



Communication and Information at Taikura

Our weekly 'Grapevine' newsletter is emailed directly to all whānau on a Thursday. It is also available on our website, and on our SchoolApp.

The Grapevine is more than just a place for notices or basic information, it is the primary vehicle for sharing the life and culture of our kura. There are articles on curriculum, camps, plays, festivals, kindergartens, Special Character and more. There are staff biographies, financial and governance updates, photos and a calendar. There are Principal Pānui, courses and events, vacancies, and a space dedicated to celebrating and promoting Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori.

Taikura SchoolApp

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.



www.taikura.school.nz

Our school website is filled with useful information, particularly about our curriculum

Facebook

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School and Kindergartens can be found on Facebook, and we encourage those who are Facebook users to follow our page. There are regular updates and reminders, as well as shared images. Please feel free to share the page or the posts to generate publicity for our beautiful school.



Liaison Parents

Liaison Parents are a vital support for both the teacher and the class parent body. They commit to taking on the role for the following year during Term Four. Please do consider volunteering if you have not already done so, it is a rewarding way of getting to know Taikura and your individual class and teacher better. The role of Liaison Parent is not one of problem solving or mediation. Where there are parent questions or concerns that cannot be easily answered or dealt with, they should be directed to the teacher, Deputy Principal, or Principal.

School Office

Feel free to call (06 8787363) or email our office (office@taikura.school.nz) at any time. They are always happy to help with any questions big or small, and if they are unable to answer or assist they will be able to point you in the right direction.



He Pito Kōrero!

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Taikura!

For those of you who may not walk past Te Manukura regularly, there is a new face that greets our tamariki, as they arrive for their Te Reo Māori lessons – Te Whaea o te Matauranga. Te Whaea was a gift that was commissioned by John Robins, a past kaiako of Te Reo, whose children were also students at our kura. When Koro John had this carved, it was always meant to be for the future whare at Taikura.

Nō tātau te whiwhi...we were lucky enough to have a digger on site, on the day I returned to school. So, it was straight to the Whare, to look at the right space for Te Whaea! She now sits by the walkway of the whare, looking towards the waharoa, as our tamariki enter this space. Many thanks to Koro John whose gracious gift for our ākongā, now has a perfect place to reside!

Noho ora mai, nā Matua Troy.

Carved by: Martin Selman



Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week

Kei tawhiti koe! (Kay tar fit ee cor eh)
You are just out there, outstanding, unmatched!

Hemi: Kia ora e tai! That haka you led for the Waitangi Day celebrations...kei tawhiti koe!

Mata: Kia ora 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

!!! Parking and School Pick Up Reminder !!!

It is so disheartening to see parents using our staff carparks, parking on verges, staying overtime in 5 minute parks and in bus stops. Please allow time to collect your child, or arrange to meet them in a designated spot, such as further down Fitzroy Ave where they can safely walk without having to cross any roads. A new student on her bike was struck by a car as it was leaving the teachers' carpark and suffered a large bruise on her upper leg - this could have been so much worse. PLEASE TAKE CARE AND PUT ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FIRST. Thank you to those who have made a conscious decision to change their routines.

Sports Notices

Waka Ama - students from Classes 8 to 12

Trainings: Mondays after school on Te Awa o Mokotūāraro (formerly Clive River) 3.30pm-4.45pm. Starts 12 February

Coaches: Clayton Gibson, Troy Gardiner, Rachel Hughes, Roy Boonen

Goal: To enter mixed teams (can be mixed ages or gender) into the Te Wheke Challenge Novice Race on the first Saturday (13 April) of the school holidays in Taupō.

Students can talk to Clayton or Janet for more information.



Hockey - Classes 8 to 12

FIRST TRIAL- Monday 19 February 4:00pm at the school turf.

The trials are earlier than usual this year, as the 1st XI team have an early tournament they are attending in Wellington.

Senior Volleyball - Classes 10 to 12

Trainings: Tuesday lunchtime

Coach: Matua T

Games: Tuesdays at Pettigrew Green Arena
1st game 13 February



Upcoming Events

- Class 8 surf camp 12 - 16 February
- Liaison parent evening 14 February
- Class One parent evening 14 February
- Class Three parent evening 15 February
- 1st XI hockey trials 19 February
- Class Four parent evening Tuesday 20 February
- Class 2 parent evening 21 February
- Class 5 camp 21 - 23 February
- Class 12 Odyssey camp 26 February - 1 March

Community Canteen

Welcome back ! We hope you enjoyed the festive season. The Community Canteen is back up and running and we need YOU!

The community canteen is a parent run initiative which provides morning tea to the whole school (and lunch on special occasions).

We need more volunteers - please contact Aimee on 0279389845 or aimeenz@gmail.com if you have even one spare morning a term .

We need donations of produce, donations of time, donations of gold coins or donations directly to our bank account: 38-9025-0307982-00

The teaching faculty have shared what a big difference the offering of morning tea has made to our tamariki! Lets keep this initiative going. Many hands make light work. If you are interested in helping in the canteen please contact Aimee on 0279389845 or aimeenz@gmail.com



Friday Market

Rain or shine, the Friday Market promises to be a highlight of the week for our tamariki, just as it was last year. The Term 1 Friday Market Roster gives each class, kindergarten and playgroup an opportunity to fundraise and provide delicious afternoon tea for our community of students, parents, and staff.

Date Class

- 9 Feb - Class 4 & Canteen
- 16 Feb - Classes 2 & 7
- 23 Feb - Class 6 & Kereru Kindergarten
- 1 March - Classes 8 & 11
- 8 March - Classes 5 & 10
- 15 March - Classes 9 & 12
- 22 March - Class One & Taikura Kindergarten
- 5 April - Class 3 & Playgroup

What Works Best for Stalls:

- A mix of sweet and savoury
- All stalls need to have items priced at 50c and \$1
- \$2 is the maximum price for an afternoon tea item
- Ensure allergy-specific items (GF/DF, etc.) are labeled clearly
- Items need to be homemade and follow school policy
- Use a Google Doc to coordinate contributions and organise setup/pack down.

Cell Phones/Ear Buds

The use of these is banned at our school, please find below the process for any infringements:

First Infringement: Items confiscated and kept at the school office - can be collected at the end of the day. Email home notifying whānau of infringement.

Second Infringement: Items confiscated and kept at the school office - can be collected at the end of the day. Email home notifying whānau of infringement.

Third Infringement: Items confiscated and kept at the school office - can be collected at the end of the day. Email home notifying whānau of infringement. Following the third infringement students now no longer have the privilege of having their phones or ear buds on them, they must be left at home, or dropped into the school office each morning to collect each afternoon.

SchoolDocs Policy Reviews for Term One

This term SchoolDocs is reviewing the following policies: Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Board Responsibility, Parent Involvement, Communicating with Parents, Community Conduct Expectations, School Character/Special Character, Documentation and Self Review Policy, School Planning and Reporting and Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement. In order to participate in these reviews we encourage you to visit our SchoolDocs site (User name: taikurasteiner Password: heartwood). Along the top of the page you will see a tab labelled 'Current Review' where you will find a table with links to the policies currently under review.

- Follow the link
- Read the policy
- Click the red Policy Review button icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
- Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver from the drop-down list.
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access our school office staff can provide you with a printed copy of the policy and the

Eurythmy - Movement for Adults

If you're looking for movement that's refreshing, rhythmical & harmonising, dive into a 7-week course of eurythmy. For those wanting a taster, the first session is free. Starts Thursday 22 February 9:00 - 10:00 am. Cnr Nelson St and Whitehead Rd. Cost \$100. Contact sue.simpson0@gmail.com

WOMAD We're heading to New Plymouth in March for a family trip to the WOMAD music festival and we're wondering if any other Taikura families are doing the same as it would be nice to see some familiar faces and hopefully other children for Ayla (class 2) to hang out with.

Mat Stott, my number is 021 963 631 or email matstott@gmail.com.

Kia ora koutou. Is anyone interested in earning some money doing school drop-offs and/or pick ups? There are at least three families (Four children - from kindy to class 3 between us) who are needing childcare to manage their work timetable. The hours could be set or flexible depending on the week and the children. This could suit a school parent, grandparent or an older high school student. We are flexible on having more than one person available to do this. Please contact Jessie O'Connor on 0212105391. Ngā mihi

Home & Income Lifestyle Property For Sale

Waimarama. Three houses, gallery, large exotic & organic gardens. Three fully kitted out Air BnBs, two extra tiny houses, a swimming pool and much more.

Phone Marina on 021 0233 7988 or search Listing #4509127286 on Trade Me



CORNUCOPIA ORGANICS IS FOR SALE

It's the end of an era for us and maybe the start of a new era for someone else!

After 30 plus years of serving the wonderful Hawke's Bay and Taikura School community, it is time for us to step back and hand over the reins to someone else who will hopefully carry on the impulse that we started many years ago and bring their own impulse and skills into the business.

Please send expressions of interest to Kaye & Alan at cornucopiaorganics@gmail.com

SPELD NZ COURSE

Introduction to Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)

Are you a teacher or teacher aide working with a child who is bright but not achieving? Are you working with a child who is not progressing as you would expect? Are you a parent struggling to support a child or adult with dyslexia?

SPELD NZ'S two-day introductory course is for you!

This training is suitable for anyone with limited or no knowledge about dyslexia/SLD.

Havelock North – Thursday 22 & Friday 23 February 2024

Fee: Payment of \$250 per person for SPELD NZ Members, or \$350 for Non-Members

OR Early Bird Payment: \$200 per person for SPELD NZ Members or \$300 for Non-Members (by 08/02/2024)

Subsidies may be available for all Educators including Teacher Aides – please enquire.

Fee includes: Course notes & completion certificate, morning and afternoon tea.

For more information and enrolment form, see the Training page of our website www.speld.org.nz/our-services/training (Registrations are essential)

Taruna

Taruna warmly invites you to "Therapeutic Art Classes" in 2024

Eight Wednesdays from 21 February to 10 April.

These art classes are led by Sonya Lethbridge, where you will explore the technique of using Goethe's colour theory to explore relationships between colours, while using the mediums of chalk pastels and watercolour painting - allowing you to build confidence in your own creativity.

For more information follow our link: www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/art-for-beginners/