



## Pippa's Pānui

The cold, wet, dark days of winter have been drawing in over the last few weeks, keeping us inside over wet lunchtimes, off wet fields, wearing our gumboots, raincoats and woolly hats. But the weather has not slowed the pace of learning activities this term at Taikura.

It has been a term full of events and activities and there was a strong sense of urgency throughout. Early in the term parent-teacher interviews were held for both the Lower School and High School, an opportunity to review progress made in the first term and to set goals for the rest of the year. In addition to parent-teacher interviews, numerous meetings have been held this term across school and kindergarten with parents and students discussing academic progress, updating IEPs and IBPs, addressing behaviour concerns and looking at opportunities for additional support. We have been fortunate to have Dr. Helen Proctor working with us and this term has seen her attend kindergarten meetings, meet with students and whānau and participate in a child study.

For our students winter sports are now underway. Class 12 had a week off timetable, working on their Class 12 project topic and over the last four weeks they have been working on their play, with the final performance taking place this evening. Class 11 had their week of work experience, working off site in a setting of their choice. Several of the students were offered employment at the end of the week which is just one of the positive outcomes of this learning experience. Class 11 have also enjoyed a number of offsite visits in recent weeks, to see a dramatic performance, a day at the rocky shore as part of the Ecology Main Lesson and a walk to the supermarket in preparation for their cooking challenge. Class 10 had the opportunity to hear first hand the issues of the civil rights movement. Class 9 began the term with their mountain biking camp and in the middle of the term Class 8 performed their play to both the school and community with very positive reviews. A highlight of last week was the costume parade for all of our students as part of Te Wiki o Te Pūrākau.

Our students across our kindergartens and school have experienced Whitsun, Mid-Winter and Matariki celebrations and festivals this term. Many thanks to the parents who richly supported our school Whitsun festival with the beautiful set up of spaces and those who attended the parent spiral walk at mid-winter.

Our teachers have had a full term with many involved in additional professional learning opportunities outside the classroom including a movement course at Taruna, zoom hui nationally with fellow Steiner Waldorf school and kindergarten teachers, multiple hui focused on both our local and our national Steiner Waldorf curriculum development and our collective workshop on Restorative Practice. Our Lower School teachers have held reciprocal visits with Otane school, and our High School staff hosted an information evening for students and parents of Class 6 and 7. This term our kindergarten staff and parents have continued their weekly Simplicity Parenting study group.

I hope that over the holiday break our students and staff can rest and restore themselves and embrace the experience of the winter months. For some that may include cosy inside activities beside a fireplace or bracing themselves against the elements in the snowy mountains or enjoying the winter quiet in their gardens, local park or bushland. I look forward to welcoming you back next term as the rhythm of our year continues its journey.

Pippa Caccioppoli  
Tumuaki/Principal



## He Pito Kōrero!

E te tī, e te tā, ngā mihi o te tau hou Māori ki a koutou katoa!

For the end of term, I thought I would share a waiata that we have been singing at our teacher's morning circle and with classes. This waiata acknowledges the rising of Matariki and her tamariki within this cluster. This link will help those that want to learn this waiata: [URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBDJS4ckGZ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBDJS4ckGZ4)

Matariki, Matariki e ara e  
Te mātahi o te tau, Te kohinga  
whetū  
I te uma o Ranginui...  
E pīataata mai ana, whakaataata i  
te rangi  
E tohu ana i te tau hou Māori e...  
\* Ko Tupu-ā-nuku, ko Tupu-ā-  
rangi,  
Waitī, Waitā,  
Waipuna-a-rangi, Ururangi e  
X2  
Ko Pōhutukawa e, ko Hiwa-i-te-  
rangi e  
Matariki, e ara e

Matariki is now present and can be clearly seen on the eastern horizon, with Takuria (Sirius) the winter star shining brightly above Tautoru (Orion's belt). I usually walk my kurī early in the early morn. This part of the day I find invigorating and full of potential, when it is still dark, little or next to no traffic and the feeling of quiet and stillness. Great way to start the day! This will be the last *He Pito Kōrero* until term 4.

Hai te wā titoki...te wāhanga tuawhā!

Nā, Matua Troy.



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



## Curriculum Corner - Class 11 Ecology

Recently Class 11 completed an Ecology Main Lesson with the focus being on investigating the presence and importance of a community pattern. Examples of community patterns in ecology are; stratification, like that seen in the vertical layers of vegetation in forests and jungles, succession, which is seen in barren areas by the replacement of pioneer species by others over time, and zonation. Zonation is what Class 11 went to investigate on a beautiful sunny day in Ahuriri to see if organisms lived in differing horizontal bands at low tide.



Transect lines (strings) were wound out from the shore and students placed quadrats (square frames of wood) every 2 metres to count the numbers of each species in a square. From this they would later create kite diagrams to examine the distribution of marine life and the interconnectedness of the living world.

After all the counting was complete the students explored the rockpools further, finding many sea stars, crabs, sea anemones, and sea snails but sadly no octopus was found lurking

under the rocks. This was followed by a tour of the Aquarium, an incident with the travelator, curly fries for some, and time on the beach.

A big thank you to the National Aquarium for their support and knowledge they provide our local kura.

*Tish Chalmers*  
*High School Science Teacher*



## Stories from the Library

The Taikura where pukapuka was a busy and fun space last week as we celebrated Te Wiki o Te Pūrākau. We made animal corner bookmarks, coloured stars for Matariki and had daily story time, read to us by our lovely Class 10 students Jack L, Sita, Stella and Ruby F. Thank you to all those who participated in the book swap, there were lots of very happy children on Wednesday morning with their “new” books. The book swap stars were reused in the Matariki display.

Wishing you all a story-filled term break.

Paula, Librarian



## 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>

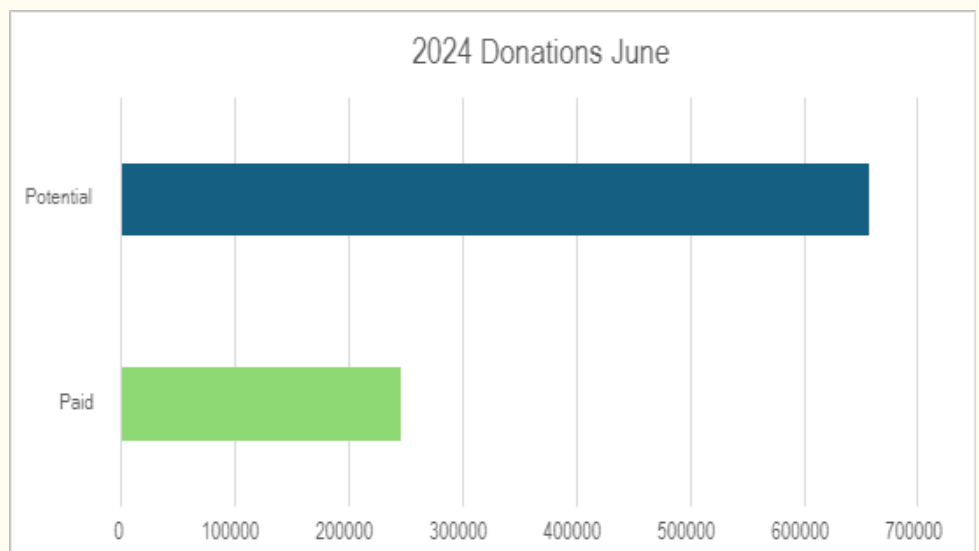
And the link to the second set: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8FXWLD9>

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

## Donations Update

We are at the mid way point of the year and we have received just under \$250,000 in donations from families. Donations are crucial to delivering our Special Character curriculum, with the majority allocated to paying for Special Character teachers.

Donations can be paid using payroll giving, where a payment deduction is completed through your employer which allows you to receive the 33% tax rebate immediately. For example if your donation is \$30 per week, the Trust receives \$30, whereas the amount deducted from your wages is only \$20. If you would like more information about payroll giving please contact the office.



## Friday Market

Weekly at 3:00pm in the courtyard outside Class 1 & 2

### Term 3 Roster:

Week 1, 26 July

*Class 11 + Class 6*

Week 2, 2 August

*Class 1 + Playgroup*

Week 3, 9 August

*Class 2 + Class 3*

Week 4, 16 August

*Class 4 + Class 5*

Week 5, 23 August

### Mid Term Break

Week 6, 30 August

*Kereru Kindergarten*

Week 7, 6 September

*Class 8 + Class 9*

Week 8, 13 September

*Taikura Kindergarten + Class 7*

Week 9, 20 September

*Class 10 (double stream)*

Week 10, 27 September

*Community Canteen*



### Friday Market reminders and helpful tips:

- Afternoon tea items need to be made at home and not store bought.
- Please follow the school lunch box policy.
- Pizza and iced cakes are always popular.
- Label your items if allergy specific (GF / DF / NF etc).
- Stalls need to have a 50c option and maximum pricing of \$2.



## 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.

**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, TONIGHT at 7:00pm. Koha entry.

Suitable only for Class Eight and older due to **ADULT THEMES, LANGUAGE AND PHOTOSENSITIVE LIGHTING**



**CLASS 9,8,7&6**

# **DANCE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

# *Eurythmy Aotearoa*

## ***'The Developing Child'***

***Speaker: Dr Richard Drexel***

This talk organised by  
Eurythmy Aotearoa Eurythmy Training  
and is open to all who are interested gaining  
deeper insight and understanding  
of the child in their development.

Those who have attended Dr Drexel's lectures  
know that they are informative and full of life!

We look forward to seeing you there.

***Entrance \$20***

***Friday 5th July - 7pm.***  
***Anthroposophical Centre***  
***Cnr Nelson Street and Whitehead Rd***

## **Carer wanted**

Is there a kind and caring person who would like 2-6 hours paid work (cash an option, above minimum rate) a week supporting my adult son Andrew, who has Aspergers syndrome.

Tasks will be:

- Cleaning his small one bedroom house once a week.
- Cooking nutritious meals.
- Keeping an eye on him and interacting with him while you are there.
- If he is willing, take him out and about. Travel expenses available.

The priority is connecting and interacting with him from a caring heart. His sister, Tania, lives on the same property so would be there to guide you. Please phone: 0210553921 or email: romillyjoy@gmail.com





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# Winter Warmers Craft Workshops

Crafts that foster creativity and connection.

Come and learn from master craftspeople.

Two Saturdays July 27th & August 3rd 9.00-1.00pm, bring a friend for a day of creativity.

*Cost \$120 - includes morning tea and tuition - extra material costs for some of the workshops is payable*

For more information and to enrol see our website [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz) or call (06) 8777174 or contact [info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz)



## Flax Weaving: Māhi Raranga

**July 27 with Te Kaahurangi Maioha**

Make your own taonga - a kete or creative art piece.

## Linocut Printmaking

**July 27 with Printmaker Lisa Feyen**

Carve your own linocut then make prints on paper, for beautiful cards and art. Materials \$20 extra.

## Wool Felting

**August 3 with Sabine Laakman**

Create your own winter figurines for the season table or puppet shows. Materials \$15 extra.

## Macrame Hanging Plant Holder

**Aug 3 with Tania and Sharon**

Create a macrame hanging plant holder out of 100% cotton macrame cord. Materials \$30 extra.

## Dry Flower Hanging

**Aug 3 with Jo-anne Doig**

Create a dried flower wall hanger, decorating it with a range of dried flowers and foliage. Materials \$30 extra.

## Stone Carving

**July 27 with Marcus Helmore**

Make a simple bird sculpture for your home or garden. Materials \$50 extra.



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