



Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives. The need for imagination, a sense of truth, and a feeling of responsibility—these three forces are the very nerve of education.

While a student at Taikura I spent a great deal of my spare time riding horses and twice a week myself and various members of my family would help with RDA, Riding for the Disabled. I would help with getting the horses and ponies ready and then I would either spend the session leading ponies, walking beside a rider or sitting behind a rider depending on what was needed. Over the years we got to know many riders and their families who shared with us vivid pictures of their successes and challenges, as well as working alongside many wonderful volunteers that made these weekly sessions possible.

Four out of the five Monday evenings so far this term we have had parent volunteers taking part in governance meetings or upskilling as part of their roles on either the School Board or our Proprietors Trust. These volunteers give their time to the governance of our school and kindergarten, making space to ensure improved outcomes for our students.

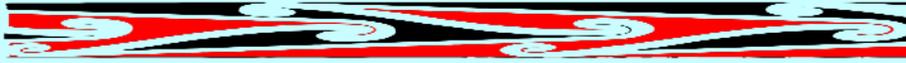
Since the end of last term, a committed group of parents have been coming together, including during the holidays, with the intention of starting a community run canteen. While this initiative is still in its early stages it has been wonderful to watch this seed of an idea from one of our parents start to take root and sprout with support and commitment from other parents. Walking past the canteen space each day and seeing new faces, new parents donning an apron, in there working hard to make this initiative a reality is very heartening.

For a number of years now I have been invited to the annual pizza lunch for our student librarians. This is a group of students from a range of classes, who volunteer to spend time in our school library each week, helping with the books but also sharing their love of books and reading with other students.

Many of our teachers at Taikura are also generous in sharing their time, knowledge and expertise above their weekly teaching loads, leading child studies, tutoring, contributing to our festival group and PB4L initiative, taking part in the Shepherds Play and Shadow Play.

On a weekly basis Taikura students benefit from volunteers from our student, teacher and parent communities. Waiata Mai held each week in our beautiful new whare is an opportunity for teachers, parents and students to share and grow their love of waiata. Our many sports teams are only made possible due to the students, parents and staff who step up to carry coaching and managing roles, organising practices, coordinating logistics and supporting from the sideline. Annually we have a number of school wide events which rely on the gifts of teachers, parents and students to make a success including our Fete and Mid Winter Warmer.

Life can be busy and demanding and finding time to fit in anything extra can seem overwhelming and not all of us are in a position to volunteer at the same time or for the same things. Gifting time, skills and energy is not a one-way transaction, it is a wonderful gesture for both those giving and those receiving. I still have wonderfully vivid and positive memories of my time at RDA which bring a smile to my face even today. At Taikura we are incredibly grateful to the many parents, students and staff in our community who freely give their time to improve the educational journey for our students. Thank you.



He pito kōrero!

Kīwaha o te wiki – Kīwaha of the week

Kua toka (coo ar tor kar)
It's set, set in stone!

Tamati: Mōrena e Rangi! What date is our Matariki holiday this year e hoa?

Rangi: The 14 July e hoa, kua toka!

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 Weeks 5 and 6 Term 2

Our teaching focus this week will be **Perseverance/Manawanui**

Meet Deadlines

Waiata Mai - 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

Taikura Friday Market

Fridays at 3:00pm Remember to bring gold coins and small notes on Friday

- Stalls will be ready to go at 3:00pm in the courtyard outside Classes 1 and 2.
- If it's wet weather, you'll find them setup in the foyer.
- Make sure you bring small change with you.



Upcoming Events

May 31	7:30 pm -10:00 pm	The Mikado Production - School Drama Club
June 1	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm	High School Interview Evening
June 2	7:30 pm -10:00 pm	The Mikado Production - School Drama Club
June 5	School Closed	King's Birthday
June 7	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	HS Introduction Evening Parents and Students of Classes 6 and 7
June 12	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting

Whitsun

We are approaching the Whitsun Festival. At Taikura this year we will be celebrating Whitsun on Tuesday 6 June in the afternoon .

Whitsun is a school only festival - this is largely due to the size of our school hall and fitting in all students and staff.



This festival relies on parent set up and we are always deeply appreciative of the koha of time and energy given by the liaison and class parents when preparing and setting up for this festival.

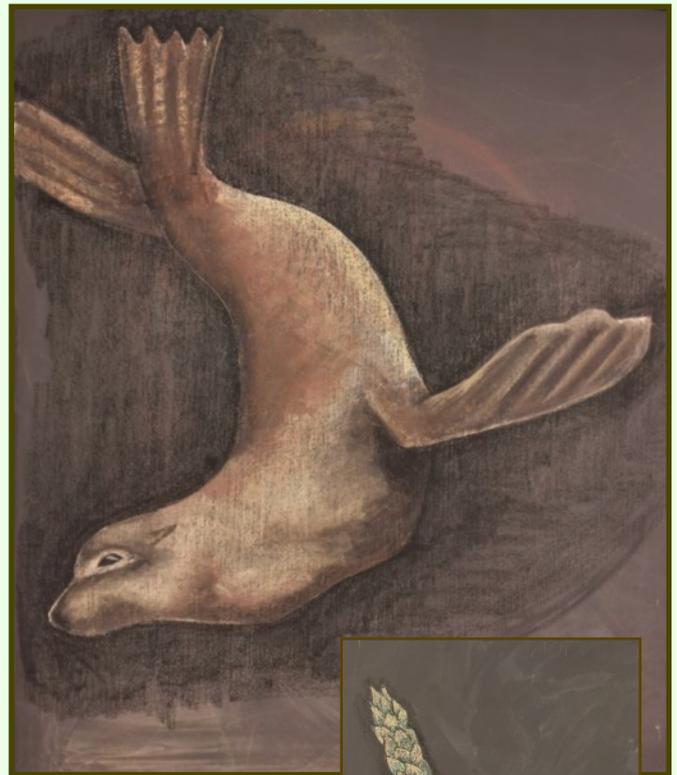
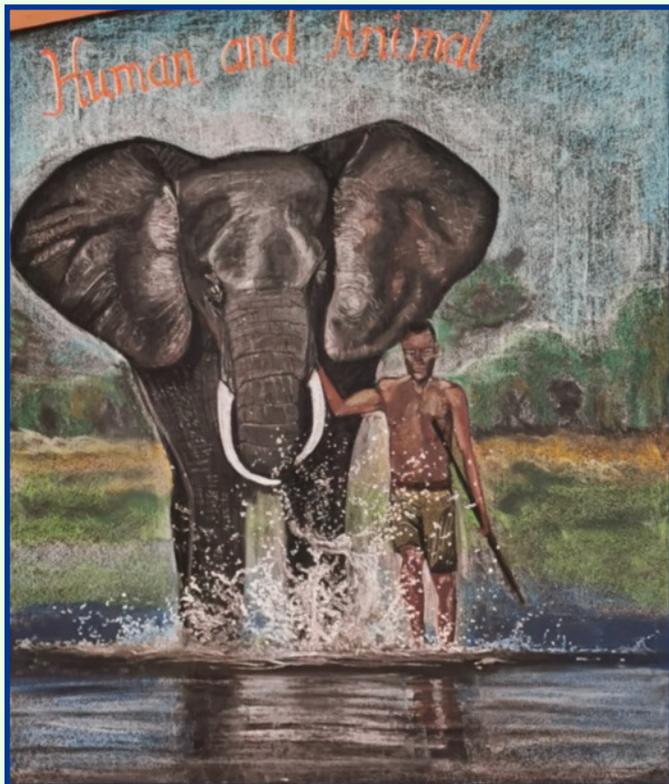
Over the coming days Liaison Parents will be communicated with, and in turn will let their respective class communities know what is needed.

We encourage students to wear white to school on this day.

Whitsun is being celebrated at Taikura on Tuesday 6 June 2023

Chalk Drawings

A selection of chalk drawings by Class 4 teacher Darryn Breakwell

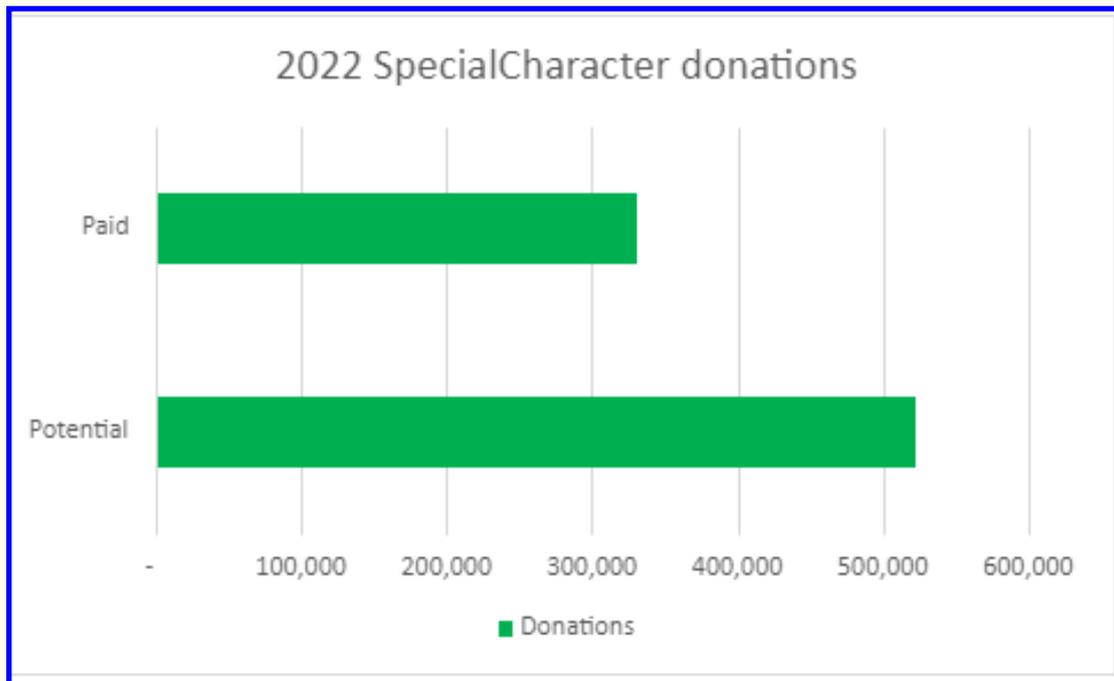


Finance Update

Donations

The school is reliant on donations made from families to ensure we can continue the delivery of our curriculum. There are a number of special character teaching positions that are solely funded using donations we receive from families.

We understand there are families that are struggling with donations however we also need all the support from families. Every amount helps towards your child's education.



Overdue fees

Please check your monthly statement for any fees that are owed. Please ensure payments are made to the correct bank accounts. Accounts that are overdue can be sent to a debt collection agency.

WW Hook fund

Applications can be made to the WW Hook fund for assistance with school costs. The fund is for Māori akonga (students). Applications can be submitted to the school office or by email to selena.crouch@taikura.school.nz

Experts In Their Field

Many of you will know Sandra Jordan as our Spanish teacher, but there is much more to Mrs Jordan than meets the eye! She is our Specialist Teacher, someone who provides professional development and guidance to other teaching staff. Sandra's expertise is mathematics, an area in which she holds a leadership role, both within our Kahui Ako (Community of Learning), where she works with teachers from Steiner Schools across Aotearoa to grow their capacity in Formative Assessment Practices, and within our kura, where she advises and mentors other teachers about maths and helps to lead students' work. Sandra also carries within our school the responsibility for Lower School academic records. She compiles all the Lower School assessment data for School Board reports, as well as managing hard copy filing systems. On top of this she is also part of the festival group and carries much knowledge in this area. Mrs Jordan is a high energy force for good with many years of experience in Waldorf education. Thank you for all your hard mahi Mrs Jordan, we are grateful for your specialist knowledge and all you give to Taikura!



High School Parent And Student Teacher Interviews

We would like to warmly invite High School parents and students to attend Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 1 June 2023 in the School Hall. These interviews provide you with an opportunity to discuss your student's progress and can be a good time to set clear goals for the second half of the year. If issues arise which require further discussion than time allows please follow this up at another time by making an appointment with the appropriate staff member.

An observation made of past interviews, both in the High School and the Lower School is the lack of engagement in the more practical subjects by parents during these events. At Taikura we value the breadth of our curriculum and focus on maintaining that breadth all the way through to Class 12. Outside of the core subjects, the areas of Movement (Gym and Eurythmy), Craft (Handwork and Woodwork), Music and Language (Maori) play a pivotal role in not only the development of physical skills but also in supporting the internal development of our students through the various stages. When we as colleagues have our child and class studies the perceptive observations from these specialist teachers are extremely important and provide valuable insights. How a student moves, both with others and individually, their skills in a practical setting, their reaction and engagement to language, culture and music all provide strong pictures into the child's social, emotional and academic progress and development. The pictures shared of students in these practical subjects support and reflect what is happening in the more academic based subject areas. Often in a formal lesson, where students are sitting at a desk it can be challenging to gain a full picture of a child.

We encourage you all to take the time to meet with as many of the specialist teachers as possible to gain as full a picture of your child's progress and development.

As well as those staff who teach your student you may wish to make an appoint to meet with any of the following staff regarding your student's learning:

David Urieli, Gee Reisima, Ruby Mackwell, Morag Wilson, Sarah Millington, Clayton Gibson - Sponsor

Anne Hilton – Academic Dean

Sanne Coulthard – Learning Support Coordinator/SENCO

Paula Rose – Careers, Trades Academy, Gateway and STAR

Gee Reisima – EOTC (Education outside the Classroom) and/or Health & Wellbeing

Pippa Caccioppoli – Principal

Interview times are seven minutes long and will start at 3.30pm and run until 9pm. Bookings open now and will close on Tuesday 30 May at 9am.

How to Book:

Log onto the following website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

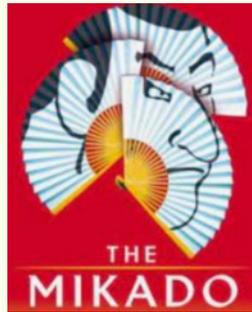
Use the ' Make a Booking' tab

Enter the following code into the 'event code': **6u6wr**

You will then be guided by the website

Taikura High School Drama Club Together with Class 8 and members of Class 7

proudly present



The Mikado by Gilbert and Sullivan

**Wednesday 31 May and Friday 2 June at 7:30 pm
In the school hall.**

Tickets \$10 (School Students, 19 years and under \$5)

We are acutely aware that these are tough times, with huge cost of living increases and the recent cyclone and floods.

But putting on a production like this has costs, so we have kept ticket prices below that of any productions the director has seen at any of the Hawkes Bay Schools.

If we make any profit this will go to the H3 group which pays for therapies for Taikura Students.

School Photographs Update

All parents have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2023 School Photos. *****FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 28 May ***** Please check you TRASH or SPAM folder if you think you may not have received the email.

Why Is Photolife Emailing KEYCODES This Year?

- Easier and more efficient for Parents
- No administration needed by School Office or Teachers in handing out codes
- Emails sent by a "real person" so any queries emailed back from parents are resolved quickly by PhotoLife

Parent Queries – Please contact: enquiries@photolife.co.nz

Lost Property

These items have been left or found around the school. Please see Adrienne in the office to claim.



House For Rent

Furnished 4 bedroom house in Hastings to rent July to October

We are renting our home from late July to October 2023. It is a fully furnished four bedroom house with two bathrooms and a large back section with plenty of off street parking. It has a log burner for heating and plenty of firewood.

- For some of the time one of the owners and two dogs will be living in the sleep-out, which is on the property, this is private from the main house. So, although the house would be private it would be preferable if the tenant likes dogs. The dogs are very friendly with adults and kids.

The house is a well loved family home and so is not immaculate, but is warm, light, spacious and is well equipped. Lawns and garden will be tended by the owner.

It is a five to ten minute drive or twenty minute walk to Hastings centre. \$700 per week.

For more details please contact Melissa on 021 149 3024 or email: brignall.theverm@gmail.com

Part Time Kaiako Position Available (Fixed Term) - Taikura Kindergarten

Taikura Kindergarten is looking for a fixed-term, part time ECE kaiako with current NZ practising certificate. The position is for three days a week in Terms 3 and 4 2023 (school term time only).

We are a well-established Steiner kindergarten affiliated with Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. Knowledge of our Special Character, and the ability to engage in co-teaching is essential. Please apply with your CV and covering letter to danica.hensel@taikura.school.nz, closing date is Friday 2 June.

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.

Host Family Needed

Hello, my name is Lucy Wedekind. I am 15 years old and I'm currently in Class 9 at the "Freie Waldorfschule Marburg" in Germany. I am planning to attend Taikura Rudolf Steiner school at the start of the next year in February 2024 for 2 Terms.

Although I've grown up in Germany, I have dual citizenship as my father is a New Zealander. I enjoy all sports and my passion is gymnastics, which I would like to continue if possible.

- Full board, and all school and personal expenses will be paid.
- If you are interested, please contact my parents.;Paul and Annette Durrant-Wedekind.

We look forward to hearing from you. durrant-wedekind@web.de

Lucy

Homecare Nursing Workshop for Families

with Michelle Vette, RN MN

Saturday 24 June 2023

Learn practical skills for the care of fevers, sore ears and throats, anxiety and sleep using external anthroposophical therapies to help your whanau through the winter months and beyond

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Taikura, room TBC

Cost: \$95, place confirmed with payment

Limited places

Bookings or questions:

Willow 0220 962 565 /

willowsharpe@gmail.com

Drum Lessons

Hello, my name is Emil I have been playing drums for the last six years. Over this time I have had private lessons and I am currently in a band and want to share my passion by teaching others.

I'm a senior high school student at Taikura where I also coach a junior hockey team. My passion is to teach drums and I am looking to become a drum tutor when I finish school.

If your child is interested in music, specifically drums, or is keen to develop a new skill, I've got you sorted! You may wish to meet me in school to discuss taking drum lessons or email our music teacher thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz to make further arrangements.

Lessons will be available in the music room at lunchtime from 12:35 pm to 1:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Prices will be \$15 for a 30 minute lesson.

Thanks for your support

Emil Rock, Class 11