



### Summer Is On It's Way



Tonight is the eve of Beltane, the festival day that marks the beginning of summer, and Labour weekend was a wonderful hint of the summer to come.

Beltane is an old Celtic name, meaning bright fire or fire of Bel, the name of the Solar force, whose feast marks the start of summer, the time of milk & honey. Beltane morning in the Northern Hemisphere is often called May Day, and is directly opposite the seasonal festival of Samhain and Halloween on the wheel of the year.

I imagine that tonight children across Aotearoa will celebrate Halloween, despite Halloween having its meaning, energies and traditions deeply embedded in the season of the Autumn Festival.

I encourage families to explore the meanings behind the festivals and the activities we engage in, and find rhythms and rituals which sit right for your whānau. With the coming of summer and the feelings of holiday anticipation and relaxing into the sun, I have come to understand each year during this last term how important it is to ensure students feel well supported by the consistent expectation and structure of school life.

In amongst the end of year activities, anticipation of Christmas, summer and possibly a new school in the coming year it is important to support students to be at school in a positive way experiencing a positive present. Arriving at school ready to learn and being prepared. For older students this looks like students having the required equipment for lessons on their person.

Another way of supporting students is to ensure appropriate dress as per our dress code and season. For Lower School children this means them always having their wide brimmed sun-hat when outside. For all of us this also looks like having enough sleep and arriving at school well fed and ready to think about learning. These expectations and boundaries support the student to have a successful and smooth end of year.





## ***He Pito Kōrero!***

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa, i raro i te manaakitanga o te Atua i runga rawa!

As November 5 approaches, I often reflect on how much more our tamariki know about the history of Aotearoa in comparison to what I learnt during my earlier years at the Intermediate and College I attended in Porirua. Kua huri te tai...the tide has turned, and the histories of this whenua are kōrero that tamariki around the motu are being taught.

Parihaka, a village in the rohe of Taranaki, was a place for many Māori of different hapū and iwi, a sanctuary to rebuild themselves alongside whānau in a peaceful environment. Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kākahi were the leaders, and for many, prophets, guiding their people to live in a peaceful and non-violent manner. Their teachings of non-violent resistance created a ripple felt widely around the world in years to come, influencing the peaceful resistance teachings of people like Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (Mahatma Gandhi) and Martin Luther King.

The following link is a kōrero given by Dr Ruakere Hond, a longstanding advocate of te reo Māori revitalisation of the Taranaki reo and a key supporter of the Parihaka community, amongst many other things. I have chosen to share this presentation, as he gives a picture of 'Te Rā o te Pāhua – The Day of Plunder' and then expands on the teachings of Te Whiti and Tohu, whose powerful lessons are still relevant today. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g49yD1ix5s>

Te Whiti and Tohu were steadfast in their Christian beliefs, and below is a verse (Luke 2:14) that was a guiding light that they both believed in for the betterment of the people of Parihaka. It is also a waiata that many around the motu know and sing well!

*He hōnore, he korōria ki te Atua i runga rawa,  
he maungarongo ki te whenua,  
he whakaaro pai ki nga tangata katoa.*

*Honour and glory to God above,  
peace unto the land,  
and goodwill to all people.*

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



## **Waiata Māi**    **Thursdays – 12:30 – 1:00 pm - in the Whare Te Manukura**

Ngā mihi hīkaka ki a koutou ngā manu tioriori o Taikura!

Every Thursday in our Whare Te Manukura. If you want to learn some of the waiata that your tamariki sing at school, nau mai, haere mai te katoa....all are welcome!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!

Nā Troy Gardiner

## Events until the end of Term Four

**Cyber Safety evening** - Tuesday 5 November at 6:00pm

**Liaison parent evening** - Wednesday 6 November at 6:00pm

**Class 5 whānau hui** - Wednesday 13 November at 6:00pm

**School Teacher Only Day** - Friday 15 November

**Taikura Fete** - Sunday 17 November

**Class 7 camp** - 18 to 22 November

**Class 5 play performance** - Wednesday 20 November at 6:30pm

**School Board meeting** - Monday 25 November at 5:00pm

**Class 12 cushion concert, High School prize giving, graduation dinner & last day for classes 10, 11 & 12 -**

Friday 29 November

**Class 4 camp** - 2 to 3 December

**Class 8 camp** - 2 to 6 December

**Tu Mai Taikura end of year hui-a-whānau** - Thursday 5 December

**Class 9 last day** - Friday 6 December

**Class 8 projects** - 9 to 13 December

**Class 8 last day** - Friday 13 December

**Shepherd's Play performance for community** - Sunday 15 December 6:00pm

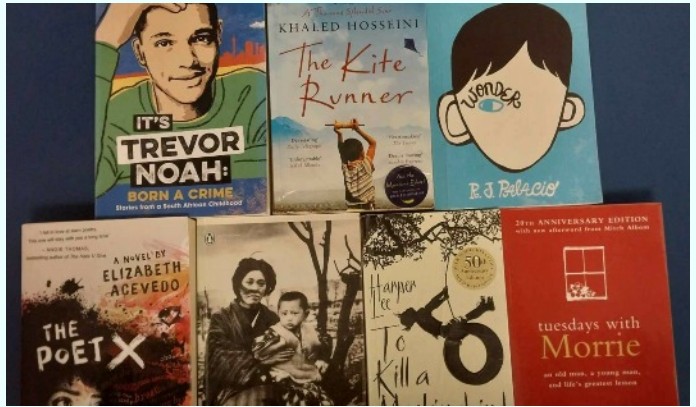
**Last day of Term 4** - Wednesday 18 December 12:30pm finish

**Carol Evening** - Wednesday 18 December at 6:00pm

<b>2025</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 3 February – Thursday 10 April	Waitangi Day: Thursday 6 February TOD: Friday 11 April Easter & ANZAC day: during school holidays
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June	Kings Birthday: Monday 2 June Matariki: Friday 20 June
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September	Mid Term Break: Friday 15 August - Monday 18 August
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 6 October – Wednesday 17 December 12:30pm	HB Anniversary: Friday 24 October Labour Day: Monday 27 October Carol Evening: Wednesday 17 December

## High School English Texts Amnesty

We are on the hunt for the pictured books. If you are having a spring clean, or pre-Christmas tidy up and come across these, please return them to the front office, no questions asked.



## Homestay Families Required

As our International student programme is growing we are requiring more families to host students during their time at Taikura. We will be looking for short and longer term places from 2025. Most families find the experience very rewarding and begin relationships that last a lifetime. Host families provide:

- Three meals a day
- A furnished bedroom
- WiFi internet access
- A safe and welcoming environment

Bring in some additional income, and have an experience of a lifetime. I will have information packs available shortly with all the details. If this is something that sparks your interest, please email Janet [international.admin@taikura.school.nz](mailto:international.admin@taikura.school.nz)



## Class Four Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

No need to pack lunch for Friday 1 November! Class 4 whānau will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser selling quality sausages from Beard Brothers, vanilla or chocolate cake (with GF options), and delicious homemade lemonade. Food will be sold from stations located in the High School and Lower School for quick service so students can get out and enjoy their lunchtime.

Prices:

\$3 - sausage in bread (\$3.50 for GF bread)

\$2 – cake

\$1 – lemonade

Thank you in advance for supporting Class 4 and a shout out to Woolworths and New World for their support.

# Sports Notices

## Netball

Class three had such a fun, enthusiastic and cohesive first game of netball last week. They intercepted many passes, moved the ball quickly up the court, had superb communication on the court and showed good sportsmanship. The children worked well together and had a good grasp of the game rules.

Rose Bermudez

Coach



## Orienteering Term 4, 2024



### **Primary School Orienteering Hastings\***

Thursday 31 October - <b>Mahora Primary School</b>
Thursday 7 November - <b>Frimley Primary School</b>
Thursday 14 November - <b>Hastings Central Primary School</b>
Thursday 21 November - <b>Taikura Rudolf Steiner School</b>
Thursday 28 November - <b>Raureka Primary School</b>
Thursday 5 December - <b>St Mary's Primary School</b>

**Entry fee:  
\$3 per run**

*No pre-registration  
required, just turn  
up any day.*

*These events are open  
to all Hawke's Bay  
primary school  
students.*

See [www.hborienteeing.com](http://www.hborienteeing.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/hborienteeing> in October for more details.

The start-line will be open between 4.15 – 5.30 pm, come anytime. Pre-registration is not required. The courses will close at 6.00 pm. Courses are designed to be 20 minute runs (average). Coaching is available at the event centre each day.

Any number of children may represent their school on any day at **O for Kids**.

The location of the Event Centres will be found on the host website [www.hborienteeing.com](http://www.hborienteeing.com).

All events may continue in wet weather. Cancellations will be notified on host website and facebook page by 2pm. Toilets may not be available at events.

**Also for all students:**

**In Term 1, 2025.....Events at schools in Hastings East area. Starts Week 3, Term 1\***

**O for Kids** Co-ordinator: Jane Herries

Contact Email: [kiwio@hborienteeing.com](mailto:kiwio@hborienteeing.com)

\*The HB Orienteering Club has the discretion to alter event venues. Check the website weekly for changes.



# Taīkura Fête

Rudolf Steiner School

Sunday  
17 November

10am - 3pm



Follow us on facebook for updates

## Community Notices

### WELLNESS RIDERS SKATEBOARDING CARNIVAL

12:00 - 3:00pm, Saturday 9 November, William Nelson Skatepark Hastings!

Come support our amazing youth riders (including many Taikura students) for our annual skate show at 1.30pm and enjoy a free family event with fun activities, games, skate classes, face painting, healthy food & drink options, pre-loved clothing, merch, music & good vibes (cash stalls only)!

### Grief podcast

100% of us will experience grief in our lifetime - whether it's the death of a loved one, a diagnosis of an illness or a loss... please join me on my new Spotify podcast as we talk and share brave grief stories, chat with the professionals and gather insights on "Grief in Various Degrees".

Alysha Macaulay



### House Sitter Wanted

Dog and house sitter wanted for 3-bed family home in Havelock North over Christmas (dates 21 Dec to 1 Jan). Peaceful environment, with west facing views to the ranges and Ruapehu, bordering on a reserve and down a private shared driveway. Friendly and helpful neighbours. Require sitter to look after the house, our fun-loving miniature Fox Terrier, and do some watering of the garden. Contact Nick on 021 118 7724.

#### Kereru Krafts

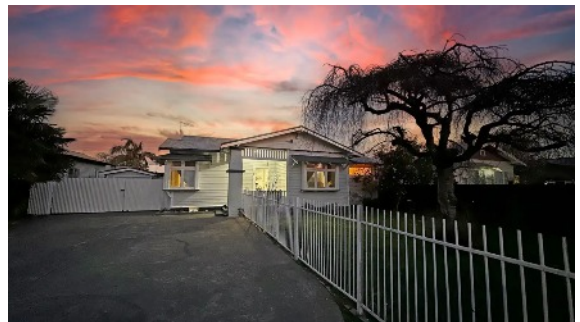
Pounamu and bone earrings and necklaces  
and much more for sale

Where: Ground Floor, Taikura House

When: 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.,  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November



### Private Sale



619 Nelson Street, ideally suited for Taikura  
whānau!

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, private pool, large  
fully roofed deck, ample off-street parking.  
Separate 60m<sup>2</sup> teenage retreat with kitchen  
and bathroom.

Offers over \$900,000

Phone James 022 511 4532



# **Funding for Youth to go to FINLAND**

NOV 17 @ Anthroposophical Centre

10:00am-3:00pm

(opposite Taikura Rudolf Steiner School on Nelson street)

There will be selling of art pieces donated by artists and up

and coming artists work available, raffles and hangi

tickets (no eftpos)

Donations welcome

He Rangatahi Pounamu

Westpac Trust

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