

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

The
Grapevine



30 October 2025

Taikura Fete - Sunday 16 November



- **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. 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 through. 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 and it will be included in next week's Grapevine.
- 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.
- For those raising **plants** for the plant stall – please bring them to school on Saturday 15 November between 8:00 and 10:00am so they can be sorted and priced.
- **Participation.** Heartfelt thanks for coming together as a community to create such a unique event. You should all have confirmed jobs at the Fête. Please check where you are meant to be, and arrive in good time for your shift. There are some activities that need further support so please let us know if you are available. Please also be prepared to be flexible to adapt to circumstances on the day!

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 - *Pakorras*

Class Seven - *Sausage Sizzles*

Class Eight - *Nachos*

Class Nine - *Devonshire Teas*

Class Ten - *Ice Cream*

Class Eleven - *Organic Burgers*

Class Twelve - *Salad Bar*

Please spread the word amongst whānau, friends and colleagues so that as many people as possible can experience this joyful day!



He Pito Kōrero

E te tī, e te tā, ngā mihi mīharo ki a koutou! Last week, Te puna tuawhā went on a hīkoi up to Ōtātara Pā. History and purākau of the migration of the Kahungunu people to this rohe were shared as we walked around the Pā and got a sense of the expansiveness of Heretaunga and the rich variety of kai that would have sustained the iwi.

We then travelled to 'Te Pakipakitanga o Hinetemoa, a.k.a – Paki Paki, where the class had their noho marae at Hougarea Marae. In the evening we visited the other two marae and churches, and the next day did another hīkoi to the four trees, which is a historical site for the whānau there.



There are two purākau associated with the naming of Te Pakipakitanga o Hinetemoa. Hinetemoa a tipuna - ancestor, was bathing in the awa and heard a group of people approaching, so she quickly slapped her body to dry herself and dress appropriately. Paki paki means to clap or slap. The other purākau that was told to a past Class 4 was that an albino tuna – eel, came out of the awa and approached Hinetemoa, she made a motion of slapping it which made the tuna flee back to the awa.

Nā,
Matua Troy.

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 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

This week - Roblox, is it safe for kids?

Over 80 million players log in daily — but behind the fun, there are dangers most parents have no idea about. From predators and secret “condo” games to grooming on apps like WhatsApp, Snapchat, Discord, this video reveals what every parent needs to know. Don't miss it!

(Warning - This video contains footage of an actual sex room built within Roblox and although I have blurred this it is not intended for children to watch.)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lhbctqtbz4I>

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.

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

Employment Opportunity: Grounds/Handyperson Cover

We are looking for part-time cover for our Taikura Property Manager, who will be on leave for 3 months from the beginning of December. We anticipate 10 to 20 hours per week. If you are handy on the tools, enjoy variety and have a can-do helpful attitude we would love to hear from you! Please contact Suzan in the office suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz

Upcoming Events

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

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

Sports

Congratulations to Ian Foxcroft for finishing 2nd in the Senior Boys High Jump at the Reading Shield and Lydiard Cup Secondary School Athletic Champs last week. Ian jumped an impressive 1.83 metres, 1st place holder jumped 1.86.

Ian discovered this natural talent from his participation at our own schools athletics day, he is completely untrained and has a unique natural style. He is now starting formal training so watch this space!

Janet Osborne

Sports Coordinator

TRAIN WITH BLACKSTICKS AND FALCONS PLAYERS

Coaches include Kaitlin Cotter and Sean Findlay
Saturday November 8th

11-12:30

*\$ 30 per player
For all ages*



**HAVE A HIT AROUND AND LEARN SOME NEW SKILLS
WITH SOME EXPERIENCED PLAYERS BEFORE THE
OPENING ROUND OF PHL IN NAPIER WHERE THE
FALCONS TAKE ON THE MAVERICKS IN GAME 1!!**

Location: Park Island

Contact: Hannah Findlay on

+64 22 467 6607

SIGN UP NOW

<https://forms.gle/1jtk6GpBsm�PPfFh9>

Fundraising money goes towards the Findlay girls getting to the Junior World Cup to represent New Zealand in Chile this December

Community Notices

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.

Measles

I have a homeopathic remedy called Morbillinum 200C that has been made from measles. It can be used as a prophylaxis and if a child has measles symptoms. I did a trial of this remedy in 2019 and 49 children took part. Eight children had been previously vaccinated with MMR and two of these children had a fever after taking Morbillinum 200C.

One child had measles as a baby and she did not react to Morbillinum 200C. Children that had never come in contact with measles did not react to the homeopathic remedy. This simple trial shows that when the child had been in contact with measles through the vaccine, there was an energetic memory initiated by the homeopathic remedy. It is likely that a child who comes in contact with measles in the community would respond with a good fever. Responding to measles with a fever is a good response as it shows the immune system has been activated.

Measles has been treated with homeopathic remedies for many decades and has effectively helped children through this disease. Vitamin A in oily fish, carrots, cabbage, apricots, orange, yellow and green vegetables and fruit help children recover faster and is preventative.

If you would like your child to have a dose of Morbillinum 200C please contact Angela Hair 0274436737 and come to the Steiner Centre Monday to Thursday afternoons for a dose.

Creative Speech

We have a Speech Chorus speaking poems and verses at the Anthroposophical Society (over the road). It is an interesting, challenging exercise, working on the text together, until the sounds start speaking, and the gestures come through with the meaning...We work on qualities, like the four elements of nature, which also show in the four temperaments. Some texts are grand and big - epic, others have sharper, dramatic qualities, or gently flowing lyrical ones...

Speaking together is a wonderful social exercise too, and the rhythm carries the togetherness. Breathing together is very energising and gives you confidence.

Developing teamwork together through this is quite special, but we are very open to expanding the chorus and inviting anyone who is interested to join us and have fun together in this work....The more, the merrier..!

For those who are interested, here is some further information –

The nature of this work comes out of anthroposophy, and it is our striving to practice this as a path of learning. Working with the Living Word and the cosmic forces of the planets and the zodiac through the sounds of language is the new impulse that Rudolf Steiner gave: it helps us to move beyond mere entertainment – which involves only the emotions and is still bound up with personality – into a life-giving, healing and ‘energy-boosting’ universal space, of movement, rhythm and the objective mantric-poetic element, which raises our speaking above the purely material, into an etheric (life energy) flow.

Such speaking opens up new perspectives and allows something higher to come to life, the cosmic forces being felt, when we allow the sounds to speak...

A tall order..? – maybe, but we can experience being energised, enlivened and coming to ourselves – a lot of fun..!

Through Rudolf Steiner’s work with speech and acting, a new path of inner transformation has been shown. This is the path given particularly in the Speech and Drama Course of 1924 and the basis of the anthroposophical Speech and Drama Training, a four-year full-time course.

Today, we are needing to find different ways of achieving such a course, often in shorter increments in time, as full-time courses have become increasingly more difficult to uphold. In the ‘**Spirit of the Word School**’, here in New Zealand, we have tried different formats, and this year, we are planning some new full-time blocks for 2026, that will work for those already in training and others who are interested.

We are also planning some courses in educational speech, working with the wonderful age-appropriate, inspiring curriculum that Rudolf Steiner gave to the teachers of the first Waldorf School in Stuttgart, from 1919 onwards. This was so important to him, that we work with the etheric (life energy) and allow the sounds to speak, that he personally worked with each of the teachers, to bring movement and flow, rather than emotional hype into their speaking and also into story-telling.

If anyone would like to experience doing some chorus work, you are welcome to join us for our practices, on Tuesdays from 4:30 – 6:00pm at the Rudolf Steiner Centre, opposite the School. We will be doing some light-hearted texts for the Summer Festival, on 21 December; as well as the Canticle to the Sun by St. Francis. If you would like to join the chorus, please contact: Astrid Anderson starguide@xtra.co.nz John Jackson jackson33@yahoo.co.nz or Tania Diedericks taniaanz3@proton.me





SKATE CARNIVAL

SAT 08 NOV 2025

12 - 3 PM



YOUTH SKATE SHOW 1.30 PM

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - HASTINGS SKATEPARK



ART, FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES, CLOTHING, FACE-PAINTING

LIVE MUSIC - NICK HERBISON & SNEEKY

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

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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