



16 October 2025

Recipe for a Class 5 Olympic Camp

You will need: Sleeping bags, bows and arrows, discus, javelin and fun.

Ingredients: wrestling, 15 meals, 6 State groups, 72 children, 27 parents, 4 teachers and open sessions.

Step 1: The first thing you will need for this recipe is to take the 25 Taikura children and stir them into cars, leave for 3 hours and then very quickly mix and blend them into 6 State groups once you arrive at Forest Lakes.

Step 2: After that, preheat them for the rest of the afternoon while adding some healthy doses of discus, javelin and archery.

Step 3: Feed them 15 meals in total, after meals they will wash, soak and clean themselves, then add a heaped tablespoon of sleep.

Step 4. Wake up children, they will start sizzling and boiling with excitement.

Step 5. You must gather all 6 batches of children then after a while some will excel to a gold, silver or bronze colour.

Step 6: Add 3 spoonfuls of open session and then they will be just about ready.

Step 7: Enjoy with sunshine, wind and rain.







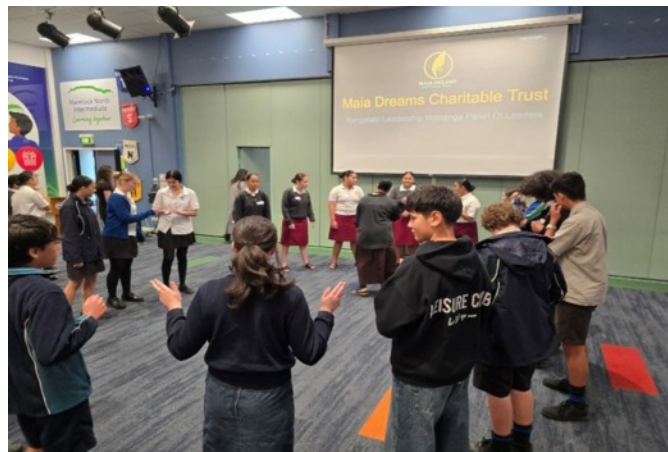
He Pito Kōrero

Ko te kai a te rangatira, he kōrero!

The food of chiefs is discussion and communication!

Last week ākonga Māori in our high school, participated in a Rangatahi Leadership Wānanga, that was held at Havelock North Intermediate. The wānanga was run by '**Maia Dreams Charitable Trust**' and was to '*Inspire, uplift and empower Rangatahi with the tools, Matauranga Māori and Leadership skills to step into confident leadership roles within their kura and community!*' The day was filled with meeting and listening to Māori and Pasifika leaders, who shared their stories and answered questions from the ākonga, socialising with other ākonga, and flow of activities, was awesome to be part of. Below are reflections from our ākonga of the day.

- *The main thing they were teaching us is how to be a leader and all the risks you have to take to be a good one!*
- *The time I spent at the wānanga taught me that being a leader doesn't always mean doing it alone. You should surround yourself with people who are more smarter, or more experienced than you, so you can grow stronger!*
- *I thought the wānanga was a cool kaupapa to to to, because I really connected with the rangatira who spoke. Especially the fire fighter Tama Cooper, as he said in his kōrero "It was hard being Māori, too white to be a Māori, and too Māori to be white!" His kōrero inspired me to work harder to get into a Kura Kaupapa and connect to my Māoritanga!"*
- *I learnt that there are many different ways to lead, not necessarily from the front!*
- *The wānanga was a unique and privileged experience, to provide the rangatahi with personal experiences and hear past mistakes that we can learn from!"*
- *When listening to Tama, he gave me a different perspective on how to view life, and to always carry your last name with mana!*



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!

School Policy Reviews - Term Four

This term SchoolDocs is reviewing the following policies: **Bullying and Harassment; Behaviour Management; Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property; Minimising Physical Restraint; Stand-Down, Suspension and Exclusion; Staff Wellbeing and Safety.** 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.

Our Kids Online

Kia ora e te whānau,

Here is this week's 2-Minute Parenting Video —a quick and easy way to share valuable parenting tips with our community!

How it works:

Every week during the school term, you'll receive a bite-sized 2-minute parenting video created by Rob Cope at Our Kids Online. These videos are designed to be quick, fun and practical!

This week -

Hurry is the Enemy of Love.

Sometimes, in the mad rush to get out the door, patience and kindness slip through my fingers. My own anxieties about being late can turn into frustration, spilling over onto my kids in ways I never intended.

It's wild how often the smallest moments leave me feeling completely overwhelmed.

Parenting is a relentless lesson in slowing down, in choosing connection over urgency. And honestly? I get it wrong pretty much every day. But I'm still here, showing up, battling through, learning to navigate my own emotions—so I can help my children understand theirs. Because if love is the goal, then slowing down is the way.

Click on the image below to watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FO7ntzryE3w>

Employment Opportunity: Kindergarten Kaiako

We are looking for a Kindergarten Kaiako to join our kindergarten team. This is a full time, permanent position, starting at the end of January 2026. The person must hold a current practising certificate with the NZ Teaching Council and show a connection/interest to Waldorf/Steiner education. For more information or to apply, please email erika.potter@taikura.school.nz with your CV and covering letter. The closing date is Friday 31 October 2025.

Sports News

Well done to our three students who competed in the women's triathlon over the weekend. All three girls had great results!

Fuu Kaneko from class 11 finished in second place in the under 19 section of the long distance section. She completed a 500m swim, a 20km cycle and a 7.5km run.

Belle Ratana and **Harper O'Brien** from class 8 finished in 4th and 5th place in the under 19 short distance section. They completed a 100m swim, a 5km cycle and a 2.5km run.



Surf Lifesaving

For several weeks now, two High School students have been working towards their lifeguard qualifications for this year, and last weekend, they successfully qualified. To achieve this, they had to complete a written qualification exam, a swimming test within a specific time limit, and a surf rescue test. They also needed first aid training and over 26 hours of qualification training.

Much of this training was organized by fellow student, Mika Moenchmeier, who is responsible for training lifeguards at the Waimarama Surf Lifesaving Club.

We are very proud of Lucy Allison and Justus Moenchmeier, who qualified as lifeguards last weekend and will be on duty throughout the summer at Waimarama Beach.



Janet Osborne & Anne Hilton



Class 10 Community Week

In the final week of Term 3, Class 10 dedicated their Main Lesson time to giving back to our school and wider community.

The aim of this week was for students to contribute their time and effort to projects that support those around them. Throughout the week, they baked treats for Family V.I.P, helped to create a memorial honouring those who have contributed to our school, sewed draught stoppers and knitted bunnies for Re-Source, and assisted with cooking and serving in the school canteen.

A big thank you to Miss Sutton for her support and enthusiasm throughout the week, and to Silke Mönchmeier for generously helping out on Friday.



Music at Taikura

Taikura welcomes Valentin Kozhevnikov – violinist, pianist, teacher and accompanist – to our music tutor programme.

Valentin was born into a musical family in Russia, where he began piano at the age of four with his mother, a pianist, and soon after took up the violin at six. His father, a composer, further enriched his early musical environment. At twelve, Valentin moved to Moscow to attend a specialist music school, before completing a Diploma of Music at Frederic Chopin College and a Bachelor of Music in Violin (minor in Piano) at the Moscow State Conservatory of P.I. Tchaikovsky.

He has held leadership roles as concertmaster and first violinist with the Moscow Symphony Orchestra and Harbin Conservatory Orchestra, and, from 2019–2024, performed internationally with Celebrity Cruises as violinist and pianist.

Now based in Napier, Valentin teaches violin and piano, and works as an accompanist for Project Prima Volta and the Napier Civic Choir. As a silver medallist at the International Violin Competition (Delphic Games), he brings excellence in performance, teaching and collaboration, and is fluent in English and Russian.



Music Lessons

We have tuition available on-site for guitar, ukulele, bass, banjo, piano, flute, violin and cello.

Itinerant lessons are available from class 3 to class 12. They are a wonderful opportunity to impart resilience, perseverance, and creativity. It is strongly preferred that these lessons occur outside of main lessons and need to be arranged in close consultation with teachers whose lessons are affected. Lessons are available throughout the year, however, spaces are limited.

Taikura Lower School Orchestra and High School Orchestra

The music department is keen to have students in class 4-7 and 8-12 join our Lower School and High School Orchestras. The lower school orchestra meet on Wednesdays during the day and High school orchestra on Monday and Friday mornings. We are looking forward to our Carol evening in December and have spaces for new members.

If your child is interested in joining the orchestra or to undertake Itinerant lessons, please do get in contact with me via my email: thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz

Upcoming Events

School Board Hui - Monday 20 October at 5:00pm

Class 10 Parent Hui - Wednesday 22 October at 6:00pm

Class 8 Parent Hui - Wednesday 22 October at 6.30pm

Hawkes Bay Anniversary - Friday 24 October (school closed)

Labour Day - Monday 27 October (school closed)

Taikura Fete - Sunday 16 November

Community Notices

Hawke's Bay Arts Festival

This, In Here Sunday 19 October, 2pm, Arts Inc Heretaunga

Taken from 70+ conversations had over three days during the HBAF 2022, *This, In Here* is a piece of social theatre exploring what it means to 'be at home' in Heretaunga. From the darkness of a lonely childhood to a sunny spot in the garden, this work weaves together stories, insights, memories and hope lifted from the lived experience of Hastings' people told in their own words.

Designed and created by Taikura parent Jess Soutar Barron, and Glen Pickering with additional research and writing by Bridget Freeman-Rock and realised in voice, movement and theatre practice by an ensemble of Hawke's Bay performers, including Class 11 student, Sita FitzGerald.

Tickets are available now from Eventfinda.



Paid Opportunity - Front of House and Tech Crew Needed

The Bubble Show is coming to Taikura Steiner School Hall on Friday 29th November, and we're looking for a small local team to help on the day!

We need:

2 x Front of House / Ushers – to greet families, check tickets, assist with seating and general audience flow.

1 x Tech Operator (Sound & Lights) – to run the simple sound and lighting cues during the performance.

- Date: Friday 29 November
- Location: Taikura Rudolf Steiner School Hall, Hastings
- Time: A couple of hours (exact times to be confirmed – likely late afternoon/evening)
- Paid positions

Perfect for senior students or adults with an interest in theatre, events, or performance. Training and all show details will be provided in advance.

If you're interested, please get in touch with Eran at info@highlandjoker.com

Casual Cleaner Wanted at Taruna

Taruna is seeking a casual cleaner for approximately 4–10 hours a week over the next two months, with the possibility of ongoing work. If you enjoy caring for beautiful spaces and working in a peaceful environment, we'd love to hear from you.

Friends of Taruna – Accommodation for Adult Students

Taruna often welcomes students attending short courses and workshops who are looking for local accommodation. If you have a spare room or AirBnB style space—particularly in or near Havelock North—and would like to become a "Friend of Taruna" by hosting students (paid), we'd love to connect.

Please contact us to find out more, email: info@taruna.ac.nz or 06 8777174

Supportive Therapies Workshop

From 1–3 November, Taruna College in Havelock North is offering a Supportive Therapies Workshop. Rooted in anthroposophical nursing, this three-day course introduces practical therapies including external treatments and healing substances that support warmth, rest, and wellbeing. Participants will gain hands-on experience in bringing gentle, healing care into everyday life.

<https://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/therapies-for-care-and-recovery/>

Ruth Strong Speech and Drama, 'The Christmas Party'

Kia Ora School whānau,

I will be teaching a nine week syllabus this term entitled, 'The Christmas Party', in which students will explore poetry, script writing and acting with the culmination of their work presented in a Christmas Miscellany on Sunday 14 December.

Classes are held in the Steiner Centre on Nelson Street on a Tuesday and Thursday from 3.15pm.

Classes will begin on Tuesday 21 October.

Please let me know if your child will be enrolling.

Cost will be \$180 for the term and may be paid weekly.

Ruth 0273540844, strongrutham@gmail.com

Tired of Garden Work? Let us Handle It!

Reclaim your weekends and let our expert team tackle your garden to-do list. With our two-person team, we get the job done faster and more efficiently!

Weeding and pruning

Spraying, fertiliser application

Irrigation installation and/or repairs

Planting

Re-design

General garden tidy ups

Garden consultations

Let us do the hard work while you enjoy a beautiful garden! Call or text Tony and Sarah Weber for a free no-obligation chat about your garden needs. 027 4598 179 or email tdubb10360@gmail.com

Friday Market Vegetable Seedlings

This week, Class 3 will be selling heirloom vegetable seedlings — including tomatoes, cucumbers, and more — alongside their delicious food. Come and grab some ready-to-plant seedlings, just in time for Labour Weekend!

The Big Room
Contemporary Artspace
Presents

YOUR NAMES ON THE DOOR

A
Group Show

John Lancashire
Joseph Rowntree
Fish Radich
Tracy Keith
Paula Taaffe
Cinzah Merkens
Darryl Thomson
Dwayne Duthie
Johnathan Campbell
Charlotte Robertson
Richard Brimer
Robyn Fleet
Scott Brough
Severely
Yasmin Dubrau
John Brown
Lily Ray Ingram

**THE
BIG ROOM**
CONTEMPORARY ARTSPACE

17th October, 6.00pm
202 Heretaunga St. East, Hastings

THE HIGHLAND JOKER PRESENTS

The Bubble Show

Best Family Act award

Face TV New Zealand

Join Mr Bubbles with his extraordinary soap bubbles in all shapes and sizes!

Suitable for ages

3-12+

Guinness World Record Holder

Bubble Artist 2025

'The Bubble Show: flawlessly simple and full of wonder... engaging showmanship from bubble maestro the Highland Joker'

★★★★ The List, Edinburgh

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Tour dates
Summer 2025

15 November – Uxbridge Arts, Auckland
16 November – Artworks, Waiheke Island
22 November – Playhouse, Hamilton
23 November – Baycourt, Tauranga

29 November – Taikura School, Hastings
30 November – The Globe, Palmerston North
6 December – ASB Theatre, Marlborough
7 December – The Suter Theatre, Nelson

Book your tickets now on: www.highlandjoker.com/tour/

The Christian Community - Movement for Religious Renewal - Hawke's Bay Community

Spring is springing at Rangimarie!! On Saturday 18 October you are invited to celebrate the joy of this springtime:

- 4:00pm gathering in the back garden. Opening song/verse/poem. Circle dance together we go!!!!
- 4:20pm story time with Claire Morgan followed by fruit drink and snack
- 4:45pm in the garden sowing seeds with Sabina

There will be plants on offer at our plant stall (feel free if you want to add to the plant stall)

Bring dancing shoes, bunch of flowers; veggie seedlings for our newly prepared veggie garden will be gratefully received. Close of garden time 5:15pm or so. Book in for dinner!!!!

Fun(d)raising Dinner - Saturday 18 October

Starts at 5:30pm - adults \$20, children 16 and under \$10

Music by Matt & Bailey and Mark Frear

Another Silent Auction!

- Power supported ladies bike - almost new!
- 2 small suitcases for travelling light - in perfect condition
- By popular demand: Bush Hut accommodation - a weekend or mid-week
 - Home-made madeira cake
- External window washing - single storey/ground floor



COMING SOON

WHAT LIES BETWEEN

IN CINEMAS 6 Nov

WHAT LIES BETWEEN is a feature film starring Ruth Strong and Rowan Cleary from class 6, written and directed by school parent James Cleary.

The film is a brooding and visceral psychological thriller that will keep you guessing until the very end and talking about for days after. A must see in the cinema, driven by stunning visuals and a mesmerising soundtrack.

It will be showing in cinemas throughout Hawke's Bay with initial sessions at **Focal Point Cinema Havelock North from 6th November**. However, sessions will be limited so get in quick.

For more information, ticketing and the trailer please visit our website:

WHATLIESBETWEENFILM.COM

Please note: The film is rated **M** for offensive language and self-harm and is recommended for mature audiences 16 years and over.

