



Class 12 Odyssey

3 April 2025

After a decade of trying to get the class 12 students to pack only two bags, this year's class was successful in following the brief. They had the right gear and it was packed beautifully. I would love to say this camp went without a hitch, but alas, this class has been blessed with an extra amount of trials and



tribulations. Monday saw us pack up our kayaks and we were on the water around 10:00am. We literally did not get out of our kayaks until 3:00ish. This was troublesome for a couple of lads who got incredibly hangry and it didn't go well with some of our ladies who also got rarked up due to a lack of a lunch stop. In Totaranui when the tide is up,



there is no beach, and when there is no beach we can't stop, stretch our legs or get our lunch. Lucky for me I randomly put my chicken bun on top of my kayak! Due to this we were able to put in 19kms and come to one of the most beautiful beaches in the sounds. We were treated to Fiji-like waters which had bioluminescence which kept the students entertained. My favourite memory of that site was when a group started to play around with their torches. Nico managed to get a long exposure photo of the words they were spelling which looked awesome.



Then things started to turn, the Southerlies started to threaten and we made a decision to head to Mistletoe bay. A beautiful spot, however this is what I have called our emergency shelter stop and we only ever stay in a 'proper' campsite when it is a must. As we sat watching torrential rain turn into a small river coming down the road with the most powerful lightning and thunderstorm I have ever seen happening alongside it, I started to get flashbacks of the Whanganui River! We watched this rain for about 3-4 hours and some were starting to make plans of where they were going to sleep if their tent got flooded. That night we managed to find a break in the rain and get in our tents when it started to blow and rain some more.

This class definitely has been on some adventures, and you could see the reliance and tenacity shine through. This became more evident when we got to the end of our journey, when we were expecting our large bags to be at the wharf when we showed up. This was not the



case, our bags were nowhere to be found. We had to wait for them to organise a boat to go back to Mistletoe bay and pick them up for us. Throughout this journey, I was proud of their ability to self-reflect, make apologies when needed, where able to laugh and work together to create a wonderful, memory filled last HS camp. I want to thank all the students for taking responsibility for

their actions, working together so beautifully, incident free. I had a wonderful time spending time with you, navigating some tricky weather, and getting to hear your stories from past years. I hope you can continue to find support within your class for the rest of the year. To Ruby and Matt, thank you for your support, encouragement, company and good times. Not just in this camp but the numerous camps that we have been on together.

Gee Reisima



He Pito Kōrero

Te noho marae o Te puna tuangahuru i Waimārama!

Ko Takitimu te waka
Ko Te Whanganui-ā-Tara te maunga
Ko Waingōngoro rāua ko Pouhokio ngā awa
Ko Waimārama te marae
Ko Taupunga te whare
Ko Ngāti Kurukuru, Ngāti Whakaiti, Ngāti Hikatoa
Ngāti Ūra ki te rangi ngā hapū
Ko Morehu Te Amohaere te wharekai
Ko Tiakitai te tangata!

Kia ora koutou! Last week Class 10 had a weeklong noho...not a camp, a noho marae at Waimārama marae. Below are some whakaahua (pictures) of the mahi they did while there!



Blessing their pounamu at the moana



Te konohete - the concert



The hāngi crew



Waiata with the visiting Kohanga reo

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



Staffing Update

At the end of next week we farewell Gee Reisima who currently teaches physical education, health and who leads the majority of the camps in our kura. Gee has been a part of Taikura since 2012 and she permanently joined our staff in 2014. Every year at our Class 12 Graduation dinner our students share their favourite memories from their journey at Taikura and the majority of those favourite memories have come from at least one, if not all of the camps they have been on. Gee has been a significant factor in the success of these events during her time at Taikura. She has been motivated to select and plan activities for our students which challenge them in the outdoors while at the same time ensuring that they are well prepared and supported. She has given the same attention and focus to the development of the paperwork which sits behind all of our camps and outings ensuring that it remains current and prioritises the safety of all involved. For the last few years Gee has brought this focus and attention of documents to her role as staff representative on our School Board.

Gee has been equally passionate about the health curriculum and early on she led the development of a school wide health curriculum. She has also worked actively with our parent community over the years, consulting on the content of the health curriculum. Gee's passion and enthusiasm has been evident in the classroom also, both in gym and health lessons and her Main Lessons. Gee has always worked actively to establish and maintain positive relationships with the students she has taught over the years. During her time at Taikura she has been a Sponsor teacher and held a Pastoral Dean position in the High School.

We wish Gee and Vicki all the very best as they move north and undertake this new chapter in their journey.

Since Gee notified us of her plans we have undertaken a recruitment process and we were very fortunate with the applicants who applied. We are very pleased to announce that we have appointed Roger Smith to the position of EOTC, PE and health and we look forward to welcoming Roger when he begins in week 3 of next term.

Pippa Caccioppoli
Tumuaki/Principal

Upcoming Events

Taikura Kindergarten working bee - Saturday 5 April at 8:30am

Teacher Only Day - all school & kindergartens - Friday 11 April

First day of Term 2 - Monday 28 April

Class 9 parent evening - Tuesday 6 May at 7:30pm

Tū mai Taikura hui-a-whānau - Wednesday 7 May

School Board meeting - Monday 19 May at 5:00pm

Taikura Fete - Sunday 16 November

Lost Property

A reminder to please check the lost property cupboard under the external hall stairs before the end of term. Any items not collected will be donated to charity during the school holidays.

School & Kindergarten Directory

Our school & kindergarten directory will be published and distributed to oldest children by the end of this term. If you would prefer your details not be included, please email suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz

Kolisko Conference - taking place from 11 to 14 April at Taikura

Lemons Wanted

Donations of lemons for the Kolisko conference gratefully received. Please drop to the school office.

Tangihanga

There are limited door sales available for the below listed performance, which is part of the Kolisko Conference. \$30 cash on the door.

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Community Notices

Do you need building design work done?

Nils Rock is a German Master builder who also does great design work. Nils is trying to do more design work, rather than building so he can stay close to home to look after his family who need him at the moment. Nils and his family have been part of the school community for many years. You can contact Nils on 027 592 7997.

Accommodation Wanted

I am starting the one year Rudolf Steiner training at Taruna this year. Myself and my two children are looking for a place to stay from the 21st to the 25th of April. If you need a house sitter we can do. Or if you have a self contained sleep out that would be wonderful or we happy to share a room and can contribute towards power and food. My children will be at friends places while I'm at the course.

Please contact me if you can help or wish to discuss -021 2604992

Tara Lamb

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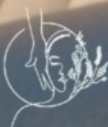
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Parent & Whānau Programmes

Positive Parenting

This programme provides practical parenting strategies, covering communication, child development, discipline, and age-appropriate behaviors. Sessions include discussions for sharing challenges and successes. Runs weekly for six weeks, with day and evening options available.

Emerge

For tamariki aged 10-12, this activity-based course builds social skills and confidence. Children explore topics like bullying, healthy living, teamwork, and managing emotions. Limited to 10 participants, it runs after school once a week for eight weeks.

Strengthening Your Step Family

Modern families are evolving, with divorce, separation, re-partnering, and step-siblings creating new dynamics. This course helps step-parents navigate challenges, embrace joys, and develop family vision and values. Runs weekly for six weeks.

The Incredible Years

The Incredible Years programme helps parents of 3- to 8-year-olds build positive relationships and manage problem behavior. Sessions include group activities and videos to explore and practice strategies. Free course materials are provided. Runs weekly for 14 weeks, with day and evening options available.

Parenting Teenagers

Improve communication and strengthen your relationship with your teen in this supportive group. Parents appreciate knowing they're not alone as trained facilitators guide discussions on key topics like safety, risk-taking, realistic expectations, and building a strong connection. Runs weekly for five weeks.

Just for Kids

For tamariki aged 7-10, this activity-based course helps children manage strong emotions, build confidence, and develop social skills through teamwork and fun. Limited to 10 participants, it runs after school once a week for six weeks.

Women's Wellbeing

This five-session course provides a safe, supportive space for women to build confidence through goal-setting, self-esteem, assertiveness, boundaries, health, and interview skills. Led by experienced facilitators who have run this popular course for many years, it helps women develop self-care strategies in an environment among those who understand their journey.

The Incredible Years: Autism & Language Delay

This programme is designed for parents of children aged 2-5 on the autism spectrum or with language delay. No diagnosis is required. Over 14 weekly sessions, you'll build parenting skills and confidence through group discussions, videos, and problem-solving. You'll learn to support your child's language development, emotional self-regulation, social skills, and positive relationships.

We're pleased to offer these courses for FREE, but it's essential that you register.

To view dates and register your interest please visit weavehb.org.nz/courses. If you need help, or would like more information, call us on 0508 678 910.

School Holiday
activities

Parent and Child Massage

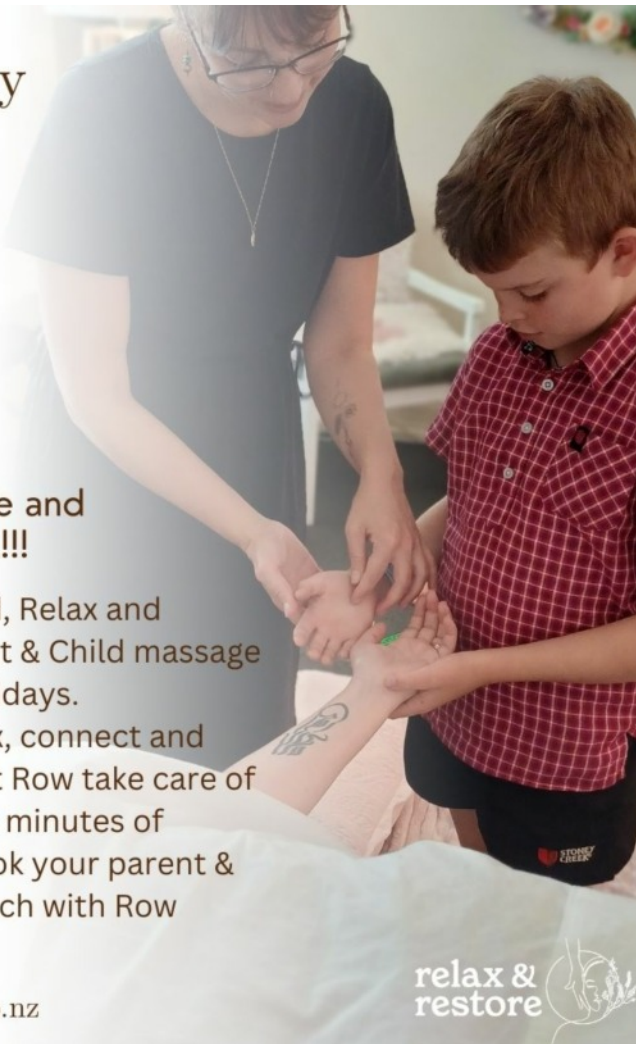
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Community Workshop:

Loving Boundaries

With Britt Aberahama

Simple Tools for Confident and Connected Parenting


Date: Friday 4th April

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: Rudolf Steiner Centre
500 Nelson Street

Koha

Contact to reserve your spot:
britaberahama@gmail.com




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