



### The Role of the Liaison Parent

8 May 2025

A healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each soul,  
the whole community finds its reflection, and when,  
in the whole community, the virtue of each one is living.

*Rudolf Steiner*

We are grateful to those who volunteer to undertake the role of liaison parent for their class. This parental role is a vital support to the community and the teaching staff. Teachers experience the capacity of parents over the years to weave a kete that embraces and carries the children. This is the social fabric that will carry the class through the challenges of adolescence. It is most successful when all of the children are held in the parents' consciousness, not just their own. The role of Liaison Parent may involve some of the following:

- Providing a conduit for information to pass between the class teacher and the parents
- Meeting regularly with class teachers a couple of weeks before the class hui can be helpful
- Helping teachers to organise and set the agenda for termly class hui
- Ensuring you are familiar with the parent handbook
- Supporting festivals through delegation of tasks and sharing communications
- Organising social events for class families to connect outside of school time
- Ensuring there is a class treasurer and liaising with them when needed
- Ensuring that new families are welcomed into the class community
- Helping to organise class participation in the fete. Everyone is expected to support this in some way
- Attending termly liaison parent meetings - **Term Two meeting date: Wednesday 21 May at 6:00pm**
- All teachers and sponsors have a different way of working so it is necessary to speak with them individually about how they can be supported

The role of Liaison Parent is not one of problem solving or mediation. Where there are parent questions or concerns that cannot be easily answered or dealt with, they are directed to the teacher, Deputy Principal, or Principal. Many thanks to those listed below, who have generously given their time to take on the liaison parent role from Term Two 2025 until the end of Term One 2026. Their contact details can be found in the directory, which has been distributed to oldest children this week:

Kererū Kowhai - *Matthew Aries & Rose Bermudez*  
Kererū Pounamu - *Sharon Owen & Laretta Ramsay-Street*  
Taikura Magnolia - *Vicoria Bednarek & Britt Aberahama*  
Taikura Willow - *Celeste Carter*  
Class One - *Leonie Kelly & Holly Walters*  
Class Two - *Ruth Spicer*  
Class Three - *Michaela Codella, Regan Stott & Cat Taylor*  
Class Four - *Kim McMillan & Myriam Mitchell*  
Class Five - *Eleanor Lonergan & Elspeth Ross*  
Class Six - *Amber Rose & Angela Binns*  
Class Seven - *Leilani Driessen*  
Class Eight - *Talia Hohua & Rachel de Lacey*  
Class Nine - *Melissa Brignall-Theyer*  
Class Ten - *TBC*  
Class Eleven - *Neil Foxcroft & Claire Porter*  
Class Twelve - *Tish Chalmers*



## **He Pito Kōrero**

**Kīwaha o te wiki - phrase from week**

Tau te kaha (toe teh kar har)  
*100 %, absolutely!*

Mana: The swell is up, shall we check out the surf after school?

Te Rangi: Āe rā. Tau te kaha!

*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**

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

**Liaison Parent Meeting** - Wednesday 21 May at 6:00pm

**Class 8 play performance** - Wednesday 21 May at 7:00pm

**Hui-a-whānau Tū mai Taikura** - Thursday 22 May at 6:00pm

**Teacher Only Day - school only** - Tuesday 27 May

**High School Information Evening** - Wednesday 28 May at 6:00pm

**Class One parent hui** - Wednesday 28 May at 6:00pm

**Class 3 parent hui** - Wednesday 28 May at 6:30pm

**High School Fundraising Ball** - Friday 30 May at 7:00pm

**King's Birthday - school & kindergartens closed** - Monday 2 June

**Kererū Kindergarten whānau afternoon** - Tuesday 3 June at 2:00pm

**Taikura Kindergarten whānau evening** - Wednesday 4 June at 6:00pm

**Class 2 parent evening** - Wednesday 4 June at 6:30pm

**H3 therapies evening** - Thursday 5 June TBC

**Whitsun** - Friday 6 June

**Taikura Fete** - Sunday 16 November

## High School Information Evening

We would like to warmly invite parents, caregivers & students from classes 5, 6, 7 and 8 to our Introduction to the High School Information Evening on Wednesday 28 May at 6.00pm in Taikura House.

For parents, caregivers and students in our Lower School classes it is an opportunity to look ahead and to raise any questions you may have regarding the High School at Taikura. For parents in Class 8 who may have missed previous information evenings, it provides the opportunity for you to gain a picture of the class 8 programme and the progression of subjects through the coming years.

The evening will involve a welcome and overview of the transition from the Lower School to High School as well as a brief introduction to our NZ Certificate in Steiner Education. Subject teachers will then give an overview and an outline of the Class 8 year and the High School curriculum in their subjects.

We understand that there are questions and interest in information around our New Zealand Certificate in Steiner Education. NZCSE is the qualification which we use in Classes 10, 11 and 12 and at Taikura it is managed by Anne Hilton, our Academic Dean. Each year Anne provides Class 9 parents and students with an explanation of how the qualification works in our school in preparation for the start of the Class 10 year. She also attends the first Class 10 Parent Evening of the year in order to answer any questions which may have arisen. If there are further questions around our qualification you are always welcome to contact Anne or myself individually.

During Term Three we will hold our annual electives evening for classes 9, 10 and 11 parents and students. This is when classes 10 and 11 will hear about each of our elective subjects for the following year to assist in their decision making and class 9 will be given an overview of the NZCSE as well as the EIT Trades Academy and Gateway Programmes.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Introduction to the High School Information Evening.

Pippa Caccioppoli

## Careers Information

Students and whānau are invited to attend the Victoria University of Wellington Information Evening at the Napier War Memorial Centre, 48 Marine Parade, Napier on Wednesday 21 May from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You'll find out about study options, scholarships, accommodation, and living in Wellington, as well as what to expect in your first year of study. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and have a kōrero.

Please register at <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/events/2025/05/hawkes-bay-information-evening>

For more information please contact Paula in the Careers Office: [paula.rose@taikura.school.nz](mailto:paula.rose@taikura.school.nz)

## 2026 Term Dates

2026	Dates	Notes
Term One	Monday 1 February (Pōwhiri) – Thursday 2 April	Waitangi Day Friday 6 February Good Friday 3 April
Term Two	Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July	Anzac Day Monday 27 April King's Birthday Monday 1 June
Term Three	Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September	Mid Term Break Friday 21 August – Monday 24 August
Term Four	Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December (Carol Evening)	Labour Weekend Friday 23 October – Monday 26 October

## Class 8 Play Performance - The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet

Written by Peter Bloedel Directed by Clayton Gibson

This is a funny 40-minute one-act play with a happy ending. A whimsical reinvention of Shakespeare's love story, without all the tragedy. It comes complete with fanciful costumes, rhymed couplets and creative wordplay -- similar to something Dr. Seuss might have written if he ever had his way with the script.

This play first premiered in 2001 and has since played in 41 US states, plus Australia, Canada, Japan, & South Africa and now at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School in Aotearoa.

Performance date: Wednesday 21 May at 7:00pm

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Hall

## School Policy Reviews - Term Two

This term SchoolDocs is reviewing the following policies: **Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters and Crises; Communication during an Emergency, Disaster, or Crises; School Closure; Emergency Management; Disaster Management; Crisis Management.** In order to participate in these reviews we encourage you to visit our SchoolDocs site (username: taikurasteiner, password: heartwood). Along the top of the page you will see a tab labelled 'Current Review' where you will find a table with links to the policies currently under review.

- Follow the link
- Read the policy
- Click the blue 'start your review' button at the top of the page. A new screen will appear.
- Select your role (board member, staff member, parent/whānau) from the drop-down list.
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

## Parking and School Pick Up Reminder

Parking can be at a premium at pick up and drop off times. **Please do not** park in or across driveways, teachers' carparks or in the bus stops which are well marked with yellow lines. Please be aware that we have time restrictions on parking outside the school between the hours of 8:30 am to 9:15 am and 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm when there is 5-minute parking only. If you are finding it challenging to find a park, please could you allow an extra few minutes in your day to park a safe distance from the school – this can be an opportunity for some gentle exercise and a pleasant way to start and/or end your child/ren's school day.

We have been asked by our neighbours, Totara Health, to please remind our school community not to use their staff carpark. Their spaces are allocated for doctors going in and out of their work place. They have advised us they will not hesitate to call a towing company next time this occurs.

Please allow time to collect your child, or arrange to meet them in a designated spot, such as further down Fitzroy Ave where they can safely walk without having to cross any roads.

PLEASE TAKE CARE AND PUT ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FIRST. Thank you to those who have made a conscious decision to change their routines.



# Taikura ball

Classes 10 - 12

Class 11 ski camp  
fundraiser

Under the sea theme

Friday the 30th  
of May

7pm till 11pm

Venue - Taikura  
school hall

To purchase tickets or enquire about an  
out of school plus one email:  
[si.fitzgerald@taikura.school.nz](mailto:si.fitzgerald@taikura.school.nz)

\$45  
per ticket



## Quiet club initiative - donations of LEGO requested

The HS SENCo room is on the lookout for LEGO as part of a lunchtime quiet club initiative. If you have any LEGO at home that is no longer in use and you are willing to donate this, please can you get in touch with the HS SENCo, Sanne Coulthard [sanne.coulthard@taikura.school.nz](mailto:sanne.coulthard@taikura.school.nz) or drop off any donations to the office. Many thanks for your support.

## *Community Notices*

### Eurythmy for Adults

A new session starting the second week of Term 2. At 9:15 am from Tuesday 6 May for 6 sessions.

Contact: [sue.simpson0@gmail.com](mailto:sue.simpson0@gmail.com)

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