

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

The
Grapevine



20 June 2024

Award Winner



Last week at The Gisborne and Hawke's Bay Architecture Awards, Te Manukura was one of two educational spaces that was recognised and won an award in the Education category. 'Te Manukura is a take on a traditional wharenui, with kōwhaiwhai designed for the maihi by Charles Paringatai and waharoa designed by past students, under the guidance of master carver Nathan Foote. Designed by Atkinson Harwood Architecture, in conjunction with guidance of the school design group, the Rudolf Steiner school building skilfully intertwines Steiner philosophy with the essence of te ao Māori and is described

by the jury

as "a beacon of cultural enrichment". It is great to note that both the architect Sol Atkinson and the structural engineer Nicholas Bednarek are past students of Taikura! Ngā mihi hoki ki Stead Construction and especially Sam Fuhrer, the site manager, who, along with our Property manager Liam Wyley, oversaw the construction of Te Manukura. Koia kei a koutou!

<https://www.nzia.co.nz/awards/local/award-detail/11561>





He Pito Kōrero! ***Mānawatia a Matariki!***

Ngā mihi o te tau hou Māori ki a koutou katoa - Greetings of the Māori New Year to you all!

I thought I would share a kōrero about one of the whetū that was always part of the nine whetū of Matariki. However, this whetū was not widely known, due to the misinformation about Matariki and because of the tapu (sacred) nature: Pōhutukawa and Hiwa-i-te-rangi.

Pōhutukawa: is connected to the dead, in particular those who have passed on from the world since the last heliacal rising of Matariki in the month of Pipiri.

Māori belief determines that when an individual dies, their spirit leaves their body and undertakes a journey along Te Ara Wairua, the pathway of the spirits. This journey ends at the northernmost point of the North Island at a place called Te Rerenga Wairua (the departing place of the spirits). The dead travel along the rocky ledge towards the ocean where an ancient pōhutakawa tree stands. They then descend the aka (root) of this tree and disappear into the underworld. 'Below Te Aka, the long dry root of the pōhutukawa which does not quite reach the sea, is Maurianuku, the entrance to the underworld. Pōhutakawa is the whetū that connects Matariki to the deceased and it is the reason why people would cry out the names of the dead and weep when Matariki was seen rising in the early morning.

E tū Pōhutukawa
Te Kawekawe I ngā mate o te tau
Ruiruia ngā mate ki te uma o Ranginui
Anā! Kua wheturangihia koutou.
Behold Pōhutukawa
Who carries the dead of the year
Scatter their spirits into the cosmos
You have now become star

The kōrero about both this whetū were sourced from <https://te-pa-tu.com/our-stories/the-nine-stars-of-matariki/> and the karakia that can be recited to acknowledge loved ones who have passed on from the previous year was shared by Te Ahorangi Rangi Matamua.

Mānawatia a Matariki, nā Matua Troy.

Kua whetūrangitia koe....

The above whakataukī (proverb) in this context means, "Return, take your place amongst the stars along with your ancestors that adorn the sky". As part of our activities at Taikura to acknowledge and celebrate Matariki, we are having an early morning gathering, making whetū - stars, in remembrance of those who have passed on and placing these on the tree outside the library. This will happen in our library, followed by breakfast of porridge and frybread and a hot drink in Te Manukura. This will be held on **Thursday 27 June, at 6.30 a.m.** There will be a cost of \$5 per person, to cover the cost of kai and materials. For catering purposes and to provide sufficient materials, it is important that people who want to attend this event purchase a ticket at the office, office@taikura.school.nz The deadline for purchase is Tuesday, 25 June.

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



Sabbatical

Kia ora koutou! Last year I applied for an Area School Teacher's Sabbatical, and I was successful. I am taking leave for the whole of Term 3. This sabbatical is about reflection, rejuvenation and professional learning. For a teacher to be able to apply for the award, you must have been working consecutively at your school for 10 years.

As part of my Behaviour Development Team role, I want to investigate the different ways that other schools build positive behaviour/relationships with their ākonga inside and outside the classroom. My written report will be shared with the Ministry of Education and Taikura. My position has been advertised through the Gazette for next term and when this has been confirmed, the school community will be informed.

The sabbatical is also a time of rejuvenation. My daughter is getting married overseas during this time and I plan to do a mixture of things; art, landscaping projects, travelling and just taking a good break! Hai te wāhanga tuawhā...See you in Term 4!

Noho ora mai! Nā, Matua Troy.

Te Wiki O Te Pūrākau- Story Week

Book swap

Children from the Lower School and High School are invited to bring books from home and swap them with other books which have been donated by others.

Picture books, chapter books, fiction, non fiction and graphic novels will be gratefully received.

Bring your books along to the library on Monday & Tuesday morning, 24 & 25 June to 'swap', then on Wednesday before & after school you can come and choose your 'new' books.

Story or book character dress up

On Thursday 27 June come along to school dressed as your favourite book or story character. There will be prizes for creativity and originality.

Taikura Fete

Winter is the perfect time to work away making crafts for the Fête's Children's Shop! Remember to make at least 10 of each item for the shop please.



Te Kāhui Ako o Taikura

In Aotearoa a Community of Learning, Kāhui Ako, is a group of education and training providers that form around their students' education pathway, working together to help students achieve their full potential. At Taikura we belong to a Kāhui Ako which consists of Steiner Waldorf Schools throughout Aotearoa.

Three teachers within Taikura hold positions which respond to the work undertaken by the Kāhui Ako. Vonda Christensen is the within school leader (WSL) for the development of formative assessment within Taikura. I myself have an equivalent position for the review of our school curriculum. The purpose of within school leaders is to promote best teaching practice and strengthen the use of an inquiry approach to teaching and learning.

Sandra Jordan holds the across school leader role for formative assessment. Across school leader roles allow teachers to share their skills and knowledge in new ways across the Kāhui Ako. With this teachers can learn with and from their colleagues in cycles of inquiry and improvement.

Darryn Breakwell

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? This is the **third set** of our questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RM8597Q>

We encourage you all to participate, either via the links, emailing us directly, or dropping in handwritten notes, whatever works for you! For those who have not yet got to it, here is the link to the first set of questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCQVX99>

And the link to the second set: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8FXWLD9>

Please don't hesitate to contact us office@taikura.school.nz or by phone 06 8787 363 if you would like a hard copy, or an emailed version of the survey.

Upcoming Events

Taikura Kindergarten mid-winter festival - Friday 21 June at 5:30pm

Te Wiki o Te Pūrākau - Story Week - 24 to 27 June

Whetū - Starts of Remembrance - Thursday 27 June at 6:30am

Matariki Public Holiday - Friday 28 June - SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CLOSED

Class 12 play performance - Wednesday 3 July & Thursday 4 July at 7:00pm

Class 6 & 7 Dance Night - Friday 5 July from 5:00 - 6:30pm

Class 8 & 9 Dance Night - Friday 5 July from 7:00 - 8:30pm

Curriculum Corner - Class Three

Love letters from Ranginui to Papatūānuku, sent down on the autumn leaves.

Dear Papatūānuku,

I remember the days we used to spend time together, Papa, my love, I miss you with all my heart and thinking about the time we were parted breaks my heart. My heart is yours. I love you a lot.

Arohanui, Ranginui

Ella Knight

Dear Papatūānuku,

I love you with all my heart. Remember when we were together? I loved those times. I remember our first date. Those times were my favourite times. I miss you with all my heart. Sometimes I still cry about it but my heart is always happy to see you every day.

Arohanui, Ranginui

Ari Napier

Dear Papatūānuku,

I always look down on you and think how lucky I am to see you! I remember you so bright and sweet. If only we could be so bright and free as I remember! Your love shines to me!

Arohanui, Ranginui

Lola Ferguson



Arwen Lane

Dear Papatūānuku,

I love you with all my heart but look at all our children! They are so happy but what about you my love? I will be happy knowing that you are.

Arohanui, Ranginui

Loki Ludvigsen

Dear Papatūānuku,

Every day I awake, and I see you right there. Sometimes I pour with tears but always there is a good thing that I can see; animals soaring through the sky and some pittering and thumping on the ground. I miss us snuggling with our children.

Arohanui, Ranginui

Rio Bushell



Lola Ferguson



Ella Knight

CLASS 12 2024
ONE FLEW OVER
THE CUCKOO'S NEST

-KEN KESEY-



*She wants the patients to live her way, by her rules. He's made a bet to get the best of the nurse.
Neither one is about to give up.*

Class 12 play performance in the School Hall, 7:00pm Wednesday 3 July and Thursday 4 July. Koha entry.

Suitable only for Class Eight and older due to adult themes.



CLASS 9,8,7&6

DANCE NIGHT

FRIDAY 5th JULY

TAIKURA SCHOOL HALL

Classes 6&7 from 5pm - 6.30pm

Classes 8&9 from 7pm - 8.30pm

STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP FROM HALL FOYER

THEME : NEON DJ : DALE WALLIS

\$5.00 entry fee to be paid at the door
Food and drinks on sale

TAIKURA RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL HOCKEY 1st XI TEAM FUNDRAISING

Community Notices

Friday 21 June. It will be Winter solstice and Full Moon!

7:00 pm in the Rudolf Steiner Centre, 401 Whitehead Road, Hastings (opposite the School entrance)

A fortnightly series on: "The Essence of Steiner Education - an introduction to the Anthroposophy of Dr. Rudolf Steiner."

Led by Robin Bacchus #2: "The mystery of being Human".

All those who are curious are welcome. Koha at entrance.

Children's Holiday Art & Yoga Workshops with Amanda Sowersby

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP
AGE 6-14 YEARS.
HELD AT KEIRUNGA ARTS VENUE, HAVELOCK NORTH
\$50 HALF DAY
\$75 LONGER DAY



Children's holiday art workshop held at Keirunga Arts Venue. Art exercises of painting or drawing, morning tea break with a nature walk amongst the gardens and oak trees, then finishing with clay modelling.

This is a fun creative and connective experience.

Spaces will be limited book in to reserve a place for your child.

Amanda Sowersby is a qualified Artist, Artistic Therapist & Yoga teacher, specialising in healing art and traditional art styles.

Amanda's intention for her 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
0211449168



Children's & Teens Term 3 Art Classes. One on one Artistic Therapy sessions available. Held at Keirunga Arts Venue, Havelock North

Guided by Amanda Sowersby a local qualified Artist & Artistic Therapist.



Contact Amanda
✉ amanda@artandalchemy.co.nz
0211449168

**Term 3: 29th July - 16th September
8 weeks \$192
Monday: 3.30pm - 4.30pm/ 4.40pm-5.40pm.
Wednesday: 3.30pm - 4.30pm.**

For Sale

Handmade wooden dolls-house made by the woodwork teacher at Michael Park school, Auckland. Bought for our children who have now outgrown it. It's a beautiful piece which needs a loving home. In great condition except minor blemishes (see photo). 79cm long, 51cm tall, 33 cm wide. Bought for over \$200, selling for \$100. Email Toby on tobyb@flaxcol.co.nz



Winter Festival

7.30pm Saturday, 29th June 2024

Rudolf Steiner Centre Hastings

Winter has started and we are entering that yearly period that will be our darkest, externally, for the year. It is in this dark time that we become increasingly aware of the light. The light that now after the purifying influence of Michael lives within us. The Guardian Angel Gabriel is the cosmic spirit at this time. But working through the Earth are the forces of Uriel and the time of St John which come to rest in our thoughts.

This recognition of a spiritual community working in harmony with each other can become an inspiration for us here on the Earth.

David Urieli, teacher at Taikura, will share with us stories of his time growing up in a camphill community.



Open from 7pm

Programme

Introduction and welcome 7.30

Craft activity; Tissue paper transparency

Soul Calendar verses

Verse 39 spoken by John J

Talk; David Urieli

Discussion and conversation

Close with Poem; We give thanks for the blessing of Winter

Festival group; John Jackson, Robyn Hewetson & David Urieli.