



Communication

22 May 2025

Last term we updated our Communication Procedure and due to the working together between home and school at Taikura there are aspects of this procedure that we would like to share with whānau.



The Grapevine, our school and kindergarten pānui, is our primary vehicle for sharing the life and culture of our kura. The Grapevine is published every Thursday on our website and our school app, and a link is emailed directly to all school families.

Our **Website**, **SchoolApp**, **Facebook** page and **Instagram** account are additional platforms which are used for sharing the life and culture of Taikura School and Kindergartens. Regular updates, announcements, reminders and alerts are shared via our SchoolApp and this is the platform which will be used to communicate during an emergency.

Emails and Text Messages: Taikura does not expect staff to read or respond to text messages or emails outside of work hours, however, it is expected that staff will respond to all emails received from parents and whānau within two working days. We recommend that text messages and emails are used for information sharing only. If a conversation is needed we encourage arranging a face-to-face meeting. Termly pānui will be shared via email with parents from the Kindergarten, Lower School Class Teachers and High School Sponsor Teachers.

KAMAR is our student management system where all up-to-date contact information for students and their whānau is stored. Parents and whānau are reminded termly of how to access the KAMAR portal via which they can check their child's details, attendance and academic results. Please notify office@taikura.school.nz of any updates to your details, including emergency contacts. All EOTC consent forms are now completed digitally via KAMAR and links to these documents will be shared with parents via email.



Information regarding **Parent Hui Evenings**, **Liaison Parent Meetings**, **High School Information Evenings** and any other hui or community events is communicated via our usual platforms (Grapevine, email, SchoolApp). Kindergarten Teachers, Class Teachers and Sponsor Teachers hold at least three whānau hui (parent evenings/afternoons) each year. Traditionally these are held in the evening, but afternoons have also worked in our kindergartens and for combined Lower School events. Whānau hui may be for individual classes or kindergarten groups, or for a combination of classes or kindergarten groups.





He Pito Kōrero

Ko wai a Tū mai Taikura – Who is Tū mai Taikura?

The pātai above is asked from time to time by people who are wondering what or who this roopu is. Below is a brief description of who Tū mai Taikura are.

Tū Mai Taikura is the whānau Māori (parents/caregivers of Māori students) at Taikura who meet (when possible) every term to discuss and look at ways of moving forward with aspects of te ao Māori (a Māori world view lens). These hui support and enhance the implementation of these matters/topics for the betterment of all at our kura. It is also a space for whānau Māori to discuss, guide, or share concerns and look at how to address these matters from a Māori perspective.

The name Tū Mai Taikura was coined from these hui, and the name means to stand for Taikura within a Māori framework. There are several kaupapa that this group have helped guide over the years:

- Understanding, acknowledging and celebrating Matariki
- Māori signage specific to our school character
- Understanding of karakia (verses), waiata, and language
- Supporting teachers in their understanding of te reo me ōna tikanga - Māori language and protocols
- Celebrating Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori
- School pōwhiri
- Mihi whakatau

This is not a closed group, it is very fluid in terms of those that attend our hui. However, the core purpose is to meet and discuss matters pertaining to Tū mai Taikura, and create whanaungatanga for whānau Māori at Taikura.

Nā, Matua Troy.

Tētehi whakataukī o Matariki

Hauhake tū, ka tō Matariki
The harvest ends when Matariki sets

In the month of Haratua (around May), you can see the Matariki star cluster set with the sun in the west. When this happens, it's a sign that the season for harvesting food has come to an end. This whakataukī is used before winter begins to remind people to prepare themselves for the cold months ahead.

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



School Board Update

At the May meeting of the Taikura School Board, the roopu received reports on variance from the school's annual plan in 2024, the whole-school student achievement, and the vision for enacting Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Alongside the recent ERO report, these will be available on the school website soon.

Other items on the agenda included the Principal's report which included updates from the kindergarten, lower school and high school. In addition we received policy reviews, subcommittee updates, the student rep update, and the school hours survey results. A summary of the latter will be shared in next week's Grapevine.

If you would like to contribute to the Taikura School Board, remember community are always invited to the hui, and school board elections will open again in September 2025 for the next three-year term.

Markus Dipper
Presiding Member

High School Information Evening

A reminder that this evening for parents, caregivers and students from classes 5, 6, 7 and 8 will take place next week Wednesday 28 May starting at 6:00pm.

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 look forward to welcoming you.

Pippa Caccioppoli
Tumuaki/Principal

Sports

Congratulations to:

- **Timo Allison** who came second in his age group in the Hawke's Bay Marathon 10km
- **Demetri Mackey** who won 2 medals and best overall novice at last week's Taekwondo competition
- **Theo Marshall** who beat all his personal bests at the latest swim meet
- All the students who competed at the Hawke's Bay secondary school's cross country relays this week - we fielded two senior teams and one junior team

The senior basketball boys are looking swish in their new uniforms and are playing outstandingly well this season. A great bunch of positive, motivated boys who have the support of an awesome coach, past Taikura Award winner Isaac Cox.



Careers Information

Careers Expo

The Napier Careers Expo provides an opportunity for young people looking to make key decisions about their future career choices to connect with a range of tertiary providers, apprenticeship programmes and local employers. Unfortunately, due to the Teachers Only day, Taikura won't be able to take our Class 11 and 12 students to the expo this year. However, the expo is open to the general public in the evening, so a great opportunity for students and whānau to attend together and have some conversations about potential career pathways.

Event: Napier Careers Expo

Date: Tuesday 27 May

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Pettigrew Green Arena, 480 Gloucester Street, Taradale

Lincoln University Information Evening

Lincoln University welcomes students and whānau to attend an information evening. This is a great opportunity to learn about the programmes offered, discover the benefits of a university degree, get the details on scholarships and campus accommodation options.

Event: Lincoln University Information Evening

Date: Wednesday 28 May 2025

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Napier War Memorial Centre, 48 Marine Parade, Napier

Register:

https://lincolnuniversity.microsoftcrmporals.com/event/sessions?id=Hawkes_Bay_Information_Evening578732971

For more information, please contact Paula in the Careers Office

paula.rose@taikura.school.nz

Upcoming Events

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

*****Class 8 play performance** - Thursday 29 May at 7:00pm*** please note date change

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 at 6:30pm

Whitsun - Friday 6 June

Taikura Fete - Sunday 16 November

Taikura School Policies

Self-harm

Self-harm can also be referred to as self-injury or non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI). Self-harm is when someone directly and deliberately causes physical harm or injury to themselves, usually without suicidal intent. Students may self-harm for different reasons, including as a coping strategy to manage difficult emotions and/or life events (e.g. anxiety, distress, bereavement, grief). Self-harming behaviour can range in severity from minor to severe and can start at any age. As self-harm can cause mental and physical health issues and is a risk factor for suicide, Taikura Rudolf Steiner School has clear procedures in place for intervention and response.

Our school follows the procedures outlined in our policy to ensure students who self-harm are supported. All staff are made aware of these procedures as part of their staff orientation and/or regular child protection training. If required, we may activate our crisis management plan to guide our response.

Peers or friends may also notice or have concerns that someone is self-harming. They are encouraged to inform a teacher or staff member so that the school can follow the appropriate procedures and arrange support for the affected student.

We work with the student, parents/caregivers, and relevant health professionals, as appropriate, to set up and maintain support at school and outside of school. A support or safety plan may be developed and staff may monitor the behaviour and wellbeing of the student.

In line with our whole-school approach to wellbeing, we encourage parents/caregivers to inform the school if they are concerned that their child may be self-harming. This helps the school take appropriate actions to ensure the student is safe while at school. Parents/Caregivers may work closely with relevant staff to support the student as necessary.

We recognise that a self-harm incident can impact other students, particularly if the incident took place at school. We take appropriate actions to support affected students who may experience a range of emotions after the incident.

Staff and other members of our school community affected by incidents of self-harm are encouraged to seek support through health professionals and support services. Staff may seek support through senior management and an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) if available.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School maintains a learning environment free of alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances to provide a physically and emotionally safe place for students, staff, and the school community (Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Education and Training Act 2020). We comply with all relevant New Zealand legislation and take a whole-school wellbeing approach to alcohol, drugs, and other harmful substances.

If a student or staff member is potentially impaired by alcohol, drugs, or other harmful substances while at school, work, or attending a school-related event, the school has an obligation to manage the risk to ensure the safety of everyone.

Staff are made aware of this policy as part of their staff induction and as required. This policy also applies to anyone supervising students in any activity organised by, or on behalf of, the school (e.g. EOTC events).

For the full policies outlining all steps please visit www.schooldocs.co.nz

username: taikurasteiner password: heartwood

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.

Please note updated performance date: **Thursday 29 May at 7:00pm** in the hall

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 or drop off any donations to the office. Many thanks for your support.

Friday Market

Support Class 3 at the Friday Market tomorrow 23 May!

Come grab a delicious sausage from our sausage sizzle – just \$2 each!

While you're there, check out our beautiful range of house plants and herbs, including Spider plants, other varieties, and a lovely selection of herbs such as Calendula, Lemon Balm, Motherwort, Mugwort, Comfrey, Mint & Wormwood.



Prices from just \$0.50 to \$10 (class bank account details available for plant payments if needed).

All proceeds go towards our Class 3 fundraiser this term. We'd love your support – come and see what we've got!

Special thanks to Mat from The Organic Farm Butchery for supplying our amazing sausages!



Knitted Kindy Slippers

Taikura Kindergarten is selling hand knitted woollen Kindy Slippers as a year round fundraiser. Ready-made sizes available are from age 2 - 7 years old. Custom orders for older children are welcome. Slippers can be found in the Taikura Kindergarten whānau room Craft Cupboard, and payment can be made either by cash or bank deposit. Please contact Victoria 022 1037862 for any queries.



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

\$45
per ticket



Community Notices

Individual Art Therapy for Adults, Teenagers and Children

Accessing your creativity, art therapy is an effective way to address and overcome grief, depression, anxiety, life crises and trauma and to discover a new relationship to one's biography. No previous experience in or aptitude for art necessary.

For more information contact Eva Steinmetz-Urieli evaurieli@gmail.com

Phone 8786028 or 02102771201



Lost

A pair of stripey pink and purple fingerless mittens, unnamed. If you see them, please return to Veni Menzies in Class 8. Thank you!

The Lawn Equestrian

My name is Julia Nysse, and I run a small horse riding school based in Clive, called The Lawn Equestrian. This winter, we're excited to be offering a school holiday programme designed for children aged 7–15, combining horse riding, hands-on horse care, and fun outdoor activities.

Programme Details

When: 30 June – 4 July & 7 – 11 July, 9am to 3pm daily

Where: The Lawn Equestrian, Lawn Road, Clive

Cost: \$150 per day (discounts for multiple days)

Activities include: Horse riding, grooming, games, beach walks, and creative workshops

Spaces: Limited to 8 children per day for a safe, hands-on experience

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

The Lawn Equestrian

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Skate Jam

Free Entry

Saturday 24 May

12 - 3pm

Hastings Skatepark



Join our Youth Week Skate Jam (free community event), 12 – 3pm Saturday 24 May at Hastings Skatepark. Games, spot prizes, giant bubbles, food stalls, DJ Sneaky!

We also have spots available in our weekly 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 amazing Taikura teen coaches.

3.40 - 4.40 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays at Hastings Skatepark (near Taikura). Come for a free trial, then \$7.50 per class.

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