



'Maro' - These maro are a contemporary wall hanging, that enables students to understand the beginnings of making cloaks or kilts. This is the process:

- Plait an aho to loop the fine harakeke strands to
- Cut and strip harakeke into very fine strands, then loop evenly over the aho
- Consider the design and construction of the desired piece
- Choose the coloured threads to whatu your work together
- Consider other natural elements that can be added to embellish your work - feathers, shells, dried harakeke seed pods
- Whatu the strands in similar thickness of groups
- Possibilities of creating patterns by weaving groups in alternative manner methodically. Add any other natural materials
- Cutting and shaping the finished piece





He Pito Kōrero

Kīwaha o te wikiKīwaha of the week!

Koia te hāngaitanga (coy are teh haaar ngeye tar ngar)

That's the right way, that's the one, right on track - an idiom to validate, show approval and encourage someone to continue what is being done.

Hemi: I've been practising those actions for that waiata and I'm slowing getting it.

Rangi: Koia te hāngaitanga 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

Tu Mai Taikura hui-a-whānau - Thursday 21 August at 6:00pm

Book Day - Friday 29 August

Community Assembly - Thursday 4 September at 11:00am

Spring Festival - Friday 12 September

Class 12 Project Displays & Speeches - Friday 12 September and weekend of 13 & 14 September

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - 15 to 19 September

Last day of Term 3 - Friday 19 September

Taikura Fete - Sunday 16 November

School Board Election Update

Due to receiving as many nominations as there were vacancies on our School Board there will be no election held, and the following parent representatives have been duly elected, and have now taken office:

- **Sean Gresham**
- **Markus Dipper**
- **Amber Wale**
- **Victoria Bednarek**

Current Board Member **Robert van Duin** will continue his co-opted parent rep position until October 2026. We received one nomination for staff representative on the Board, and hereby declare **Kelly Sutton** duly elected. Our student representative nominations close on Monday 25 August at noon, and the student election will take place on Thursday 28 August. Our other continuing School Board members are **Pippa Caccioppoli**, **Aimee Hawke** (Proprietors Rep) and **Patrick Lander** (Proprietors Rep).

We are delighted to welcome our newly appointed and existing school board members, your commitment to serving our school community is deeply appreciated. Stepping into a leadership role in education is no small task, and we sincerely thank you for your willingness to contribute your time, energy, and expertise. Your dedication to our students, staff, and families will help shape the future of our school in meaningful ways.

A heartfelt thank you to **Claire Porter** and **Rachel de Lacey** for their dedication and service to the Board. We are grateful for your contributions.

Suzan Bart
Board Secretary

Please find below the introduction statements from our new and continuing Board Members:



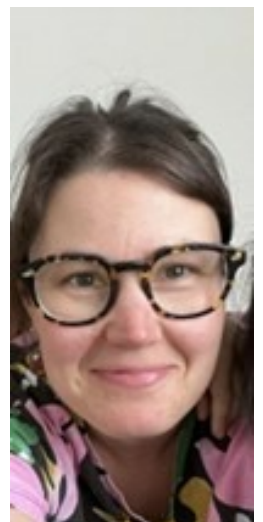
My name is **Markus Dipper** and I have been a Taikura parent for over 10 years. Married to Kylie Dipper, we have had both our boys at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. Josh graduated last year and is now studying at EIT. Tyler is in class 11. During the past 3 years, I have been the Presiding Member of our current School Board and a member of our strategic planning and financial subcommittees. I have checked the paperwork and signed off nearly every single camp and checked and signed several other documents and audit reports. I also had regular meetings with the Principal to remain informed about the school. I am proud of what has been achieved in the past three years. This will not be obvious to the community, but is obvious for the governing bodies, i.e. the School Board and Proprietors Trust. Processes have been streamlined, the school has made a small financial surplus for 2 years and an ERO review was successfully completed. The board governed over various management and parent proposals, carefully analysed these and asked questions to help strengthen them. I am confident in saying that the new members will find a healthy-looking school board and can focus on moving the school further ahead. I am standing to become a parent representative to ensure a smooth handover from the old to the new and to enable the new board to pick up their work asap. Work I would like to improve as a board member includes better engagement with the community, improve the use of our new KAMAR system to monitor student performance (a key board responsibility), but also improve and simplify the paperwork required for camps, day trips and so on. The school has started some amazing work around cultural connectedness with local iwi, marae and māori and pacifica whānau. As a board we need to ensure this work will continue and our teachers are enabled to continue this work. The financial situation of the school is another key role for the board and will need to be closely monitored and improved to create more opportunities for our children.

My name is **Victoria Bednarek**. I'm a registered nurse, a former Taikura Rudolf Steiner School student, and a parent of three tamariki currently in the Lower School and kindergarten. I'm standing for election to the Board of Trustees because I deeply value nurturing a strong, healthy, and inclusive school community. As a nurse, I bring professional experience in wellbeing, resilience, safeguarding, and collaboration. All skills that are vital to the ongoing growth and governance of our kura. I'm committed to ensuring that every child feels supported, valued, and empowered to thrive. That is the reason I chose Taikura for my children. I will advocate for open communication between families, the Board, and the school to continue and strengthen transparency and partnership. I understand the responsibilities of governance, and the importance of listening carefully, asking thoughtful questions, and making decisions with accountability. I would be honoured to bring this perspective to the Taikura Board and work collaboratively to support the next generation of learners.



Sean Gresham. Our children Luca (Class 3) and Emilia (Class 1) started at Taikura last year after we moved back to Hawke's Bay from the USA. Michaela and I love the school with the special aspects of the curriculum, great support, a fantastic involved community, and the additional learning opportunities for our kids. I am keen to serve on the School Board to help represent parents on governance matters to continue the good work of the school for fostering a positive environment for learning and development for our children. I grew up in a small rural town in Canterbury and went to school at the local primary and high school. A Steiner education wasn't an option but given my parents interests, I'm sure I would have if we had the opportunity. During my final two years at high school I served on the school board as a student representative and held leadership roles on the student association at University. I have not held any governance roles in over a decade, but I am now keen to serve on the Taikura School Board. I currently work in horticulture as a technical consultant focusing on research and development projects. I possess very few artistic skills and only have peripheral knowledge of anthroposophical teachings. I am however, keen to learn more and support other members of the board who have a deeper understanding and connection to Waldorf education. I also intend on representing all parents of the school through good governance.

Amber Wale. I am a mother of four, with two children currently attending the school (Class 1 and 3), one at kindy, and one at home with me. You may often see me bike riding to school with my children – it's one of the highlights of our day. I am community-focused and an active member of the school community. I bring a positive, can-do attitude and a genuine passion for supporting our tamariki and school staff. I'm excited about the opportunity to help strengthen our connection with the wider community and to learn more about our current priorities, particularly in continuing to improve the school's financial position. Before having children, I worked in healthcare as a Registered Nurse in a variety of hospital wards, both locally and in Lower Hutt. This experience has given me strong teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills – all of which I look forward to bringing to the board.



Hockey Fun Day and Mini Market

Though the weather on Saturday was not the best and the wind was cold, the Hockey Fun Day went ahead as scheduled. It was great to see the huge variety of talents that were on display with many novices joining in for the first time.

Four teams were able to be created, and the teams had a lot of fun getting out and playing hockey on the turf. There was warm food for sale and drinks to partake of during the breaks.

People were able to browse the mini market and see all the bargains for sale. Despite the weather it was a successful day that will be repeated next year in Term 1 when the weather is more favourable. Watch out for this event.

Anne Hilton
Sports Facilitator



Save the date and your books!



Book Day

Friday 29 August

For Classes 1-7

This year all our favorite events are back!

'The famous Book Character Dress Up Parade'

'The Great Book Swap'

'Guess that Quote'

and

'The World's Best Book Quiz'

It's time to get busy creating costumes, hunting out old books to swap and reading up a storm in time for this huge celebration of our favourite books.

More details to follow in the coming weeks.





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

Look Sharp Discount Code for School Families

This QR code grants a 10% discount to all students, parents, teachers and staff of Taikura. You will also get a 10% discount on their printing and party hire services with the same QR CODE.

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10% discount!

Simply save this QR code
and scan at checkout
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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

Fun, Frivolity & Fundraising Evening!

- Saturday, 23 August
- Smorgasbord begins at 5:30 PM

Enjoy a vibrant evening of poetry, music, and storytelling!

Adults: \$20.00

Children: \$10.00

Bookings close 18 August.

To reserve your spot, call or text Corrie on 027 368 0242.



Silent Auction:

Browse a selection of exciting offerings on the night. Place your bid by writing it on the provided paper and dropping it into the auction box. The highest bid that meets or exceeds the reserve will win the item upon payment.

All offers will be reviewed, and the winning bids announced on Sunday, 31 August—giving you time to reflect and refine your bid!



Handyman Frank

I have recently moved to the bay and am currently looking for work. I am a German trained interior decorator (1987) and industrial mechanic (2001). I am experienced in maintenance and repairs as a handyman in NZ since 2009. My service is friendly and reliable and customer satisfaction is my first priority. Please see some of my reviews on google search "handyman Frank nz". For enquiries please call 027 63 66 111 or email handymanfranknz@gmail.com



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Learn how to use your voice on and offstage in **Project Prima Volta**
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Join us for Dying Matters Week 2025!

1ST - 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

*Dying
Matters*
WEEK

HAWKE'S BAY PROGRAMME

Tangihanga Theatre

Taikura Rudolf Steiner
School
31 AUG at 6PM
1 SEPT AT 11AM & 6PM

MON 1ST SEPTEMBER

About Acorn Project
Kerrie Waby & Grayson Uncles
212 Queen St, Hastings
FROM 10AM - 11AM

**Coming to Grips With
Grief & Loss**
*with Sue Haldane from
Grief Room Therapy*

212 Queen St, Hastings
FROM 10AM - 11AM

**Break the Deathly
Silences**
Informal cafe conversations
Westermans Cafe
FROM 2PM - 3PM

When I Die Workbook
With Kathryn Perks
Hastings Library
FROM 4.30PM - 5PM

**What is an End of Life
Doula?**
with Alysha Macaulay
Hastings Library
FROM 5PM - 5.30PM

Coffin Club Open Day
Old Netball Courts,
707 Sylvan Rd
FROM 9AM - 12PM

TUES 2ND SEPTEMBER

Wāhine & Wā
*Conversations on Death,
Nature, and Healing*
Heretaunga Women's
Centre
FROM 11AM - 2PM

**What Does Dying
Look Like?**
*A conversation with
Cranford's Dr Martyn Horsfall*
Hastings Library
FROM 5.30 - 6.30PM

WEDS 3RD SEPTEMBER

**Assisted Dying Talk
and Q&A**
*Michael Nestmann, Manager
of AD Team, Te Whatu Ora*
212 Queen Street, Hastings
FROM 10.30 - 11.30AM

**Assisted Dying Talk
Small Group Option**
*Michael Nestmann, Manager
of AD Team, Te Whatu Ora*
Hastings Library
FROM 1 - 2PM

The Last Ecstatic Days
Movie Night, \$10 entry fee
Havelock North Focal
Cinema 3
FROM 6-7PM

THURS 4TH SEPTEMBER

Wills, PoA, Living Wills
*With Christine Symes from
Bramwell Bates*
Hastings Library
FROM 9.30 - 10.30AM

Caring for the Caregiver
*with Rebecca Ross & Sue
Haldane*
Hastings Library
FROM 11.30AM - 12.30PM

**Compassionate
Communities**
*With Stephanie Hutchinson
and Rebecca Ross*
Hastings Library
FROM 1 - 2PM

Wills, PoA, Living Wills
*With Christine Symes from
Bramwell Bates*
Hastings Library
FROM 2.30 - 3.30PM

**Learn About Acorn
Project**
Kerrie Waby & Grayson Uncles
212 Queen Street, Hastings
FROM 2.30 - 3.30PM

**Coming to Grips With
Grief & Loss**
*Sue Haldane from Grief
Room Therapy*
212 Queen St, Hastings
FROM 5.30 - 6.30PM

End of Life Planning
With Jo Drylie & Kathryn Perks
Hastings Library
FROM 5.30 - 6.30PM

FRI 5TH SEPTEMBER

**Crematorium Open
Morning**
Registration required
204 Orchard Rd, Camberley
FROM 9 - 11AM

End of Life Planning
With Jo Drylie & Kathryn Perks
Cranford Hospice
FROM 1 - 2PM

Hospice 101
Learn about Cranford Hospice
Cranford Hospice
FROM 2.30 - 4PM

SAT 6TH SEPTEMBER

**How to help when a
loved one is grieving**
*Sue Haldane from Grief
Room Therapy*
212 Queen St, Hastings
FROM 11AM - 12NOON

Funeral Home Open Day
Tong & Peryer
509 Queen St
FROM 1 - 2PM

Distilling Death
A conversation over cocktails
Hastings Distillers
231 Heretaunga St East
FROM 3PM - 4.30PM

SUN 7TH SEPTEMBER

Dying Matters Q&A Panel
Ask us anything!
Hastings Library
FROM 2PM - 3.30PM



Register for local events
gowithgrace.nz/dyingmatters

Webinars
& Podcasts
also available
online