



The Grapevine

Class Five Geography

19 February 2026

Class 5 are currently studying Aotearoa, New Zealand Geography for their Main Lesson. Last week saw them involved with the legend of "The Battle of the Mountains" about seven giants who fight for the attention of a pretty volcanic cone named Pihanga.

The giants battling are: Ngāruahoe, Ruapehu, Taranaki, Tarawera, Tauhara, Tongariro and Pūtauaki. During the battle boulders fly, lava flows and dark ash fills the skies until finally, Tongariro comes out victorious and claims Pihanga as his wife. From the story we learned also of the formation of the Whanganui river and then came out of the realm of myth to discuss the lay of the land as we see it today.

Class 5 rounded off the week by creating their own 'volcanoes' in the sandpit and experimented with various ingredient combinations such as coke and mentos, and baking soda and white vinegar to see which group's volcano erupted most impressively.

Tanja Maioha
Class 5 kaiako





He Pito Kōrero!

Kīwaha o te wiki – Kīwaha of the week.

Ko hea koe? (Cor here ah ko ear)

Where are you going?

Hemi: Kia ora e mara! Ko hea koe?

Rangi: Tino wera rawa atu e hoa...It's hot as, so I'm off to the river!



He pito kōrero is a space dedicated to celebrating and promoting Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori



Term One 2026 Policy Reviews

This term SchoolDocs is reviewing the following policies: **Alcohol, Drugs & Other Harmful Substances, Sun Protection, Digital Technology & Online Safety, Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices and Safety & Welfare for Students on Work Experience.** 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.

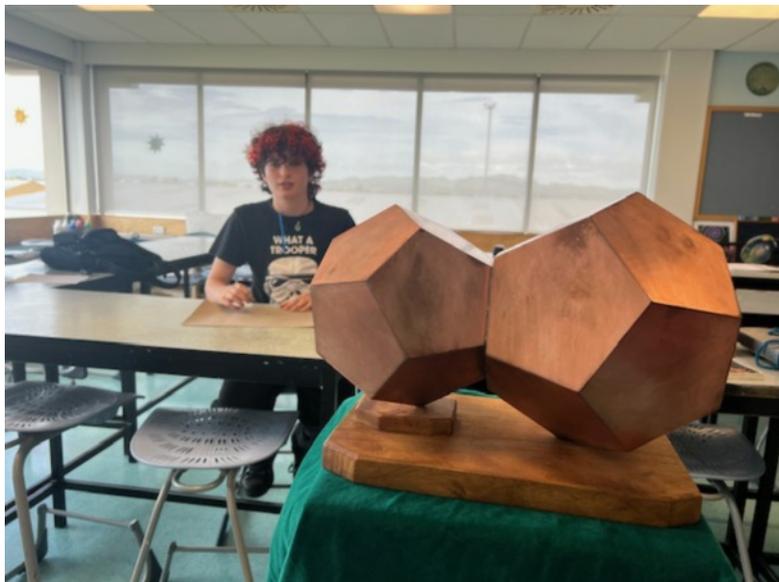
- Follow the link
- Read the policy
- Click the blue 'start your review' button at the top of the page. A new screen will appear.
- Select your role (board member, staff member, parent/whānau) from the drop-down list.
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

Rik te Crate Sculpture and Student Drawing Exhibition

An exhibition of the Rik te Crate bronze pentagonal dodecahedron sculpture along with sketches of the sculpture by students from our school is on now at the Steiner Centre across the road from Taikura.

In 2023, Dutch artist Rik te Crate created a bronze pentagonal dodecahedron sculpture. It was first shown at the Goetheanum in Dornach and since then has travelled the world as a symbol of unity, renewal and connection.

This sculpture is a replica of the foundation stone laid by Rudolf Steiner in 1913 for the first Goetheanum.



Having already visited many countries it arrived in Aotearoa earlier this year.

Some of the students from Class 9 and a few from Class 12 got the opportunity to sketch this beautiful sculpture and their sketches are exhibited alongside the sculpture at the centre to view on the following days & times:

Monday 9:00-4:00pm
Thursday 1:00-4:00pm
Friday 1.30-3:00pm

Clayton Gibson

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

Teacher Only Day - School Only - Friday 13 March

Autumn Festival - Thursday 19 March

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

School Photos

Student photos are now live and ready to view and order. **Keycodes** will be sent via email. Please check your junk, spam, or promotions folders, in case the message was filtered. Free delivery applies to orders placed before midnight on **Sunday, 8 March 2026**.

Parent Volunteers for EOTC

If you are considering being a parent helper on one of our overnight school camps you will need a police vet check. These are valid for 3 years. The results of the check can take up to 6 weeks or more to come through from the time of application, so they are well worth doing in advance. Please contact suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz for further details.

Our Kids Online

How Much Tablet Time Is Safe for Growing Brains?

With developmental delays in children skyrocketing, this video asks a crucial question every parent needs to consider: how much tablet time is actually safe for our children's young, developing brains?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdYE3CaVLYY>

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...

Understanding our kids **Online World** and how to keep them safe.

18+

- AI
- Cyberbullying
- Social Media
- Gaming
- Online Predators
- Online Porn
- Smartphones
- Filters
- Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking Parent to Parent talk

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026 | 6.30 PM - 8.30 PM
505 NELSON STREET NORTH, HASTINGS

Save the Date!

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.

<https://shorturl.at/QZ83B>

Tickets

Tickets to this event are \$5 each and can be purchased from the school office. We hope you or someone from your whānau are available to attend this important event.

Consent for Local Walking Trips

Email coming soon

Kia ora e te whānau,

In the coming days, you will receive an email requesting your general (blanket) consent for your child to participate in short walking trips within the immediate local surroundings of Taikura. Each year, our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) and Management teams collect this consent to support smooth and safe planning for local class outings.

What types of trips are covered?

These are short, local outings taken on foot. Examples may include visits to:

- Cornwall Park
- The supermarket or Spotlight (often for senior students)
- The Art Gallery
- The Public Library

What does this consent mean?

Providing blanket consent allows your child's teacher to take their class on these local walking trips without needing to send home a separate consent form for each outing.

For example, if a class visits Cornwall Park or walks to the library, your earlier blanket consent covers this.

What information will you still receive?

Even with blanket consent, whānau will continue to receive:

- Notification of each trip at least two weeks before it happens
- Assurance that student-specific safety action plans or support plans (already held by the school) will continue to guide and inform trip planning
- Contact from your child's teacher, where needed, if additional support may be required for your child on a particular outing

What does the blanket consent NOT change?

All safety and administrative processes remain exactly the same. Teachers are still required to:

- Complete full Risk Analysis and Safety Action Plans for every trip
- Have this documentation reviewed and approved by the school principal before any class leaves the school grounds

The only change is that you will no longer receive individual consent forms for each local walking trip.

What time period is covered?

This blanket consent applies to all local, walking-only outings throughout 2026.

Examples

- Weekly walks to Cornwall Park
- Visits to the local art gallery, public library, or Civic Square

All of these are fully covered by the annual blanket consent.

What do you need to do?

Keep a look out for the email and once received please read and respond.

Ngā mihi nui
Kelly Sutton

Community Noticeboard

Coffee and Conversation - Free

At the Steiner Centre across the road from Taikura. Mondays and Fridays after drop off and before pick up.

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

Caregiver needed

Our family is looking for a caregiver who would be available Monday- Thursday for school pick ups, errands, dinner and bath etc. I have three children, ages 5, 13 and 14. Times can be discussed but can be around 2.30-6.30 or any time from 12.30pm. Please text Kate 0220257948. Position available from 9th March onwards. Term unclear and dependent on my recovery but is likely to be at least 3 months or more, I would be able to give one months notice.

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

Interested in Barefoot Shoes?

This Saturday 21 February 10:00am-4:00pm.

Innate Chiropractic are hosting our friends ROAM Barefoot, all the way from Taranaki.

ROAM are stockists of many different barefoot brands and will be gracing us with their stock for one day only.

If you are curious to try, or keen to buy shoes that are truly healthy for your feet, swing on by.

Innate Chiropractic at 59 Kennedy Road Napier.

<https://roambarefoot.co.nz>