



Ensemble Main Lesson

12 February 2026

At the end of last year, Class 4 (now Class 5) presented a concert for the Lower School in our school hall for our Ensemble Main Lesson. This Main Lesson has recently been reintroduced alongside a Notation Main Lesson for Class 4 earlier in the year. This equips the students with a strong foundation of rhythm, time signatures and pitch by constantly referencing it against music to reinforce the sight reading skills required for the Ensemble Main Lesson.



Students introduced the concert music and a large number also presented individual performances as well as 7 ensemble pieces, ranging from single melody music such as Hark! The Herald Angels Sing on recorder, 'Sarabande'



by George Frederic Handel in three part recorder, 'He Honore' by Taina Piripi Ngarimu in four part recorder, as well as a number of pieces on guitar, piano, recorder, flute, violin and recorder with multiple parts, such as 'Scarborough Fair', 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas', 'Jingle Bells', and a class favourite 'Lost Woods' by Koji Kondo.

We look forward to continuing this journey with the class in 2026 with their

weekly ensemble lesson, where students will continue to develop these performance skills alongside the Lower School orchestra for those who decide to join.

Thomas Pearson
Music Teacher



He Pito Kōrero!

Kua rongō kōrero, kitea rānei koe...? Have you heard or seen...?

Kia ora e te whānau! On Tuesday night on TV 1, Season 3 of Origins is back. This is a program hosted by Scotty Morrison, as he follows in the footsteps of the first explorers and settlers of Aotearoa, as they sailed down from Hawaiki to their new home of Aotearoa.

Origins is well worth watching, lots of stories and insights into how Māori lived and adjusted to this new whenua. It's also great to see that this is on mainstream TV!



Kīwaha o te wiki ... kīwaha of the week!
Kaua e toitoi ōkewa! (Coe wah eeh toytoy oor ke wah)
Don't count your chickens before they hatch!

Hemi: Kia ora e hoa! I've got a great pāua fritter recipe when you get back from your dive!

Rangi: Kaua e toitoi ōkewa!

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!

Tutoring requests

Many thanks to those whānau who have applied for tutoring for their children, both on and off site. A reminder of the application process:

We may allow students to be released from class to attend approved tutoring sessions. Requests for students to receive external or private tutoring on or off site should be directed to the principal in the first instance.

Requests from external or private tutors to provide services at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School should be sent to the principal in writing: principal@taikura.school.nz

In processing such requests, we consider:

- individual student needs
- health and safety requirements, especially any police vetting and safety checking requirements
- how tutoring will impact our school curriculum and timetable
- any resources, facilities, or additional staff supervision that would be required.

Permissions

School & Kindergarten Directory

Our school & kindergarten directory of parent names, email addresses and phone numbers will be published and distributed to oldest children by the end of this term. If you would prefer your details not be included, please email suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz

Photographs for Marketing Purposes

We are in the process of updating our website and would like to include up to date images of our kura and our students. If you would prefer your child's image not be used for marketing purposes, please email suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz

Upcoming Events

Class One whānau hui - Wednesday 25 February at 6:30pm

High School Athletics Day - Tuesday 3 March

Community Assembly - Thursday 5 March at 11:00am

Class 3 Whānau hui - Thursday 5 March. Time TBC

Class 7 Whānau hui - Thursday 5 March at 6:00pm

Kererū Kindergarten Pounamu Room whānau hui - Tuesday 10 March at 2:00pm

Kererū Kindergarten Kōwhai Room whānau hui - Wednesday 11 March at 2:00pm

'Our kids online' parent information evening - Thursday 12 March at 6:30pm

Autumn Festival - Thursday 19 March

Term One ends - Thursday 2 April at 2:45pm

Our Kids Online

We all want our school and community to be a safe place for our tamariki. But in a rapidly changing digital world, the risks our children face online are growing—more frequently, and more seriously.

That's why we've invited filmmaker, author, and speaker **Rob Cope**, producer of the powerful documentary *Our Kids Online*, to deliver a **humorous, eye-opening evening talk** for our parent community.

His talk will cover:

- **Cyberbullying** - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7
- **Social media** - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety
- **Gaming and the developing brain** – An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy
- **Naked Selfies** - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school
- **Online predators** - The methods they use, how to spot them
- **Online porn vs healthy sexuality** - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry.
- **AI** - Growing concerns around Companion bots, Deepfakes, Voice Cloning, Algorithmic Radicalisation

Solutions

- **Filters** - Which filters are best and how to install them
- **Smartphones** - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- **Boundaries** - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- **3 golden rules** - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- **Talking to your kids** - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- **Challenging our own phone and device usage** - Reconnecting as a family.

The talk will be held in the school hall on Thursday 12 March from 6:30pm. Please note this talk is for **adults only** and is **not suitable** for children or teens to attend.

We request that at least one representative from each family attend, and hope you are able to prioritise this within your busy lives. This topic is too big for us not to pay attention.

"We have now reached the point where it is irresponsible of us as parents, teachers, health professionals, and policymakers to continue to put these devices, which are designed to elicit addictive-like qualities, in our kids' hands and then expect them to be accountable for their own wellbeing." Dr Samantha Marsh - University of Auckland Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, July 2023

Included in your ticket is a one-year complimentary subscription to *Parenting in an Online World 101* valued at \$99. Created by Rob and Zareen at Our Kids Online, this practical, no-nonsense course is designed specifically for kiwi families and is already being used in thousands of homes across the country.

Please note: simply buying a ticket does not give you access to the course—you must attend on the night to receive it. So don't miss out!

"We need to tackle this as a community so that all of our kids are safe. When I protected my kids online, I also protected yours, so please, please protect your kids online so that you are also protecting mine" Rob Cope

This week's 2-minute parenting tips and tricks: Parenting - It's Okay to Get it Wrong!

Parenting is hard. Brutal, even. And guess what? I get it wrong all the time. We're all stumbling through this together, messing up, learning, and trying again. If you've ever felt like you're the only one dropping the ball — you're not. Let's talk about the beautiful, messy chaos of raising kids... and remind each other we're doing better than we think!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJ7L1TJkWBE>

Community Noticeboard



A Response to Social Needs of our Time Through Eurythmy

The opportunity to explore & experience eurythmy with an awareness of life. To hold one's centre amidst life's challenges. Join us for 7 weeks: Tuesday 17 February - Tuesday 31 March 9.15-10.15am
Corner Nelson St and Whitehead Rd. Cost \$100

Contact sue.simpson0@gmail.com

Childcare Needed

I am looking for in-home childcare for my 1 year old son, 2-3 days a week. Are you or do you know someone who offers this? Please contact me on 0226761058 or email celesteglover6@gmail.com

Rangimarie News

Rangimarie is a grand "old lady" in the middle of Hastings. We are a community-minded small group of enthusiastic mature friends committed to caring for and maintaining this historic building. Once upon a time it was the residence of the Mayor of Hastings. We are at 617 Heretaunga Street East.



We invite you to connect with our Rangimarie community. We have started a community garden however small!! Soon we will harvest our pumpkins and prepare for the winter crop planting. If you would like to be part of this, let me know: Corrie at 027 368 0242

There are many ideas and possibilities to make Rangimarie a Hub of meeting and working together.

Firewood - Firewood - Firewood!!!

The Bacchus Boys and Dave the Greenman have been busy cutting and splitting firewood from Rangimarie's garden. Thank you!!!! A firewood raffle is doing the rounds; a good load of firewood!!!!

Raffle tickets \$5.00 each. I really do need helpers to sell more tickets! We are aiming to have all the tickets sold in February for the firewood to go in March, in time for the colder days.

Contact Corrie to buy a ticket(s) or if you are able to sell 5 or 10 tickets, that will be great. Ph 027 368 0242.

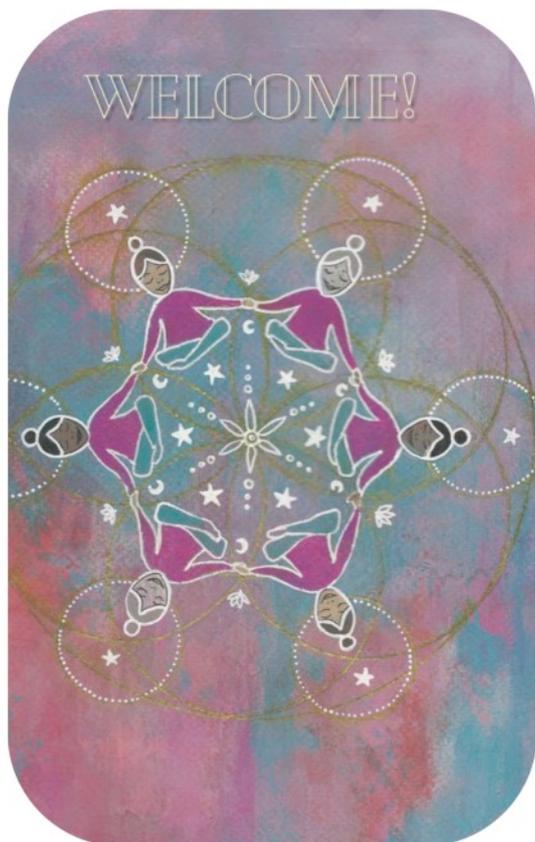
Please note: Most of our community notices are paid advertisements. While we're happy to share them, they don't necessarily reflect our views or endorsements. If you would like your notice or advertisement included, the cost is \$5 for 2 weeks. Please email office@taikura.school.nz by noon Tuesday.

Basketball Players Needed

We're trying to enter a team into the local Adult Men's Basketball League, to be played at Centennial Hall in Napier on Friday evenings starting on 20 February. We already have a few Class 12 players and a couple of keen dads but need a few more dads/uncles/koro or ex-students to join the team to make it viable. The standard of play is pretty good, so no beginners please. The cost is \$60/player to register with Basketball Hawke's Bay (valid for the year) and then about another \$60/player to register the team for the competition. The competitions run throughout the year. It'll be great fun and a good way to meet new people.

If you're interested please email Toby at tobyb@flaxcol.co.nz

Toby Blakey



Maidens new Moon circles

For girls aged 10 to 13

The first Wednesday after the New Moon

3.00-4.30

Contribution \$20

In our monthly Maidens circle we meet in the energy of the new Moon and new beginnings. Together we create a sacred space with a candle and treasures we find or bring.

Erica and Mara will provide a safe space for the maidens to connect, be heard, express, listen, create and play.

We will weave in songs, movement, creativity and a touch of mindfulness in response to the needs and wishes that arise each month.

Where: 406 Fitzroy Ave, Hastings

Possibility to pick up the children from the Steiner School at 2.45

Dates: 17/2; 18/3; 20/5; 17/6; 12/8; 16/9; 14/10; 11/11; 9/12

For expressions of interest or inquiry:

Erica Jeffs of Healing Therapies

erica@healingtherapies.co.nz 0211334983

Mara Radice of Miss Tupitu' Puppet Company

radicemara1510@gmail.com 0220947625

Casual Caregiver Urgently Needed

For a man with Asperger Syndrome. Two hours in the morning for up to 5 days a week for the next 2 weeks, maybe longer, then as needed. Tasks include cooking healthy lunch and cleaning with a friendly, caring attitude. 5 min walk from school.

Please contact Tania 0210664908 or Romilly 0210553921

Join us for another fun creative term of art.
Small groups, spaces are limited.

Afterschool Childrens Art class Term 1 2026 with Amanda Sowersby



Monday 9 Feb -23rd
March 3.30pm-
4.45pm
8 week term

Wednesday 11 Feb-25th
March r
8 week term
Ages 6-14 years
Keirunga Arts Venue,
Havelock North

Follow us at @Amandasowersby
email: amanda@artandalchemy.co.nz
0211449168

THURSDAY ART CLASSES FOR ADULTS

**STARTS 5th
February
2026**

10:00 am-12pm
8 weeks
Small class
We begin with oil
painting.
Keirunga Cottage
amanda@artandalchemy.co.nz

For Sale

Want a lifestyle block [5.6 hectares] that could almost pay for itself? This is it! It's a significant income earner. Not hundreds of dollars - but thousands - from assorted leases. It also has many other lifestyle benefits.

Located about 10 minutes from Hastings - depending on road works!
A beautiful park-like lawn with delightful trees grace a spacious [approx. 190 square metres], open-plan, three-large-bedrooms, all-timber home [roof excluded]. It has a huge lounge, large office and a real, walk-in pantry! (No painted walls or wallpaper inside this house!)

The main bedroom has two (his 'n' hers') wardrobes and an ensuite, with a three-person-sized shower! There's a separate shower, toilet and bathroom in the centre of the house, available for visitor and home-dweller daytime use and for people in the other bedrooms. There's even an outside toilet, if anyone gets 'caught short.'

Two woodlots of mature timber and coppicing firewood trees. Many apple trees provide shade for a few free range hens; there's also other fruit producers: feijoa, fig, peach, passionfruit, lemon, apricot, plus a row of table/eating grapes. And lots of flowers!

Quietly sequestered away from the road, surrounded by mature trees, with great infrastructure, including a large pond with flowforms. Generally well developed and set out. Even has 3-phase power and a robotic lawn mower! https://nwtp.biz/mere_road_sale/

perry@spillerfamily.info



Artistic Therapy & Creative Healing

with Amanda Sowersby an Art Alchemist
Qualified Artistic Therapist, Holistic &
Trauma aware approach

Artistic Therapy is a gentle, non-verbal and embodied approach to healing that supports emotional expression, nervous system regulation, and reconnection to self.

Supports:

- Grief & Loss
- Trauma & PTSD
- Anxiety, Depression & Stress
- Insomnia & Nervous System Overload
- Neurodiversity & Behavioural Support
- Recovery, Integration & Skill Development

No art experience required.

Suitable for ages 5+.

In-person, small groups, families & online.

Based in Havelock North, Hawke's Bay.

email: amanda@artandalchemy.co.nz

0211449168

Book:

<https://amandasowersby.as.me/schedule/a2eada70>

**Calling all
vocalists!**



NPACS Singing Competition 2026

All Ages Easter Weekend

Get ready to hit the high notes and captivate the audience at our annual Singing Competition – the ultimate singing competition that celebrates the power of voice and musical talent. Join us for a day of celebrating the love of singing!

Competition Categories:

★ Modern

★ Musical theatre

★ Māori

★ Classical

★ Folk & Cultural

★ Sacred

Check our Website Now! www.napierpacs.org.nz

The Evolution, Development and Destiny of the Animals

Did we develop from evolving animal forms, or did the animals devolve from the emerging human?

Anthroposophy speaks of Creation as being both evolutionary and spiritual — a gradual development which was, and still is, guided and influenced by advanced spiritual beings.

March 5th, 12th, 19th (Thursdays) 7 - 8pm in the art room.

The Evolution and Development of Human Beings

Rudolf Steiner speaks of human evolution beginning on earlier planetary phases than our current Earth. We will learn something of these early beginnings and follow our slowly evolving and guided development through to the present day.

April 23rd - June 11th (Thursdays) 7 - 8pm.

Free talks at the Anthroposophical Centre
with Cleone Armon, illustrated with her own artwork.

500 Nelson St North, Hastings.
Contact Cleone at candsarmon@gmail.com