decommission the building. Given the history of the building this decision was not made lightly, however the health and safety of our students is paramount. Currently the configuration of Classes one, two and three is working well, but is not a long-term solution going forward. Our next steps will be to work closely with management and staff to ensure our teaching spaces are fit for purpose, as well as future proof. This may include some possible remodelling of existing spaces. Further updates regarding spaces and the removal/demolition of Class One will follow, in the meantime if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to direct these via suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Sue Simpson
Proprietors Trust Chair

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 1 and 2 Term 2

Our teaching focus this week will be **Perseverance/Manawanui**, specifically:

Try your best at tasks given - Finish your Mahi.

The Chill In The Air Signals Winter Is On Its Way

During the change of seasons weather in Hawkes Bay can be unpredictable. Because of this, it is essential tamariki come to school with layers of clothes and wet weather attire.

The rain offers a completely different play environment from the more usual dry summer days. For children to get the most out of their play environment during winter it is important they bring to school layers of clothing, a good raincoat - reaching past the bottom and if possible some gum-boots.

Due to a child's accelerated metabolic rate they are not always able to fully regulate or recognise being cold, or when they are overheating, thus the importance of having layers available to them. Our curriculum is all about supporting the child to fully incarnate into their physical bodies. Warmth enables this incarnation process to happen more easily. With this in mind, during terms two and three it is helpful for students Classes 1 - 5 to keep a pair of slippers at school.



The layers your tamariki bring to school ensure we are able to support them to stay warm, or cool down.

Mā te whiritahi, kā whakātutuki ai ngā pāmanawa ā tāngata

Together weaving the realisation of potential.

Dear Parents and Whānau of Lower School Children

During weeks 2 and 3 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 Wednesday 17 May, the fourth week of Term Two. Some teachers may make themselves available during the latter part of the day for interviews.

Please check the online booking schedule for teacher's available interview times.

Bookings are open now and will close on Monday 1 May at 4:00 pm.

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 Sutton

Booking Your Teacher Interview

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': **cb2s2**
3. You will then be guided by the website.

Specialist Teacher Interviews

After receiving parental feedback in a 2021 Reporting Survey where parents indicated they would like an opportunity to have interviews with specialist teachers, this opportunity was made available in 2022.

Uptake of these specialist interviews was minimal despite these specialist lessons contributing richly to what is our Steiner Education. I encourage you to attend these interviews.

Specialist teachers will be available for interviews on Thursday 4 May 2023. They will be centrally located in our School Hall to minimise transition time.

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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2. Enter the following code into the 'event code': **agbps**
3. You will then be guided by the website.

List of Specialist Teachers available for interviews

Te Reo Māori - Matua Troy

Spanish - Sandra Jordan Classes 1, 2 , 6 and 7

Eurythmy - Nives Frigerio

Music - Thomas Pearson - Classes 3 and 7, Lower School Orchestra

Health - Gee Reisma Classes 6 and 7

Handwork - Vonda Christensen Class 1 - 5

Handwork - Elspeth Ross Classes 6 and 7

Woodwork - Paul van Kampen Classes 5, 6 and 7

Learning Support - Karyn Wills

iLs Listening Programme - Jaci Chambers

Extra Lesson - Nicole Scheidegger

Curriculum Corner

Class 3 busy mixing cement for the laying of foundations for the wall extensions around our outdoor kitchen.



Smokefree And Vapefree Policy

Taikura is smokefree and vapefree, as required by the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (s.7A). We comply with the Act and have a smokefree and vapefree policy as part of our commitment to providing a physically and emotionally safe place for students, staff, and the school community (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Education and Training Act 2020). We aim to promote a smokefree and vapefree lifestyle to all members of the school community to help protect everyone from second-hand smoke and discourage students from taking up smoking and/or vaping.

Smokefree and vapefree requirements

Our school buildings and grounds (including school car parks and pick-up and drop-off areas) are smokefree and vapefree, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (with no exceptions). This applies to anyone on the school grounds, including students, staff, parents/caregivers, contractors, and people hiring or using the school facilities outside school hours. All school activities off school premises (e.g. EOTC) are also smokefree and vapefree (including transport between venues). This policy applies to all smoking and vaping products, including e-cigarettes.

We include the school road crossing (and rostered adults) in our smokefree and vapefree zone.

We take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure people know that the entire grounds are smokefree and vapefree at all times. To ensure our school is smokefree and vapefree, we:

- display the required signage (i.e smokefree and no vaping signs) at every entrance to the school grounds and the outer entrance of every building
- regularly communicate our policy to the school community (including staff, students, volunteers, and parents/caregivers)
- advise visitors, contractors, anyone working at our school, and anyone hiring or using the school facilities that our buildings and grounds are smokefree and vapefree
- educate students through the curriculum about the harmful effects of smoking, vaping, and exposure to second-hand smoke.

Breaches

Adults smoking or vaping in or around school grounds are reminded that the school is smokefree and vapefree by law and asked to stop or leave the premises.

If a student breaches this policy (either by smoking/vaping or supplying tobacco/vapes to other students), the principal (or their delegate) determines the appropriate actions to be followed. We may offer appropriate counselling and education, and contact parents/caregivers. The following policies may also be relevant:

- Behaviour Management
- Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property
- Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion.
- Complaints

Complaints about breaches of this policy involving students and members of the school community may be made through the Raising Concerns process.

Complaints involving smoking or vaping in the workplace are referred to the principal, who may pass these to the board for investigation. Investigations follow legislative guidelines (Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990, s.15). We refer complaints to a smokefree enforcement officer as appropriate.

Staffing Update

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to **Fiona Mackenzie** who will be taking on Class 5 for the rest of this year while **Cherie Youngman** is on refreshment leave. Fiona is an experienced teacher as well as a former student at Taikura and we look forward to getting to know her as a colleague. A more detailed introduction to Fiona will follow in a future Grapevine. We would like to wish Cherie all the very best as she undertakes a year of travel and adventure, and look forward to welcoming her back next year.

We would like to extend a warm welcome back from parental leave to **Danica Hensel Ondrusova**, our Senior Teacher at the kindergartens. Danica will spend the next two terms as Head Teacher at Kereru while **Tash Shaw** is on leave. Enjoy your travels Tash, we look forward to hearing all about them on your return in Term 4.

Our playgroup coordinator, **Annie Figurski Eichenseher** has returned to the United States with her whānau. Thank you for your mahi Annie, it was much appreciated and we enjoyed getting to know you all. We are very pleased to welcome **Melody Appleton Ferguson** back into this role, as well as in a relieving capacity at the kindergartens.

Our business manager, **Selena Crouch**, will be working remotely for the rest of this year. Selena will be in Australia supporting her whānau for a time, but will make regular trips back to New Zealand and will be available for regular zoom meetings, as well as via email.

The Friday Market Is Back!

We are very pleased that our Friday Market will be starting again from next week, Friday 5 May. Many thanks to Amaali Shaw and Lizzie Freeman for leading this mahi. Each Friday Market will support fundraising for the Kindergartens through to Class 12. The Friday Market brings the school community together for afternoon tea with sweet or savoury items such as muffins, cake, popcorn, biscuits, slice, scones, pizza and:



- is made at home
- doesn't include any store bought items
- encourages the school lunchbox guidelines that food be free of colouring and additives and not 'party' food.

Stalls could include a sausage sizzle or similar, depending on the enthusiasm and capabilities of the class and parents. As the Friday Market grows and becomes part of Taikura's end of week ritual, classes may wish to expand their stall's offerings, or have multiple stalls.

Please contact **Amaali** (021 050 8813 amaalijaytara@gmail.com) or **Lizzie** (027 218 4273 lizziefree@gmail.com) directly for further information.

Upcoming Events

May 1	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting
May 17	School Closed	Teacher Only Day
June 5	School Closed	King's Birthday
June 12	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting

RestOra

with Amanda Sowersby & Aaron Gregory

Friday 28th April 6.30pm-8pm \$30

A beautiful healing evening of Restorative Yoga,
Guided Meditation, Sound Healing, Reiki Energy
& Herbal Tea

Taruna Hall

33 Peak Rd, Havelock North

bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz 0211449168

Bring yoga mat, bolster, blanket, gear can be provide

Stefan Hasler in Auckland

Come and join *Pacifica College of Eurythmy New Zealand*
for a workshop with eurythmist /musician Stefan Hasler, Leader of the *Section for Eurythmy and the Performing Arts* at the Goetheanum.
Stefan will teach, give talks and perform.

Talk – *Rudolf Steiner as an Artist*

Friday 28 April 8:00 pm Rudolf Steiner House, Michael's Avenue, Ellerslie

Workshop & Artistic Presentation

Saturday 29 April 1:30-5:00 pm – Michael Park Rudolf Steiner School, eurythmy room
6:30 -7:00 pm Artistic presentation and performance, Michael Park auditorium

Saturday afternoon is an open workshop to which all comers are welcome.

Saturday evening is a presentation from the New Zealand eurythmy students, with a performance from Stefan and other artists

Friday evening talk \$20

Saturday workshop \$50

An invoice will be sent following registration

Contact: Sue Simpson sue.simpson0@gmail.com mobile: 021 039 6186

Term 2 Children's Art Class

Thursday 20th October 3.30pm - 4.45pm
22nd October 3.30pm - 4.45pm
November 19th November 3.30pm - 4.45pm
Where: Scandi Studio
Donnelly St
Daybrook North

WITH AMANDA SOWERSBY
MONDAY 3.30PM-4.45PM
KEIRUNGA GARDENS
ART CENTRE



CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES
7 YEARS-12 YEARS

7 WEEK TERM STARTING MONDAY MAY 1ST
(NO CLASS 22ND MAY)
FINISHES MONDAY 22ND JUNE
\$168 FOR THE COURSE

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

LOCATION: QUILTERS COTTAGE KEIRUNGA
GARDENS ART CENTRE.

Book: art@amandasowersby.co.nz

Taikura and Kereru Kindergartens are looking for casual relief staff: Registered Kaiako and Kindergarten Assistants

We are looking for enthusiastic people to come and support us in our kindergartens. If you are an experienced kaiako or someone interested in Steiner pedagogy in the kindergarten setting this might be an opportunity for you! Casual hours between 8:30am - 3:00pm (might be shorter), kindergarten term time only.

We are looking for both qualified registered Kaiako as well as Kindergarten Assistant support.

If you are interested, please contact Danica Hensel Ondrusova at danica.hensel@taikura.school.nz.

Ruth Strong Speech And Drama

Taking enrolments for term two. I have spaces for all ages. For further information, please phone me on 0273540844.

Hockey To Give Away

We have four hockey sticks, five sets of shin pads, one and a half pairs of green Taikura socks and a practice hockey ball to give away. Would suit younger students.

Please email me: karyn.wills@taikura.school.nz if you are interested.