



Tihe Te Manukura!

Over the last three years since the old whare was declared unfit to teach in due to earthquake safety, I have taught Te Reo Māori in several spaces in our kura. Since the completion and opening of Te Manukura, I have been able to return to the space where the first whare was and look out at the view of the trees in Scannel's Garden from the mahau (veranda).

I feel very fortunate to be back in this area of our kura and as each new class has come into Te Manukura, I have shared aspects of the whare that talk about the whakapapa of this space, which also gives a deeper picture of te ao Māori (the world through a Māori lens). I thought I would share these with you all.

- As you step onto the walkway to the whare through the waharoa (entranceway), you will notice the opening of Te Manukura faces towards the east, the direction of the rising sun. The eastern orientation of the whare signifies the beginning of a new day, starting afresh, and in a school context, learning something new every day.
- As the rays of Tama-nui-te-rā reach the mahau (veranda) and the maihi, which is the front of the whare, there are two kōwhaiwhai (Māori scroll patterns) that have been creatively designed to embellish this space - Puhoro and Kape Rua.



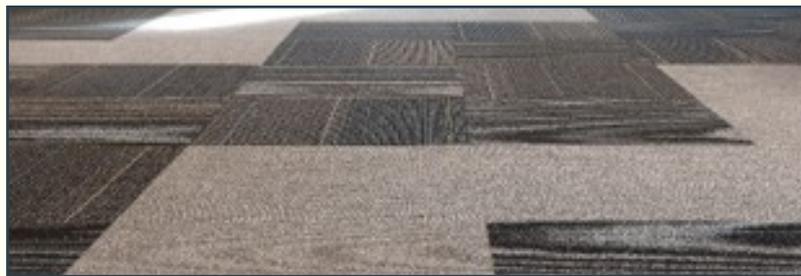
These kōwhaiwhai were chosen as they are patterns that are indigenous to Māori and because of what they symbolise. In this context of design, Puhoro represents the prow of the waka going through water and the Kape Rua is the holder of seeds – the potential. Charles Paringatai a tohunga whakairo (master carver), was asked to incorporate these two kōwhaiwhai into a design that would be used to adorn the front of our whare. He has combined these to create a pod of pakake (whales), that symbolise the kaitiaki (guardians) that guided Māori on their journey from those distant homelands to Aotearoa. This is also symbolic of our journey here to Taikura.



- Entering into Te Manukura, Te Kākano, the mauri stone, sits on the table that belonged to my koroua (grandfather). Te Kākano was gathered from the part of the Ngaruroro River that flows through Kererū Station. The kōhatu mauri is a reminder of the sisters, Ruth Nelson and Gwen Malden, who bought Kererū Station and also planted the seed for Waldorf education to flourish in Heretaunga. I endeavour to start my day at Taikura reciting a karakia as I place my hand on Te Kākano. This helps me to be mindful of the mahi in front of me.



- Stepping into Te Manukura, students wonder about the ‘zigzag’ pattern of the carpet. The design is called Poutama or Poukōhine. This pattern symbolises the journey we make every day in our kura, as we step onto the pathway to attain knowledge.



These stories are woven into the whakapapa of our whare and enliven the mauri that emanates from this space. Each day as I enter and leave Te Manukura, I feel a sense of gratitude to be able to teach our tamariki in our whare!

Turou Hawaiki, nā, Matua Troy

Ka mate kāenga tahi,
Ka ora kāenga rua!



*When one home dies,
Another house lives!*

Staffing Update

This week we farewelled our Class 6 teacher Toby Blakey, first with a class dinner in the hall on Monday night, and today with a staff morning tea. We wish you all the best in your new teaching role Mr Blakey, mā te wā e hoa. We are very pleased that Matua Te Whiti Seeds will be stepping into Mr Blakey's shoes in a relieving capacity for the remainder of this year. Te Whiti has many years experience relieving in our kura, and knows our kaupapa, students and colleagues well. Haere mai!

School Pool Update From The Proprietors Trust

On behalf of the Proprietors I would like to share a difficult decision that was made at our last meeting, which we understand will be sad news for many. After much investigation and consideration spanning several years regarding the school's swimming pool, it has become clear that we need to decommission the pool, effective immediately. As some of you may be aware the pool has been leaking large volumes of water and the pump needs replacing. The cost to repair and maintain the pool to a modern standard far exceeds what we consider viable at this time. The costs are such that even parent fundraising would make it beyond reach. As an example, it would take more than 12 years of annual fete proceeds, by which time the costs would no doubt have risen again.

The question then arises as to what at a future date, could be developed in this area. We will be consulting with staff around the best future use of this space given its proximity to the kindergarten, field and road frontage. We understand that they are already working through questions around lunchtime sport so considering the best use of this space from the perspective of pedagogy is important.

Learning to swim is vital for tamariki living in Aotearoa, and lessons will be continued off site, further details of which will be shared as soon as they are finalised.

Built in 1961 our pool has been a much loved central feature of the school. Over the years, many children have run to the staffroom at lunchtime to have the pool opened, and many students went over the fence for an illegal dip. We appreciate that for Lower School children in particular, their experience of summer will be impacted by the pool's decommissioning. How well it cooled many on a hot day! We are so grateful to have had it there, but now it's time to farewell an old friend.

Ngā manaakitanga, nā,
Sue Simpson - Chair - Proprietors Trust

Important Safety Notice

Earlier this week there was a very near miss between a car and a young student cyclist. The car had completed a drop off of students in the teachers' car park adjacent to Hastings Health Centre - reserved for staff and those with a mobility card. This was an upsetting experience for both mother and child cyclists as they made their way to school.

We reiterate and implore again....

This car park is NOT a drop off loop. This carpark is NOT for parent use.

Going forward - from Term Four - 2023

Only one entrance in this car park will remain open - meaning there is enough space for mobility card holders only, to drop off students, and then back and turn to exit.

Please follow the request.

Kelly Sutton - Deputy Principal

Spring Festival



Mummers' Play



Congratulations

A big congratulations to all the students who qualified for the Hawkes Bay Cross Country Champs after doing well at the Hastings Cross Country Champs! Everyone ran well, and we ended up with a couple of superstars on the day.

Phillip Ostergren who was first for the majority of the race and **Oak Collins** who put in a solid ending to his race and became the Hawkes Bay champ for his age group! Phillip finishing a close 2nd. An absolutely amazing run by both of these boys!

Janet Osborne - Sports Coordinator



Upcoming Events

October 9
October 16
October 20 -23

8:30 am - 3:00 pm
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
ALL DAY

Term 4 Begins
School Board Meeting
Hawkes Bay Anniversary and Labour Day

"Bee" Safe Wear Shoes And Slap On A Hat!



Our main field always attracts the buzz of our friendly little workers of the flowers. To ensure the children are safe from harm please check that they have suitable shoes on at all times. This is up to parents and staff to enforce. If you see one of our children on the field without shoes on, please ask them to go and put some on. And *te ra (the sun)* is out in force so please make sure you wear your hats too.



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.



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.



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

CALLING ALL WEAVERS



We're in search of your weaving talent to craft lovely harakeke crowns for our upcoming Fête. If you're experienced in weaving these crowns or happen to have some extras from previous years, your contribution would be greatly valued. Just drop them off at our office, and we will make good use of them.

But wait, there's more! We'll also be hosting a workshop where you can learn the art of weaving these enchanting crowns and become a part of the Fête's magic. Stay tuned for workshop details right here.

CHILDRENS SHOP

It's truly heart-warming to hear about the stunning crafts that are taking shape. Please remember we need 10-20 of the same items crafted. When your creations are ready, please drop them into the school office and we will store them on site. Thank you all for your dedication and talent in making our beautiful children's shop a success.





Attention Future Entertainment Stars!

This year's Fête is on Sunday 19 November 2023, and as always, we will have our Fête Entertainment Stage operating to delight our crowds.

We all know that there are many hidden musicians and performers out there in our Taikura whanau.

So, calling all...



SINGERS!



MUSICIANS!



magicians



dancers...or...



anything that you rock at!

Join the fun on stage, impress your family and friends, it could be the start of a new career! Send an email to Keitha at rovervoiceservices@gmail.com, and let me know if you prefer morning spot or an afternoon spot.

Home Based Business Or Hobby

Do you have a home-based business or a hobby you'd like to showcase at this year's Fête?

We are currently seeking potential vendors who offer healing therapies such as massage therapy or mini reiki/energy sessions. Additionally, if you specialise in crafting jewelry or ceramics, if you're an artist, or if you excel in various crafts, we'd love to have you join us. Whether you create handmade items or source locally, we're interested in hearing from you.

Here are the pricing details for stalls:

- \$95 for an Early Bird Discount, available if paid in full by October 13, 2023.
- \$120 for stall registration after October 13, 2023.



Please note that all items sold at the event must be either handmade or locally sourced.

For those interested in participating or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Amaali at taikurafete@gmail.com for an application form and further information.

FUN(D)RAISING MINI CHURCH FÊTE

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

9AM – 12 NOON

617 HERETAUNGA ST, HASTINGS

Christian Community

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

BOOKS

PLANTS

CAKES & PRESERVES

CAFÉ

RUDOLF STEINER BOOKS

Quality pre-loved clothes

RAFFLES!!



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Therapeutic Art

Six Wednesdays from 18 October 2023

Come and join us for a 6 week introduction to Therapeutic Art.

Let yourself take a breath from the demands and busyness of life as you explore the technique of wet-on-wet painting. Through its rhythmical approach you will build confidence in your own creativity. Each week will allow you will deepen your sense for colour, composition, form, transitions and subtlety as you learn foundational skills of working with watercolour painting. Wet-on-wet watercolour is gentle and affirming - it overcomes that little inner voice that may be telling you 'I can't paint!', as you unleash and grow your creativity. Suitable for everyone, it lets you take a breath, relax and have fun.

So take some time to nurture yourself and as you do experience the fullness of nature in the beautiful garden surrounding Taruna. You will be working with Sonya Lethbridge, Artistic Therapist.

6 week course, starting Wednesday 18th October, 9am - 10.30am.

Cost: \$185.

We welcome your registration - please visit: www.taruna.ac.nz or contact us on 06 8777174.



Wellspoken - Robyn Hewetson

I have some after school times available for students next term. Does your student love drama? Want to work with creative speech? Do they have some learning difficulties? The Art of Speech Formation can help students who really want to develop their speaking skills for drama or presentations. It is also hugely helpful in therapeutic situations helping with confidence, hearing, remembering and speaking. If you are interested in having help next term, please get in touch with me Robyn Hewetson at robyn@wellspoken.co.nz or call me at 06 878 3496 or 021 217 8688. Located at 804 Eaton Road, St Leonards Hastings, just one kilometre from Taikura.

Bird Netting

Bird Netting by gold coin donation. Ex Vineyard, black or white.

Uses: Protecting new Seedlings, Brassica, Fruit trees, for berry houses or chock frames etc.

You will need to sort out your chosen length, discarding any holes, Bring a Stanley knife or similar.
The Fades/bags of netting are by the gardeners shed.

Money raised goes towards our gardens. Questions to KAZ 027 334 9311



Amazing Animals

Kids' Holiday Program
Mon 2nd - Fri 6th October
9am-12pm

FREE Ages *7-13
Register now →
or <https://www.iotform.com/build/231418646467867>

Riverbend 354 Te Aute Rd
BIBLE CHURCH Havelock North

FBI is run in the mornings of the second week of the July and October holidays. It involves games, songs, skits, Bible times, quizzes, prizes and more! If you can't make it these holidays, register your interest to be reminded about future holiday programs.
*5-6yo welcome at our discretion, preferably with an older sibling or friend.

For more information, contact Maria Henderson
022 0966 300 or maria@oac.org.nz

FBI Faithful Bible Investigators



**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 Milton 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 Milton - 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

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