

## Taikura Fête This Sunday!

It's Fête day on Sunday!

Please spread the word amongst whānau, friends and colleagues so that as many people as possible can experience this joyful day.

Look at all the fun, excitement, deliciousness and entertainment to be had...



To help make this year's event an unforgettable success, we need your help. We've created an exciting Fête Map, showcasing our amazing children's activities, artisan market stalls, food stalls and more.

We invite you to share the Fête Map with another family who might love to join in on the fun.

<https://taikura.school.nz/about-us/fundraising>

## Community Waiata

Please gather on the big field at 9:30am for a community waiata and karakia to open our Fête. If you are at the front gate please stay there to help keep the gates closed until 10am, if you are on a stall please join us on the field. The waiata that we will be singing will be He honore, words below.

He hōnore, he korōria  
maungarongo ki te whenua  
whakaaro pai e  
ki ngā tāngata katoa.

Ake, ake, ake, ake, āmine  
te Atua te piringa  
tōku oranga

## Administration Centre

When you arrive on Sunday to set up your FOOD STALL, please check in at the Administration Centre in the Gym Foyer. From here you can collect your float, provisions, and other essential information.

The following services are available at the administration centre:

- Information and administrative support
- Sustainable supplies including cups, plates, napkins, utensils etc.
- EFTPOS with cash out
- Money exchange and collection facilities
- First Aid services
- Safety equipment
- Lost children hub
- Magic Bean sales

## Health & Safety

Please note

- No smoking, e-cigarettes, vaping, drugs or alcohol anywhere on the school grounds
- No animals allowed on site

Use gloves and be conscious of hand washing, particularly when serving food. Those preparing and serving food must not also handle money.

## Setting Up

Please ensure your stall is set up completely by 9:00am on Sunday 17 November. You may access the grounds from noon on Saturday 16 November to set up. The grounds will be patrolled by HSM security guards overnight. Please arrange to set up without young children in tow – this will be an active site and we would like to ensure everyone's safety and comfort.

## Vehicle Access

Vehicle access to and from the site is from King Street, next to Taikura House. If you take a vehicle onto the site, the maximum speed inside the grounds is 5km/h. Please be mindful of all people and activities! On Sunday, the site must be clear of vehicles by 9:00 am. There will be no vehicular access to the grounds before 3:15 pm, when the big field has been cleared of children.

## Parking

Community and external stall holders should park on King Street. Please DO NOT park on Nelson Street or Whitehead Road near school so that there will be spaces for guests attending the Fête.

### Financial Arrangements

Food stalls will be provided with a cash float on arrival. Periodically, one of the administration staff will collect surplus cash. At the end of the Fête please bring your float and takings to the Administration Centre.

Children's activities will operate on a STRICTLY MAGIC BEAN basis. If someone would like to pay in cash, please direct them to the nearest Magic Bean Sales point – at the Main Gate, the Administration Centre, and by the pizza oven at the entrance to Scannell's garden. Should the bean vessel become full before the conclusion of the Fête, they may be emptied at the Administration Centre. At the end of the Fête, please bring bean vessels to the Administration Centre at 3:00 pm, and no later than 4:00 pm.

### Stall Dismantling

Dismantling of stall sites may take place after 3:00 pm, with all materials removed by 6:00 pm on Sunday 17 November. Items remaining on site after this time will be removed and disposed of. Please ensure the grounds are returned to their original condition

### Magic Beans

All Children's Activities at the Fête will require two or more Magic Beans.

Magic beans are available to purchase using cash or Eftpos from three selling points on Fête day (see map).

- 8 beans + bag = \$10
- 18 beans + bag = \$20
- 28 beans + bag = \$30



### Plants

For those raising plants for the plant stall – please bring them to school on Saturday 16 November between 8:00 and 10:00am so they can be sorted and priced. If you haven't already, please email the Fête Committee on [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com) to let us know roughly what you will be donating so we can plan. Thank you!

### Weather forecast

The forecast for the weekend is looking good at this point, a few showers on Saturday and partly cloudy on Sunday.

### Participation

Heartfelt thanks for coming together as a community to create such a unique event. You should all have confirmed jobs at the Fête. Please check where you are meant to be on the map, and arrive in good time for your shift. There are some activities that need further support so please let us know if you are available. Please also be prepared to be flexible to adapt to circumstances on the day!

### Fête Proceeds

Each year the proceeds from the Fête are gifted to the school for a specific purpose. This year the funds will go towards revitalising the Class One playground which is deserving of some attention. This project may be done in stages and require more than the proceeds from one Fête can stretch to, but we would like to share this intention now, with more details to come!



## ***He Pito Kōrero!***

### ***Te Manu tāiko mō Te Hokowhitu a Tū!***

He maimai aroha is a term used for a token of affection, a song for those who have departed, or the volley of shots heard at a tangihanga (funeral), which was the case at the tangihanga (funeral) of Tā Rāpata ‘Bom’ Gillies, the last of soldier of the 28th Māori Battalion (Te Hokowhitu a Tū). Koro Bom was of Ngāti Kurukuru (of Waimārama) and Ngāti Whakaue (of Te Arawa – Rotorua) descent. This year he celebrated his 99th birthday at Waimārama marae. He made a comment during his birthday, “I’ll see you all next year for my 100th birthday,” but unfortunately, that was not to be.

There have been numerous accolades from around the motu recognising Koro Bom, who was a very humble man, who carried the mantle and many of the kaupapa involving Te Hokowhitu a Tū. Last Monday, Māori Television replayed an interview between Moana Maniapoto and Koro Bom on ‘Te Ao with Moana’ that happened in his 97th year. This quietly spoken koroua was sharp of mind as he shared how it was being a hōia during WW2; the effects of war during his time in battle and then returning home, the ongoing battles he was still championing for, and lastly the futility of war itself. This programme is well worth watching!

The kupuwahakarite (metaphor), manu tāiko, refers to a bird acting as a sentry for a flock of birds. The burden that Koro Bom felt, being the last man of the 28th Māori Battalion, was a heavy one at times, but in his quiet steadfast manner he carried this with the utmost mana that he saw fit!

Nō reira, e te pou whirinaki,  
Aue te mamae o te ngākau,  
te hotuhotu a te whatumanawa  
mō te wehenga o tēnei taonga  
tō tātou rangatira ki te pō!  
Moe mai ra e te manutāiko  
i roto i tō moenga roa.  
Haere ki Hawaiiiki nui, Hawaiiiki roa, ki Hawaiiiki pamamao  
te huinga o ngā wairua o te pō,  
moe mai ra!

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



### ***Waiata Mai***      **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

**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

## "Keeping Our Kids Safe Online" Documentary Screening in the School Hall

Thank you to everyone who attended the Cyber Safety Evening last week. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout of parents and caregivers attending to hear this important message.

If you missed the evening or would like another of your family members to hear Rob's presentation, there will be a video screening of the presentation on Friday 22 November in the school hall at 8:50 am, and then again at 1:20 pm.

Attending the screening will allow you to access a complimentary subscription to "Parenting in an Online World 101" from Rob and the team at Our Kids Online. This is a cybersafety parenting course, designed specifically for NZ families. It usually costs \$99 per family. So show up and get it for free!

<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

## Sports Notices

### Recognition

A couple of weekends ago Taina, a Class 12 student, participated in the Ironmaori Quarter Ironman distance.

She performed very well and won her age group division in both men's and women's. Her division was 18-24 year olds and she was one of the younger competitors in this age group.

Out of all the age groups, both men and women, she gained a creditable 18th place.

Congratulations Taina, we at Taikura are all very proud of your performance!

*Anne Hilton  
Sports Facilitator*



### Donation Pledge Forms

We are pleased to report an increase in pledges and donations for 2024 – we are seeing stronger connections between school and community, and the understanding of this connection is showing in the commitment to the Special Character of Taikura. The level of donations we are receiving is not, however, enough to fund our Special Character adequately. So we must continue to ask for the building and connecting to continue to grow and strengthen. We need to improve our financial position (as communicated regularly through the Grapevine newsletter), so that we can support our students accessing the world-leading Steiner curriculum we provide. We all know and understand the importance of our young people developing a solid sense of self and a meaningful place in society.

The Trust has identified the true cost of our world-leading curriculum, and you will see an increase in the Special Character donation request for next year, and over the coming years. The Special Character donation request for 2025 will come to \$2,700.00 per student. Please create separate payments for Special Character donations and attendance dues. This will enable us to track and report our finances efficiently. We intend to hold further community hui in 2025, which will give you an opportunity to hear more about our Special Character and the financial support needed to continue to uphold this. Attendance dues for 2025 remain at the same level as 2024 (\$1023.50 incl. GST). It is important to remember your Special Character donation, and the hardship donation both qualify for a tax rebate of 33.33%. We encourage utilising Payroll Giving, where your weekly donation is taken directly from wages and one third is immediately returned by the IRD as a tax refund in your wage.

Please check your emails, including your spam folder, for the link to the 2025 pledge form which was sent to all whānau on 1 November.

### Thank You

The Proprietors Trust has received a generous donation of \$15,400, to be put towards our kindergartens, from the Trustees of Te Kōpere Childcare Centre (formerly Seven Dwarfs). Our connection with Te Kōpere is long and deep. It was held by the founders, trustees, staff and families, and most importantly the many children who came via their wonderful early childhood years to join our kindergartens and school. It was with great sadness that we saw Te Kōpere close.

*Sue Simpson  
Chair*

### World Sustainable Day

Tomorrow, Friday 15 November

Hōhepa Clive, Taradale and Napier Creative Works are having a 10 percent sale on woodwork toys to celebrate.



### For Sale

Makala mahogany ukelele for sale, VGC, has only been used a couple of times! Comes with padded bag and two instruction books. \$90. Willow 0220 962 565.



### Guardian & Child Art Workshop Saturday 16th November 9.45am-11.30am 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 Guardian's 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





## LEAD KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Willowsong Steiner Kindergarten in Gisborne seeks qualified, registered ECE kaiako (1 of 3 positions) to join our teaching team on an exciting new adventure of being the foundation teachers in a new rural Steiner Kindergarten in Tairawhiti, Gisborne.

Willowsong Tairawhiti is a Charitable Trust established in 2018 by a group of parents. It has grown from a successful playgroup, adult education offerings, craft & handwork classes and a baby circle and we are now very excited to be opening a 4 day kindergarten.

Kaiako who apply will bring a nurturing heart and the ability to foster and spark imagination through story telling. Will have a commitment to understand and learn the stories of Tairawhiti and the East Coast, hold a strong rhythm and have a strong connection to nature.

We are in search of a very special lead teacher. You will bring leadership and a sound understanding of the Waldorf/Steiner philosophy. This position will work closely and in collaboration with our warm supportive parent run committee.

Experience in a Steiner Kindergarten and/or leadership position is preferred.

Role begins March 2025.

40 hours per week- 4 days with children and a day for admin. Pay parity for successful applicants. Relocation support available.

We look forward to meeting our future teaching team and beginning this wonderful journey with you.

Please apply by emailing your CV and cover letter by 16th December 2024 - [willowsongtairawhiti@gmail.com](mailto:willowsongtairawhiti@gmail.com)





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We are in search of a very special kindergarten teacher. You will bring warmth and a sound understanding of the Waldorf/Steiner philosophy or willing to participate in Steiner training.

This position will work closely and in collaboration with our warm supportive parent run committee and the other Kaiako.

Experience in a Steiner Kindergarten or similar is preferred.

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Two Day Deepening Course 18 and 19 January 2025

Titirangi Ruddf Steiner School

5 Helios Place, Titirangi

## **THE GIFT OF ILLNESS**

**DR RICHARD DREXEL**

With workshops

- A. **Richard Drexel:** The four pillars of health: with exercises
- B. **Helen Proctor:** The Art of curative Eurythmy: Movement and well-being
- C. **Nicole King:** The healing qualities of fever: How to support it well
- D. **Susie Gaye:** Healing through colour
- G. **Abi Ortiz:** Music heals the heart and makes it whole
- H. **Rochelle Hairs:** 'Wonderfully wired brains': Neurodiversity as a gift
- I. **Jo Erskine:** Healing forms: Clay work
- J. **Kathy MacFarlane:** Creating Healing stories
- K. **Emma Ratcliff:** Bringing balance through working with the senses

**\$70 incl morning and afternoon tea**

For a timetable and registration form, please contact:  
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