



Lantern Walk - for Classes 1 - 5 whānau

The lantern walk through Scannel's Garden has been created by Class 7 students for the younger children. The students have designed, sourced and provided everything for this walk. To support both their mahi and the experience of the younger children we ask that children are accompanied by parents or caregivers on the walk. Scannell's Garden is closed to any other activity or persons. Parents ensure their children do not try and enter the garden unless participating with whānau in the walk. Star Walkers will lead the groups through the walk.

This is a family evening and children must be accompanied by their parents. Teachers will not be supervising or responsible for any tamariki. No buildings other than toilets and the gym for the evening performance will be open.

6:00pm Start

We encourage families to park some distance away from the school grounds, as walking a good distance in the cold, led by your child's lit lantern helps the children to experience even more deeply the magic of their kura being lit by fairy, lantern and fire light.

Waste Management

While we have disposable food containers and napkins etc - we welcome and encourage people to bring their own plates or soup cups to cut down on waste. Servers will happily serve into your own containers.



Important reminder: No lit lanterns or food in the gymnasium. Bring a cushion for your comfort.

Winter Warmer Kai Tokens

We will be selling small wooden tokens with which you can purchase your kai.

All food items will be payable **by token only**. Tokens are available to purchase by **CASH ONLY**. The minimum purchase is 2 tokens. Tokens are available in \$5, \$10 and \$20 lots.

The token purchase station will be situated near the library.



Winter Warmer Kai Menu

Sausage Sizzle - **1 token**

Soup and Bun - various flavours of deliciousness - **2 tokens**

Baked Potato - **2 tokens**

Nachos - **2 tokens**

Mulled Drink - **1 token**

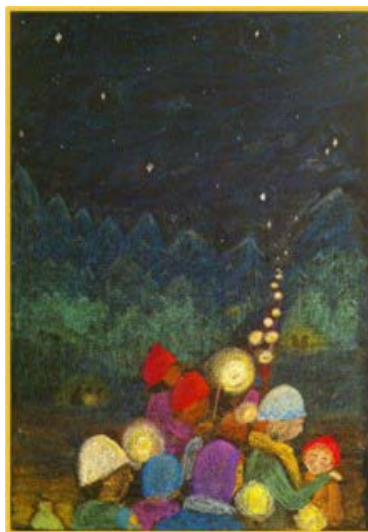
Juice - **2 cups for 1 token**

Apple Crumble with Custard - **2 tokens**

Slices and sweet treats - **1 token**

Popcorn - **1 token**

Marshmallows for toasting on the fire - **2 bags of 5 - 1 token**



If marshmallows are being toasted parents are responsible for their own children's safety.

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He Pito Kōrero

Kīwaha o te wiki ... kīwaha of the week!

Wēkeneru! (Weeh keh neh do)

Holy moly!

Rangi: Kia ora e Hemi! How was the waka ama on Saturday with that heavy frost

Hemi: Full on! We had to scrape the ice off the waka before we left!

Rangi: Wēkeneru e hoa!

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

Winter Warmer - TONIGHT

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

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

Class 7 Parent Evening - Wednesday 6 August at 6:00pm

Lower School Cross Country - Thursday 7 August

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

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

Class One Parent Hui - Wednesday 13 August at 6:00pm

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

Taikura School Board

A new School Board will be elected in September, so we thought it was timely to provide a summary of the work we have completed in the past three years to give anyone interested some insights in the kind of work the Board gets involved with. There is also some great information on this website:

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/become-a-board-member/>

The role of the School Board is a governing one, the management of the school is the responsibility of the Principal. On average the Board meets twice a term, for around two hours. There are also two joint meetings a year with the Proprietors Trust. Each board member chooses to join one or two subcommittees, which generally meet once a term. The subcommittees help the board in its governing role and include: Strategic Planning, Health and Safety, Special Character, Finance, Property and Policy & Procedure. Other subcommittees can be put in place when required, i.e. we created one for ERO in 2024 and Carbon Zero prior to 2023.

What has the board achieved in the past 3 years:

When taking office in 2022, all members on the School Board were new to the Board and it took us a few months to understand our role. There are amazing resources, support and workshops available [online](#) and (because we were all new) NZSTA sent a local advisor out to run a special workshop for us. We had to learn quickly what the governing role of the School Board entails. This included understanding that individual preferences often fall under the management of the school, and are not covered by the role of the Board. The Board's focus needs to be on what is best for the students and for the school.

While the current Board has been in office, the financial situation improved from a large deficit in 2022 to a small profit in 2023 and 2024. The school is on the mend financially, but more can be done, especially in encouraging the entire community to contribute the expected donation, since this would allow the school to offer more to our students and maintain financial stability.

The school has recently had an ERO review by the Ministry of Education, and received a great report. Items that need improvement were already in our plans (which suggests we already knew about our areas for improvement) and ERO made several commendations to the school.

There were some challenges that the Board had to deal with over the three year term. These included the aftermath of Covid, cyclone closure, teacher strikes, a change in Government and with this, new strategic priorities across the education sector. The Board and school management worked together to ensure these situations were addressed well.

Current priorities for the school, which will move on to the new Board, include: strengthening the relationship within the community, embedding a new 3 year strategic plan for the school and monitoring the financial performance of the school. The latter includes working with the Proprietors Trust to further improve the collection of attendance dues and donations.

We would like to encourage everyone in the community to think about standing for the Taikura School Board and be part of the bigger picture within the school. It is an important role, within which you can help make the school great for your own and all other Taikura students.

The current Board consists of several parents whose children are finishing High School this year, and who won't stand for election again, so spaces will need to be filled. Some members of the existing Board have indicated that they will stand again to ensure there is continuity, but the key message here is that your school needs your governance skills. If you are interested, please do step forward, there is space at the table.

Please feel free to get in touch or attend our Board meeting on Monday 11 August at 5:00pm in the whare.

On behalf of your Taikura School Board,

Markus Dipper

Presiding Member

Class 10 Play Performance - The Odyssey

Written by Dan Bain

Wednesday 13 August at 7:00pm in the school hall.

This play is an adaptation of the Odyssey story which Class 10 have studied this year during their Mythology Main Lesson. Odysseus is the person who came up with the idea of building a wooden horse at the battle of Troy to sneak some soldiers in past the gate. The play is set in Ancient Greece, so the Gods are plentiful, always meddling in peoples business. There are encounters with the Cyclops, Aeolus Lord of Winds, the Lastrogonians, Circe, the Sirens, the Scylla, Charybdis, The Sacred Cattle of Helios, The Blind Bard Demodocus, Zeus, Athena, Poseidon and a lot of bad weather. Oh, and it's a comedy. 90 minutes of fun and laughter.



Clayton Gibson
Director

THIS THURSDAY

ORGANIC

PASTA LUNCH

EVERY THURSDAY

19.06.25 until 21.08.25

Sold at the canteen window by the 1st XI Hockey Team.
Bring cash or buy an 8x or 4x pass for \$40/\$20.
For passes email: silke@moenchmeier.de

GF option available

\$5

Knitted Kindy Slippers

Taikura Kindergarten is selling hand knitted woollen Kindy Slippers as a year-round fundraiser.

Sizes available

2-3yrs = \$12

3-4yrs and 4-5yrs = \$15

5-6yrs and 6-7yrs = \$18

Custom orders for older children and adults are welcome. Please contact Victoria 022 1037862 for any queries.



Community Notices

Rangimarie Christian Community

The *Rangimarie* Flat is now ready for a tenant. The flat is fully furnished and has a healthy homes certificate. It may suit a small business or therapeutic space or music lessons or... If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Lesley 021 065 8065 or Corrie 027 368 0242 or Sabina 021 083 07141

Rental Wanted

Kia ora,

We are a Dutch family of six, and we'll be moving to New Zealand at the end of the year. Our children will be attending Taikura for the next school year, and we are currently looking for a long-term rental property in the area.

Ideally, we're looking for a home with at least 3 bedrooms, available from mid-January—though we can be flexible with the start date to suit availability.

If you have a suitable property available, or if you could point us in the right direction, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Please feel free to get in touch via email at rolbekker@gmail.com.

Warm regards,

Sebastiaan, Meike & kids



Eurythmy

For the brave hearted.

Starting Tuesday 5 August at 9:15am

Anthroposophical Society Rooms

sue.simpson0@gmail.com



SATURDAY 9TH 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 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 3rd 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

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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