



Saint Groups

You may notice a saint such as St Teresa, St Joseph, St Catherine or St Antony named on your statements. This indicates which vertical group (saint group) your child belongs to while at Taikura, which they will remain part of for the duration of their enrolment. At our festivals students from Classes 1 to 12 gather in their saint groups, and activities such as pole decorating at the Spring Festival and drink and biscuit sharing at the Whitsun Festival take place within saint groups. Saint groups serve to build community and foster tuakana-teina, the Māori concept referring to the relationship between an older sibling (tuakana) and a younger sibling (teina). By grouping students into vertical groups we break up peer groups and make students more aware of themselves than they would be if they stayed in the same class. In our High School saint groups are how we organise our Athletics Day groupings, and currently our High School saint groups are also working on dedicated activity time every second week. This year the directory will include saint groups, so you will be able to see which other students your child will be connecting with during their time at Taikura.



2024 Festival & Community Assembly Dates

21 March Autumn Festival

28 March Community Assembly

17 May Whitsun

20 June Mid Winter

5 September Community Assembly

20 September Spring Festival

18 December Carol Evening



He Pito Kōrero!

Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week
Inā rawa! (ee nah raa wah)

that's amazing, how amazing - an idiom expressing amazement at something the speaker has just learnt.

Hemi: Kia ora e hine! I've received an award for that artwork I did for our school exhibition!

Mata: Inā rawa 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

From the Parent Handbook

Lower School Dress Code - (please note this is the most up to date version)

We expect the students to be dressed in pleasant, healthy and appropriate clothing which allows suitable movement for school activities.

- Shorts, dresses and skirts should be mid-thigh (when sitting) or longer
- Clothing will fit properly and not expose underwear
- Clothing is not to be ripped or torn
- Clothing is not to be transparent
- Tops must cover below the midriff, shoulders and chest
- Clothes should allow for movement

Taikura School expects parents of Lower School children to support our Dress Code. Our Dress Code is there to encourage age appropriate, comfortable to work in clothing.

Students wearing nail varnish will be sent to the school office for the removal of the varnish.

Parents will be contacted if their child contravenes the code and requested to bring appropriate clothing into school for their child to change into.

- *The full Dress Codes for both Lower and High School are included in our Parent Handbook, as well as sections about our school and kindergarten, our school organisation, working together, communication, finance, requirements, general information, and resources. If you would like an electronic copy of our handbook emailed to your inbox, please email us office@taikura.school.nz -*

Sports Notices

This week we had Alex Mariano run an awesome volleyball session with our Senior High School Volleyball team, exciting season ahead! Janet

For anything and everything sports related, please get in touch with our School Sports Coordinator, Janet Osborne sports.coordinator@taikura.school.nz



Medical Safety Action Plans

We have developed and finalised a Medical Safety Action Plan template for students. If your child has a medical condition for which a plan is needed, such as anaphylaxis, asthma, or allergies and it has been some time since you reviewed the documentation which we hold at school, or you have not completed a plan at all, please make contact with our SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator) staff in the first instance.

Lower School SENCO : Karyn Wills karyn.wills@taikura.school.nz

High School SENCO: Sanne Coulthard sanne.coulthard@taikura.school.nz

Upcoming Events

- Class 3 parent evening 15 February
- 1st XI hockey trials 19 February
- Class 4 parent evening 20 February
- Class 2 parent evening 21 February
- High School parent evening 21 February
- Class 6 parent evening 22 February
- Class 5 camp 21 - 23 February
- Class 12 Odyssey camp 26 February - 1 March
- High School Athletics Day 12 March
- Autumn Festival 21 March
- Community Assembly 28 March

Community Canteen

Are you well connected, have a secret stash of fruit, vegetables, oats, cream or rice .. . Then you are who we are looking for.

We need someone or several someones who have connections to low cost or even better FREE items that we use in the canteen everyday .

Ongoing supply of goods is vital to the longevity of our Community Canteen and it would be fantastic to partner with whānau with connections.

If this sound like you please email 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

- 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.

Simplicity Parenting

Whānau and parents of Playgroup, Kererū and Taikura Kindergartens and Classes One and Two are warmly invited to a weekly study group to read and discuss the book 'Simplicity Parenting'. To be a parent these days can be quite challenging and complex, navigating our daily lives brings questions with many answers available. How do we know which are the right answers for us? Come and join us on this journey guided by the book.

Where: Whānau room, Taikura Kindergarten

When: Thursday evenings 6:30pm to 7:30pm
beginning Thursday 22 February

For more information or questions - please
contact Danica danica.hensel@taikura.school.nz
or Bridget bridget.berlin@taikura.school.nz



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 9:30 - 10:30 am. Cnr Nelson St and Whitehead Rd. Cost \$100. Contact sue.simpson0@gmail.com

A space for art displays at the Steiner Centre

Have you created some artworks which you would like to display at the the Steiner Centre across the road from school? There is an exhibition space in our foyer which can be utilised free of charge. We would love to hear from you.

Please contact: Eva Steinmetz-Urieli, e-mail: evaurieli@gmail.com, phone: 02102771201 , or Angela Hair, e-mail: angela@concordia.co.nz, phone: 0274436737

Babysitting Services

Hi my name is Tay Ferguson (15), I am a past Taikura student, I now attend Karamu High. I would love to start babysitting, I am responsible and love working with children. I have my own phone and a ride to and from within Hastings/Havelock. Please message me on 0225176152. Thank you.

Gardener Wanted

Hard working gardener required for a one off cash job (mainly weeding & some digging). Please text/phone Ally 0212238039.

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