## **Taikura Rudolf Steiner School**





19 September 2024

## **Spring Festival**

Ka tangi te pīpīwharauroa, 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 Pīpīwharauroa? 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 Pīpīwharauroa? 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 from 10:30am. Please note our previous error, **THERE WILL BE NO FOOD FOR SALE.** 

#### 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.



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

#### Music at Taikura

We have tuition available on-site for guitar, ukulele, bass, banjo, piano, flute, violin and cello. Lessons are available from class 3 to class 12. They are a wonderful opportunity to impart resilience, perseverance, and creativity. It is strongly preferred that these lessons occur outside of Main Lessons and need to be arranged in close consultation with teachers whose lessons are affected. Lessons are available throughout the year, however, spaces are limited.

If you and your child are interested in lessons, please do get in contact with me via my email: thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Taikura Lower School Orchestra and High School Orchestra

The music department is keen to have students in class 4-7 and 8-12 join our Lower School and High School orchestras. The Lower School orchestra meet on Wednesdays during the day and High School orchestra on Monday mornings. We are looking forward to our Carol Evening in December and have spaces for new members.

If your child is interested in joining, please do get in contact with me via my email: thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

#### **Sports Uniform Amnesty**

Sports uniforms over the years have cost Taikura large sums of money, and we know there are many uniforms out in the community. We are asking that every member of the community look through their wardrobes, cupboards and drawers to see if they have any long-forgotten uniforms. These uniforms may come from older siblings or relations who have left the school.

If you find any uniform items please return them to the office, no questions will be asked. We are wanting to complete a stock-take of uniforms and see how we are positioned for the start of next year.

These uniform items could be the grey jackets, Lower School sports uniforms, cross country, cricket, hockey etc. High School netball, hockey, athletics, volleyball, soccer etc. or goalkeeper gear and bags.

Please do look as this will help to keep costs down for our sports teams.

Thanking you all in anticipation

Anne Hilton

Sports Facilitator

#### **Upcoming Events**

Spring Festival - TOMORROW Friday 20 September

Class 12 Projects - Friday 20 & Saturday 21 September

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

School Board Meeting - Monday 21 October at 5:00pm

Hawke's Bay Anniversary - Friday 25 October - SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CLOSED

Labour Day - Monday 28 October - SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN CLOSED

Class 12 Parent Evening - Wednesday 30 October at 6:00pm

#### Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

#### Māori Language Week

14-21 o Hepetema 2024

14-21 September 2024



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#### **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 lan 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.



#### Curriculum Corner - Class Eight

Earlier in the term Class 8 visited the National Aquarium in Napier. This trip was to support the Digital Technology and Science Marine Bio-diversity project which the Aquarium is involved in the support of through Te Kawa O Tangaroa. This is an ocean-centred learning programme from the Marine Stewardship Council. Partnering with National Aquarium of New Zealand, the programme is focused on solutions to over-fishing and how we can ensure oceans teeming with life.

At school the students are challenged to create and manage a marine habitat, either a natural or artificial environment in Minecraft. With a focus on Kaitiakitanga, a concept of guardianship encompassing the processes and practices of protecting and looking after the environment around us, their environment must be bio-diverse and sustainable. The students have thrown themselves into this project with gusto, making sure their balance of apex predators, consumers and producers is correct, that their food chains are complete, animals well-being is supported, and their environments look appealing.

Tish Chalmers High School Science Teacher





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#### **Proprietors Update**

Dear school whānau, parents and guardians of our students and learners,

The Proprietors Trust would like to share the 2024 progress in ensuring the financial security of our Special Character provision. We would especially like to acknowledge the families that have met the requested Special Character donations. This is most warmly appreciated, thank you.

Currently the Trust has received 73% of the donations we have budgeted to receive (48% of total donations). This gives us a forecast of 70% of total being received for the year. It is also 6% more than was received last year (2023) so we are relieved to see this increase in donation contribution. Again, thank you for your contributions.

The Trust continues to monitor the receipt of donations. This attention is necessary as without funding critical decisions need to be made for managing the lack of resourcing of our Special Character.

We particularly continue to monitor where and when donations are not received and remain committed to ongoing engagement with families to support them to shift into participating financially in this aspect of school life. After all it is why we are all here and not elsewhere.

Behind this 'now' activity we carry the awareness that our current suggested donations are around 50% of what is required per learner, per year to provide the essential and excellent Special Character at Taikura.

*Michelle Vette For the Proprietors Trust* 

#### Community Hui - ' Coming Together'

On 30 October from 9:00am to 10:30am, members from our School Board and Proprietors Trust will be hosting a community hui. Please pop the date into your calendars (venue to be confirmed).

Following on from our last community get-together in November last year, we would like to host another hui and warmly welcome parents, whānau, caregivers, prospective whānau, past students, and anyone in the community who would like to attend. Look out for our poster in the Grapevine next term for more details.

Me te Mahana, Rachel de Lacey, Sue Simpson, Michelle Vette, Clayton Hairs, and Markus Dipper.

### Community Canteen Update

A little update from the wonderful Taikura Community Canteen Team at the end of Term 3. Our Community Canteen has been financially sustainable for the last three terms thanks to pizza fundraisers, the Friday Market, and koha gifted directly to the canteen account. Thank you all for your contributions. Reserves are now looking low though as we head into Term 4. The Canteen is serving our community at least 50 plates a day of healthy and nutritious food:

- Dairy-free porridge with cinnamon, ginger and sliced apple—popular with Lower School students
- Creamy rice—good enough to bring High School students down from the top of Taikura House
- Sweet Millet or Sweet Polenta for the more adventurous, and of course
- Beautiful hand-baked bread thanks to Ruth Strong

If you can, please donate directly to the Taikura Community Canteen bank account 38-9025-0307982-00. Alternatively, please consider donating plant milk or cream or talk to Silke about what foods you might be able to supply or donate at a friendly rate. Remember as well, you can always sign up to gift your time at https://bit.ly/TaikuraCommunityCanteen Thanks for your continued support.

Kia pai tō ra, The Taikura Community Canteen Team

## High School Ball Gallery



















#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **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





MUSICAL THEATRE CLOWNING COMEDY DIRECTING TECHNICAL PLAYWRITING SHAKESPEARE STAGE COMBAT

APRIL

2025

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## Information about whooping cough (pertussis)

Whooping cough (pertussis) is a highly infectious disease that is spread by coughing and sneezing. It can be very serious for babies and children, especially those under one year of age.

If you or your child has whooping cough symptoms get help. Contact your doctor or practice nurse, or call Healthline for free anytime on 0800 611 116.

#### Signs and symptoms – what you can see and feel

Whooping cough symptoms include:





The cough turns into long coughing attacks and these can last for several weeks. In young children, the coughing attacks often end with a 'whoop' sound when the child breathes in. The child may also be sick or gag as a result of the coughing.

Fever

Whooping cough is spread by coughing and sneezing. You can pass it on to others from the week before your cough starts up until three weeks after. Antibiotics can reduce the amount of time you are infectious.

#### How to protect yourself and your child against whooping cough

Vaccination is the best way to protect against whooping cough. In New Zealand the vaccine is free for:

- Children and young people aged under 18
- Pregnant women
- Some groups at higher risk of becoming very unwell if they catch whooping cough
- Adults aged 45 and over if they previously missed any routine immunisation doses or boosters
- Adults aged 65 and over

Babies should be given the whooping cough vaccine at six weeks, three months and five months old, as part of the Immunisation Schedule. Boosters are also given to children at four and 11 years old.

If you or your child have missed out on getting the whooping cough vaccine you should speak to your healthcare provider about catching up.

#### Seeking medical advice

If someone in your family has had a cough that ends with a whoop or vomiting, or that has lasted for two weeks or more, contact your doctor or nurse for advice. You can also call Healthline for free anytime on 0800 611 116.

If you or your child has difficulty breathing you should get emergency medical help. Call 111.

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora