



### Pippa's Pānui

At the end of last year, we shared with our community that the financial situation for Taikura in 2023 would be challenging, due to increased operational costs, reduced Special Character donations and a smaller roll. As communicated by our Proprietors Trust the real cost of our Special Character education is calculated to be \$5000 per year, per child. Up until now we have worked hard to cover the short fall between the Special Character donations which we receive and the actual costs of our education but given the increasing costs of today this is no longer possible.

At the end of last year, we made some difficult decisions regarding staffing as we were not in a position to replace our gym teacher or to have a journey teacher in Class One alongside our Specialist Class One teacher. Last term, two of our Lower School teachers resigned and due to our rising costs and the shortfall in Special Character donations we receive, we are looking internally for replacements for these positions. Thankfully we have a breadth of skill and knowledge within our teaching faculty, so our focus is on ensuring we find the best fit for both our students and our staff. We look forward to sharing these updates with the respective classes as decisions are confirmed in the next few weeks.

We have also had to consider our spending across all our staffing, not just teachers. As a result, we have been through a restructuring process within our administration team and our loyal receptionist Adrienne will be finishing halfway through this term. We will acknowledge and farewell her before she leaves.

The essentials of our Special Character live in the relationship of the teacher to each child and the work that they bring to the students through the curriculum. Within our Special Character the child is our priority. When Rudolf Steiner was establishing the first Steiner school his focus was on helping teachers develop their relationships with an understanding of the child before them; how to get a sense of what to bring to the children in the best way and at the appropriate time through the curriculum. At Taikura we value the breadth of the curriculum which presents the whole panorama of human development and allows for wide and varied ways for our students to meet success. In delivering this broad curriculum we are fortunate to have not just devoted class teachers but specialist teachers who teach across the school and enable our students to experience learning opportunities in a range of subject areas.

As the holders of our Special Character, our Proprietors Trust are extremely grateful to all those families that continue to financially contribute to the Special Character. We are well aware that many of these parents also contribute their time and commitment to the school. We are currently following up with parents who have not been contributing to our Special Character donations. In the coming weeks the proprietors will be communicating with all parents concerning the Special Character donations for 2024.

We find ourselves in a less than ideal situation, and we remain incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff who work extremely hard to deliver our broad and varied curriculum and the parents who have consciously made a commitment to this education and the gifts it provides for our students, as they journey through the school and kindergarten, an education that sustains them as they continue their course beyond Taikura.

Pippa Caccioppoli  
Tumuaki Principal

## A Day Trip To The MTG And The Faraday Centre

In week nine of Term 3 Class 4 went on a day trip to The Museum Theatre Gallery and The Faraday Centre. This trip aligned with the Local History and Geography Main Lessons. At the MTG we participated in the Hangarau me te Māori, the Māori and Technology programme, we then went on to lunch and map work at Ahuriri. We finished the day at The Faraday centre for a look at historic technology that can be more easily understood through the cause and effect of physical action.

Within the Steiner philosophy it is essential that we give students an experience of what historical technology was and how it works before they engage in the use of today's modern technology. This is so we may, over time, support a conscious relationship between the student and the technological world.

Darryn Breakwell Class 4 Teacher





## **He Pito Kōrero!**

**Kīwaha o te wiki – Kīwaha of the week.**

Wananei (wah nah ney)  
Wicked!

**Tamati:** Kia ora e tai! How was The World of Wearable Arts in Pōneke?

**Rangi:** Wananei e hoa!

*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

### **Save The Date**

Community Gathering - Taikura. Our Choice

Come join us on Wednesday 8 November in the School Hall at 6:30 pm as we explore what nourishes and enhances our children and their journey at Taikura.

In this informal gathering - you will hear from Michelle Vette, General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society and Nursing Practitioner, you will explore the wonders of Art, Speech and Drama, Eurythmy and Extra Lessons with experienced practitioners. This is a chance for our community to celebrate our choice in choosing this special education for our tamariki.

More information to follow next week

Special Character Sub Committee

### **Upcoming Events**

October 16	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting
October 17	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 6 Parent Evening
October 20 -23	<b>School Closed</b>	Hawkes Bay Anniversary and Labour Day
October 25	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Class 3 Parent Evening
November 8	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Community Gathering - School Hall
November 19	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Taikura Fête

## Curriculum Corner

### Class 3 – Gardening And (House) Building

In Class 3 we are experiencing “the fall from paradise” and just like Adam and Eve we are working towards living with and on the earth and towards making it our home.

Through the year we followed the seasons and their qualities by establishing and caring for our garden. We pulled weeds, cultivated the soil, made it rich with compost, made holes and furrows, planted seeds and then watched the shoots come out of the earth and grow into plants.



All the while we continued to pull weeds, rake leaves, put up nets, created labels and made sure the plants had enough water.



Once the plants had grown, we were able to harvest and enjoyed carrots, radishes and spinach (still looking forward to our beans and lettuce and hopefully the sweetcorn will start growing soon). We enjoyed them raw as they were, in salad-, dip- or muffin form. We grew so much food that we have decided to donate some to the canteen so that others will also be able to benefit from our garden.



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Next to growing food we were also busy with our (initial) building project of building a compost box. Not being able to take chainsaws into the forest we discovered pallets a good source for timber. We started to become familiar with different types of tools (claw hammer, crowbar, pincers, crosscut saws, clamps, squares ...) and set to work taking the pallets apart.



Honestly speaking, this work was harder than anticipated but we worked as a team, stuck with it and have now gathered enough timber to start building. We also decided to upgrade the initial plan and instead of a compost box we are aiming to build a little storage shed for next year's Class 3 to store their tools in ... watch this space.

Tobias Hensel  
Class 3 Teacher



## Sports News

Well done to Tiitoki Foote and Blake Mc Gavock who were part of the HB hockey under 13 representative team these holidays.

The team won five of their seven games, the other games were a draw.

Janet Osborne - Sports Coordinator



## "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](mailto: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 [rovernoiceservices@gmail.com](mailto:rovernoiceservices@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](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com) for an application form and further information.

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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](http://www.taruna.ac.nz) or contact us on 06 8777174.



## Wellspoken - Robyn Hewetson

I have some after school times available for students this 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](mailto: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

## Accommodation Required

Kia ora whanau, I am looking for a room/bed in Hawkes Bay on behalf of a friend for about two weeks: From around 17-20 October to early November.

I am Tamaki Shimaoka, I graduated last year from Taikura. I have been based in Ohakune for the last three months ski instructing on Turoa. I will head to Japan for another winter season before heading down south to Otago to study computer science.

My friend is here from Taiwan on a working holiday, she is super tidy, sweet and respectful, more than happy to help out around the house or pay some rent as needed.

If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop me a line:

Email: [tamakishimaoka@gmail.com](mailto:tamakishimaoka@gmail.com) Mobile: 021 084 43835



The Hōhepa shop team are looking for a new part time member. Be the face of Hōhepa at the Sunday Markets, help share their story. If you are interested, please apply at [Hohepa.com](http://Hohepa.com) or contact Francesca Dalli-Niven at 027 265 4697

Ngā mihi

Francesca Dalli-Niven

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