



Spring Festival

Ka tangi te pīpīwharauora, ko te karere a Mahuru

When the cuckoo cries, that is the herald of spring

Tēnā koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura!

Kua rongo koutou te karanga a te Pīpīwharauora? He tohu tērā mā tātou...kei te hoki mai a Tamanuiterā ki uta, kua tae mai te Koanga! Nau mai haere mai te katoa, ki tō tātou ahurei hei whakanui i a Koanga!



Have you heard the call of the Pīpīwharauora? It is a sign for us all that Tamanuiterā is returning and Spring has arrived!

The children and staff warmly invite you to our Spring Festival on Friday 20 September.

We are looking forward to singing, dancing and spending time together. We hope all whānau who attend take the time to visit the Class 12 Projects on display in the hall, and support the H3 sausage sizzle and nacho stall.

Changes:

In response to feedback received over the past few years sharing ongoing concerns of wastage of foliage we will no longer be decorating the spring poles collectively with foliage. These will still be decorated for the festival but this task will be completed the day prior as part of our school spring clean in preparation for the festival.

Pipi Manu E

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14 Spoken (Pitch rough guide)

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On the morning:

- Parents are invited to the gym at 8:45am, for an introduction to our festival by Pippa
- At 9:00am classes will arrive into the gym
- Welcome
- Whakataka te hau
- Waiata - Taikura e
- Maypole dancing
- Community Waiata: Here comes the sun
- Community dance
- Mummers play
- Community Waiata: Pipi Manu E
- Karakia kai
- Picnic morning tea on the field, weather permitting



Fête Update

Spring is in the air and Fête prep is well underway. Stall holder bookings are coming in, class responsibilities are firming up, entertainment is being organised, and humpty dumpty has had a major makeover.

A heads up that the Friday before the Fête is a teacher only day that the school is not able to change. We are hoping the extra day at home will be helpful to whānau for Fête prep.

We need your help

We are looking for support people on the day for food organisation and finance. There are experienced leads confirmed for these areas, but they can't do it alone! No special skills required, just enthusiasm and energy. Sing out if you can help: taikurafete@gmail.com

We are also looking for:

- Hamper organiser – to source and arrange the hamper raffle
- Baristas - to keep everyone appropriately caffeinated
- Keen gardeners - to raise seedlings and pot up plants for the plant stall. Look out for the Class 1 Kings Seeds fundraiser starting this week
- Interested stallholders – apply for a stall or spread the word to other local artisans: <https://forms.gle/MX6s58onTaVzGSBdA>



Children's Shop crafting

We have heard there are many wonderful creations being crafted in the homes of our school whānau – we cannot wait to see them lining the shelves of the magical Children's Shop. If you haven't already, please consider crafting some items to support this Fête favourite. They should be simple handcrafted items, Waldorf inspired, using natural materials, and at

least ten items of the same type. Children's Shop craft night – details coming soon!

Ngā mihi nui,

The Fête Committee



Upcoming Events

School Board meeting - Monday 9 September at 5:00pm in whare Te Manukura

Class 5 whānau hui - Thursday 12 September at 6:00pm

Little Yarra visit - Monday 16 September - evening performance - details on page 6

Spring Festival - Friday 20 September

Class 12 project speeches - Friday 20 & Saturday 21 September

Last day of Term 3 - Friday 27 September 3:00pm

Class 12 Projects

The Class 12 Project Displays will once again be open to the community after the Spring Festival on Friday 20 September from 10:30am in the school hall. This is a lovely time to connect with the students before their speech, and discuss their chosen topic and learning.

The Class 12 Speeches will be delivered the following day, Saturday 21 September, and this is a wonderful occasion in which to support our young people and listen to their journey over the last few months. The speech topics are always diverse and to watch the students stand and speak for 15/20 minutes on a topic offers an insight into our education. We would love to see our community there supporting our students through an important milestone. I hope to see you there.

Morag Wilson
Class 12 Project Teacher

Class 12 Project Speech Timetable - Saturday 21 September 2024

08:30 am	Milo Wade	How has the evolution of military aircraft affected war?
09:00 am	Cadence Diedericks	The process of designing and crafting a surfboard
09:30 am	Jacob Mawson	Capturing surfing through a lens
10:00 am	Chris Deed	How does an athlete's programme improve my athletic performance?

Morning Tea

11:00 am	Joshua Dipper	How technique improves athletic performance
11:30 am	Hayley Wood	How does weather affect small private planes?
12:00 pm	Ian Bailey	How do volcanoes affect human society?

Lunch

02:00 pm	Kaito Wallis	Sustainable transport and infrastructure
02:30 pm	Ashley-Rose Cooper	Ancestry through art
03:00 pm	Sara Bruce-Gordon	My journey towards singing

Kings Seeds – Class 1 Fundraiser

Get your spring planting underway and support Class 1 at the same time! We are running a Kings Seeds fundraiser for our class, selling seed packets for a range of flowers, organic vegetables, vegetables and herbs. There are over 60 seed varieties to choose from, ranging from \$3-\$5 per packet. To place your seed order, come to the tables outside Class 1 at pick up time, fill out the form at the office, or look out for us at Friday market. You can also use the seeds to raise plants for the stall at the Fête this year! Thank you and happy planting.



Giving Students An Equal Voice 2024 Student Representative Elections

Students across High Schools in New Zealand have the opportunity to stand for election and vote in the September Student Representative elections.

Standing for election or voting for their student representative is often the first real experience young people have of participating in a democratic process.

Student representatives have equal standing, voice, accountability and voting rights on the board. There is real value in being able to share their knowledge around the board table and they bring different points of view and experiences, which influences better outcomes for the whole school community.

The idea of being a young person on a school board might seem daunting, but student representatives get plenty of help and support to learn about and fulfil their role. Te Whakarōputanga Kaitiaki Kura o Aotearoa (formerly the NZ School Trustees Association) provides training and learning opportunities, guidance and resources.

As well as having a voice on how their school is governed, being a student representative provides valuable, real-world knowledge and experience for students.

Taikura's Student Election will take place on 25 September, nomination forms have been distributed to all students in our High School.

Suzan Bart, Returning Officer

Death of a Beloved Pet

Yesterday morning before school, when Mrs Jordan went to put her bike away, she found our beloved school cat Clary had died during the night. Clary had lived in his spot outside Miss Sutton's office window for the last 5 years, although he was much older than that, and many of our students have doted on him during this time. He will be sorely missed.

*They will not go quietly,
the pets who've shared our lives.
In subtle ways they let us know
their spirit still survives.
Old habits still can make us think
we hear them at the door
Or step back when we drop
a tasty morsel on the floor.
Our feet still go around the place
the food dish used to be,
And, sometimes, coming home at night,
we miss them terribly.
And although time may bring new friends
and a new food dish to fill,
That one place in our hearts
belongs to them...
and always will.*

Anon.

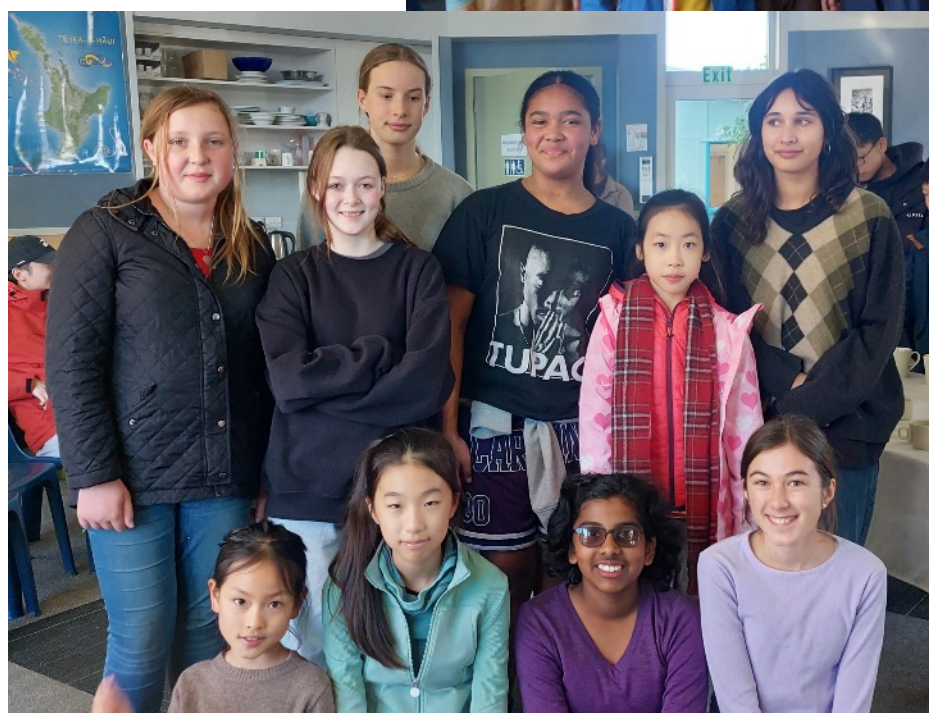


Shanghai whānau

On Wednesday 21 August Taikura hosted a large group of visiting parents and students from a Steiner school in Shanghai. I had fun welcoming these students and am very thankful to our kids in class 7 who came along and made me proud of their genuine care, fun, and warm welcome proving language barriers can be overcome.

Nga mihi nui. Xie Xie ni.

Te Whiti Seeds



Community Canteen

As I reflect on my time spent in the school community canteen, I am filled with warmth and gratitude. This humble hub is more than just a place where morning tea is served – it's a space where connections are made, relationships are built, and memories are created.

Helping in the canteen has given me the opportunity to interact with students, staff, and parents in a unique and meaningful way. The canteen is a place where everyone comes together, and it's heartwarming to see students from different classes mingling and chatting while they eat their morning tea.

As I prepare food alongside other helpers, I've formed lasting bonds and friendships. We share stories, laughter, all while working together towards a common goal – to provide nourishing meals and a welcoming environment for our students.

One of the most rewarding aspects of helping in the canteen is seeing the smiles from the children. A warm morning tea or a simple act of kindness can brighten a child's day and make them feel seen and valued.

Our canteen is a microcosm of our school community – diverse, vibrant, and full of life. By helping, I've gained a deeper understanding of the school's spirit and culture. It's a truly special place, and I feel grateful to be a part of it.

If you're looking for a way to get involved and make a difference, I encourage you to join us. You are welcome to sign up for a morning's help at

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

You'll find a warm and welcoming environment, and the opportunity to build connections with students, staff, and fellow parent helpers. Together, we can create a positive and supportive community, one morning at a time.

Alyce Millar (otherwise known as Vincent's mum), Class 4 parent



Wanted!

Fresh Vegetables to make soup, and seedlings to plant for our School Community Canteen.

Please contact Elspeth Ross elspeth.ross@taiukra.school.nz if you are able to help.

Little Yarra Ensemble Live In Concert!

Monday 16th September
Doors 6:20pm - Koha entry

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Hall Hastings

6pm Music Fundraiser!

Tea, Coffee + Cake (cash only)

Not to be missed!



Little Yarra
STEINER SCHOOL

From Victoria,
Australia
One night only!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Seeking Accommodation

Rural based kindergarten family with a 4 & 1 year old seeking week night accommodation. 3-4 weeknights per week. 1-2 bedrooms ideally and within 15mins of school. Email mihana.diaz@gmail.com

Wellness Riders Skateboarding Film Event

at Keirunga Theatre Havelock North, Saturday 14 September at 1pm & 5pm. \$10 per ticket! Be inspired by our amazing youth riders (including many Taikura students & coaches) & other skaters from around the world in a series of short films! All profits from this fundraising event support our club! Please email sarinah@wellnessriders.com to book your seats!



Celebrating Balance

22. September 24

The Equinox is the balance
of night and day, of dark and light,
of work and rest – the natural midline.

In this workshop we will focus on everything
that nourishes our sacred masculine and feminine
to help us return to our natural balance.

Join in and celebrate the nature of balance
in all its beauty with ancient knowledge,
yoga, breathing, meditation and
sound and in the company
of beautiful souls.

TAIKURA
community
special
\$20

3pm – 5pm


Taruna, Havelock North

\$30pp

RSVP

silke@viveholisticwellness.co.nz

Silke
get in balance



**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH INITIATIVE**

**INFORMATION EVENING
FOR PARENTS & YOUTH***

**7pm FRIDAY, SEPT 20th
AT 617 HERETAUNGA ST EAST,
HASTINGS**

We are seeking volunteers (ages 13-20) to become part of the team to prepare and fundraise for the International Youth Camp in the Philippines in January 2026.

The 2 week camp will be on an island in the mountains, working together to build with natural materials the beginning of a Steiner school.

*Bring an interested friend!

Contact Hartmut Borries
hartmutborries@gmail.com
021 259 8555



**Mother & Child Art
Workshop
Saturday 12th October
1.15pm-3.30pm
Keirunga Arts Venue**

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



Contact Amanda
amanda@artandalchemy.co.nz
0211449168



Experience the magic of a unique bonding workshop designed for mothers and children to unleash their creativity together. You will be guided through the art activities, exploring the wonders of pastel techniques and clay modelling, deepening your connection together while expressing your artistic visions. Held amongst the tranquil beauty of Keirunga Gardens within The Homestead. All art supplies and afternoon tea will be provided. Join us for a memorable activity in this serene setting.

Location: The Homestead Keirunga Arts Venue, Havelock North \$52 per duo

<https://events.humanitix.com/mother-and-child-art-workshop/tickets>



**Children's & Teens
Term 4 Art Classes.
One on one Artistic
Therapy sessions
available. Held at
Keirunga Arts Venue,
Havelock North**

Guided by Amanda Sowersby a
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**Term 4: 21st October-16th December
8 weeks \$192**

Monday: 3.30pm - 4.30pm/ 4.40pm-5.40pm.

Wednesday: 3.30pm-4.30pm. (ends 11th Dec)



ECSTATIC DANCE DJ ORA

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS KELLY WHITEWOOD OFFERING A
CACAO CEREMONY & AARON GREGORY - SOUND BATH

STARTS
6.30PM
UNTIL 8.45PM

FRIDAY
13TH
SEPTEMBER

ENQUIRIES: BOOKINGS@ARTANDALCHEMY.CO.NZ

LOCATION: 'THE HOMESTEAD' KEIRUNGA ARTS VENUE, HAVELOCK NORTH

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/ECSTATIC-DANCE-WITH-DJ-ORA-AND-FRIENDS/TICKETS](https://events.humanitix.com/ecstatic-dance-with-dj-ora-and-friends/tickets)

Children's Holiday Art & Yoga Workshops with Amanda Sowersby

AGE 6-14 YEARS.

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER YOGA & ART 9.30AM-2PM

THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER - ART 9.30AM-12.30PM

MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 9.30AM-12.30PM

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 9.30AM-12.30PM

\$50 HALF DAY \$75 LONGER DAY

HELD AT KEIRUNGA ARTS VENUE, HAVELOCK NORTH



Children's holiday yoga & art workshop

Full day session yoga & art, half days just art.

Yoga session is gentle and fun with games.

Art exercises of painting or drawing, morningtea/lunch break with a nature walk amongst the gardens and oaks, 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, Holistic Healer & 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

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RestOra

Friday 6th September 6pm-7.30pm

October 20th 4pm-5.30pm

Keirunga Homestead

Havelock North

bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz

Restorative stillness, sound,

meditation & Tea

\$30

