

The Grapevine

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School



Taikura Fête 2024 - Thank You!

21 November 2024

Wow, what a day that was – Taikura shone! The kai was bountiful, the activities busy, the people joyful, and the entertainment buzzing! We showcased the community spirit, connection and joy that is at the heart of our school and it has been wonderful to hear the anecdotes from visitors amazed at the beauty and warmth they encountered on Fête day.

The proceeds are still being calculated and we will share the amount raised in a future Grapevine. This will be gifted to our school to reinvigorate the Class One playground area.



A huge thank you to all school whānau for supporting the Fête. It is a big commitment for families already juggling busy lives and multiple obligations. Heartfelt thanks for pulling out all the stops to raise money for our school and showcase our special character to the community.

A few special mentions:

- Louis Coyle for your graphic design skills, you are the map master!
- Neil Foxcroft and Skye Clark for your beautiful photography and videography
- Liaison parents – thank you for all the extra mahi that you put in over this time
- Robyn Hewetson - our amazing town crier, thank you!
- Those parents (you know who you are!) who time and again give everything to the Fête - time, mahi, ideas, creativity, support and aroha. You rock!
- Our school liaisons Suzan and Liam for your tireless mahi

Local business support

The Fête would not be possible without the generous support we get from local businesses. In particular we would like to mention: Hōhepa, Arataki Honey, Ryan Lawson from East Coast Traffic, Bay Scaffolding, Waste Management Hastings, CrestClean Commercial Cleaning Hawke's Bay, Cancer Society, The Organic Farm Butchery, Blackbird Goods, Clinton Christopher Hair, Coco & Co, Cornucopia Organics, Hastings Distillers, Hygge Café, Little Red Book Shop, Pom Pom Florals, Wardini Books, Weleda, Humanity Books and Fine Arts, Warehouse Stationery, Lindsay Farms, Audiosmith, and BNZ.



Waste wins!

We successfully reduced the waste from this year's event thanks to the great waste sorting tables and the efforts of Rachel de Lacey and Will, with assistance from Tobin, Kahu, Neihana and Jackson from Class 7. Paper cups have been washed and will be stored for seedlings for Fête 2025, with the wooden knives and forks repurposed as seedling markers. Keeping food waste out of the general landfill was a big win - we diverted 62kg of food waste from landfill to the bellies of the Reidpath whānau chickens, thank you!

Lucky winners

In a double stroke of luck, the hamper prizes for first and second were won by Fiona van Duin. The jellybean counting competition was won by Poppy Driessen with a guess of 1283, the closest entry to the actual tally of 1245.

Feedback

If you have any feedback on the Fête this year, or ideas for ways to make it better, please chat to a Committee member or email taikurafete@gmail.com



He Pito Kōrero

“E te tī, e te tī, nō te wīwī, nō te wāwā, hīkoi mai, hīkoi atu!” As the multitudes of people marched to Civic Square in Heretaunga on Saturday, as part of the Hīkoi, these were kupu that welcomed all, from one of our school grandparents, Ngahiwi Tomoana, also a kaumātua of Heretaunga.

The Hīkoi that many of our school whānau, both Māori and tangata tiriti, have been following, as it proceeded on its way up the motu to Pōneke – Wellington (from a te ao Māori lens we travel up towards the head of fish, which is Wellington, not down), arrived here on Friday evening and gathered on Saturday to walk together. This was an incredible event. The vibe of the hīkoi was electric, very positive with the common focus amongst all who were concerned and speaking up against the Treaty Principles Bill.

As we all made our way to Civic Square, I was heartened to see the tuākana (older students – in this context) in our high school amongst those taking part in the hīkoi. When talking with those ākongā, there was a sense of standing up for something that was right and the common purpose held by all. The voice of the rangatahi (younger people) was one of importance that was conveyed strongly throughout the gatherings around the motu.

The feedback from this hīkoi, across the motu and finally in Pōneke, was the profound sense of ‘Kotahitanga’ (Unity), the manaakitanga of people during the hīkoi, the peaceful manner of all on the hīkoi across the motu, and how well it was organised and coordinated to come together. The whakatauaikī below, spoken by Kīngi Potatau Te Wherowhero – the first Māori king – in 1858, encapsulates this; making of connections and collaboration that may ensue as we work towards supporting a common vision.

*Kotahi te kōhao o te ngira e kuhuna ai
te miro mā, te miro pango, te miro whero.*

*Through the eye of the needle pass
the white thread, the black thread, and the red thread.*

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 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. 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 TOMORROW 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!



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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 complete your pledge form via this link: <https://taikura.apps.school.nz/sa-forms/2gdt8ot>

The Proprietors Trust

Friday Market

For those who missed out on 'Mrs Pockets' at the fete, Kereru Kindergarten will have a 'lucky dip' available at the market this week (\$2). This will be alongside their delicious savouries, sweet treats and lemonade (priced from 50c to \$2).

Friday Market reminders and helpful tips

- Afternoon tea items need to be made at home and not store bought.
- Please follow the school lunch box policy.
- Pizza and iced cakes are always popular.
- Label your items if allergy specific (GF / DF / NF etc).
- Stalls need to have a 50c option and maximum pricing of \$2.



Term 4 Roster

Week Six - 22 November

Kereru Kindergarten

Week Seven - 29 November

Class 5 & Class 6

Sports Notices

Girls Water Sports Programme

Open to female students from classes 8 to 12. Four consecutive Thursday after school sessions, starting Thursday 13 February 2025. Includes:

- Diving for paua
- Surfing
- Waka ama
- Stand up paddle boarding



Cost: \$120.00 per person, **this includes all equipment , afternoon tea, instructors and transport.**



We will leave straight from school at 3:15pm each Thursday and return each student home.

Programme run by: Janet Osborne, Kaydy Jones, Tia Gardiner, Te Awhina Whānau Services. Supported by Sea Sisters.

Limited places please email sports.coordinator@taikura.school.nz or call the school to register.

After School Care

Interested in Before and or After School Care?

Hi, we are a group of parents who discovered the same need of before and after school care.

We believe we are not the only ones, our initial survey has received 31 responses but we are keen to make sure we are reaching all those interested. If you think you and your family would profit from Taikura School connected after school care as well please participate in our survey:

https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__bit.ly_BeforeAfterSchoolCare&d=DwMFaQ&c=_Zm2Kb9yJrso4r0-N78Ezl-a6DfgMbII5tZXXqWk4&r=kxeXr_NwkPh9HfjMyUXwHHZOBogfe2fStwXqXL8QnY&m=vAgr_btmJlx41ufvMVy-60MRcgaa0pKPGCA9hbRze1DDMIxWaX6Xk7qUV5P17nqO&s=2IE-nroDibOI2Kf41mbfWuMdxRrcBNARoQh6BIMjHqg&e=

To have Taikura School connected after school care

- would currently create a much more relaxed school start and pick up situation for full time working families.
- can enable more full time working families to join the Taikura Whanau.
- this can create job opportunities.

If you would like to get in touch with us reach out via email to r_schirge@yahoo.de

Community Notices

Jars Wanted

Kia ora! We've just moved to the Bay from the Netherlands and are in search of glass jars to set up our kitchen pantry. These can be of any size, but the bigger, the better. So if you have any lying around collecting dust, please don't hesitate and donate them to us. I'll put a box at the school office. Thanks heaps! Batesy, Clarinda & Grace

For Rent

Tiny house for rent in Napier. \$400 p/w negotiable. Close to Taikura bus route. Please call 0272273022 for more information.

Student Summer Job Opportunity: Part-Time Childcare

We're looking for a caring and reliable helper to look after our two young children (2 years & 8 months) over the summer holidays mainly the month of January. Ideally looking for help during the day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in our home. Potential also for occasional evening hours when the kids are sleeping. The main focus will be engaging with our energetic 2-year-old while I work from home or run errands nearby. If you know a responsible teenager that would enjoy spending time with little ones we'd love to hear from you!

anaflynnstone@gmail.com

Calendula Flower Picking at Weleda

We are at that point again where we are needing to arrange a team to start picking.

- The work is piece work (paid by quantity picked) and there are usually two days or mornings a week required.
- It would be best if helpers can be available through the whole duration of the holidays but not essential.
- The rate of pay (as yet unconfirmed) is by the kilo.
- The days could be hot and dry so be prepared for this.
- Spend some fun in the sun with your friends and gain some experience in the world of work.

Contact Warren Pearce on 022 307 1129

Earth Hāngī - Funding our Youth to Suomi

Thanks to all those that had a wander into our ART fundraising at the Steiner Centre after or before the Fete. What a grand day.

We have HĀNGĪ available, the pick up point is Waipatu Marae - Tamatea Rugby Club Rooms on Sunday at 11:30am to 3:00pm. Cost is \$20.

If you thought you missed out, you almost did, and still might - unless you contact me on 021 1278 279 to place an order, pay and use your name for pick up.

Nga mihi o te wa,
Te Whiti
He Rangatahi Pounamu
non-profit organisation

Calling All Fathers!

Take our survey on what it's like to parent in the 21st century. Every completed survey goes into the draw to win a \$100 gift card. Ethics approval obtained by the University of Canterbury Human Ethics.

Follow the link below for more information or to complete the survey:

https://uclpsychology.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vVMTMPpWBy1Dds

2025 March 7-9
Tauranga

New Ground

Founding festival of the NZ youth section



An anthroposophical initiative

\$150 includes food and camping for 2 nights

Tickets - nzyouthsection.co.nz

YOU ARE INVITED TO

ECSTATIC DANCE

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
7PM-9PM

Plant medicine, Sound frequencies & Movement.
DJ Ora with special guests Kelly Whitewood offering a beautiful Cacao Ceremony & Aaron Gregory- sound Bath

Location: 'The Homestead' Keirunga Arts Venue,
Havelock North

<https://events.humanitix.com/ecstatic-dance-with-dj-ora-and-friends-k9d7mugv/tickets>

Children's Creative Holiday Art Workshop



Hosted By:
Amanda Sowersby

THURSDAY 19TH & FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 2024
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
\$55 per day or \$100 for 2 days

Keirunga Creative Arts Venue
6 Pufflett Rd,
Havelock North

Register Here:

[email:bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz](mailto:bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz)
<https://events.humanitix.com/childrens-creative-art-workshop/tickets>

School Holiday ART

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