



7 September 2023

FotoFest 23 Youth Winner

Millie McGuinness entered the youth photography competition as part of FotoFest23 and she won one of the three categories. Here is a copy of the Facebook post announcing her as the winner and I have also attached her image. Congratulations Millie!



 **FotoFest'23 Hawke's Bay**
22 August at 18:00 · 🌐

 **Millie McGuinness**

Our youth competition category winners have been selected, congratulations Millie McGuinness for winning the nature category, selected from 12 stunning images. Millie is a student at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School.

Lissa Mitchell our judge for this category is Curator of historical Photography at Te Papa and has held previous roles in photographic collection management and preventive photographic conservation roles at the New Zealand Film Archive (now part of Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision) and the National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa.

Her comment re blue bottle: clear representation of the subject that also shows the blue bottle as incredibly beautiful giving me a fresh perspective on a common sea creature. I also like that the photographer recorded the specimen and its location with the image - an important aspect of wildlife photography.

Millie says of her image : This shot is taken on a windswept beach on the Mahia Peninsula. There were bluebottles everywhere along the tide line. This close up of the bluebottle jellyfish shows all the intricate details and fine lines. Nature is full of artistically pleasing beauty, this is something I enjoy looking for and observing. .

The overall winning image will be announced on Friday, selected from the four category winners.



He Pito Kōrero!

***Ka tangi te wharauora,
ko ngā karere a Mahuru!***

*When you hear the call of the shining cuckoo,
it is the messenger of Spring!*

Kia ora koutou! The above whakataukī is a signal of the change of season, the coming of warmer weather, new growth and a time to prepare the maara – garden, for the summer kai. Te puna tuatoru – Class 3, took part in preparing the tāpapa – seed bed, for the tupu of the kūmara to sprout. Once the tupu are fully grown Te puna tuatoru will plant these in our maara-a-kura – school garden! Ngā mihi nui ki a Deb tō tatou kaingaki maara, i tautoko tēnei mahi maara! Many thanks to Deb our school gardener for sharing her knowledge!



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



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

Upcoming Events

September 7	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Community Assembly
September 13	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 3 Play - Noah's Ark - Eurythmy Room
September 13	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 2 Parent Evening
September 15	8:45 am - 10:30 am	Spring Festival - Gym (if wet)
September 15/16	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Class 12 Projects
September 18	4:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 6 Farewell Dinner - Mr Blakey

Curriculum Corner

Class 10 Challenge Camp

The highlights of this camp were definitely the people who really accepted the challenge of trialling new skills learnt and implementing them in a 'real game situation'. In gym class Mr Crellin has been explaining and teaching the skills of frisbee golf. Taupō has one of the best disc golf courses in New Zealand so we borrowed some discs from Mr Crellin and Taupō Disc Golf and put these skills into action. Easton picked up the skill set well and it was nice to see his driving shots increase and were mostly on target. It was great to see students give this a go and it looked like most of them enjoyed it. The morning started off with a cold plunge in Lake Taupō, thank you Miss Mackwell for instigating this. Kate, Iris, Pippa, Lucy among others accepted the challenge of going in the lake over the three days we had available to swim.

On Wednesday they went to Rock 'n' Ropes where the students tested their boundaries and overcame fears. It was so good to see those students who were so scared of climbing the poles, get more comfortable each time they climbed. Kate was an inspiration to many in her class, Izzy, Jayden and Yudi seeing you really challenge yourself and overcome your fears was fantastic. Next was learning how to play golf. We all had a lesson with a golf professional who talked us through the four steps to a successful golf swing and then we played on the most challenging golf course they had. Tabitha, Maddy and Mika had some really good shots. The aim of the day was to have at least three good shots and I think we all achieved this. Our accommodation was right on the lake front so there was compulsory sunset viewing. Students took out the dinghy and kayaks and made the most of these magical moments.

This camp wasn't without its challenges with numerous school rules being broken, poor language and behaviour. It's always important to self-reflect on how our action or inaction affects the group as a whole and how we can better contribute to a more successful camp environment where we all feel safe, encouraged and supported.

I would like to thank Miss Mackwell for her energy, support and her willingness to try new sports. You are a brilliant support teacher!

Gee Reisima - EOTC



Class 12 Project Speech Timetable

Saturday 16 September

Kia ora koutou

The Class 12 Projects are a week earlier than usual - so please set aside **Friday 15 September from 10:30 am** to view the students' displays and discuss their work. It is a lovely time to connect with the students before their speech. The Spring Festival will be held on the same day during Main Lesson, so the community can take the opportunity to experience the festival and one of the highlights of the Class 12 year.

The Class 12 Speeches will be delivered the following day, **Saturday 16 September** and this is a wonderful occasion in which to support our young people and listen to their journey over the last few months. The speech topics are always diverse and to watch the students stand and speak for fifteen to twenty minutes on a topic offers an insight into our education. We would love to see our community there supporting our students through an important milestone. I hope to see you there.

Morag Wilson - Class 12 Project teacher

Saturday 16 September		
Name	Project Topic	Time
1. Maia Te Huia Rarere	Traditional Māori Wayfinding - How Māori Travelled And Navigated Their World	8:30 am
2. Elise McGillen	The Art Of Pottery - Learning How To Throw On The Wheel	9:00 am
3. Gemma Watson	Repurposing Materials As A Sustainable Unique Approach For Our Future	9:30 am
4. Hazel Hatcher	Climate Protest Shown Through Art	10:00 am
Morning Tea		
5. Eiryn Rose-Scott	The Benefits And Detriments Of Genetically Modified Organisms On The Medical And Agricultural World.	11:00 am
6. Liam Kouzounian	My Journey Towards A Career In Diving	11:30 am
7. Jack Ringwood	How Does Addiction Affect The Addict And Close Family?	12:00 pm
Lunch		
8. Malakai Brown	Holistic Human Optimization	2:00 pm
9. Theresa Zebe	What Is The Influence Of Trends On Mass Production?	2:30 pm
10. Isabella Barron	Understanding Aesthetic Through Short Film	3:00 pm

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Board

Casual Vacancy For A Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Markus Dipper (Presiding Member) Via: school.board@taikura.school.nz by: 5 October 2023

Casual Kindergarten Kaiako and Kindergarten Assistants Needed

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 8:30 am - 3:00 pm (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.

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.



Friday Market

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

- Stalls will be ready to go at 3:00 pm 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.



Governance Update

Prior to the upheaval of the last few years our Proprietors Trust had begun to work on ways in which we could improve the amount our kura receives in parent donations each year. The time has come to pick this mahi up again.

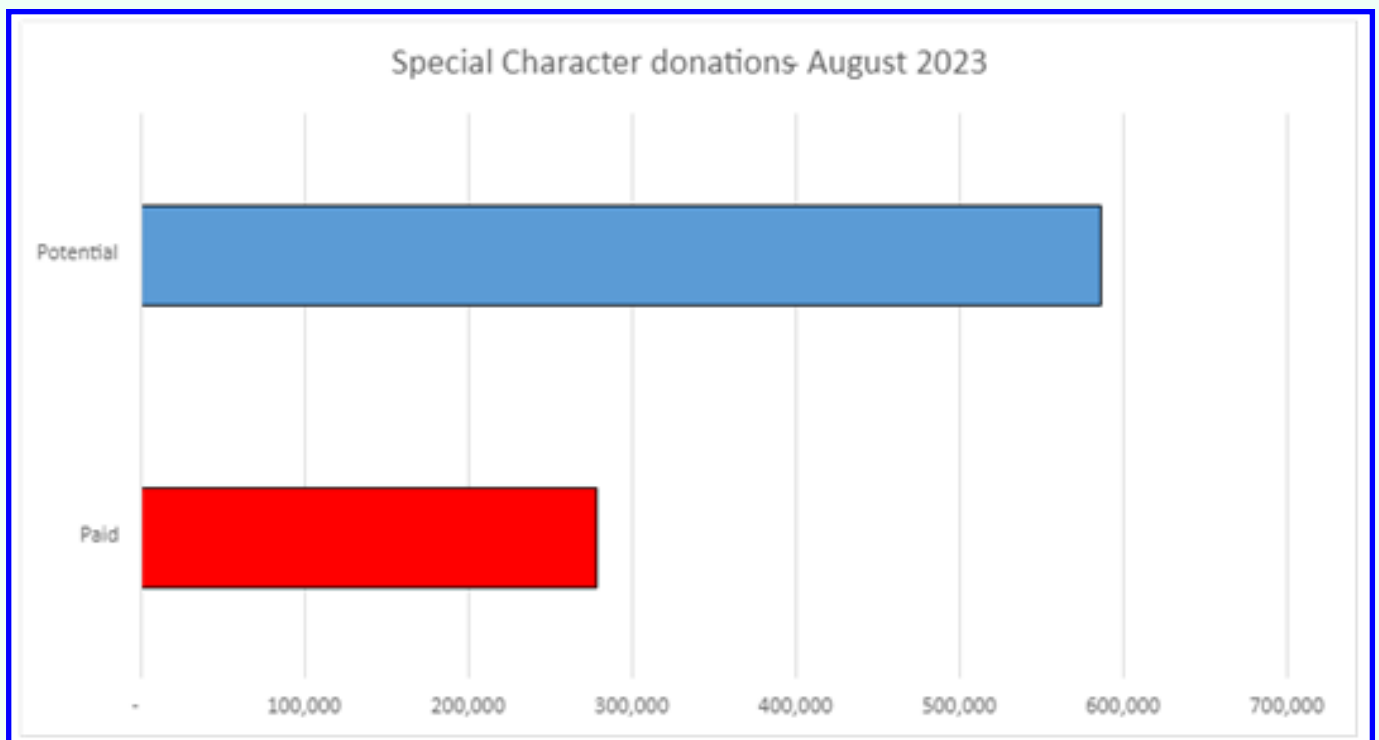
The setting of suggested donation amounts in an integrated school such as ours is vital in order for us to operate successfully. It is a very real issue, with very real consequences for Taikura, as the amount received in parent donations directly affects what we are able to provide for our ākongā (students).

As all whānau understand, and actively seek out for their tamariki, Taikura's Special Character means it is a very different school to any other. And the delivery of our Special Character costs. Our Lower School curriculum alone provides the opportunity for your children to engage with Te Reo Māori, handwork, woodwork, eurythmy, gym, drama, library, Spanish and the arts. For those students who have a need, we provide the Extra Lesson and the Listening Programmes. We facilitate therapies and music tuition. Our buildings and grounds are beautiful and well maintained. Your children receive a wonderfully rich and inclusive local Steiner education, which considers the whole child, and everyone at Taikura; management, teachers, support staff and governors, work hard and are dedicated to providing this.

Parents and whānau are the partners in their child's educational journey at Taikura, and one of their most important contributions is financial. The more donations Taikura receives, the higher the quality of the Special Character education the school is able to provide. As an example, our current inability to replace our gym teacher is a direct result of our financial situation.

Our Proprietors Trust, the kaitiaki of our Special Character, resolved at their last meeting to connect personally with those families not currently contributing to the cost of their children's education at Taikura via donation payments. Please do not be alarmed if a letter is received and a meeting date is set. We are mindful that it is a challenge for some whānau to contribute the full amount requested, and we wish to work together to come to an understanding with individual families.

Suzan Bart
Proprietors Trust Secretary



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

Its Time To Get Crafting!



Winter is the perfect time to make beautiful crafts for our magical Fête Children's Shop!

Remember to make 10 of each item for the shop.

Here is a link to a Pinterest page for more inspiration to help get you started:

https://www.pinterest.nz/jessicafrederig/childrens-shop-ideas/?fbclid=IwAR1JO7XleBExPw15wn51tZU4Walr_JJ--rplUhXPJidsqnUK2tOak-S96Qs

Fête Committee

Children's Activities	Amber Wale and Elspeth Ross
Communication and Marketing	Rachel Chapman
Entertainment	Keitha Parkes
Finance	Mandy Ostergren
Food	Jess Scott
Logistics	Hana Ruth
Magic Beans	Lauren Hastie
Stall Holders Liaison	Amaali Shaw

Embryology

Speaker: Dr Richard Drexel



7:00pm Friday 15 September
Anthroposophical Centre
Corner Nelson Street and Whitehead Road

This talk organised by Eurythmy Aotearoa Eurythmy Training is open to all who are interested gaining deeper insight and understanding of the beginnings of human life. Those who have attended Dr Drexel's lectures know that they are informative and full of life!
We look forward to seeing you there.

Entrance \$20

Accommodation Wanted

Kindy parents Sarah Beale and Alex Feasey with their four year old son, Hernan, are looking for a place in Hastings to call home long term, either rental or rent to buy. Preferably three - four bedrooms or a small rental with a granny flat on the same section. Open to what may be available. Space to grow a veggie garden would be ideal and they'd love to bring their beloved cat.

They've been house-sitting since the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle. If you hear of anything, please contact Sarah on 0211197247 (text please) or email sarahgracebeale@gmail.com



**TARUNA
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Biodynamics as Michaelic Deed Workshop

29 September (Friday evening) - 1 October (Sunday afternoon)
Cost: \$370



Michael subdues the Dragon through the strength of his Iron Sword. Rudolf Steiner's 1924 Agriculture lectures take place on the high iron soils of the Koberwitz farm, hosted by the Iron Count and the Iron Countess. Iron will is required for the practice of biodynamics.

In this workshop Rachel Pomeroy and James Millton guide us to awareness of our true relationship to the things around us as we:

- Stir and spread 500 at evening equinoctial full moon
- Stir and spray 501 at sunrise
- Make super-good, rat-free, kitchen scrap compost
- Practice the uses of Cow Pat Pit
- Lift a soil sample.

As well, Drs Helen Proctor and Richard Drexel offer their wisdom about the heart and iron rich blood, in relation to strength and courage for will activities, subduing our dragons, and doing the tasks of biodynamics.

This workshop is designed for everyone:

- wanting biodynamic regenerative practice in their own farms or gardens
- interested in wellness for land and people
- wishing to increase their perceptive powers of land, soil and life
- wanting to explore their own dragons and create their own iron swords
- already a biodynamic practitioner wanting to experience the wider context of biodynamics.

Your workshop facilitators:

Rachel Pomeroy - biodynamic teacher and star watcher

James Millton - passionate biodynamic grape grower and wine maker

Dr Helen Proctor and *Dr Richard Drexel* medical doctors from the Sophia Healing Centre.

Gratitude to the Kete Ora Trust for generous sponsorship of this workshop. Travel subsidies can be applied for.



For further information and registrations please contact
info@taruna.ac.nz or see our website www.taruna.ac.nz
or call +64 6 8777174

Part Time Jobs Available

At Millar Road Accommodation

Millar Road (www.millarroad.co.nz) is looking for a manager / head housekeeper plus a small team of people to work on a 'permanent casual' basis to assist with housekeeping and servicing.

Millar Road is a certified organic property, uses plant-based cleaning products where possible and includes Hōhepa products in its breakfast provisions.

Hours are generally between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm, so would suit parents with kids at school. The concept is to have a roster of people, such that people can get the hours they want without having to work seven days a week.

Please contact Gregory Collinge at info@millarroad.co.nz or on 022 658 0356 for full job descriptions or to discuss.

Children's Holiday Art & Yoga with Amanda Sowersby

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ART & YOGA WORKSHOP

AGE 6-13 YEARS.

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 9.30AM-2PM

HELD AT KEIRUNGA ART CENTRE

\$75




Children's one day holiday workshop will begin with yoga and movement, morning tea, followed by an art exercise of painting or drawing, lunch, then clay modelling. This will be fun and a creative experience.


Spaces will be limited for this one book in quick.

Amanda Sowersby is a qualified Artist, Artistic Therapist & Yoga teacher, specialising in healing art and traditional art styles as well as children and adult yoga practices.

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

email: bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz

 Amanda Sowersby Art & Artistic Therapy

 @amanda_art_and_alchemy

Children's Holiday Art workshops with Amanda Sowersby

AGE 6-13 YEARS.

TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 9.30AM-12.30PM \$50

YOGA & ART WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 9.30PM-2PM \$75

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 9.30AM-12.30PM \$50

HELD AT KEIRAUNGA ART CENTRE




Children's holiday art workshop with clay modelling, drawing or painting. This will be fun and a creative experience.


Spaces will be limited for each session.

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Children's Art Class Term 4

WITH AMANDA SOWERSBY

MONDAY 4.50PM-5.50PM

KEIRUNGA ART CENTRE



CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

6 YEARS-13 YEARS

9 WEEK TERM STARTING MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER

FINISHES MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER


\$207 FOR THE COURSE. (PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE)


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