



28 November 2024

Advent Season

This Sunday, 1 December, marks the first Advent Sunday. Advent starts on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas. It is a time of inner searching, introspection and anticipation.

It is through the darkness of the Earth that we await the birth of a new inner light to warm our hearts and strengthen our thoughts and deeds. This is manifested in the Christ Child of Light born on the night of Christmas. All the kingdoms of nature – Mineral, Plant, Animal and Human – await the coming birth. Advent is an inward journey of the soul, when we become aware of the eternal light that illuminates our way. It is beautifully entwined in the northern hemisphere with the Winter Solstice and the return of the Sun, and in the southern hemisphere with summer and celebrating the continued warmth of the sun. Advent is a fun-filled and joyous time, especially for children. A time that will be etched in their memories forever.

Advent in the Waldorf home is something that is celebrated by families of every religious background, every faith, and every spiritual path as part of the festival cycle of the year. The following traditional Advent verse can be used in the lighting of the Advent candles:



The first light of Advent is the light of stones
Light that lives in crystals, seashells, and bones.
The second light of Advent is the light of plants
Plants that reach up to the sun and in the breezes dance.
The third light of Advent is the light of beasts,
All await the birth, from the greatest and the least.
The fourth light of Advent is the light of humankind,
The light of hope that we may learn to love and understand.

Many Waldorf schools and families celebrate Advent by looking each week at the natural kingdoms on Earth: minerals in the first week, plants the second week, animals the third week and humans in the fourth week, all awaiting the birth of the Christ child.

We invite you to keep your eye on our school Advent table which sits in our hall foyer just outside the hall entrance. This table slowly builds up its tableau during the weeks leading up to Christmas - the day marking the birth of the Christ child.

Kelly Sutton
Deputy Principal

Open Hour

Dear whānau of Classes 2 - 5

You are warmly invited to an open hour next week on Wednesday afternoon the 4 December 2024 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. This year we wanted to give the students of these classes the opportunity to share their mahi and learning space with their whānau. It also provides a time for whānau to connect with their child's Class Teacher and each other before the Christmas season and summer holidays begin.

Classrooms 2 - 5 will be open with Teacher present.

Your child/children will curate your hour for you - both showing you their learning space and work, along with sharing places which are important to them during their school day. Grandparents are most welcome to attend.

You can expect to be greeted with a cold beverage over the course of the hour.

The pizza ovens will be operating, and for those students who have been learning in this space, students will share this experience with their whānau.

Please know that everyone is welcome to stop by the outdoor kitchen to learn more about this space and its operation. The woodwork room, handwork room and whare will also be open for parents to visit.

Children go home as normal if their whānau are not attending this event.

Events until the end of Term Four

Class 4 parent evening - TONIGHT at 5:30pm

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

Classes 2 to 5 Open Hour - Wednesday 4 December 3:00 to 4:00pm

Class 8 camp - 2 to 6 December

Class 9 craft week - 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 7:00pm

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

Carol Evening - Wednesday 18 December at 6:00pm

Donation Pledge Form Reminder

Please ensure this is completed via this link: <https://taikura.apps.school.nz/sa-forms/2gdt8ot>

Paper copies will not be sent this year, please see last week's Grapevine for further information regarding donations and attendance dues levels for 2025.



He Pito Kōrero

Kia ora e te whānau o Taikura!

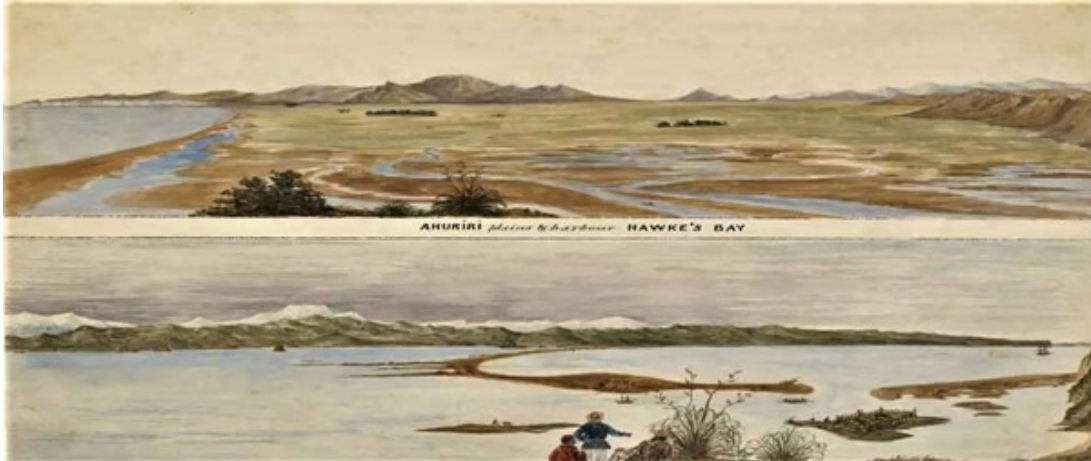
This week is the commemoration of a battle that happened here. I thought this would be good to share with our hapori, as we learn more about our local history that is an inherent part of this rohe. This is an excerpt shared from Mana Trust Ahuriri (21/10/24) about the significance of these events. For further information about the commemoration events this week: <https://manaahuriri.org/2024/10/18/te-pakanga-o-pakake-200-year-commemoration/>

This year marks the 200 year anniversary of the Battle of Te Pakake, a pivotal moment in our region's history that occurred in 1824. This significant conflict took place at a small pā situated on an island near present-day Napier, pitting the local Ngāti Kahungunu and their allies against a formidable coalition of northern tribes including Waikato, Hauraki, Ngāti Raukawa, Wairarapa, Tūwharetoa and Ngā Puhi.

The battle was part of a larger series of intertribal conflicts that reshaped the North Island's political landscape in the early 19th century. It stemmed from earlier clashes, notably the Battle of Te Roto-a-Tara, and was fueled by the pursuit of utu (revenge) for fallen chiefs.

Despite initial resistance, Te Pakake fell to the invading force, resulting in significant loss of life and the capture of several prominent chiefs. The aftermath of this battle led to major population shifts, with many Ngāti Kahungunu seeking refuge in the Ruahine mountains or at Nukutaurua on the Te Māhia Peninsula.

As we commemorate this event, we reflect on the complex history of our rohe, the resilience of our ancestors, and the peace that eventually emerged from this tumultuous period. The Battle of Te Pakake remains a poignant reminder of our shared past and the importance of understanding and honouring our history.



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

Class 12 Graduates 2025 Reflections

Ian Bailey

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Playing school and club hockey this year as I both played with and then faced my classmates who played for other club teams. I particularly enjoyed Tournament Week as we won the Lower North Island Tier Four Boys' Cup and I made lots of great friends along the way.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

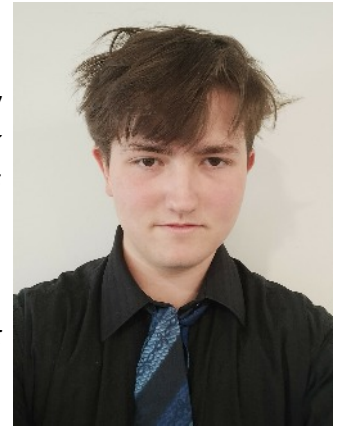
Winning Tournament Week last year as I was instrumental in winning the shoot out by saving the opponent's shots.

Explain what your future plans are.

I am going to the University of Waikato to study English and Geography and then complete a Masters of Teaching to become a Secondary School teacher. I hope to continue playing hockey and perhaps coach a team.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Try and enjoy your last year at school with your class, friends and community. You should focus on passing and completing your project.



Sara Bruce-Gordon



What has been the stand out experience of your class 12 year?

Exploring the Ahuriri Rocky shore for sea life during the zoology main lesson then visiting the natural Aquarium, and seeing my little blue friends in the penguin cove.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

On the class 6 camp, it was our last day and when we were on the lake it started to pour with rain & thunder; it was an amazing experience.

Explain what your future plans are.

Taking 2025 off to focus on my own art and music.

If you had to give future class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

"We're all stories, in the end. Just make it a good one, eh?" - The Doctor

Kaito Wallis

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

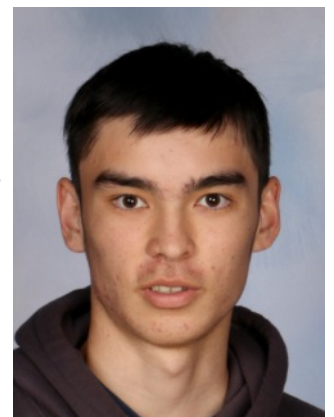
I enjoyed the Odyssey Camp.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

I enjoyed playing hockey in the Winter Secondary School Tournament weeks and all the camps.

Explain what your future plans are.

I intend to study at Victoria University and perhaps go on an exchange to Japan in my second year.



Chris Deed

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

The Lower North Island Hockey Championship as we defended the title and it was a good way to end my time playing hockey for the school.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

The Sunrise Hut camp as we played hide and seek.

Explain what your future plans are.

I intend to study to be an electrician at the EIT.



If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Start the Class 12 Project early. There is so much formatting that needs to be done so leave time for this.

Jake Mawson



What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

The Odyssey Camp; particularly Camp Bay where we swam off the wharf. We had lots of fun experiences as a class.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

The Olympic Camp with all the other Steiner schools.

Explain what your future plans are.

I want to be a firefighter but this can be difficult to get into when you are young so I might do an apprenticeship in the interim and volunteer as a firefighter or an Emergency Medical Technician.

Ashley-Rose Cooper

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

I enjoyed being in Class 12 this year as I was able to do the work I wanted to, which was handwork and art. I made a beautiful dress that I have always wanted and I made four amazing pieces of whakairo . It is nice to have the freedom and respect of being in Class 12.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

The Class 10 Marae camp was fun as I enjoyed learning the waiata and karakia and experiencing this with my class. The performance also was special as we made teachers and parents cry.

Explain what your future plans are.

To become wealthy, healthy, successful and wise.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

You might not like the people in your class but they are always there to help and call you out when it's needed.



Milo Wade

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Having the opportunity to attend the Class 9 Mountain Bike camp again as a leader. This is my favourite camp so it was cool to be able to experience this again.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

The Class 12 play as I played the character Randall Patrick McMurphy in One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest. It was a leading role which provided an interesting challenge for me as I sought to inhabit this character.

Explain what your future plans are.

I would like to join the Airforce next year with the hope of becoming a pilot. Eventually I would like to pursue other roles as a pilot outside of the Air Force.



If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Enjoy it as it is your last year and the end comes upon you pretty fast.



Hayley Wood

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

The Odyssey Camp, because our class is small, it felt inclusive. We did a variety of activities while we were at the place. Having dinner together on the beach and mucking around the wharf are favourite memories.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Playing hide and seek on the first night of the class 11 ski week camp, seeing our galaxy The Milky Way for the first time was a very memorable experience

Explain what your future plans are.

I am planning to attend NYDS next year and then apply to Toi Whakaari to study drama. At some stage I would like to return to Bridge Pa Aerodrome and become a pilot. (This was my practical for the Class 12 project).

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Do your best and make the most of it because once the year's over that's it.

The biggest lie I told myself is: 'I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it!'

Savan Sharland

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

The class has become closer and feels more connected.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

The Class 9 Mountain bike camp, as we did a variety of activities in Rotorua and I enjoy mountain biking.

Explain what your future plans are.

I intend to follow a music or film production pathway and see where it takes me.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Don't procrastinate till the end as this is when it gets challenging.



Joshua Dipper

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

Going on the Odyssey camp this year and the Class 12 Projects.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

Winning the school and North Island Hockey Tournament in our grade.

Explain what your future plans are.

I intend to complete the Bachelor of Computer Systems at the EIT, Hawke's Bay.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

You need to work on your project early.

"Never put off until tomorrow what can be done today" - Master Wu



Taina Nogueira



What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

The Class 12 Project.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

I tried to play hockey for Taikura, which is a completely new sport for me.

Explain what your future plans are.

I have many plans, including improving my performance in the specialist areas of a triathlon and applying to a university to study biology far from home, which is my dream.

If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

It is going to be a long year, there is time for many things to happen and change, including you, but there's no need to fear. Seek courage and throw yourself into the changes that attract you, respecting your time and yourself.

Cadence Diedericks

What has been the stand out experience of your Class 12 year?

The Odyssey camp was great as we explored the South Island and hung out with the class.

What is one of your favourite memories of your time at Taikura?

The Surf Camp in Class 8 as that is when I fell in love with surfing.

Explain what your future plans are.

I intend to travel to Australia and teach surfing as I have my Level 1 surf instructors.



If you had to give future Class 12 students advice on handling their last year at school, what would it be?

Start your project early and don't leave it to the last minute.

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

Mānuka required for Kindergarten

Taikura Kindergarten is developing a new garden for our Nursery group next year and we are wondering whether there may be some resources we can glean from our Taikura community.



We are wanting to create a mānuka fence and are needing some lengths of mānuka; 8 lengths, 6 metres with a diameter of 60-70mls and 100 sticks 1.2 meters with 25 ml diameter. These dimensions are approximate and any contributions would be gratefully received.

Please contact Emma; emma.fisher@taikura.school.nz if you are able to help us.

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!

anaflynstone@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

Loveable Felts Looking For Their Forever Home

I have a few Loveable Felts still available from my stall at the Fete. Donkeys, Flower Gnomes & Unicorns are looking for their forever homes. If you are looking for a unique handmade gift for Christmas or needing a wee donkey to add to your Advent table contact Angela on 022 075 3992.





Free Piano

Old school piano, good quality (Walter Collison, London), good condition. Going free. Call Erin 027 266 8690

Podcast Link

Do you know anyone that is navigating a journey with cancer ? We know plenty ...

Kerrie runs the acorn project, working with children and families navigating cancer. Tune in and have a listen ...she has some valuable advice:

<https://shorturl.at/5tFCr>

Alysha Macaulay

Nanny/Babysitter Needed For The Summer Holidays

We have a 7 year old and a 2 year old.

We live in Raukawa so you would need a drivers license and car. Our house is on a beautiful property which is shared with another house with a pool which can be used all summer. If you are interested call Alice on 0273541692

Wet Felting Workshop

We will make a Ball & Mat
(could be a play mat or placemat/pot mat)

For Adults and/or Children
(over 10yrs unless accompanied with an Adult)

Monday 23 December
10 – 12 (includes morning tea)
Havelock North
Koha for materials

RSVP Rochelle 027 333 0995 by Friday 20th December

Family Advent Festivals

The Christian Community welcomes you to join our family advent celebrations on the 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas at 9:00am for about 45 minutes followed by morning tea. At Rangimarie, 617 Heretaunga st east. In this time of much outer activity it is a chance to find meaning and reverence as we prepare ourselves for the Christ Child to come at Christmas. It will include some advent songs much loved by children (and adults) and a story as we accompany Mary and Joseph on their journey. Please bring a treasure for the advent table each week:

1 December from the mineral kingdom eg crystal or stone

8 December from the plant kingdom eg flowers or leaves

15 December from the animal kingdom eg a wooden or felt animal or feather

22 December from the heavenly kingdom eg a star or angel

The second week, 8 December instead of morning tea we will have a children's service at 9:30am followed by The Act of Consecration of The Human Being (the communion service) for adults.

Early evening on 24 December there will be a festival with carol singing and perhaps a play and shared picnic. Time and details to be confirmed.

Is anyone willing to be part of a special Christmas play (some roles are speaking others just acting and small) to be shared on the 24th or a Three Kings play on January 6th please get in touch with Tania ph 068761021 or 0210664908



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

January 20-24th 2025

www.michalk.co.nz Suitable 6+

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DECEMBER 18-20

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POP UP

XMAS NIGHT

MARTKET

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

4:30-8:30 PM

THE OLD MUSHROOM FARM- 174 BROOKVALE RD HAVELOCK NORTH

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Boppy the Brave Bumblebee

Written and Narrated
by Megan Clough

NEW!
After searching high and low,
Boppy finally finds the special treasure....
For young children. A lovely story!

Find it here:

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/boppy-the-brave-bumblebee-megan-clough/1146551164>

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HB REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
2.PM TO 4PM (RACING STARTS 2.30PM)



**FOR ANYONE THAT WANTS TO TRY OUT
SWIMMING RACING AND HAVE FUN**

JUST BRING YOUR TOGS, WATERBOTTLE AND A SMILE
We will bring ribbons, prizes and club information

EVENT INCLUDES

- ✓ 25M RACES
- ✓ 50M RACES
- ✓ KICK RACES
- ✓ RELAYS

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Contact Information

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