



29 June 2023

## Pippa's Pānui

Kia kaweā tātou e te rēhia

*Let us be taken by the spirit of joy, of entertainment*

For the last four weeks I have had the pleasure of working with Class 12 on their play production which this year sees them perform *Antigone, A Tragedy* translated by Lewis Glantieri. Traditionally the Class 12 play was held at the end of the school year however there were a few things which impacted negatively on the productions. The end of the school year had become increasingly busy for our senior students with their Class 12 Projects being completed at the end of Term 3, exams and the end of year assessment for the New Zealand Certificate in Steiner Education, the Odyssey camp, their Cushion Concert, Prize Giving, Graduation dinner and the Carol Evening all happening in Term 4. In reviewing this situation, we made changes a number of years ago now and moved the Class 12 play to Term 2. This allowed the senior year to be more balanced, but it also allowed the play to be assessed and to go towards students' NZCSE results, as regardless of acting ability our students have always made a huge effort with these productions, and it is pleasing to reward and recognise that effort in their results.

As with other High School productions the Class 12 play is not just about students learning and performing their lines. As a class they are responsible for all aspects of the production; casting the play, designing and constructing the set, collecting and making the props, creating a poster and programme, planning and organising the sound and lighting as well as having input into the costumes. And like all our class plays it is worth remembering, that like so many of our compulsory elements which add richness to our curriculum, performing on stage is not everyone's favourite activity, while for others it is their time to shine. Participation is hugely important, both on and off stage in a successful production and it is always a joy to watch the classes sometimes struggle, but usually successfully overcome this challenge.

In the High School students participate in drama and storytelling at each year level. In Class 8, 10 and 12 the students perform in a class play. In the Class 9 curriculum and students experience the early Mummings Plays through to the complexities of Shakespeare. *Romeo and Juliet* is a play often studied at this time as it illustrates the Class 9 theme of polarities so effectively and represents where many students are at in their development during Class 9. In Class 11 the medium shifts from simply drama as the class perform a fairy-tale in Eurythmy.

In Class 12 the play is seen as a creative culmination of the students' twelve-year journey through the school. The casting of the Class 12 play is the first time this process is not influenced solely by pedagogy. At this point in the students' development the involvement and inclusion of the whole class is still important, but the aim is for all the students to recognise and acknowledge their strengths and to shine.

Pippa Caccioppoli  
Tumuaki Principal



## ***He Pito Kōrero!***

### ***Mānawatia a Matariki!***

Ngā mihi o te tau hou Māori ki a koutou katoa - Greetings of the Māori New Year to you all!

For the last Grapevine of this term, I thought I would share kōrero about two of the whetū that were always part of the nine whetū of Matariki. However, these two were not widely known, due to the misinformation about Matariki and because of their tapu (sacred) nature: Pōhutukawa and Hiwa-i-te-rangi.

**Pōhutukawa:** is connected to the dead, and in particular those who have passed on from the world since the last heliacal rising of Matariki in the month of Pipiri.

Māori belief determines that when an individual dies, their spirit leaves their body and undertakes a journey along Te Ara Wairua, the pathway of the spirits. This journey ends at the northernmost point of the North Island at a place called Te Rerenga Wairua (the departing place of the spirits). The dead travel along the rocky ledge towards the ocean where an ancient pōhutukawa tree stands. They then descend the aka (root) of this tree and disappear into the underworld. 'Below Te Aka, the long dry root of the pōhutukawa which does not quite reach the sea, is Maurianuku, the entrance to the underworld. Pōhutukawa is the whetū that connects Matariki to the deceased and it is the reason why people would cry out the names of the dead and weep when Matariki was seen rising in the early morning.

E tū Pōhutukawa  
Te Kawkawe I ngā mate o te tau  
Ruiruia ngā mate ki te uma o Ranginui  
Anā! Kua wheturangihia koutou.  
*Behold Pōhutukawa  
Who carries the dead of the year  
Scatter their spirits into the cosmos  
You have now become star*

**Hiwaiterangi:** is the youngest in this group and it's name is connected to the promise of a prosperous season. It is to Hiwa that Māori would send their dreams and desires for the year in the hope that they would be realised. This tradition is similar to the notion of wishing upon a whetū, or a New Year's resolution.

E tū Hiwa-a-te-rangi  
Ko ngāmanako nui  
Kua puta ai ko ngā wawata  
Ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama  
Koia!  
*Behold Hiwa-a-te-rangi  
Of the many desires  
Bring forth our wishes  
And make them come true  
Indeed!*

The kōrero about both these whetū were sourced from <https://te-pa-tu.com/our-stories/the-nine-stars-of-matariki/> and the karakia that can be recited to acknowledge loved ones who have passed on from the previous year and the dreams and aspirations for the coming year, were shared by Te Ahorangi Rangi Matamua.

I wish you all a restful and rejuvenating time with your whānau, as we head into our school holidays!  
Mānawatia a Matariki, nā Matua Troy.

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



# 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 *Jólabókaflóðið* – 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



## Book Swap

Exchange your tokens for books this Friday 30 July at 8:30 am

A reminder that this Friday morning is the Taikura annual book swap. We do our best to ensure the books are age appropriate, but please understand that book swap morning is busy and hectic.

If you have concerns about the quality of literature or content your child might choose - parents you are very welcome to come along and guide your child's book choices.

**Fine weather** - The swap will be in the court area outside Classes 1 and 2.

**Wet Weather** - Taikura School Library

## Upcoming Events

June 26 - 30  
July 17  
July 24  
July 28  
August 3

All Week  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Book Week - Theme "Matariki Ahunga nui"  
Term 3 Starts  
School Board Meeting - Meeting Room  
Neon Dance - Hockey Fundraiser Classes 6,7 and 8  
Taikura Winter Warmer

## Friday Market

Rain or shine the Friday Markets were often a fast and furious thirty minutes of pizza, cupcakes, brownies, popcorn and other homemade treats, with many children coming back for seconds.

Every class and kindergarten room had an opportunity to fundraise and provide delicious afternoon tea for our student, parent and staff community. A big thank you to the parents and students who baked and ran the stalls. You made many children very happy!

Taikura playgroup and the First XI Hockey team have put their hand up to participate and will be the last stalls of the term this Friday.

Term three Friday Market roster is complete with all afternoon tea stall availability filled. However, there are other stall options such as hot drinks, home cooked take away dinners, home grown produce, preserves, art, second hand books or clothing. If you'd like to book a stall for fundraising efforts please email Amaali at [taikurafridaymarket@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafridaymarket@gmail.com)



## Save the Date 3/08/23 Taikura Winter - Warmer



Thursday 3 August at 6:00 pm in the school grounds.

Come and listen to live music, wander through Scannell's, buy dinner and enjoy the company of the community.

The evening will conclude with a shadow play performance.

Children must be accompanied and supervised by their parents at all times.

## 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 9 and 10 Term 2

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

## Ask Questions



*Class 12 2023 presents*

# *Antigone*



*Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June at 7pm  
in the School Hall*

## Netball Holiday Programme



**JULY HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMME**

**HASTINGS** - TUES 11th, WED 12th & THUR 13th (Yr 1-6)  
Final Day (Thursday) - Mini Tournament

**CHB** - TUES 11th & WED 12th (Yr 5-8 ONLY)  
Final Day (Wednesday) - Mini Tournament

**9am - 3pm**  
\$155 - 3 days, \$110 - 2 days, \$55 - 1 day  
(includes Ball and Swim)

Registrations close Thursday 6th July  
To register visit - [www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz](http://www.hawkesbaynetball.co.nz)



### Six Week Beginner Pottery Course

**Beginning Wednesday 19 July through to Wednesday 23 August at 9:30-11:30 am**

A six-week beginner hand-building course for adults looking to get a jump start on the elementary techniques required in the creation of many classic forms you might be wanting to create at home. We will begin by learning to work the clay using a variety of basic tools and hand techniques, getting to experiment with glazing and firing at the other end.

**\$200.00 per person. This includes all clay and glazes.**

**Workshops are held at my home studio in Mahora, Hastings.**

**Please get in touch via phone or email:**

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**[brittaberadicceramics@gmail.com](mailto:brittaberadicceramics@gmail.com)**

**Britt Aberadi**



# Children's Holiday Art workshop with Amanda Sowersby

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP

AGE 6-13 YEARS.

TUESDAY 4TH JULY 9.30-12.30PM

HELD AT KEIRUNGA ART CENTRE

\$50



***Children's one day holiday workshop with clay modelling, drawing & painting, with a morning tea break. This will be fun and a creative experience.***

***Spaces will be limited for this one.***

Amanda Sowersby is a qualified Artist and Artistic Therapist & Yoga teacher, specialising in healing art and traditional art styles.

Amanda's intention for her workshops is to create a safe, loving environment where people can shine through their artistic abilities.

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



Amanda Sowersby Art & Artistic Therapy

## Free Skateboarding Lessons

William Nelson Skatepark, Hastings. Sponsored by HDC and run by a Taikura parent and Taikura teen assistant coaches.

- Wellness Riders empowers youth to shine through skateboarding, social connection and spending more time outdoors and less time on digital devices!
- Children aged 5-12 years: Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30 pm (Terms 3 and 4)
- Teen girls: Thursdays 3:30 – 4:30 pm (Term 3 and 4)

Please email [sarinah@wellnessriders.com](mailto:sarinah@wellnessriders.com) info and to register. Boards and protective gear provided!

# Children's Art Class Term 3

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



CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES  
6 YEARS-12 YEARS

9 WEEK TERM STARTING MONDAY 24TH JULY  
FINISHES MONDAY 18TH SEPTMEBER  
\$196 FOR THE COURSE. (PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE)

THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PEACEFUL CHILDREN'S ART GROUP, WE  
HAVE SPACE FOR A FEW MORE CHILDREN EAGER TO CREATE TO  
JOIN OUR GROUP.

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

LOCATION: THE COTTAGE KEIRUNGA GARDENS ART CENTRE,  
HAVELOCK NORTH

Book: [art@amandasowersby.co.nz](mailto:art@amandasowersby.co.nz)

## Selene Starter Kit - Homeopathy

Get started using homeopathy with the Selene Starter Kit. Angela Hair from Concordia Health will teach the remedies and how to use them. You will have twelve useful homeopathic remedies at home to use on multiple occasions - falls, fright, croup, injuries. Steiner Centre Thursday 29 June 7:00 pm. \$50 cash for a kit and the course. RSVP to Angela 0274436737



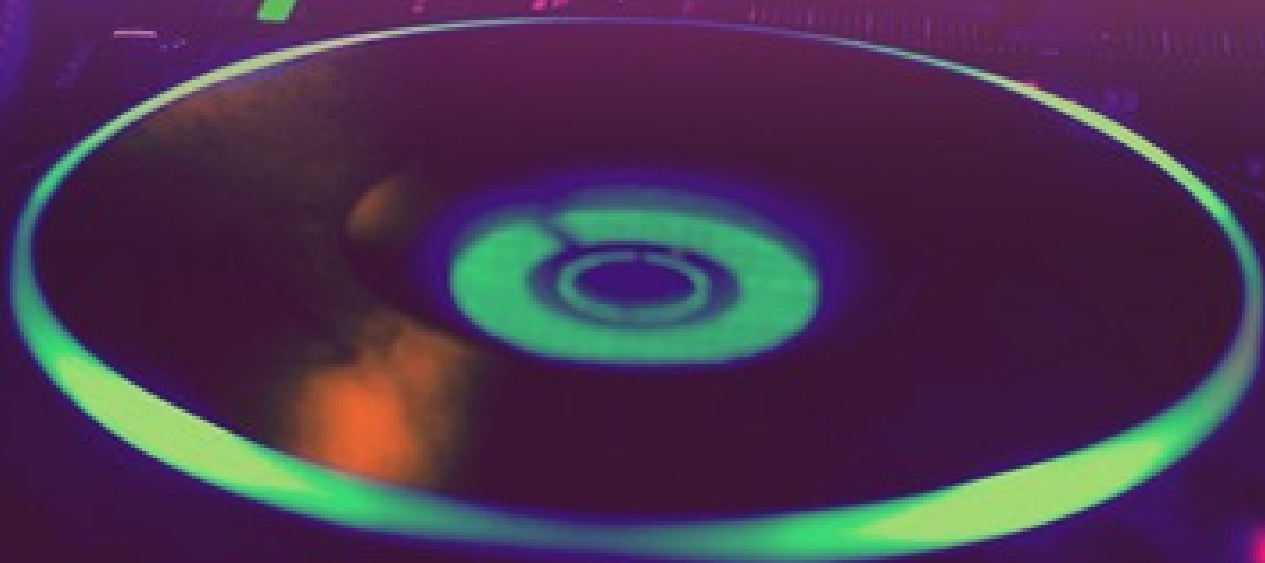
**CLASS 8,7&6**

# **DANCE NIGHT**

**28th JULY 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**TAIKURA SCHOOL HALL**

**THEME: NEON DJ: DALE WALLIS**



**\$5.00 entry fee to be paid at the door**  
**Food will be available for purchase**

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