



7 February 2025

Welcome to 2025

Taikura e...
E karanga e te iwi e,
Kua eke mai nei ki runga te marae e.
Mauria mai I ngā mate o te motu e,
Me ngā tini roimata e maringi whānui e.

Titiro e te iwi ki ngā mahi o te motu,
E hora ake nei e.
Rū ana te whenua, whatiwhati te moana,
Aue te aroha, te mamae I a aue.
Rū ana te whenua, whatiwhati te moana hi!

Taikura is calling to the people
Who have just set foot on this marae
Bring with you the memories of all those that have passed on
And so many tears spilling forth nation-wide.

Look at our people working across the land,
Spread out far and wide.
Shaking is the ground, quivering is the sea.
Oh, the love and the pain within me.
The ground shakes and quivers!

Years ago the above waiata was taught to our Lower School kapa haka group by John and Keita Matthews, our kapa haka tutors at the time. We have chosen this as our school waiata pōwhiri to welcome manuhiri (visitors) with. It is a waiata that our school sing whole-heartedly when called upon, and at some point when you are standing with the school, you may be able to join us in this waiata...ask your tamariki to teach you, or join us at Waiata Mai on Thursdays! Ngā mihi mahana o Hineraumati ki a tātou katoa!

Upcoming Events

Class 8 surf camp - Monday 10 February to Friday 14 February

Class 9 parent hui - Tuesday 11 February at 7:30 pm

Class 7 parent hui - Wednesday 12 February at 6:00 pm

School Board hui - Monday 17 February at 5:00 pm in our whare, Te Manukura

Class 3 parent hui - Wednesday 19 February at 6:30 pm

High School Athletics Day - Tuesday 11 March



He Pito Kōrero

He maimai aroha

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā mātāwaka o te whānau whānui o Taikura
Nau mai, haere mai, nau mai hoki mai ki tō tatou kura, mō tēnei wāhanga tuatahi o te tau nei!

A warm welcome back to you all for the beginning of our new year. I hope that your holidays have been a time of rejuvenation, reconnection and rest, for all!

During our summer break, I was in Tāmaki-maka-rau – Auckland, when I heard about the passing of Patrick Parsons. Pat Parsons was a local Pākehā kaumatua living at Poraiti, who had over many years, through relationship and research, become one of the entrusted repositories of Kahungunu whakapapa (the iwi of this area).

Years ago, through the kumara vine, I had heard about Pat and his abilities to recount local history. I rang him, as I wanted to talk with him about local history, especially Ōtātara Pā; the significance of this place, and the iwi and hapū (subtribes) who first populated this rohe. He agreed to meet and walk around Ōtātara Pā, sharing stories and history. My dictaphone in hand, I captured his kōrero, and then transcribing it for my own personal reference. His sharpness of mind was incredible. As we walked that whenua, Pat referenced the different names of tūpuna (ancestors), the general dates of events, the whakapapa links and evolving histories that have formed what we know today. Pat was also interested in my own Kahungunu whakapapa and was able to relay invaluable kōrero about my whānau.

The kōrero that he shared about Ōtātara Pā is the same kōrero that I share with our ākongā, as we walk that Pā site. I have included a link of a short interview with Pat, which shares his own story of how he came to hold this knowledge that many of us of this rohe are forever grateful for. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzpEA0YBvfA>

Nō reira, e te rangatira
Kei roto koe i ngā ringaringa o te Atua kaha rawa
Ahakoa kua haere-a-tinana
Ka noho tonu tōu wairua mai ngā purākau, ngā whakapapa, ngā hītori
I waenganui i ngā hapū, ngā iwi, ngā uri
o Ngāti Kahungunu!

Nā, Matua Troy

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



Waiata Mai Every Thursday 12:25 - 12:55pm!

Ngā mihi hīkaka ki a koutou ngā manu tioriori o Taikura!
Every Thursday in our whare, Te Manukura, you can learn some of the many waiata that your tamariki sing at kura! Nau mai, haere mai te katoa...all are welcome!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!
Nā Troy Gardiner

Steiner Certificates

A reminder Level 1 & 2 Steiner Certificates from 2024 are in the office for collection by parents or students of this year's Class 11 & 12.

Medical Updates

If there are changes to your child's medical situation, please complete a Medical Safety Action Plan via the school office and return it to karyn.wills@taikura.school.nz for Lower School students, or to sanne.coulthard@taikura.school.nz for High School students. If staff need to administer medication to your child or young person, please also complete the medical authority form. If there are no changes to your child's medical situation, and you have already filled in these forms, no action is required.

Ngā mihi, nā,

Karyn Wills & Sanne Coulthard, Taikura SENCos (Special Education Needs Coordinators)

'Portraits, Places and People'

You are invited! An exhibition by Art Teacher Clayton Gibson and students from Taikura Rudolf Steiner School.

At ArtsInc, Hastings Community Arts Centre, 106 Russell Street South,

Opening Tuesday 18 February at 5:30 pm.

As a High School art, history of art, history of architecture, mythology and drama teacher at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, I am pulled in all directions planning and teaching the subjects that I am passionate about.

As preparation for the lessons and the units of work that I teach, I use my visual art practice to help me process the content, and trial some of the art assignments that I am asking my students to attempt. By doing so I am able to gain a deeper insight into the themes I am exploring with my students and I am able to work through the pitfalls that they may experience while creating their own work.

Due to the breadth of subject areas that I am asked to prepare for, and my way of preparing through my art practice, this particular exhibition is quite eclectic in nature.

I have attempted to break the work into three distinct themes. The first theme explores events that have occurred in Aotearoa history that may have not been part of my own education.

The second theme explores portraiture of family members. Even though I don't see myself as a portrait artist, I ask my year 13 students to explore this very subject matter, so it would be unfair to ask them to explore this area of art without attempting it myself.

The third part of the exhibition explores art techniques that I am asking my Year 10 and 11 students to explore. This part of the exhibition explores places that I have been or feel connected to. I have used this subject matter in conjunction with composition derived from the exploration of cubism as part of our studies in History of Art.

Accompanying each section of the exhibition are examples of student's work from our school, showing what these very talented students can create using similar techniques and subject matter.

Clayton Gibson



EOTC Update

Kia ora whānau,

As we step into a fresh year of Education Outside the Classroom, I want to share some important updates about how we'll be managing consent for the activities and communication.

We are moving to a new system on KAMAR (our student management system), which will allow us to send emails directly to families. These emails will include links to consent forms. Once you open the link, you'll need to tick the required sections and add any necessary comments. Please note—if you close the link before completing the form, it will no longer work, and you'll need to request a new one. Please be patient with us teachers as we navigate this new system. For example you might get communications twice or three times depending if a teacher is trying to send out information to one or two parents (sorry class 8 parents!).

We will be getting all information from KAMAR so please update your email addresses, phone numbers, and health details so we can get a hold of you and if your child needs medical attention we have all the details to make informed decisions.

For those keen to volunteer as camp helpers, please check in with Suzan at the office to confirm the status of your police vetting. All parent helpers must be police vetted—this is essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of our tamariki, a police vet needs to be renewed every 3 years.

A gentle reminder to read all camp and day outing information carefully. Setting your child (and the teacher in charge) up for success starts with making sure they have everything on the gear list. A well-prepared student is a comfortable and capable one!

Communication is key. If you have any questions or need clarification, please go directly to the teacher in charge of the activity. This helps to prevent miscommunication and ensures you're getting the most accurate information.

It's shaping up to be a busy first term, with Class 8, 12, and 6 all heading out on week long excursions. We're looking forward to a rich and rewarding time in nature together.

I also want to say a huge shout out to all the volunteers who help us out on these day trips and overnight camps, we literally cannot do this without your support.

If you also have any skills, or ideas about amazing local places that we could utilise as a school please speak to your class teacher or myself. We would love to hear your ideas.

Ngā mihi,
Gee Reisima
EOTC Coordinator

Staffing Update

We have this week received **Gee Reisima's** resignation, effective from the end of Term One. We are grateful for all that Gee has contributed to our kura during the last 10 years, particularly her work leading our EOTC programme, which is a specialised and greatly valued aspect of our Special Character curriculum. Students consistently reflect that their EOTC experiences are among their favourite memories of school life. We have appreciated her work in developing, implementing and promoting the health curriculum with students, staff and parents, her willingness to step into the PE role when needed, taking on the role of Teacher Rep on our School Board and her support sponsor role, and general pastoral support. We will miss you Gee!

A warm welcome to **Jade Powell**, who is taking on the position of Lower School handwork teacher for classes 1, 2, 3 and 4. Also to **Savanna Hood**, who has joined our High School as a Teacher Aide.

Jasreen Kaur has qualified as a New Zealand registered teacher, and is taking on the part-time position of High School physics teacher.

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.

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 the orchestra or to undertake music lessons, please do get in contact with me via my email: thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

School App

If you have not already done so, **we encourage you to download our School App into your smart phone.** You will find school contacts, newsletters, a link to our website, term dates, absentee notifications and our calendar which is filled with upcoming events, meetings, camps and trips. Subscribe to class alert groups and you will receive notifications such as class camp school arrival times and meeting reminders straight to your phone. So much useful information!

1. Go to the **App Store** or **Google Play Store** on your mobile device
2. Search **SchoolAppsNZ**
3. Download the **App**
4. Open the **App**
5. When it asks to send notifications – click allow.
6. When it asks to search your **School** – type your **School Name** in the search bar
7. Lastly, subscribe to the Alert Groups you would like to receive alerts for.



Sun Hats

A reminder brimmed sunhats are compulsory outside for Lower School students in Term One. Hats and caps are not to be worn inside, and hoods must be kept down at school.

Liaison Parents

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers who take on the role of liaison parent. In order to streamline the flow of information and continuity of year-to-year communication liaison parent handovers will now occur at the end of Term One. This means the liaison parent you had last year remains your current point of contact. Should there be a change this will be communicated via the class teacher or sponsor.

We are aware of Liaison Parents having been asked to share communications during the holiday break regarding our school hours change. A reminder that the role of Liaison Parent is to provide a conduit for information to pass between the class teacher/sponsor and parents, it is not one of problem solving or mediation. Where there are parent questions or concerns that cannot be easily answered, they should be directed to the teacher, Deputy Principal, or Principal.

Friday Market

The Friday Markets are a fantastic way to build community each week while steadily growing your class's bank account. On average, each class earns between \$200 and \$250 per term—contributing to valuable funds that can help offset costs such as class camps!

Thank you to all the families who consistently bake, set up, serve and help out.

Quick Overview

Friday Markets start in Week 2, 14 February.

Find the rostered date for your child's class below.

Review the guidelines for baking, pricing, and more.

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 One Roster

Week 1, 7 Feb

No Market

Week 2, 14 Feb

Class 2 + Class 3

Week 3, 21 Feb

Class 4 + Class 5

Week 4, 28 Feb

Class 6 + Class 7

Week 5, 7 March

Class 8 + Class 9

Week 6, 14 March

Class 10 + Class 11

Week 7, 21 March

Kereru Kindergarten

Week 8, 28 March

Taikura Kindergarten + Play Group

Week 9, 4 April

Class 12 + Class 1

Week 10, 11 April

Teacher Only Day



Congratulations

To Tyler and Josh Dipper, who won 1st and 2nd place at the New Zealand national pinball championships over the summer holidays. They now have their sights on the world champs!



Community Notices

Evolutionary Stages of the Earth and Human Consciousness

9 week lecture series + optional art experience

Gain insight into the spiritual and material evolution of the Earth and human consciousness—core anthroposophical principles for teachers and parents, that help shape Rudolf Steiner Waldorf curriculum.

February 11 – April 8, 2025 | \$170 lectures | \$230 including art

Attend online or in person in Hastings, NZ

Access the online course with lecture recordings and notes anytime

Free lesson preview and more details: <https://anthro.thinkific.com>



House for Rent

Tidy 1920's 3 bedroom house for rent, available from early May. 350 metres from Taikura. Large backyard, food forest, chook run, garden beds, fenced area for pop up pool, heat pump, fire, heat transfer system, small shed, pets negotiable, \$650 per week. Contact Tabitha on tab.bristow@gmail.com

Skateboarding Lessons

Term One skateboarding lessons for all ages and abilities from complete beginners to more advanced riders! Boards & protective gear provided! Sessions are run by a Taikura parent and we have awesome Taikura teen coaches. 3.40-4.40pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays at William Nelson Skatepark, Hastings. \$5 per class!

Sign up at www.wellnessriders.com or email sarinah@wellnessriders.com

Michael Connett:
International Fluoridation Expert



The acclaimed US lawyer who
won the federal case proving
fluoridation poses an
unreasonable risk to health.

Be informed, Learn the facts.



Friday 7 February 2025
7.00pm to 8.30pm



Magdalinos Room
Havelock North Function Centre

This is a great chance to hear the USA lawyer who won the TSCA fluoridation case against EPA in 2024. The judge said "fluoridation posed an unreasonable risk." This is particularly important for parents to know, as fluoridation is associated with lowered intelligence in children. However, older people are also impacted by fluoridation with arthritis, bone fractures, thyroid and kidney problems.

Angela Hair & Lizzie Freeman

Taruna Courses

Taruna warmly invites you to "**Beginners Art Classes**" on the 11th or 12th February. Eight Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings from 11/12th February to 1/2nd April.

These art classes are led by Sonya Lethbridge an Artistic Therapist. You will explore Goethe's colour theory with the mediums of pastels, watercolours and coloured pencils.

For more information follow our link: www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/art-for-beginners/

Taruna College warmly invites you to the "**Supportive Therapies Workshop**" 7 - 9 March.

This workshop is for nurses, therapists, caregivers who would like to broaden their anthroposophical nursing knowledge, learning practical and effective care and intervention strategies.

For more information follow our link: <https://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/therapies-for-care-and-recovery/>

Eurythmy for Adults

Take the opportunity to explore & experience the gifts of eurythmy. What it can mean to hold a centre in life's challenges and come to an experience of the self! Join us for 8 weeks. Tuesday 11th February - Tuesday 8th April 9.15-10.15am at the Steiner Centre, cnr Nelson St & Whitehead Rd. Cost: \$120. Contact Sue Simpson sue.simpson0@gmail.com





Friday Felting for our Fijian Friends

For 8 Friday's during Term 1 we will have a
Friday Felting Session to raise funds for
2 Fijian Steiner Kindy Teachers to attend Kolisko

Give what you can

Friday's: 9.30am - 11.30am
@ Rochelle's Place in Havelock North

February: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

March: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

We will also be running a raffle

\$5 for 3 Tickets

Contact Rochelle on 027 333 0995 for more info

A series of Conversations

About Early Childhood

Ka ngā raupapa kōrerorero Tereina

Nga kaupapa o nga kōrerorero hui: Akoranga o tātou tamariki

A 6 weekly discussion group for Parents, Early Childhood Educators & Health Professionals

- 13 Feb: Stomp. Your BE Silly's Out. Together.
- 20 Feb: Why Ordering a cappuccino in Te Reo makes perfect sense and how this relates to child behaviour and Neurodiversity
- 27 Feb: Movement Matters! Why Children NEED to Move – A lot!
- 6 Mar: Beyond the Behaviour: Exploring our Sensory Systems in relation to understanding Child Behaviour
- 13 Mar: Seeking a Neurodivergent Diagnosis – How / Why / When?
- 20 Mar: Power, Consent, Harm Minimisation & Restraint (aka Love, Care & Respect)

Small group Discussions (max 10 people) in Havelock North

Thursday evenings 6 -8 pm : Join 1, some or all

Starting February 13th 2025

\$20 per session or \$100 for all 6

Hosted by Rochelle Hairs



Rochelle is a Child & Family Health Nurse specialising in Challenging Behaviour, Neurodiversity, Sensory Integration & Developmental Movement Play Therapy

MA (Nursing), Grad Cert (Child & Family Health), Grad Cert (Extra Lesson), BA (Psychology & Education)

Wet Felting as a Sensory Experience for Adults

Do you or someone you know have Sensory Sensitivities?

Maybe you identify as Takiwātanga...



Wet felting in a neuro-affirming, small group
(5 + carers if needed), nature based, safe space can be fun, social
and therapeutic.

There'll be lots of time and space for
movement, chill out spaces if needed,
and awareness of sensory needs.

Can also do 1:1



I'm taking Expressions of Interest
for Classes in 2025.

Havelock North or Your Place.

Rochelle - 027 333 0995

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