



Lates and Bunking

The start of the new school year is a great opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of punctuality and showing up for your mahi. With this thought in mind, we ask for whānau support to ensure students are at school on time.

The start of the day is so important - this is where each day we re-establish our learning community anew. The verse is said, and we are present.

Whether young or old, the start of the day is essential, helping the learner to be prepared and organised for the day, this time orientates them for what lies ahead.

Being late to school, especially for the younger child, can contribute to feelings of insecurity and being unsure, and these feelings can extend well past the lesson they were initially late for.

Students who are late to school in the upper years, Classes 8 up, and have no valid reason for being late, are issued with a late detention which they complete in the Reflection Room during their lunch hour.

Students who are truant (out of time-tabled lessons without permission or explanation) while otherwise present for the school day will have their whānau contacted and complete an after-school detention - making up the time and work of the lesson missed.

Behaviour Development Team

Waste Awareness Acknowledged

From the Heretaunga Hastings District Council Waste Awareness Newsletter:

Taikura Fete diverts waste

Congratulations to Taikura School for their excellent waste diversion at the Taikura Fete in November. Their 20kg of recycling was perfectly separated, thanks to having dedicated volunteers stationed at the bins. Food scraps went to a local pig farmer. The school hired our event recycling bins to make this happen.





He Pito Kōrero!

Te Paekura – Lost Property

Kia ora e te tī, e te tā! This week when helping one of our ākonga to find their pōtae in our 'Lost Property' cupboard, I came across the four containers that are named in te reo – ngā pōtae – hats, ngā tihate/panekoti – tee shirts/dresses, ngā tarau/tarau poto – pants/shorts and ngā mea atu – miscellaneous. It is always good to have kupu Māori visible and part of our everyday landscape for us all, as part of our Te Reo journey. This space has been also given the name 'Te paekura'.

Te paekura is a figurative term for lost property. The origins of this kupu are from an incident where a rangatira - chief, who on arrival to Aotearoa, saw the myriad of red flowers from the different fauna, and mistakenly thought these were manu – birds, who had the prized red feathers. He threw his red-feathered head dress in the waters. When he reached the shore, he realised that these were red flowers of the different rākau and not the multitude of manu with the prized red feathers! He then went in search of his head dress. It was found and the term 'Paekura' was coined...Lost property or finder's keepers!

Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week

Me kore ake koe! (Meh cor deh ar keh eh)
If it weren't for you!

Hemi: Kia ora e hine! My dad packed me too much lunch, do you want some?

Mata: Rawe! I left my lunch at home. Me kore ake koe e hoa!

He pito kōrero is a space dedicated to celebrating and promoting Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori



Waiata Māi 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

Upcoming Events

Class 6 parent evening	22 February	- TONIGHT
Simplicity Parenting study group	29 February	- TONIGHT
Class 12 Odyssey camp	26 February	- 1 March
Kereru & Taikura Kindergartens Parent Evenings	6 March	
High School Athletics Day	12 March	
Autumn Festival	21 March	
Community Assembly	28 March	

Romeo & Juliet

On Monday 14 students and one teacher were given the opportunity to attend the matinee performance of the opera Romeo and Juliet. The tickets were kindly purchased by Malcolm Cox for students who are either in the Orchestra or taking High Level Music studies. Malcolm is a past parent of Taikura and is the current General Manager of SEDT (Steiner Education Trust), who manage our NZCSE (New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education).

The Opera was held at the Napier Municipal Theatre and was the storyline of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. The Opera had three of our own students in the ensemble – Sara Bruce-Gordon, Haruka Wallis, and Moana Woods.



These students are a credit to the school for the effort and involvement in such high demanding extra-curricular activity. Well done.

The attending students were treated to a full opera sung in French with the translation written up for all to read. The costuming was exceptional, and the scenery cleverly manipulated though simple and effective. The arias were accompanied by a quite large orchestra with the conductor at times playing up to the audience. It was a unique opportunity for the students to be able to be immersed in a different type of musical genre and see such a variety of performs on stage. Thank you again Malcolm for your generosity.

Anne Hilton - Academic Dean

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



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

Smokefree and Vapefree Policy

Taikura is smokefree and vapefree, as required by the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (s.7A). We comply with the Act and have a smokefree and vapefree policy as part of our commitment to providing a physically and emotionally safe place for students, staff, and the school community (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Education and Training Act 2020). We aim to promote a smokefree and vapefree lifestyle to all members of the school community to help protect everyone from second-hand smoke and discourage students from taking up smoking and/or vaping.

Smokefree and vapefree requirements

Our school buildings and grounds (including school car parks and pick-up and drop-off areas) are smokefree and vapefree, 24 hours a day, seven days a week (with no exceptions). This applies to anyone on the school grounds, including students, staff, parents/caregivers, contractors, and people hiring or using the school facilities outside school hours. All school activities off school premises (e.g. EOTC) are also smokefree and vapefree (including transport between venues). This policy applies to all smoking and vaping products, including e-cigarettes.

We include the school road crossing (and rostered adults) in our smokefree and vapefree zone.

We take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure people know that the entire grounds are smokefree and vapefree at all times. To ensure our school is smokefree and vapefree, we:

- display the required signage (i.e smokefree and no vaping signs) at every entrance to the school grounds and the outer entrance of every building
- regularly communicate our policy to the school community (including staff, students, volunteers, and parents/caregivers)
- advise visitors, contractors, anyone working at our school, and anyone hiring or using the school facilities that our buildings and grounds are smokefree and vapefree
- educate students through the curriculum about the harmful effects of smoking, vaping, and exposure to second-hand smoke.

Breaches

Adults smoking or vaping in or around school grounds are reminded that the school is smokefree and vapefree by law and asked to stop or leave the premises.

If a student breaches this policy (either by smoking/vaping or supplying tobacco/vapes to other students), the principal (or their delegate) determines the appropriate actions to be followed. We may offer appropriate counselling and education, and contact parents/caregivers. The following policies may also be relevant:

- Behaviour Management
- Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property
- Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion.
- Complaints

Complaints about breaches of this policy involving students and members of the school community may be made through the Raising Concerns process.

Complaints involving smoking or vaping in the workplace are referred to the principal, who may pass these to the board for investigation. Investigations follow legislative guidelines (Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990, s.15). We refer complaints to a smokefree enforcement officer as appropriate.

Community Canteen

Thank you for the great response to our call out for time and donations, we appreciate it very much. We are still looking for a connected person to look after our provisions, a Provisions Manager. The role would be coordinating our suppliers and hopefully source discounted items. If this is of interest please contact Aimee 027 9389845 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

- 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.



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