



27 February 2025

Saint Groups

You may notice a saint such as St Teresa, St Joseph, St Catherine or St Anthony named on your statements. This indicates which vertical group (saint group) your child belongs to while at Taikura, which they will remain part of for the duration of their enrolment. At our festivals students from Classes 1 to 12 gather in their saint groups, and activities such as tabloid sports at the Autumn Festival and drink and biscuit sharing at the Whitsun Festival take place within saint groups. Saint groups serve to build community and foster tuakana-teina, the Māori concept referring to the relationship between an older sibling (tuakana) and a younger sibling (teina). By grouping students into vertical groups we break up peer groups and make students more aware of themselves than they would be if they stayed in the same class. In our High School saint groups are how we organise our Athletics Day groupings, and currently our High School saint groups are also working on dedicated activity time every second week as part of High School Assembly time.



2025 Festival and Community Assembly Dates

20 March - Autumn Festival
3 April - Community Assembly

6 June - Whitsun
17 July - Mid Winter
4 September - Community Assembly

12 September - Spring Festival
17 December - Carol Evening



He Pito Kōrero

Kīwaha o te wiki

Te mīharo hoki! (Teh mee ha dor hor key)

Amazing, awesome. A phrase of praise.

Ahikā: E hoa, did you see the pōwhiri for Te Matatini?

Miriama: Āe rā, te mīharo hoki!

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

Upcoming Events

Class 6 parent hui - Thursday 6 March at 6:00pm

Kōwhai Room parent afternoon - Monday 10 March at 2:00pm

High School hockey trials - Monday 10 March at 3:30pm

School Tour - Monday 10 March at 3:30pm

High School Athletics Day - Tuesday 11 March

Pounamu Room parent afternoon - Tuesday 11 March at 2:00pm

Taikura Kindergarten parent hui - Wednesday 12 March at 6:00pm

Tu Mai Taikura Hui-a-whānau - Wednesday 19 March at 6:00pm

Autumn Festival - Thursday 20 March - details to follow

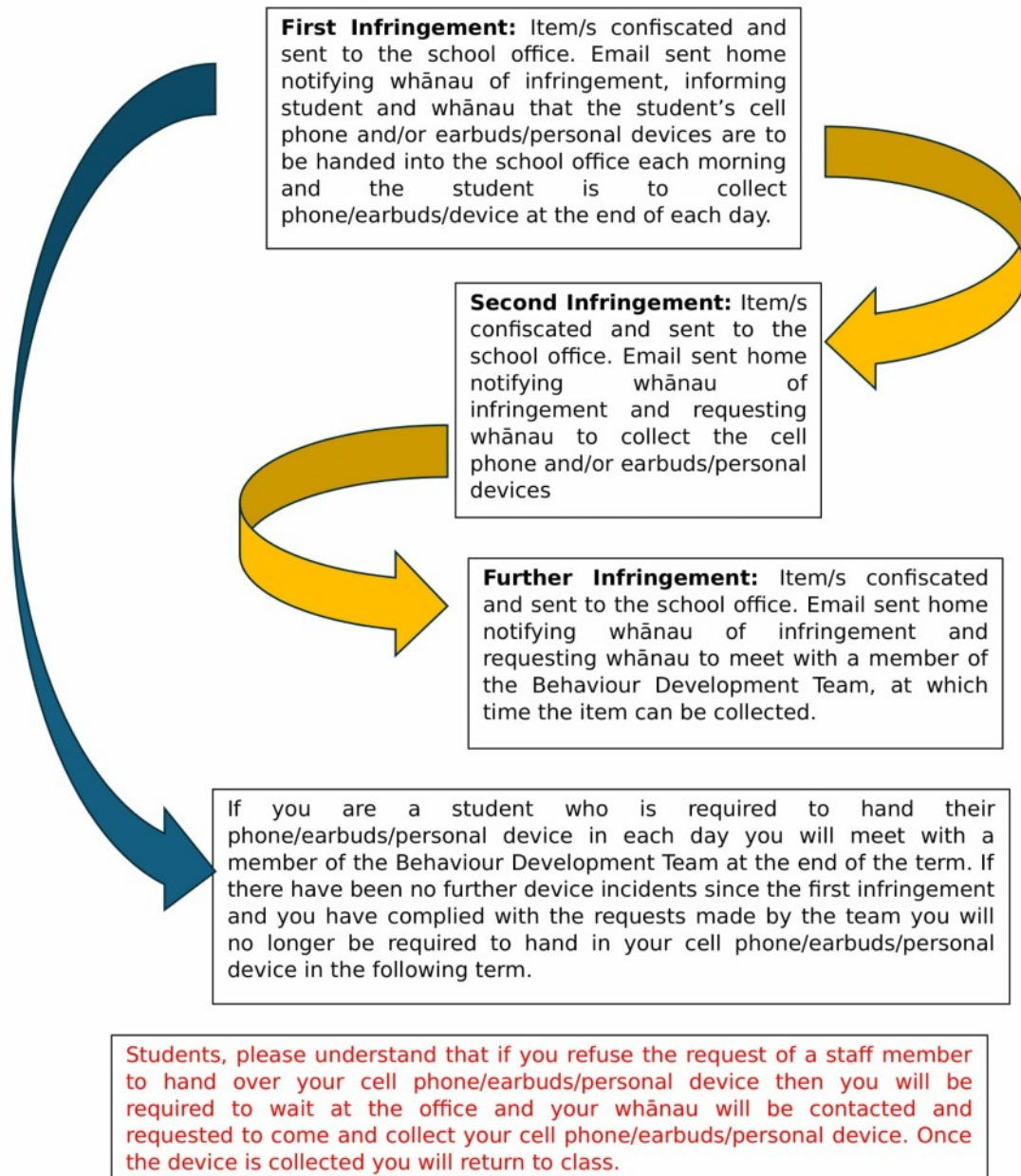
Taikura Fete - Sunday 16 November

Updated Cell-Phone Procedure

Here at Taikura we have always worked hard to combat the more negative influences of technology on the social landscape of our students. Long before the government implemented its no-cell phones at school rule we were working to mitigate the effects of cell-phones on student learning. To ensure we are meeting the mandate of no cell phones at school, and to avoid more costly solutions of student lock pouches for phones, it is imperative our students respect our rule of no cell-phones out, or seen, on school grounds. Pre law change when students were observed to have their phones out, we gave students 2 chances per term before there was a consequence. At the end of 2024 our response and process to the use of cell-phones while at school was reviewed, and updated over the holiday period. Please see below for the updated process. Students have been made aware of all changes and students in classes 6 to 12 will be given a copy of the below chart.

Cell Phones, Earbuds & Personal Devices are not to be used at school under any circumstances

Flow Chart for Students - *within the space of a Term*



2025 School Staffing - useful contacts

Leon Crellin is our bus controller: bus@taikura.school.nz or leon.crellin@taikura.school.nz

Janet Osborne is our sports coordinator: sports@taikura.school.nz

Thomas Pearson organises musical instrument hire and music lessons: thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Jaci Chambers is our Listening Programme coordinator: jaci.chambers@taikura.school.nz

Nicole Scheidegger is our Extra Lesson practitioner: nicole.scheidegger@taikura.school.nz

Maxine Andersen is our guidance counsellor: maxine.andersen@taikura.school.nz

Paula Rose is our careers advisor: careers@taikura.school.nz

Selena Crouch is our business manager: selena.crouch@taikura.scool.nz

Karen Hamilton is our finance assistant, and takes care of medical permission forms: accounts@taikura.school.nz or karen.hamilton@taikura.school.nz

Liam Wyley is our property manager: property@taikura.school.nz

For school photo information, Grapevine enquiries, police vetting and all other queries: office@taikura.school.nz

Swimming Lessons

To assist whānau in planning for extra curricular swimming lessons for students it may be helpful to know that swimming lessons for Classes 2 to 7 will be had in Term 4 of this year. Parents will receive information closer to the time, typically the students will receive 8 lessons over 8 weeks. Students are transported to and from the Mitre 10 Sports Park by bus with their class teacher, and support staff.

Kelly Sutton

EOTC Survey

Currently, camps are paid for by parents on an as needed basis through individual payments often subsidised by the class fundraising activities and a class bank account. The camp fee is paid to the School Board who in turn pay for the food, accommodation and activities. Camps start in Class 3 and fees are minimal but as the children move through the school, the overall costs increase. The amount will vary depending on where camps are and the providers that are required.

The average camp fee per child ranges between \$30 and \$1,200 over the years from class 3 to class 12.

To reduce the fundraising and financial management pressures on parents, an option being considered is to have the class camp costs paid as an EOTC donation to the Proprietors at the start of the year alongside the annual special character donation. This would reduce the need for parent groups to fundraise and manage class bank accounts as the children progress through the school.

Moving from the current practice to an EOTC donation could be achieved in a few different ways, but it would require commitment from all parents. Given the information provided, we would like to survey families: [URL: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KBPHMYR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KBPHMYR) around their thoughts on changing the current camp fee structure to an EOTC donation.

Thank you to those who have already completed the survey, we encourage all to have a say so will continue gathering feedback for another two weeks.

Sue Simpson

School Photos

Parents have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase recently taken 2025 School Photos. Please keep an eye on your spam/trash folders for the email from Photolife. Please get in touch with us at office@taikura.school.nz if you need assistance. Please note that free delivery expires at midnight on Sunday 2 March.

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)

Road Safety

Thank you to our new Class 6 as they take up the service role of being our traffic wardens for the year. Thank you to Mr Crellin too, who manages and supports this mahi.

The start of the year is a busy time for the new Road Wardens as they settle into the routine and become accustomed to the added responsibility.

The school crossing and our road patrols are there to support students' safe entry and exit from school.

Unfortunately there are a small number of parents who aren't supporting the mahi of our road patrollers by crossing where it suits and not using the crossing. Please set a safe example for our students and cross on the crossing.

Kolisko Conference Billeting

There will be visitors from across the motu and overseas attending the Kolisko conference which is taking place at Taikura in April. If you are able to billet/host conference attendees at your home, please contact Suzan Bart suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz

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 Community Conduct Expectations

At Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, the board as the PCBU has a primary responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all workers, and others who may be affected by our school operations (including students and our wider school community) (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015). Taikura Rudolf Steiner School is committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff and takes all reasonable steps to eliminate racism, stigma, bullying, and any other forms of discrimination within the school (Education and Training Act 2020, s 127).

Conduct expectations

At Taikura Rudolf Steiner School, school-related activities and events, and in all communications, we expect members of the school community to:

- comply with New Zealand legislation and regulations
- follow any reasonable requests or instructions from the school
- treat school staff and other members of the school community with respect
- support student learning
- respect our special character
- take reasonable care of their own health and safety
- take reasonable care that their behaviour does not negatively affect the health and safety of others
- follow relevant school policies and procedures, including but not limited to:
 - supporting our inclusive school culture and school values
 - respecting the privacy of others (e.g. sharing images)
 - using digital technology and social media safely and responsibly
 - complying with school expectations about smoking, vaping, and using alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances
 - protecting school property and resources.

Managing concerns and incidents

Our school is committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and supportive environment for all members of our school community. Anyone who wants to bring a matter to the attention of the school is encouraged to follow our concerns and complaints procedures, including contacting an appropriate person at the school. We expect concerns and complaints to be raised respectfully, constructively, and with a willingness to work collaboratively to resolve the matter.

If there is a concern or complaint about community conduct, or an incident occurs, we aim to address the matter promptly and effectively. This includes meeting the principles of natural justice.

Certain incidents may require immediate action:

- If a person is on school grounds without permission or a legitimate reason and/or refuse to leave when requested, they may be considered a trespasser.
- If gang insignia is worn on school grounds, the person wearing it may be asked to remove the gang insignia or leave.
- If necessary, staff contact the police.

Community Notices

Raffle Tickets

To raise funds to bring 2 Fijian Kindergarten Teachers to the Kolisko Conference. \$5 for 3 tickets, see the amazing prizes on display in the office foyer! Tickets are for sale at the Friday Market for the duration of Term One. Drawn Friday 11 April, winner takes all! Prizes donated by Weleda, Taruna, Humanity Books & Fine Art Supplies, Clayton Hairs, Wardini Books, The Yoga Space, Sonya Lethbridge, Troy Gardiner, Rochelle Hairs and more.

Contact Rochelle on 027 333 0995 for more information.



Maidens new Moon circles

For girls aged 9 to 11

The first Wednesday after the New Moon

3.00 - 4.30

Contribution \$20

In our monthly Maidens circle we meet in the energy of the new Moon and new beginnings. Together we create a sacred space with a candle and treasures we find or bring.

Erica and Mara will provide a safe space for the maidens to connect, be heard, express, listen, create and play. We will weave in songs, movement, creativity and a touch of mindfulness in response to the needs and wishes that arise each month.

Where: 406 Fitzroy Ave, Hastings

Possibility to pick up the children from the Steiner School at 2.45

Dates: 5/3, 2/4, 30/4, 28/5, 25/6, 30/7, 27/8, 24/9, 22/10, 26/11

For expressions of interest or inquiry:

Erica Jeffs of Healing Therapies

erica@healingtherapies.co.nz 0210334983

Mara Radice of 'Miss Tupitu' Puppet Company

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Your ultimate holiday camp adventure!
Off-Grid Adventure Camps provides 9-13 year olds with a transformative, device-free holiday experience focused on personal growth, fun, adventure and spending time in nature. With our team of experienced professionals, our camps offer 5 days of exciting activities, yummy meals, and a place to build great friendships and memories. Give kids the time of their lives, with an enriching camp experience.

APRIL 2025
Sunday April 13th - Thursday April 17th
5 days | 4 nights 9-13yr olds
GET IN QUICK TO BOOK YOUR SPOT!
WWW.OFFGRIDADVENTURES.KIWI

REGISTER HERE



Hawke's Bay Events with Swami Karma Karuna 2nd & 3rd March



Unveiling Your Authentic Self

A deep exploration of self for a journey through the chakras and the elements within and around us. Hatha Yoga, Yoga Nidra, Yantra and Mantra M2ditation. The Yoga Space in Hastings. Sun 2nd Mar 10am-1pm. Cost \$60 EB and then \$75.



Akhandha Kirtan

Join us for Hawkes Bay's first Akhandha Kirtan, a journey into the power of sound and mantra. Experience peace and uplifting joy through this ancient practice. Keirunga Homestead, Havelock North, Sun 2nd Mar 4-8pm. \$25

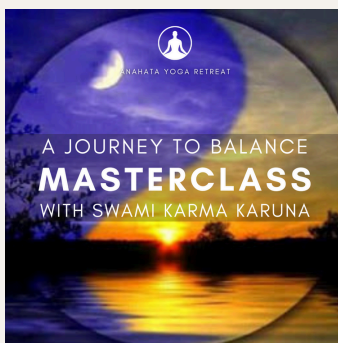


Yoga Therapy Private Sessions

Utilising wisdom and techniques drawn from an integral Yogic Therapy approach as well as Integrative Somatic Trauma Therapy Training Program, alongside years of experience, to guide you through a transformative personal process.

Mon 3rd Mar The Yoga Space, Hastings

A Journey To Balance



Explore this topic both from the modern view of working with the parasympathetic (rest/digest) & sympathetic (activate) arms of your nervous system as well as from the ancient wisdom of yoga, by delving into the interplay of Ida & Pingala, or the moon and sun energies within. The Yoga Space Hastings, Mon 3rd Mar 6-8pm. Cost \$40 EB & \$50

For full information about each event and booking info <https://www.anahata-retreat.org.nz/event/hawkes-bay-events-with-swami-karma-karuna>

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

EASTER SINGING COMPETITION

Friday 18th April 2025
9am-1pm
Asher Hall, Napier

Open to singers under 16 years old
All Music Genres Welcome!

Entries open Jan 30th & close March 6th 2025

VISIT [Junior Vocal | NPACS](http://JuniorVocal|NPACS) (napierpacs.org.nz)



NAPIER PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITIONS SOCIETY INC.

Carer/Cleaner Wanted

We are looking for a kind and caring person who would like up to 4 hours paid work a week, one or two mornings, supporting a man with Aspergers syndrome.

Tasks are:

- Cleaning his small one bedroom house
- Preparing and serving a simple meal
- Interacting with him while you are there

His sister lives on the same property so would be there to guide you.

Please phone Romilly: 0210553921 or email: romillyjoy@gmail.com



SATURDAY RHYTHM Artistic involvement for well-being

Come along for 2 Saturdays a term for well-being. This course focuses on the Rhythm of the year/seasons. We observe our surroundings and work with watercolour painting, drawing, pastels, pencils, charcoal depending on the moment. These exercises help us deepen our experience with what we have observed. This course is a moment in time to take a breath from the day, today, and rekindle your energy.

A wonderful opportunity to re-connect with yourself and your surroundings.

No artistic experience needed.

Ko au te awa, Ko te awa ko au.

I am the river, the river is me.

WHEN: Saturday 8 March, 5 April 9.30-12.00
Cost \$60

Where: Manawa Studio
100 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings

For further information contact: Margaret-Mary Farr on (027) 248-4193 or

Email: manawastudio@gmail.com

Facebook page: Margaret-Mary Farr-de Vries