



Community Canteen

Our Community Canteen offered cinnamon spiced porridge with freshly cooked fruit sauce as well as sweet creamy rice, also topped with freshly cooked fruit, on a daily basis free of charge to all students from Classes Two to Twelve in term One 2024. Some days saw some yummy extras like freshly baked wholemeal flatbread, topped with self made guacamole and fresh tomatoes from your gardens or salsa or kindly butter or some self made jams. Everything offered was well received and we didn't have many returns for the chickens.

We are very grateful for all the lovely donations of fresh produce, as well as the monetary koha into our "Koha Jar" or our canteen bank account. This enabled us to buy organic grains and flour as a base.

We had a successful Friday Market this term and a very successful pizza fundraiser at our school's Autumn Festival. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this!

All this went very well, but unfortunately we had some hiccups with our canteen roster, which led to 3 days when the canteen couldn't open, as we lacked volunteers.

This term we introduced an "online sign up" for our roster - accessible for everyone anytime and saw a first with each class taking responsibility for providing the second canteen crew person for one week per term. This went really well with some classes, with others it didn't. Having our roster filled with volunteers is our most critical point.



I know it is not possible at all for some, and many of us have heaps of other things to do as well - but if we want this community canteen to succeed, we'll have to have two volunteers per day for 3 hours. We are very happy to welcome wider whānau to our kitchen - aunties, uncles, cousins, grandparents...anyone who would like to contribute some time is very welcome - there is no experience needed at all! And it's a lot of fun!

IMPORTANT:

The "sign up form" for Term Two is set up and I would ask everyone to sign up by the end of this term, 12 April.

The **EXPERIENCED CANTEEN CREW** - please sign up for possible **ACTIVE** slots **AND** also as **SUBSTITUTE**. It has happened four times this term, that we have needed a sub - that's 4 out of 50...so a very small chance - but we can **NOT** do it without subs anymore!

The **CLASS SUPPORT** is asked to sign up in their class' week, also by the end of this Term.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EACAE23AAFDC61-47680303-community>

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If we as a community cannot fill the canteen roster on a daily base with:

- an experienced canteen crew person
- an experienced substitute for the canteen crew person
- a class support person according to the week of the term (week 1 = Class One, week 2 = Class Two etc)

then this is not sustainable and we won't be able to run our community canteen any more. After all we have achieved this would be a real shame!!

So please sign up for Term Two by 12 April and spread the word!

Your feedback to all of the above is highly appreciated, to get a feeling for needs, hopes and expectations! Please send it to: canteen@taikura.school.nz

Please feel free to share with your classes!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make our community canteen happen - in any way whatsoever.

Warmly,

Silke Moenchmeier

P.S. From the beginning of Term Two I won't be available for coordinating the roster anymore. So we need someone to take over the "sign up" form, keep an eye on it and set up the forms from Term Three onwards.

I'll keep contributing my time by being rostered every other week and subbing in the canteen, and will still keep an eye on / order our produce. Please get in touch if you would like to take over the roster - this is a job that can be done from home, in the evening, at the weekend, ... no need to be at school in the morning or any other time.

Lost Property

A reminder to please check our Lost Property cupboard under the external hall stairs before the end of term. Anything left behind will be donated to charity during the school holidays.



Upcoming Events

H3 Meeting - Monday 8 April 7:00pm in Whare Te Manukura

Tū mai Taikura hui - Wednesday 10 April 6:00pm in Whare Te Manukura

Taikura Kindergarten Harvest Festival - Thursday 11 April 11:30am

Kererū Kindergarten Harvest Festival - Friday 12 April 12noon

Last day of Term One for school - Friday 12 April 3:00pm

Kindergartens open for instruction - 15 to 19 April

High School Art Exhibition - 15 to 26 April at Arts Inc in Hastings



He Pito Kōrero!

Te haka a Tānerore - The dance of Tānerore

E te tī, e te tā, ngā mihi o Te Aranga ki a koutou katoa!

Te haka-a-Tānerore refers to the deity of haka and dance. Over the last five weeks, Te puna tuangahuru – Class Ten, have spent their last Main Lesson being immersed in this realm, through waiata, waiata-a-ringa, waiata poi, haka, Tahitian dance and learning sāsā – the art of the Sāmoan slap dance. All these aspects were part and parcel of their Pacific Art Main Lesson, which is a significant part of my teaching year.

This main lesson is very practical, and it requires the ākonga to push and challenge themselves, as they find the strength of their voice as a group, move their bodies in a way that is different to what they know, learn words and songs in other languages that are foreign for many, especially the international and exchange students. Finally, when putting this altogether, the class also must learn to smile, as they carry the audience on a journey through their performance. This year the class consisted of 40 students; two of these are international students and four are exchange students. This number of students made for a dynamic performance that was shared over the last few weeks. Ka mau te wehi!



Thursday night performance at Waimārama Marae, with Malone and Day-J Gemmel, the Tahitian and Sāsā tutors!

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



Community Survey

We would like to gather some feedback from our parent body about our school. What do you and your tamariki/rangatahi enjoy most about Taikura? What do you value/connect with most about the various aspects of our Special Character? What areas could we strengthen? These and further questions will be shared via survey links in the coming week and continue into next term. We encourage you all to participate, either via the links, emailing us directly, or dropping in handwritten notes, whatever works for you! Further information and a link to follow next week.



Lift Off is Toitotoi's new annual children's Festival for 3 to 13-year-olds, dedicated to igniting young imaginations and celebrating children's creativity!

Lift Off puts children at the centre, with heaps of high-quality events and activities to explore - performances; interactive, participatory, and immersive experiences; workshops; design projects; exhibitions; parades and much more.

Here is a link to the main page: <https://www.toitovenues.co.nz/whats-on/lift-off/>

And here is a link to the 100's and 1000's club: <https://www.toitovenues.co.nz/whats-on/lift-off/event/837065/lift-off-100s-1000s-club>

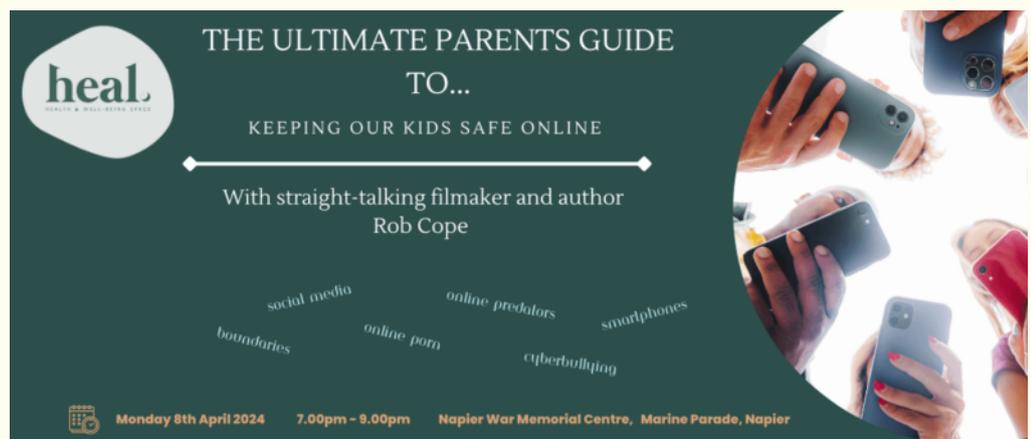
Cyber Safety

Monday 8 April at 7:00pm Napier War Memorial Hall.

Rob's presentation will delve into critical issues such as Cyberbullying, the impact of Social Media on mental well-being, the influence of gaming on young minds, the nuances of selfies, online predators, and more.

Rob will provide invaluable insights on implementing the best filters, safeguarding smartphones, establishing boundaries for device usage, unveiling the three golden rules for ensuring children's safety, and initiating crucial conversations with them.

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/the-ultimate-guide-to-understanding-our-kids-online-world/napier>



Art Workshops

In the first week of the school holidays from my studio in Napier. All bookings via www.michalk.co.nz

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