



PB4L end of year reflection

Kia ora koutou e te hāpori o Taikura!

Within our Kura and Kindergarten we have been continuing implementing Te Tāhuhu o Taikura, the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) programme. Our school values of Kindness, Perseverance and Respect, which are underpinned by Gratitude, are displayed proudly on the classroom walls and other communal areas and serve to remind us of the daily mahi that we undertake with ākongā. Each value is supported by a whakatauki which serves to affirm behaviour expectations.



Our school values and supporting whakatauki displayed in the High School Staffroom

Respect **Whakaute**

Kia mau ki ngā kupu o ōu tūpuna
Hold fast to the words of your ancestors

Kindness **Atawhai**

Mā te ngākau aroha koe e ārahi.
Let a loving heart guide your decisions

Perseverance **Manawanui**

Whaia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu, me maunga teitei.
Seek the treasure you value most dearly. If you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

Gratitude **Whakawhetai**

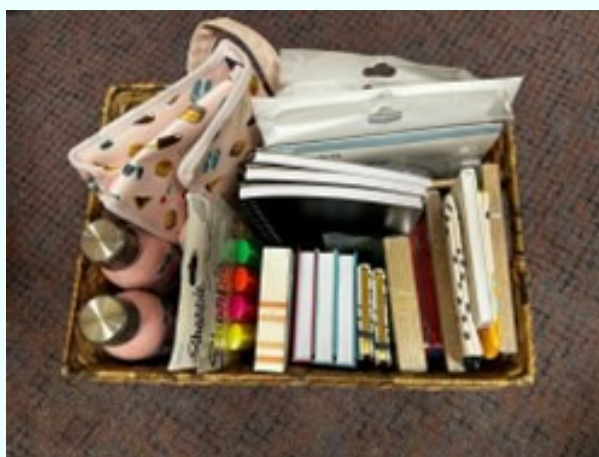
Kua haehae ngā hihi o matariki.
Always be grateful for the blessings you receive

This year a major focus of the PB4L team has been to make behaviour expectations explicit and we will be continuing this work with our ākongā next year to ensure student voice and agency. Each week our school focus has been shared in the Grapevine and with the students who, when observed meeting these behaviour expectations, are acknowledged by being given a token. The tokens are collected for each class and, as they accumulate, class acknowledgments are made in the form of a certificate and subsequent class reward, such as a class game or an activity of the classes choosing.



The token cupboard is displayed in our hall foyer

Individual acknowledgements for students in Class Six and above are also made. Individual tokens are recorded and once ten have been received, students are placed in the weekly prize draw. The lucky recipients can then choose from the prize box a treasure to keep, such as a cup, photo frame, needlepoint, notebook, pen, handball, drink bottle etc.



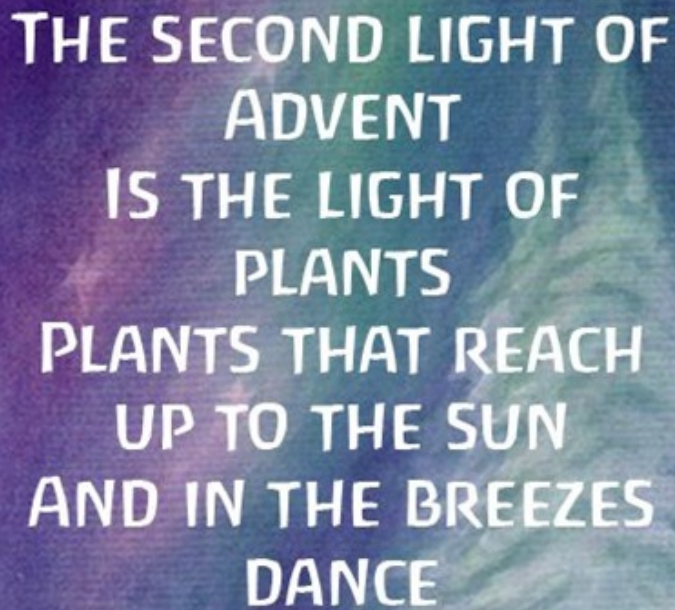
The individual prize box

At our High School Prizegiving and End of Year Lower School Assembly, those students who have been entered into the prize draw 10 times, are presented with a certificate as an expression of gratitude, acknowledging their endeavor to uphold the values of **Te Tāhuhu o Taikura**. It has been pleasing to see so many of our students embrace our values and demonstrate them within our Kura and wider community this year. Wetiweti kē koutou! Kia ū ki te mahi pai!

Sanne Coulthard
on behalf of the PB4L Group.

Upcoming Events

December 8	3:00 pm	Last day for classes 8 & 9
December 11	5:00 pm	School Board Meeting - Meeting Room
December 13	7:00pm	Shepherd's Play community performance - school hall
December 15	12:30pm	Last day for all school & kg - please note early finish
December 15	6:30 pm	Carol Evening



THE SECOND LIGHT OF
ADVENT
IS THE LIGHT OF
PLANTS
PLANTS THAT REACH
UP TO THE SUN
AND IN THE BREEZES
DANCE



He Pito Kōrero!

Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week
Anā ia (ar naaar eee ar)
Absolutely right! Bingo! That's the one!

Hemi: Kia ora e kare. What do you reckon about the car I'm looking to buy?
Mata: Anā ia, 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!

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

Music at Taikura

Each year brings forth another Carol Evening, this year we are singing O'Come All Ye Faithful, Joy To The World, Angels We Have Heard On High and Hark The Herald Angels Sing. Our Lower School and High School orchestras have been preparing these pieces all term and we look forward to sharing them with you on 15 December at 7:00 pm.

Community Carol 3: Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high	Come to Bethlehem and see
Sweetly singing o'er the plains	Him whose birth the angels sing,
And the mountains in reply	Come, adore on bended knee,
Echoing their joyous strains	Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo	Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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Music Tutors at Taikura

Taikura is very blessed to have such an amazing group of music tutors. As of this term, I would like to introduce Jennifer Chesterman to our Music Lesson programme. Jennifer is a Suzuki Flute Teacher who has an Associate Diploma in Flute Performance (ATCL). Jennifer also teaches at multiple schools across Hastings, as well as taking private tuition.

We are so pleased to have you on board Jennifer and I know our students are too.



Taikura Music Lessons

We have tuition available for guitar, ukulele, bass, banjo, piano, voice, flute, violin, viola, and cello.

Music lessons are available from class 3 to class 12 and it is strongly preferred that these lessons occur outside of Main Lessons and need to be arranged in close consultation with teachers whose lessons are affected. Lessons are available throughout the year, however, spaces are limited.

If you and your child are interested in lessons, please do get in contact with me via my email: thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

High School and Lower School Orchestra

We are always looking for more musicians to join in with one of our orchestras. If a student is interested, please contact me. We have rehearsals on Mondays, 8:30 am for High School students or 2:10 pm on Thursdays.

Thomas Pearson

Music Teacher



Surf Camp 2023

With much awaited breath the last of the 2023 camps has occurred. I must say being with this class, Ms Mack, Elliot, Mika and the parent helpers was a wonderful way to roll into the end of year. With the weather being stunning in October and early November I was expecting a hot and sunny surf camp, however as the camp came closer and closer the weather decided to get wetter, and more bleak. I need not have worried as the weather out at Waimarama turned it on for us and gave us a little respite from the sun on Wednesday morning, which was a much needed rest for most from the surf and for the sun kissed skin. I must firstly thank Mika, our Lifeguard. He gave me a little more peace having his experience and passion for water safety. We also got to see him train with his team in the IRB competing with other lifeguard teams. I wish everyone got the chance to see our students shine in their chosen passions outside the classroom.

Monday saw a beautifully, sunny day with the waves perfect for learning. Thanks to surf Fridays and an epic surf lesson from Ms Mackwell most students managed to catch numerous waves. Amelia, Sarah, Grace, Laura and Kadin were up and riding really good waves. McGuinness and Tyler were our expert long wave riders, they would catch the waves and make the most of it and ride them all the way into the beach stepping off the board with the biggest grins. Amelia, Sarah and Kadin were continuously tempted by the bigger waves out the back and the fact our expert helper Elliot was often catching these waves to show them how to do it was an inspiration for them. Tuesday saw them mostly sitting on their boards, not catching much and they had to be reminded where they needed to be. On Thursday they were catching these waves and it was good to see their skill at duck diving the waves improving. Sahara, Phoebe, Johanna, and Zoe improved quickly and caught many waves. Teodor, Lewis, MJ, and Pagan never gave up and they were rewarded for their efforts. We had numerous students who loved the water and because of Elliot (who surfed and surfed and surfed) they were able to stay swimming and enjoying themselves in the waves. Sarah, Grace, Sahara, Kadin all learnt how to body surf and it was a lot of fun doing this with them.



The sand sculpting competition was next level, with amazing sculptures of a couch with a foot stool, it also had a fully functioning vase (made out of sand), a nose, turtle, which had a beautifully crafted shell and a shark which had many modifications done to it.





Trench warfare was a favourite night activity and the trenches they made were outstanding. The game itself was intense, Sahara, Amelia, Lewis were ninjas and the class had so much fun. The week spending time in the water was really important, they learnt resilience, teamwork and the importance of listening to their bodies. Were they tired, hungry, cold, thirsty and did they need to put more sunscreen on? This class was one of the best classes at managing themselves in these tasks and I thank them all for their good nature, the ability to all get along, the games, laughs, and the great conversations. One of the many highlights for me this week was the class community dinner held on Thursday night at the domain. The majority of the class' parents and families came and it was so lovely seeing all the families playing, connecting and having a wonderful evening. I would like to thank the many parental helpers on this camp, Rachel and Silke for staying over, being in the water, expert tea makers and great conversationalists. Marcia for staying over and managing to stand up on a wave. Mathias for staying over and towing the trailer back for us, how you reversed that trailer was inspirational. Heidi, for liaising with parents and for all the people who brought food for the dinner and came along!



Gee Reisima
EOTC Coordinator



Class 9 students who have been studying History of Art chose to join a mural painting option for craft week. They designed a contemporary take on Paliolithic cave paintings, each student taking responsibility for a single design element.



The Fete Committee are delighted to announce that after everything has been tidied up for the Fete, the donation amount to the school from the Fete is **\$24,000**. We once again thank the community for coming together, everyone that volunteered, signed up early, and the logistics team who set up and packed down so well in the wet. We look forward to beginning to plan the Fete for 2024 in the new year.

Parent Communication

Jess Scott shared her personal thoughts and understandings around donations and finances with Class One whānau, and has kindly given us permission to reprint a shortened version of her email below.

Aimee Hawke - Proprietors Trust

Dear whānau,

We all should have received an email regarding the school's financial situation and staffing. The school heavily relies on donations being paid and sadly the donation level isn't enough to carry on as it should. In simple terms, Taikura is a state-integrated school. This means we get some funding for our staff at state-level ratios. The attendance dues fee of \$1023.50 are set by the MOE which only covers the interest on our mortgages. Our donation of \$2000 in 2023 is to cover the special character of the school, beautiful grounds, extra classrooms that go over and above like music rooms, handwork rooms, extensive library, woodwork, extra lessons, listening program, and of course staffing. The staffing cost alone is \$350,000 pa over and above what the MOE fund. Taikura property is owned by the Proprietors Trust. The cost of ongoing maintenance of the property that the MOE does not pay for is in the region of \$300,000. Our school is amazing and our tamariki are so lucky to be there. The management, staff and the Trust are trying their very hardest and are putting the tamariki at the centre always. We are all well aware of the increasing cost of living for us all and that includes our school too. Prioritize this amazing education our kura has to offer. Please pay your donations and/or communicate with the finance team if this is not possible and make a plan.

Blessings , Jess Scott

The background is a watercolor illustration. At the top, there are soft, blended colors of pink, orange, and yellow, suggesting a sky or a sunrise. Below this, there are large, flowing shapes in shades of light blue and white, resembling clouds or water. In the center, a tree with a brown trunk and green foliage is visible. At the base of the tree, two small blue figures are standing on a brown, earthy ground. The overall style is soft and artistic.

Celebrating the Christmas Foundation Meeting Centenary

CONFERENCE

26th - 29th December 2023

Rudolf Steiner's Christmas Foundation Conference, took place in 1923/24, on the site of the Goetheanum in Switzerland. During this event many seeds were laid that we can draw strength from in these times.

In this three-day event we will explore the meaning of the Christmas Foundation Meeting, how it is important to us today and how it can become a part of our lives. With speakers and artistic workshops, that include Norbert Mulholland (Speech) Susie Gay (Painting) Simone Hamblett (Eurythmy), Diane de Saint Quentin (Biodynamics), evening performances, and spending time together in nature and community.

**Let's renew and enliven our heart-forces
for the good of humanity**

Date: Welcome and Opening 26th Dec 7pm, followed by full day program on 27th, 28th, 29th that includes lunch and dinner.

Location: Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School
5 Helios Place, Titirangi, Auckland.

For more info and to register:

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j.cunningham@titirangi.steiner.school.nz

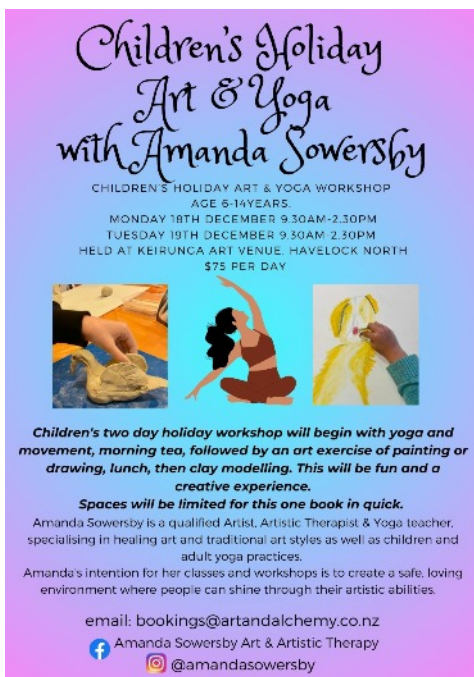
Adult event 18+

Car For Sale

2012 dark red Hyundai Santa Fe 2.2R CRDi Elite A6 diesel. \$10,000. 191,000 km AWD, 7 seats, 5 doors, towbar, child seat anchor points, cruise control, push start, electric seat adjustment, cool box, electric windows and mirrors. Last service Nov 2023, WOF until Nov 2024. Well kept, with normal wear on upholstery and bodywork. Excellent service history for the duration of my ownership and that of the previous owner. Sale due to overseas travel. Ring 027 387 6884 for more info.


In-home Childcare Wanted

Looking for in-home childcare for my 2.5 year old son, on Thursdays and Fridays. Could suit a mama who is at home with little ones already. Are you or do you know someone who offers this? Please contact me on 0226761058 or email celesteglover6@gmail.com



Children's Holiday Art & Yoga with Amanda Sowersby

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ART & YOGA WORKSHOP
AGE 6-14 YEARS
MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 9.30AM-2.30PM
TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 9.30AM-2.30PM
HELD AT KEIRUNGA ART VENUE, HAVELOCK NORTH
\$75 PER DAY



Children's two 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
@amandasowersby



Children's Art Class Term 1 2024

WITH AMANDA SOWERSBY
MONDAY 3.30PM-4.30PM
MONDAY 4.40PM-5.40PM
WEDNESDAY YOGA & ART 4.30PM-5.30PM
KEIRUNGA ART'S VENUE



CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES 6 YEARS +
10 WEEK TERM STARTING MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
FINISHES MONDAY 8TH APRIL.
WEDNESDAY IS YOGA & ART SESSION 4.30-5.30PM
\$230 FOR THE COURSE. (PAYMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE)
THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PEACEFUL CHILDREN'S ART GROUP.
WE HAVE SPACE FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE EAGER TO CREATE AND JOIN OUR GROUP.
ART ACTIVITIES: PAINTING, DRAWING, CLAY, PASTEL, PRINTMAKING AND MORE....
LOCATION: THE COTTAGE KEIRUNGA GARDENS ART VENUE, HAVELOCK NORTH
email: bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz
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HAWKE'S BAY YOUTH ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

Christmas Harmonies

3:30PM
SUN 10 DEC 2023

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
HAVINGS
ADULTS \$10
CHILDREN \$5

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The Anglican Parish of Greater Hastings



Flutterbys
A Parent & Child Movement Class

Come connect with the earth below, the sky above & each other

@Zelkova Yoga Studio, Havelock North

Flutterbys is...

- A gift
- A chance to stop, unplug, recharge and connect
- About slowing down and truly observing nature unfolding
- About developing & experiencing The Feeling of Me
- About truly valuing the vital years and parenthood
- About deep listening to our true selves
- About reducing anxiety (in both adults & children)
- About being joyful

We have different classes for

- Babies
- Toddlers
- Preschoolers
- Children with additional needs
- Adults
- Grandparents

Each class is 90 minutes

Triester sessions to be held over the summer holidays - sign up now!

8 Week Terms Available from Term 1 2024

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To register - contact Rochelle
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