



### Honouring the Midwinter Festival at Taikura

Saturday 21 June marked this year's Midwinter Solstice. As always, the transition from autumn to winter has been slow in Hawke's Bay, with sustained cold only recently settling in. This year, we've chosen to observe our Winter Festival in July, during the first week back at school.

This change allows us to embrace the colder, more winter-like weather and creates a clear distinction between Midwinter and Matariki, giving each its own space for celebration and reverence.

### A Time for Inner Light

In the Northern Hemisphere, Midwinter falls just before Christmas—a time symbolising the birth of Jesus and the arrival of the Christ Spirit, bringing light into the world. For those in the North, this is a powerful symbol of hope: that light will overcome darkness.

But what of us here in the Southern Hemisphere? Can we find a way to connect with this same spirit in our own winter time?

One way to understand this is through the idea that since Golgotha and Easter, the Christ Being has united with the life of the Earth—ensouling it, and walking with each of us through all time. He accompanies the soul of the Earth through its cycles, large and small.

As spring and summer unfold, the Earth breathes out—offering growth, warmth, and outward experience. But in autumn, the breath turns inward, reaching its deepest point at Midwinter. The Earth becomes quiet, self-contained. The seeds of summer lie dormant, holding the memory of warmth and light.

Here in Hawke's Bay, Midwinter is often marked by a sky like a thick, pearly blanket, with the sun barely shining through. The world feels still, cold, and quiet. In this stillness, we may find ourselves more able to reflect, to feel our inner being, and to draw closer to our own spirit—and perhaps, to the light of the world and the spirit of future humanity.

### The Spiral Walk: A Celebration of Inner Light



At Taikura, we celebrate this inner light through the Midwinter Spiral. For children in the Lower and Middle School, walking the spiral is a quiet, reverent experience. A single candle burns at the centre of the spiral. One by one, each child walks inward, lights their candle, and places it along the spiral path. As more candles are lit, the spiral begins to glow, and the room fills with gentle light.

It may take courage for a child to walk alone. But as the light grows, wonder shines in their eyes. As the old saying goes, "Wisdom begins with wonder."

For the High School, the celebration takes a different form. Students place tea lights on a large world map—marking places where people are experiencing darkness and need our thoughts and prayers, or where light is shining and deserves recognition. Whether literal or symbolic, the light within each of us can be acknowledged and encouraged to shine.



## ***He Pito Kōrero***

On the last week of Term 2 on Friday, Val Maioha's kawē mate was brought to school. This is a tikanga, where the photograph of a person that has strong connections to a place is brought by the whānau pani and welcomed back into that space. For Val this is Taikura and our whare - Te Manukura. His kawē mate coincided with the rising of Matariki.

Val's photograph now lives in our whare and is an acknowledgement of his mahi here at Taikura; as a school parent, a class teacher, the Te reo Māori teacher and then our school kaumatua, planting the seed of Te reo me ōna tikanga! Below is a beautifully composed pepeha by Antonio Maioha for his father, which traces Val's whakapapa and his ties to this area of Kahungunu.



*He uri nō ngā pou o Te whare Tapu o Te Raki  
Ko Hokianga, ko Taumarere hoki ōna wai  
He uri hoki nō Taupiri, nō ngā piko o tōna awa a Waikato  
Nō Mahinaarangi rāua ko Tūrongo  
Nā reira ōna kāwai hono ki a Kahungunu nei!*

*A descendant of the mountains that stand as pillars of The Sacred House of North,  
His rivers of connection ripple from Hokianga in the west to Taumarere in the east.  
And as a descendant of Taupiri mountain; the twisting turns of the Waikato river and his ancestors Tūrongo  
and Mahinaarangi,  
The vines of his genealogy unfurl to his connection here in Kahungunu!*

*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

## Road Patrol

Every morning and every afternoon we are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated hard working Class 6 students who are responsible for ensuring the safety of our community on our pedestrian crossing. However our patrollers have expressed their frustration with parents and children not waiting for them to complete their checks and announce that people may cross. This is a very important part of the responsibility of the road patrollers and is absolutely key to ensuring the safety of pedestrians.

After assessing that the road is clear enough to put their signs out, the patrollers check that any vehicles on the road are slowing down to stop, or have stopped, before they give the "cross now" direction and put their arms down. Anyone waiting to cross must wait for the patrollers to say "cross now" and put their arm down, before crossing.

On Tuesday we had a very serious incident during our morning crossing. It was only because our patrollers had not yet said it was time to cross that we did not have life

threatening injuries. The incident was caught on another parents dash cam, and the footage has been shared with the police and the council. We are very grateful for the correct actions of our road patrollers.

We urge you to make sure that we take all care when crossing the road, and respect the work our road patrollers do to keep us safe.

Leon Crellin

*Road Patrol & Traffic Safety Officer*



## Upcoming Events

**Taikura Kindergarten Lantern Festival** - Friday 18 July at 5:30pm

**High School Combined Parent Evening** - Wednesday 23 July at 6:00pm

**POSTPONED until 2026\*\*\*Class 11 Quiz Night Fundraiser \*\*\*POSTPONED until 2026**

**School Dance** - Friday 25 July

**Winter Warmer** - Thursday 31 July

**SING! Choral Workshop** - Sunday 3 August at 2:00pm

**Vox Humana Choral Performance** - Sunday 3 August at 5:30pm

**Hockey Fun Day Fundraiser** - Saturday 9 August 10:00am

**School Board Meeting** - Monday 11 August at 5:00pm

**Class 10 Play Performance** - Wednesday 13 August at 7:00pm

**Teacher Only Day - School Only** - Thursday 14 August

**Mid-Term Break** - Friday 15 August & Monday 18 August

**Taikura Fete** - Sunday 16 November

## School Board Elections

Every three years all public and integrated schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this is going to happen again in 2025.

The School Board is a key part of Taikura because they do a lot of important things behind the scenes that while they may not be visible, are really important to keeping Taikura running. Our School Board write our strategic plan, consult with our community about things that matter, make sure our finances are being spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi within Taikura. Our board is made up of 5 parent reps, the Principal/Tumuaki, a staff rep elected by the staff and a student rep elected by the students.

The board need to appoint a Returning Officer, who is responsible for the running of the election and we have appointed Schooled Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for our election and for the election to be provided online. Election Pilot have been assisting schools with elections for over 20 years and have been the only election provider accredited by the Ministry of Education to provide online election services since online elections started in 2022.

Important things like the nomination and voting forms will be sent to you by email directly by Schooled. If we don't have an email address for you don't stress, because Election Pilot will send these out to you by post so you don't miss out. There are a lot of rules around School Board elections that need to be followed and the main ones are the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Your name and contact details have been provided to Schooled Election Pilot to enable them to deliver elections services for Taikura as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Taikura only and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation.

If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz)

## Nominations

Everyone who is eligible to vote in the election will receive a nomination pack (either via email or post). The info pack will contain everything you need to nominate yourself or another member of the community. If you are going to nominate someone else, just make sure they know about it and will accept the nomination! It will also include information on who isn't able to be a School Board member.

If you need extra forms, or want a copy of the nomination form in Te Reo Māori or another language, just contact the Returning Officer from Election Pilot directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz). Don't leave things to the last minute, because nominations close at noon on Wednesday 6 August. You can email in your nomination, complete it online at [www.boardelections.nz](http://www.boardelections.nz) or fill it in and drop it off to the school office. You can also send in a candidate statement and smiling photo with your nomination as well.

A copy of the electoral roll is kept at the school office and is available to be checked during usual school hours. Voting will end at 4:00pm on Wednesday 10 September.

We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process.

## Musicians Wanted

For the Winter Warmer on Thursday 31 July. If you are able to play for any length of time between 5:45pm and 7:00pm, please contact Tania on 876 1021 or 021 066 4908 or [tanz3@proton.me](mailto:tanz3@proton.me)





## Sports

At the recent Hawke's Bay Regional Lifesaving awards, Zane Marshall from class 7 achieved 1st equal in the under 12 year old boys category. He competed throughout the season in multiple events across all the regional carnivals and consistently podiumed in each surf event including: swim, board, diamond, beach sprints and beach flags. Earlier in the year he made the finals in the beach sprints at the National competition. At club level, he was awarded the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award following numerous genuine caring interactions with fellow competitors who were struggling with confidence in the large wave environment drawing special praise from competitor coaches at both the national and regional competitions. Well done Zane!

Anne Hilton  
Sports Facilitator

## Taikura Fete

The Fête Committee has started preparations and is feeling positive and excited for a wonderful 2025 event that raises funds for our kura and showcases the school's special character and kaupapa.



Our Fête is an annual Taikura highlight and a fixture on the Hawke's Bay event calendar. A festive mix of entertainment, food, games, magical children's activities and stalls make for a special day and an important fundraising activity for our school. Each class takes responsibility for different aspects of the Fête, and we ask all parents and whānau to contribute their time and efforts. The aim is to raise as many funds as we can from the wider community!

We are seeking new members for our core team, in particular coordinators for food, and entertainment. If you would like to find out more about what is involved, please email us at [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com), or chat with Suzan in the office.



## Rangimarie Christian Community

The Rangimarie Flat is now ready for a tenant. The flat is fully furnished. If you know of anyone who may be interested in sharing our house and gardens, please contact Lesley 021 065 8065 or Corrie 027 368 0242 or Sabina 021 083 07141

## Dance Night

We would like to invite parents and friends to the adult dance. This is open to anyone in the community. Classes 5-9 will be dancing the early evening away, but the new venture is for a community get-together for parents and friends to come along and have some social time together. It is a cheap evening out with a \$5.00 entry fee, and if you would like a muffin or hot drink, these will be available for sale in the school foyer. Even though this is aimed at Lower School parents, all parents are welcome. All proceeds go towards tournament week for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI hockey team.

Anne Hilton

*Sports Facilitator & Hockey Coach*



**CLASS 5-9**

# **DANCE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**TAIKURA SCHOOL HALL**

**5-6.30pm Cl 5-7**  
**7-8.30pm Cl 8-9**

9-11.30pm Adults dance for parents of lower school as a community social activity.

**THEME : NEON DJ : DALE WALLIS**

Some line dancing and variety of music. Alcohol free.  
**Entry is \$5.00 per person payable at the door.**  
Food and drinks will be available for sale during the dances.

**TAIKURA RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL HOCKEY 1st XI TEAM FUNDRAISING**





# **SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

## **FUN FAMILY HOCKEY DAY**

## **AND SIT-DOWN FLEA MARKET**

**AT TAIKURA ON THE SCHOOL TURF**



**6 aside for six minutes teams made up on the day preferable with a mixture of adults and children. 12.00 pm until 3 pm. This will be accompanied with a sitdown flea market where students and adults can purchase a piece of ground for \$10.00 to sell second-hand toys, old books, trinkets etc.**

**There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale. Teams will have a number of games with quick swaps. Bibs for team Identification will be supplied and some hockey sticks available.**

**This is a fun event to promote hockey in school. No ability is needed, novices to experienced, all are welcome. Come and enjoy a fun day for the school community and support the first XI hockey team at the same time as they fundraise to travel to tournament week.**

**TAIKURA RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL HOCKEY 1st XI TEAM FUNDRAISING**



09. AUGUST 2025

12 - 3 PM

TAIKURA FIELD

FLEA

**CALL FOR VENDORS**

young + old / tall + small



get a 2 x 2m slot for your blanket or little table

bring your well loved toys, clothes, books, craft,... (no food)

**INVESTMENT: \$ 10 AND 1 CAKE**

register: [forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Fp28m0bQvm](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Fp28m0bQvm) or scan:



A 1ST XI HOCKEY FUNDRAISER





# **Sing!**

## **Choral Workshop**

with composer / conductor / music educator

Judy Clingan AM

and Waldorf Wayfarers singers from

Australia, Taiwan, Japan and India

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2025 2.00 – 4.00PM**

**TAIKURA STEINER SCHOOL HALL**

505 Nelson St North, Hastings

\$20, \$10 concession - cash or card at door

**For everyone who loves singing!**

Enquiries and bookings 0410 617 427 or [judithclingan@me.com](mailto:judithclingan@me.com)



WALDORF WAYFARERS SINGERS FROM AUSTRALIA, TAIWAN, INDIA AND JAPAN PRESENT



# VOX HUMANA

## CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN CHORAL MUSIC

WITH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

DIRECTED BY JUDITH CLINGAN AM

FEATURING A NEW WORK OF MUSIC THEATRE *THE PROPHET*

WORDS KAHLIL GIBRAN | MUSIC JUDITH CLINGAN

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 5.30PM

TAIKURA STEINER SCHOOL HALL | 505 NELSON STREET NORTH HASTINGS

\$30 FULL | \$20 ADULT CONCESSION | \$10 UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS | LOWER SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE

CASH OR CARD AT DOOR | ENQUIRIES 0410 617 427



# Taruna Winter Craft Workshops – 26 July

Looking for a creative way to brighten your winter? Come along to Taruna's Winter Craft Workshops on Saturday 26 July, 9:00am–1:00pm.

Enjoy a morning immersed in craft and connection. Choose from inspiring workshops: wool felting, gilded letter making with a playful calligraphy carnival twist, harakeke (flax) weaving, designing and printing your own tea towel or apron, or creating pottery pieces like a coffee cup or vase.

The cost is \$125, including a delicious morning tea.

For more details or to book, <https://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/winter-warmers-craft-workshops/>

**TARUNA  
COLLEGE**

**Winter Craft Warmers**  
Crafts that foster creativity and connection  
26th July from 9am to 1pm  
Cost \$125 includes morning tea: some materials extra, payable to tutors (see below)  
For more information and to enrol see our website [www.taruna.ac.nz](http://www.taruna.ac.nz)  
or call 8777175 or contact [info@taruna.ac.nz](mailto:info@taruna.ac.nz)





### Wool Felting

**with Sabine Laakman**

Bring wool fleece to life using a felting needle and wool. This is a beginner's introductory workshop and no previous experience needed. Material costs, extra \$20.

### Gilded Letter

**with Rebecca from Panoply Studios**

Paint and embellish your own gilded letter with signwriter, calligrapher and artist Rebecca from Panoply Studio. Students will leave with a completed letter in carnival style. Material costs extra \$35.

### Flax Weaving: Mahi Raranga

**with Te Kaahurangi Maioha**

In this workshop you will be introduced to mahi raranga/ flax weaving through the tikanga/ protocols pertaining to its application. You will leave the workshop with a completed woven taonga - a kete or creative art piece.

### Design & Print a Tea-Towel or Apron

**with Lisa Feyen**

Come and play with block printing on fabric, as you design and carve your block, ink it up and print on fabric. Fabric inks in a range of colours, tools, and some fabric for practice will be available. A block for carving and your choice of a plain cotton t-towel or apron is also supplied. Material costs, extra \$15.

### Pottery

**with Britt Aberahama**

In this relaxed and creative workshop you'll hand-build a coffee cup or a vase using simple clay techniques. You'll shape, design and choose your glaze colour, and your pieces will be returned to you once fired. All tools and aprons provided. Material costs, extra \$25.





# Learn To Row

## HAWKE'S BAY ROWING CLUB NOVICE PROGRAMME

2025-26

Sunday August 3

8,9 or 10 am

Cost: \$40 plus every Sunday thereafter  
for 5 weeks

The Learn To Row programme is run over 5 weeks and is designed to see if this is the sport for you. You do not have to have any prior rowing experience to row - ideally, you should be at least 14 years old or turning 14 in this calendar year.



**PRIOR REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED**

**VISIT:**  
[hawkesbayrowing.co.nz/learn-to-row](http://hawkesbayrowing.co.nz/learn-to-row)





**Fee Free\***

**Enrol Now!**

## GET STARTED Foundation Yoga

**Enhance your physical and emotional wellbeing.**

Come and learn Yoga with Miao and benefit from the physical and emotional wellbeing experience you will develop for life.

This is a free class with Miao who is a passionate Yoga teacher, specialising in Yoga Therapy.

All are welcome to her class whether you are a beginner, have disabilities or are carrying injuries.

Please bring your own yoga mat or a towel to each session.

**Dates:** 21 July to 19 September 2025

**Days:** Mondays, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Fridays, 10.15am - 11.15am

**Location:** St Matthews Church Hall  
200 King Street South, Hastings

**Tutor:** Miao Chen

**For more information or to enrol contact:**

Anna Campbell  
acampbell@eit.ac.nz



**TE AHO A MĀUI**

\*conditions may apply