



23 October 2025

Class 3 Shelter Huts





He Pito Kōrero

Kīwaha o te wikiKīwaha of the week!

Manea! (mar neh ar)
Cool!

Hemi: E hoa, our team came 1st in the triathlon!
Rangi: Manea, 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!

Upcoming Events

Labour Day - Monday 27 October (school closed)

Class 6 whānau hui - Thursday 6 November at 6:00pm

Taikura Fete - Sunday 16 November

Last day for classes 10,11, and 12 - Friday 21 November

Class 12 Cushion Concert - Friday 21 November at

Class 12 Graduation Dinner - Friday 21 November

School Board meeting - Monday 24 November at 5:00pm

Class 2 2026 whānau hui - Thursday 27 November at 6:30pm

The Bubble Show - Saturday 29 November at 2:00pm

Class One sharing evening - Wednesday 3 December at 6:00pm

Class 5 play performance - Thursday 4 December at 7:00pm

Last day for Class 9 - Friday 5 December

Class One 2026 whānau hui - Wednesday 10 December at 6:00pm

Class 8 project displays & speeches - Thursday 11 December

Last day for Class 8 - Friday 12 December

Last day of term - Wednesday 17 December - 12:30pm finish

Carol Evening - Wednesday 17 December at 6:00pm

School Policy Reviews - Term Four

This term one of the SchoolDocs policies scheduled for review is our Bullying and Harassment Policy. This policy outlines our commitment to preventing bullying and harassment, the procedures for reporting incidents, and the steps we take to address concerns promptly.

In our policy document:

- **Bullying** is defined as behaviour that is deliberate and can cause harm. Bullying is usually repeated or ongoing, and involves a misuse of power.
- **Harassment** is defined as a pattern of intimidating behaviour directed against another person that includes doing any specified act on at least two separate occasions within a period of 12 months. See the Harassment Act 1997 (s 3, 4).
- **Racial harassment** is defined as harassment on the basis of race. See the Human Rights Act 1993 (s 63) and the Employment Relations Act 2000 (s 109).
- **Sexual harassment** is defined as behaviour of a sexual nature that is unwelcome or offensive to the person receiving it and repeated, or of such a significant nature, that it has a detrimental effect on that person. It may also describe an implied or explicit threat or promise that accepting or rejecting this sexual behaviour will affect a person's education or employment. See the Human Rights Act 1993 (s 62) and the Employment Relations Act 2000 (s 108).

We encourage you to engage in the review process by accessing our policies at www.schooldocs.co.nz

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.

Our Kids Online

Kia ora e te whānau,

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

Created by Rob Cope at Our Kids Online

This week -

"How to Turn Your Kids Bad Day into a Good Day".

Sometimes our kids get stuck in a funk, and no matter how hard we try, they seem determined to have a bad day! But here's a simple way to help turn things around.

If we can teach our children from a young age that, no matter what happens, they always have the power to choose their response, we're setting them up for lifelong resilience and stronger mental health.

Learning that we are responsible for how we navigate life is one of the most valuable lessons we can give them.

Viktor E. Frankl captured this idea beautifully in Man's Search for Meaning: "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

Helping our kids understand this now will empower them to face life's challenges with strength, grace, and confidence.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_aPxntb322A

Vision and Hearing Technician School Visit

Katrina Harmer, the Hastings Vision and Hearing Technician, is visiting Taikura on Monday, 3 November. She will be carrying out standard tests for distance vision with some of the Class 4, 5, 6 and 7 students - this happens every year for all students in New Zealand, and is helpful for picking up on simple vision issues which may not have been previously identified. She sometimes checks other students too, for example, if there is no record of your children having had a Before School Screen or if they need to be re-screened; for these exceptions, I will send home a letter informing you that Katrina would like to see them.

If you have concerns about your (younger than 18 year-old) child/children's vision, Specsavers will perform a free test for you, just call and make an appointment.

If you have concerns about your child/children's hearing, and they are not being seen by an outside professional, please email me before Thursday, 30 October and Katrina will include them in her screening process, too.

Karyn Wills

karyn.wills@taikura.school.nz

Literacy Support & Lower School SENCO

Fete Update

Only 3 weeks to go until our fabulous Fete!

- **Rosters** have been sent - thank you for those that have been quick off the mark to fill in the slots on the roster. Your first point of contact for any questions for these is your class parent liaisons. Each class has responsibility for one children's activity and one food stall. We will be checking the rosters next week - please sign up if you have not done so already, we can't manage without your volunteer power!
- Please keep the wonderful **crafting** up! Some absolutely magical creations are coming though. Please drop completed crafts for the children's shop to the school office.
- **Fete signs** have gone up, and our **map** has been finalised - you will find a copy on the notice board outside the school office.
- A **poster** is included in this Grapevine - please share digitally, or print in colour if possible and display at your workplace, sports club, local shop, car window etc.. Let's spread the word and welcome the community to our wonderful fete!
- Our very special **Magic Beans** are being refreshed and will be available to purchase using cash or eftpos at a special rate for Taikura whānau ahead of the fete. They will be available at the school gate the week of 10 -14 November.
- Preparations for **Class Food Stalls** should be well underway - please contact your class liaison parents with any queries in the first instance, alternatively we can always be reached at taikurafete@gmail.com



Class One - *Coffee & Cake Slices*

Class Two - *Waffles*

Class Three - *Children's Cafe*

Class Four - *Logistics*

Class Five - *Toffee Apples, Popcorn & Drinks*

Class Six - *Pakorás*

Class Seven - *Sausage Sizzles*

Class Eight - *Nachos*

Class Nine - *Devonshire Teas*

Class Ten - *Ice Cream*

Class Eleven - *Organic Burgers*

Class Twelve - *Salad Bar*

Community Notices

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/>

Host Families Required for 2026

We have International students attending Taikura next year who are looking for host families. If you would be interested in finding out more about hosting a student please contact Janet Osborne international.admin@taikura.school.nz



The Bubble Show is Coming to Taikura!

We're excited to welcome *The Bubble Show* to the Taikura School Hall on **Saturday 29 November** at 2:00pm.

The show is created and performed by Eran, who previously taught Drama and Bothmer at Titirangi Steiner School before becoming a full-time performer touring internationally.

Eran has performed around the world — from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival all the way to the South Island of New Zealand and beyond. He has even put Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern inside a giant soap bubble, served as Resident Bubbologist at Rainbow's End Theme Park in Auckland, and received numerous awards including:

- The Variety Artists Club of New Zealand Award for Best Children's Entertainer
- Nelson Fringe Festival – Audience Choice Award
- Face TV Award for Best Family Act
- Features at Guinness Worlds of Records 2025 with his bubble skills

The Bubble Show is a joyful and uplifting experience especially suited to the lower school age group, blending art, science, and imagination through the wonder of bubbles.

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

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

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.

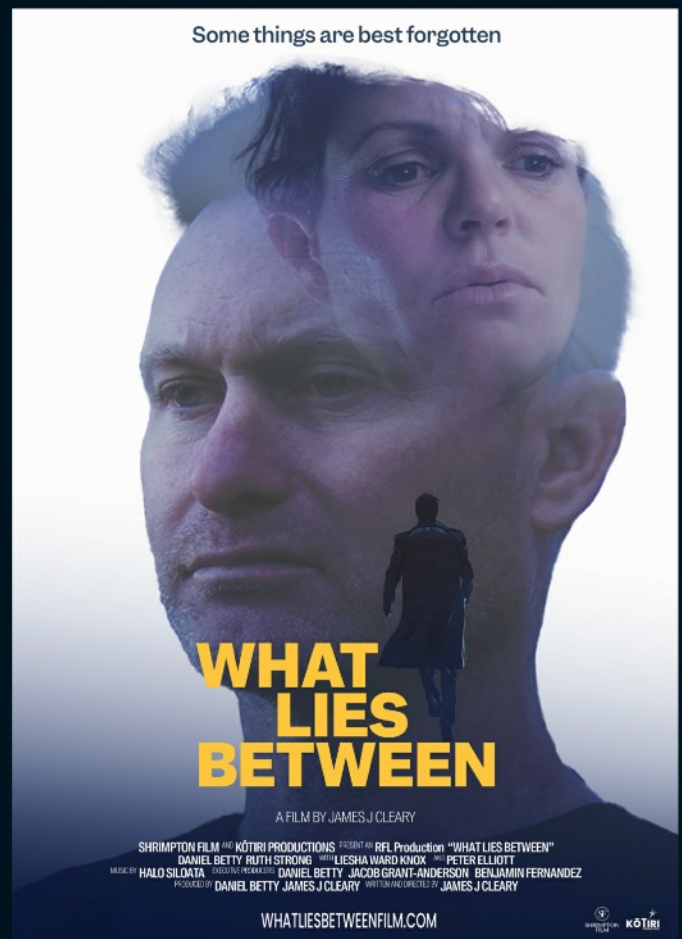
The film is a brooding and visceral psychological thriller that will keep you guessing until the very end and talking about for days after. A must see in the cinema, driven by stunning visuals and a mesmerising soundtrack.

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.



Deepening Course 17 and 18 January 2026
Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School
5 Helios Place, Titirangi, Auckland
edith.vandermeer@gmail.com

**‘THE HUMAN BEING AS SYMPHONY
OF
THE CREATIVE WORD’**

Saturday: Brian Tracey

‘Play and Creativity for Life’

Sunday: Sue Simpson

‘Awakening to the creative forces of the night’

With workshops:

1. **Brian Tracey**–*A Key to Understanding...The Temperaments*
2. **Sue Simpson**–*Eurythmy: Out of the Word*
3. **Evelyn Davis**–*Improvised storytelling*
4. **Abi Ortiz**–*Music heals the heart and makes it whole*
5. **Jo Erskine**–*Creative expression of human metamorphoses
in clay*
6. **John Lawry**–*Making Porotiti: Good Vibrations!*
7. **Susanne Cole**–*Eco printing with nature’s colour and form*
8. **Susie Gay**–*Painting: Harmony, balance and joy*

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/



Taīkura Fête

Rudolf Steiner School

Sunday
16 November
10am - 3pm



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