



## Matariki Ahunga nui - The abundance of Matariki

At this time of year, when Matariki rises again in the night sky, the first sightings, the reading of this cluster of whetū and what they foretold for the year ahead, and the releasing of those that had passed on to become part of the myriad of whētū, was an auspicious time for all!

Our theme for this year's book week is Matariki Ahunga nui - Matariki of the plentiful. This whakataukī (proverb) refers to the abundance of kai, feasting and celebrating at this time of the year. Books are a great source of food for the heart, mind and soul, a world that can open the imagination for all to celebrate.

### Book Week at Taikura 26 - 30 June 2023

We are getting very excited about our upcoming book week. Over the course of the week there will be added opportunities for students to be read to, listen to visiting storytellers and for the very younger classes an opportunity to toast a marshmallow around the story fire and visit the story tent. A range of lunchtime stories are being planned in the story tent, library and our whare, Te Manukura.

Book week gives us the opportunity to celebrate our love of books and reading with each other and to share the books and stories from our childhood with our children and grandchildren.

- **What:** Book Week at Taikura. *Every story time during the week of Book Week will have a moment of magic. The love of books and storytelling will be celebrated all week.*
- **When:** Last week of Term Two: 26 - 30 June
- **Who:** All whānau, story tellers, lovers of stories, lovers of reading and beautiful books.
- **Where:** Taikura Classrooms and the School Library. Keep your eyes open for "book nooks" - places where you can curl up, get cozy and read!

We are encouraging a celebration of:

- Stories of Aotearoa
- Talking about stories, books and authors
- Pre-loved books
- Swapping books – *check out the timetable for the buy, sell and swap book trade.*
- Visiting your local library
- Sharing a childhood story book with your child
- Creating your own *Jólabókaflóð* on the eve of the holidays Friday 30 June.

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## Highlights in our 2023 Book Week

- Te Reo Māori book nook - Te wāhi kōrero pukapuka.
- German book reading nook, stories read by German language speakers.
- Spanish parent and child read along.
- Story Tent and campfire.
- The favourite and the fabulous Taikura Book Swap!

### Book Week Timetable

*Hard copy timetables will be sent home with Lower School students next week.*

Solve the story quotes - students find quotes from stories written around the school - they work to identify which teacher the stories/books quotes belong to, and take their answers to our School Librarian, Paula.				
Lunchtime read alouds - Library. Story Tent and Te Manukura Book Nooks; cozy up and read in a book nook				
Monday 26 June	Tuesday 27 June	Wednesday 28 June	Thursday 29 June	Friday 30 June
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL,</b> Monday from 8.30am  Bring in your pre-loved books and receive tokens to buy even more books at our pre-loved book swap on Friday!  Pūrākau in the whare	<i>Story tent daily!</i>  Stories in German upstairs in the reading corner/classroom  Pūrākau in the whare	<i>Story tent daily!</i>  Pūrākau in the whare	<i>Story tent daily!</i>  Stories in German upstairs in the reading corner/classroom	<i>Story tent daily!</i> <b>BEFORE SCHOOL,</b> Friday from 8.30am Pre-loved book sale – use your tokens to choose 'new' books (Or bring some spare change 50c, \$1, \$2) Character Parade Come along dressed as your favourite book character.  <i>Jólabókaflóð</i>

### REMINDERS

Monday 26 June - bring in your pre-loved books and get your book tokens which can be swapped for pre-loved books at our Book Exchange on Friday!

Friday 30 June - bring in your book tokens and/or spare change to spend at the Book Exchange.  
Prices will be 50c, \$1, \$2)



## ***He Pito Kōrero!***

### ***Mānawatia a Matariki!***

Ngā mihi mahana o Hinetakurua ki a koutou katoa!

As we come into the next phase of the marama (moon), I am reminded about Matariki and how far we have come in our awareness of this cluster of whetū (stars) and the significance it has for the coming year. The in-depth public presentations about Matariki given by Dr Rangi Matamua, around the time he published his first book on Matariki, were the stepping stone for many of us to enter into the realm of matauranga Māori (Māori knowledge) that he had been waiting for the right moment to share.

This year, the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year was announced, and amongst a diverse range of finalists, the man behind Matariki, Dr Rangi Matamua, was chosen as this year's recipient. Ka mau te wehi e te Ahorangi! If you ever have a chance to listen to Rangi Matamua, it is an event well worth attending. He knows his stuff, he is articulate, has a warm manner, and a great use of Māori humour.

The National Matariki holiday this year is on 14 July, which is in the Tangaroa phase of the maramataka (Māori lunar calendar). This is the optimum time for first sighting and reading of Matariki and to also celebrate the return of this kāhui whetū. This falls in our school holidays. I thought it would be good to share whakataukī (proverbs), waiata, karakia and other ways that we could acknowledge Matariki during that time, or prior too!

Matariki can be seen prior to 14 July and as part of the Matariki celebrations, the Ātea-a-Rangi Education Trust is again holding activities at the Star Compass at the Waitangi Regional Park. Class 6 are fortunate enough to be one of several schools that will participate in the Matariki School's Programme. The following link informs you of what is happening at the Ātea-a-Rangi to acknowledge and celebrate Matariki!

<https://www.matariki.events/atea-a-rangi>

### **Matariki whakataukī**

Matariki hunga nui  
*Matariki of many people.*

*During Matariki festivities people gather together to celebrate the passing of one year and hope of a new one. The gathering of people is recorded in this phrase.*

*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 7 and 8 Term 2**

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

**Attend Regularly**

# Taikura Book Flood - Friday eve 30 June 2023

*For over 70 years, the people of Iceland have celebrated their passion for books with a unique tradition called Jólábókaflóðið – Christmas book flood, in English, and pronounced Jola-boka-flod (with the 'J' sounding like the 'Y' in 'yoghurt').*



In winter there is nothing better than snuggling down by the fire with a good book and a warm drink. Here at school we have a group of teachers who love books and are currently in the midst of book week preparations. This year's theme is Matariki.

Some years ago now we came across the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflod (which translates as 'Yule Book Flood'), where every person in the home is gifted a book on Christmas Eve. After opening their books everyone then goes to bed and reads for the night. Bliss! A whimsical and enticing idea. As Jolabokaflod happens in the middle of the Icelandic winter, we thought it fitting to include this tradition here at Taikura into our book week which is held in the last week of Term Two - our mid-winter solstice

term. The eve of the holidays is a perfect time for a child to receive a book - pre-loved, one from your own childhood or new, and the beginning of the holidays celebrated with a night of extra long reading. Book week gives us the opportunity to celebrate our love of books and reading with each other and to share the books and stories from our childhood with our children and grandchildren.

Kelly Sutton

## **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

## **Wet Weather**

Just a reminder that with this changeable weather also comes changes in temperature. For everyone to stay well and in good health, it is important for us to have layers of clothing which can be taken off or added too. The wet and cold days, with the warm snaps here and there, are fertile ground for winter colds. There are times when children do not have the right or sufficient amounts of gear to cope with these weather changes throughout the day.



The children love playing in the rain and where possible we encourage them to venture out as the rain often creates a new and interesting play environment, but they are only able to go outside if they have appropriate wet-weather gear. This includes a hooded long length rain coat which goes past their bottom, and gumboots, which are also essential wet-play gear. We encourage gum-boots for outdoors and slippers for indoors. During these winter terms it is really helpful for your child if you can ensure they have all the appropriate clothing for these changeable days.

**There is no such thing as BAD WEATHER - Just Bad Gear**

## Heretaunga Arakura

We are delighted to be taking part in Heretaunga Arakura (Hastings Pathways to School), a community-led project sponsored through Hastings District Council, with funding from the Waka Kotahi Streets for People Programme 2021-24 and Transport Choices Package. The objectives of the project are aimed at addressing national goals around road safety, carbon emissions, mode shift and community health and wellbeing by increasing the uptake of active transport options in school communities.

Heretaunga Arakura plans to work alongside communities to lower vehicle speeds and volumes in school zones using infrastructure to reinforce newly legislated speed limits, and enhance school frontages. This will make the streets more people focussed and improve safety for each school community, creating more community friendly spaces for teachers, students, and parents to connect.

Heretaunga Arakura intends to support our tamariki with lifelong road safety skills and a sense of independence and confidence, increase their fitness and cardiovascular health and improve concentration and engagement at school.

Students will have the opportunity to connect to the whakapapa (genealogy) and pūrākau (stories/legends) of their area and reflect this in the co-design of their school frontage improvements. In addition, the successful implementation of Heretaunga Arakura will create places for parents and caregivers to stop, meet and engage with their school community.

A notice for parents with further information, containing a check box for opting your child out of featuring in any media coverage, was emailed directly to all whānau last week.



### Mid-winter Spiral –The Koru

During the school week of Monday 19 to Friday 23 June, Taikura will celebrate midwinter. In anticipation of the festival for the children we warmly invite parents to come and walk the spiral, so you too can share in your child's experience. None of us are too old to wonder and perhaps leave with a sense of gratitude for the opportunity to be touched by the simple beauty of the spiral.

**Taikura community and the community and friends of the Rudolf Steiner Centre Hastings are warmly welcomed.**

**Wednesday 21 June 7:00 pm at the Steiner Rooms on the corner of Whitehead Road and Nelson Street, across the road from Taikura Rudolf Steiner School.**

**Adults only**

## Upcoming Events

June 21	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Parent Mid-Winter Spiral - Steiner Centre
June 28 and 29	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 12 Play - "Antigone" by Sophocles - Koha Entry
June 26 - 30	All Week	Theme - "Matariki Ahunga nui"
July 24	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting - Staff Room



## Sports Information

All Taikura sports teams are well underway and we are now seven to eight weeks into the season. There is always a bit of movement for teams as they settle into the most suitable grade.

Coaches and managers have their systems well and truly organised. We still have two more weeks of sport this term and approximately four to five weeks next term for most teams.

I have enjoyed getting around to see some of the teams play and will be attending the rest of the games of teams I not have seen yet.

As manager of the Junior High School netball team I have been able to see this team grow and improve under the coaching of Morag Wilson. Most of our games have been 8:00 am starts so it's an early start being at the courts on Saturdays mornings at 7:30 am each week. We have won all the games so far.

The Taikura High School hockey 1st 11 has a great following of supporters each week cheering the team on and is run by the well oiled coaching duo of Anne and Bill Hilton. Our 1st 11 are attending tournament week this year as well.

The Class 7 team are now playing in the Division One hockey league and are holding their own in that grade! There are some fantastic skills on display!

We are lucky to have several High School students coaching and umpiring Lower School teams this season. A big shout out to them for this extra curricular volunteer work!

Cadence Diedericks, Ashley Diedericks, Daisy Benson- Cuttriss, Ruby Hansen, Nico Theyer- Durham, Mika Moenchmeier, Gemma Watson, Hazel Hatcher, Zak Mc Gavock, Joshua Dipper and Emil Rock.

### Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Sports Code of Ethics

- Although winning is rewarding it is important to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Students should play to the best of their ability.
- Recognise and respect the abilities of others.
- Represent your school with pride and privilege.



Class 7 Division One team



Coach Morag in action.



# RestOra

Sunday Afternoon  
25th June  
3pm-4.30pm  
Taruna hall  
\$30

How to relax the mind, body & spirit session.

Hosted by Amanda & Aaron.

Aaron will be sharing mind relaxation tools. Then we will get into restorative yoga poses with a soothing sound journey then a guided meditation (Yoga Nidra) to lower our nervous systems. Ending with nourishing herbal tea. All is welcome, mature children included.



email: [bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz](mailto:bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz)

## GET INSPIRED ART COURSE

7 Week Art Course for beginners or anyone looking to get inspired by creating art again.

Guided by Amanda Sowersby

Thursday's 10am-12pm

Light refreshments provided & all art materials included. We'll be doing drawing, pastel, clay, painting and more...

Dates: Thursday 20th July - 31st August 2023  
Havelock North

Amanda is an artist and artistic therapist. Her intention for her classes is to create a safe, loving environment where people can shine through their artistic abilities. Pre booking is a must, this will be a small group, in a warm, fun environment.

Investment: \$231 (payment options available)

Email: [bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz](mailto:bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz)

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**'The Human Constitution'**  
a talk by Dr Richard Drexel

7.00pm, June 16 at the Anthroposophical  
Centre

Door charge \$20



## Winter Warmers Craft Workshops

Crafts that foster creativity and connection. Come and learn from master craftspeople.  
Bring a friend for a day of creativity - two Saturdays July 22nd & 29th 9.00-1.00pm.  
Cost \$120 - includes morning tea and tuition - extra material costs for some of the workshops is payable directly to the tutor on the day.  
For more information and to enrol see our website [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz) or call (06) 8777174 or contact [info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz)



### Flax Weaving: Mahi Raranga

July 22 & 29 with Te Kaahurangi  
Maioha

Make your own taonga - a kete or creative art piece.



### Fabric Printmaking

July 22 with Printmaker Lisa Feyen

Design and print your own tea towel.



### Wool Felting

July 29 with Sabine Laakman

Create your own winter figurines for the season table or puppet shows.



### Macrame Hanging Plant Holder

July 22 with Tania and Sharon

Create a macrame hanging plant holder out of 100% cotton macrame cord.



### Wooden Spoon Carving

July 29 with Mike Caris

Make your own totara wooden spoon.



### Flower Wreath Making

July 22 with Jo-anne Doig

Weave a hazel wreath with dried flowers and foliage.



### Stone Carving

July 22 with Marcus Helmore

Make a simple sculpture for your home or garden.



### Acrylic & resin Coasters

July 29 with Cameron Laubscher

Enjoy the play of using acrylic and resin to create your own unique coasters.





We have a few spaces available on our postponed GIRL POWA Adventure Day to be held on Sunday 18 June 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Pirongia Forest Park Lodge.

Our GIRL POWA Adventure Day has been designed to allow adventurous women to inspire and role model to a young female person in their lives (aged 13-20 years) how much fun they can have, the skills they can learn, challenges they can overcome and the huge benefits of being in the great outdoors. If you and a teen would like to join us please contact us. The cost is \$100.00 per team - one adult & one teen. The activities include abseiling, climbing, zip line and archery. Lunch and morning and afternoon tea are included in the ticket price.

We also have a GIRL POWA High Ropes Day Location - Mighty River Domain, Lake Karapiro. The date is Sunday 2 July 9:00 am to 3:00pm. We are encouraging nanas, mums, aunties, friends, big sisters, neighbours, cousins, mentors to inspire a special teen in their life and join them in this fun day. A ticket for this event is \$30.00 and includes the High Ropes activities for both the teen and adult. Bring a picnic lunch and come and hang out with other like-minded girls!

These events are part funded by Sport New Zealand's Tū Manawa fund, supported by Sport Waikato. Contact Kate on 021 118 7771/info@firststepoutdoors.com Or check us out on [www.facebook.com/firststepoutdoorsltd](https://www.facebook.com/firststepoutdoorsltd)



## Fête 2023

This year's fête will be held **Sunday 19 November!** Preparations are underway with the new invigorated fête committee. This year there will be some small changes based on feedback from within the community. We will be communicating more in the coming weeks.

Pen the date in your diaries now. Our tamariki will be counting down the days until the fête, before we know it. The fête gives us the opportunity to come together and share our Kura and kaupapa with the wider community.

Ngā mihi nui, the Fête committee [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com)

## 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.

# Homecare Nursing Workshop for Families

with Michelle Vette, RN MN

Saturday 24 June 2023

*We still have a few spaces left...*

*Would you like to join us?*

*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, inc materials

Place confirmed with payment

Bookings close Friday 16 June 2023

**Bookings or questions:**

Willow 0220 962 565 /

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## **Auckland Delivery Required**

If you are heading to Auckland in the next few weeks and would be willing to take a dehumidifier and air purifier with you for my grandson Theo Lee (Peter Lee's Grandson) I would very much appreciate it. I can deliver them to you, and Corin will collect them from you in Auckland. Happy to give a Koha for your kindness.

Please contact: Char 020 401 44606