



Focus on Attendance

We hope all of our students and staff have had a positive holiday and are feeling well rested and looking forward to the term ahead. Term 3 is full of activity, including our Winter Warmer, class plays and camps, our Spring Festival, community assembly and it is a full term of classroom learning and rich assessment activities. A highlight of this term is the presentation of the Class 12 projects in week 9 which we encourage all of our community to attend.

As we head into Term 3, we are continuing to focus on student attendance. Our expectation is that students attend 90% of each term which means not missing more than one day of school every fortnight. Currently only 53% of our students are meeting attendance for optimum learning outcomes. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by the age of 16.

Students with inconsistent attendance may find it challenging to settle into classroom learning and are missing out on experiences offered as part of our Steiner Waldorf curriculum. Our curriculum is unique in that it is not only skills based but the content is progressional as it works to meet the soul needs of each student at each age. Our staff put a great deal of effort into the planning, and it is significant when there are multiple absences throughout the course of a Main Lesson.

We are aware that in our kura there is a culture of rest days and home days and as such we took this to both our School Board and our Proprietors Trust last term for discussion. When reconfirming our attendance expectations with our governors we wanted to ensure that we did not compromise our Special Character. There was lengthy discussion, and the outcome was that there was no Special Character rationale for home days or rest days.

In partnership with Taikura, as a parent or caregiver, you play a key role in building a healthy rhythm of regular attendance for your child. Part of this partnership is that parents must let the school know if their child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. We greatly appreciate all of our families who openly communicate with us when there are challenges around their children attending regularly. Our class teachers and sponsors are always open to supporting parents and students with attendance where helpful.

At the heart of our Special Character is a commitment to honour the process of a child unfolding at their own pace. Each year is time rich for the student, they are given the time they need to arrive at and achieve each milestone. Each year group of students is on the same path, travelling towards a shared and individual destination and being present at school is a significant ingredient to making this possible.

Pippa Caccioppoli & Kelly Sutton



Taikura Winter Warmer

On Thursday 8 August from 6:00pm the school grounds are open and kai is available for your purchase. Come and listen to live music, wander through Scannell's, buy dinner and enjoy company in community.

Near or just after 7:00pm, the gong will sound, this signifies it is time to make your way to the gym for the annual shadow play. This year's production has never been performed before at Taikura.

This is a family evening and children must be accompanied by their parents. Teachers will not be supervising or responsible for any tamariki. No buildings will be open, other than toilets and the gym for the evening performance.

If they haven't been already, Liaison Parents will be in contact soon with opportunities for whānau to contribute to the creation of this evening.

At all stages of the planning and preparation we have worked to keep labour demands and costs to a minimum. We are conscious of the current cost of living and the stressors on family life. It is our intention to create an evening that whānau and tamariki enjoy. Please only contribute as much as you are able and know this evening is completely voluntary both in participation and contribution.



Winter Warmer Lantern Walk - for Classes 1 -5 and whānau

Lower School children are encouraged to bring their lanterns on this evening. By lantern light they make their way through the lantern walk created in Scannell's Garden by students.

Class 7 creates this lantern walk for the younger children, sourcing and providing the props and decorations, and volunteers from Class 6 walk the students through.

To support both their mahi and the experience of the younger children we ask that **children are accompanied by parents on the walk.**



Winter Warmer Kai

This year we will be selling small wooden tokens with which you can purchase your kai, in place of the paper tickets which were used in past years.

All food items will be payable by token only. Tokens are available to purchase by **CASH ONLY**. The minimum purchase is 2 tokens. Tokens are available in \$5, \$10 and \$20 lots.

The token purchase station will be situated near the library.

This year's menu will be confirmed and shared soon.



Haere Mai

A warm welcome to the following students and their whānau who have joined our kura:

Eden Whitham in **Class 2**

Mia Rognli in **Class 6**

Alistair Paddison in **Class 10**

Lucas Ott in **Class 10**

Taina Ataliba Nogueira in **Class 12**

Staffing update

A warm welcome also to **Britt Aberadi**, our new playgroup coordinator, and to **Corey Waterreus**, who has joined us as a Teacher Aide in the High School. We are grateful to **Tanja Maioha** stepping into teaching te reo Māori during **Troy Gardiner's** sabbatical in Term 3.

Community Survey - final set of questions

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 **final set** of our questions:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTGVZ9V>

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 are the links to the first three sets of questions:

1. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCQVX99>
2. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8FXWLD9>
3. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RM8597Q>

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

School Board Meeting - Monday 29 July at 5:00pm in our Whare Te Manukura

Winter Warmer - Thursday 8 August from 6:00pm

Liaison Parent Meeting - Wednesday 14 August at 6:00pm in our Whare Te Manukura

Class 2 Parent Evening - Wednesday 14 August at 6:30pm

Class 10 play performance - Thursday 15 August at 7:00pm

Lower School Cross Country - Monday 19 August from 1:30pm

High School Elective Evening - Wednesday 21 August at 6:30pm

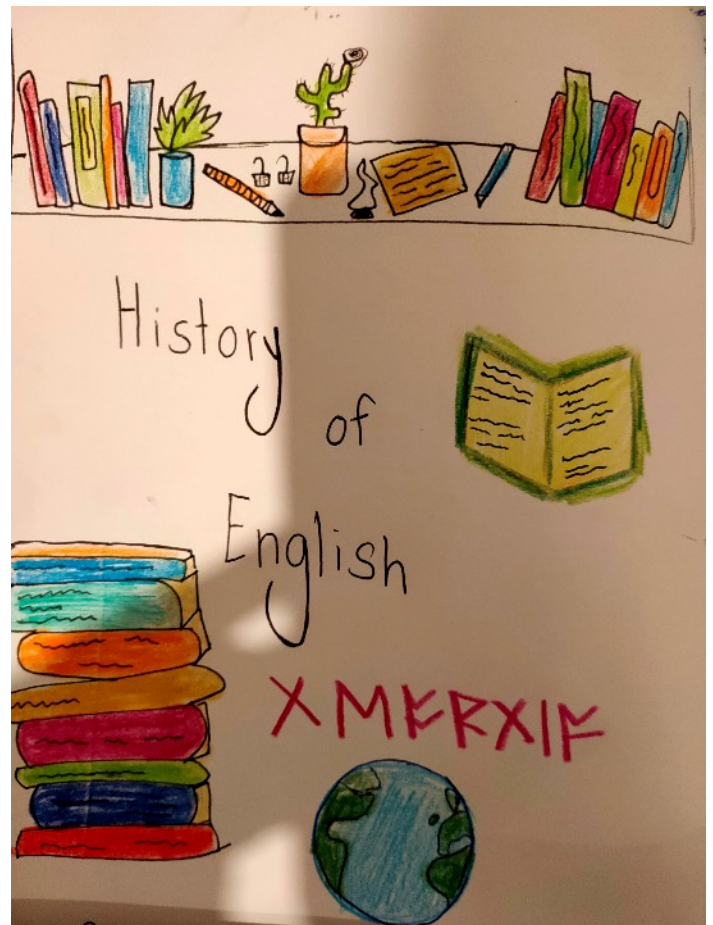
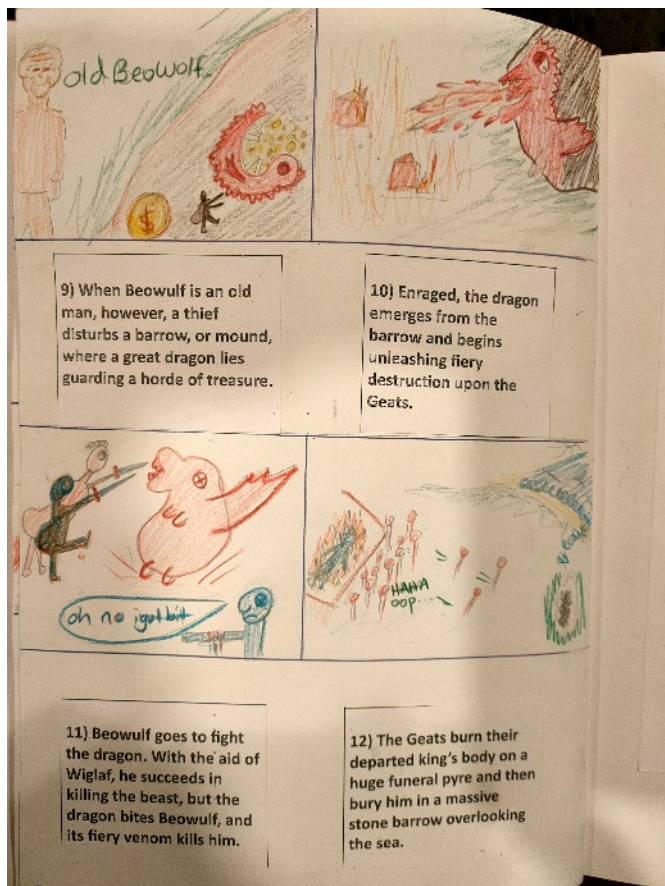
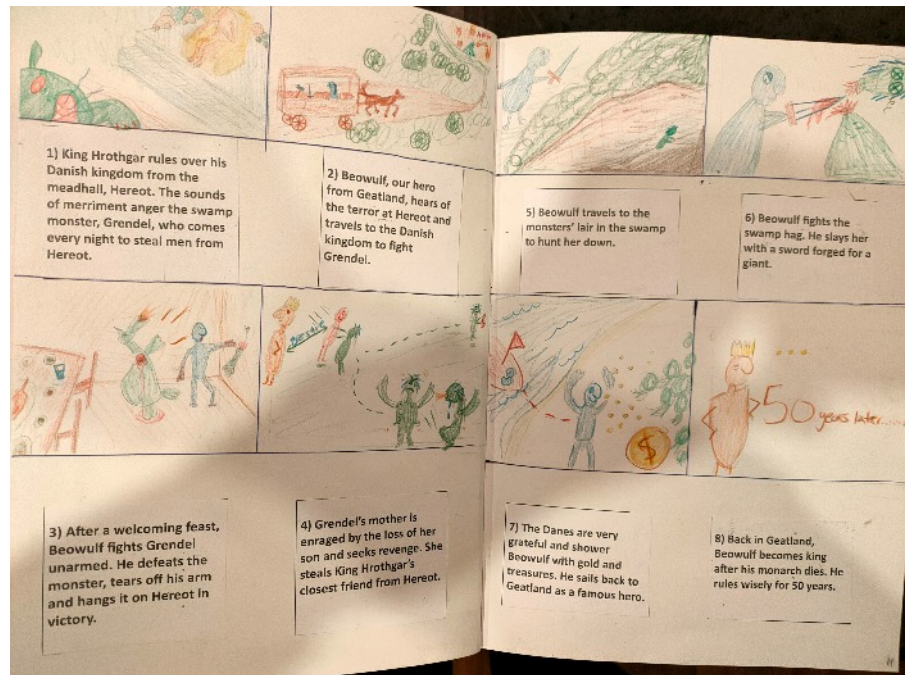
Class One Parent Evening - Wednesday 21 August at 6:30pm

Mid-Term Break - Friday 23 and Monday 26 August

Curriculum Corner - Class 9 History of English Main Lesson

At the end of last term Class 9 had their History of English ML where they learnt about the origins of the English language and experimented with the enunciation and creation of English language; from its earliest origins until our contemporary kiwi experience of it nowadays. Several of the images included in this email are comic strip imaginings of the historic text Beowulf while a few are title pages from students' Main Lesson books.

Anna Jenkins



Dance Night

On Friday 5 July the Taikura 1st XI hockey team held a dance for Classes 6-9 in the evening. It was a cold dark evening but a joyful one. It was most successful, many thanks to professional DJ (and school parent) Dale Wallis, and Mr Urieli in support along with some wonderful whānau.

Anne Hilton



First XI Hockey Team Fundraiser

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School First XI Hockey Team are selling delicious Kai Pai Pies and Savouries to help fundraise to attend the Lower North Island Secondary Boys' Cup tournament in Gisborne. Funds raised will go toward supporting our players and their families with associated winter tournament costs and expenses. By supporting our fundraiser you are investing in our team! Thank you for supporting Taikura Rudolf Steiner School First XI Hockey Team.

There is a great range of flavours to choose from, fill your freezer with these yummy award-winning pies and savouries just in time for the colder months.

By running our product sales campaign online, it makes it super easy for everyone, share the link with family and friends and they can arrange to collect their products from you at the end of the fundraiser.

Simply follow this link: <https://taikurarudolfsteinerschoolpies.raiseit.co.nz/taikuraofficehockeyfundraiser>

Pick-up day will be at school on Thursday 5 September 2024. Thank you for supporting us with this fundraiser.

Anne Hilton & the Taikura First XI Hockey Team





Four Eurythmy Sessions

1 - 22 August, Thursday mornings 9:00 - 10:00am

At the Rudolf Steiner Centre, Cnr Nelson St & Whitehead Rd

Cost \$50 Contact: sue.simpson0@gmail.com

All are welcome to stay for coffee and the winter conversation that will follow to talk about caring and support within our community. Is there a need for a Care Group? How can we be aware and reach out to those who have a need? Please come and share your thoughts with us.

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TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2024 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM
505 NELSON STREET NORTH, HASTINGS