

Taikura Rudolf Steiner School

The Grapevine



Fundraising

26 March 2026

Fundraising has long been a tradition at Taikura. Over the years many families have given much of their valuable time and energy, and classes have benefited tremendously from the community efforts which surround them. To ensure transparency and clarity for all we have recently updated our school fundraising policy and procedure, along with our branding procedure. All staff were invited to provide feedback, and the updated documents have now been formally ratified. Please find answers to some frequently asked questions regarding fundraising below:

Why does the school have a fundraising procedure?

Our fundraising procedure helps ensure activities are fair, well coordinated, and aligned with the school's values. It also supports financial transparency and helps avoid placing excessive fundraising demands on students and families.

Who does the fundraising procedure apply to?

The procedure applies to all fundraising connected to the school, including:

- Whole-school fundraising
- Class fundraising
- Sports teams or student groups
- Parent or community groups operating under the school's name

What is the school's main fundraiser?

The Taikura Fete is the school's primary whole-school fundraising event. It is overseen by the Fete Committee, which manages planning, coordination, finances, and reporting. Funds raised are donated to the school for agreed projects that benefit the wider school community.

Can classes fundraise for their own needs?

Yes. Classes may fundraise for class purposes. These funds are managed by the parents responsible for the activities and are not under the financial control of the school.

What types of class fundraising are usually allowed?

Common class fundraising activities include:

- Bake sales
- Sausage sizzles
- Friday markets
- Raffles
- Quiz nights
- Event marshalling or clean-up activities

If a proposed activity is outside these usual examples, approval **must** be sought from the School Management Group.

Do sports teams or special projects need approval to fundraise?

Yes. All fundraising outside the Taikura Fete and standard class activities — including for sports teams, tournaments, or special initiatives — must be approved by the School Management Group **before** any promotion or money collection begins.



How do we apply to run a fundraising activity?

- A short fundraising proposal should be submitted to the School Management Group. This should outline:
- The purpose of the fundraising
- The proposed activity and timing
- Any organisations or businesses being approached
- The fundraising target and intended use of funds
- The group or class involved
- Any safety or risk considerations

Why might a fundraising proposal be declined or modified?

To prevent fundraising fatigue and ensure fairness across the school community, school leadership may limit the number or timing of activities. The Management Group may approve, decline, or request changes to any proposal.

Can we use the school name or logo for fundraising?

The school name and logo may only be used for fundraising activities that have received formal approval. The logo must not be altered and must follow the school's branding guidelines. Unapproved use is not permitted.

How should funds be managed?

All funds raised must be handled responsibly, with clear records of income and expenditure. Funds must only be used for the purpose for which the fundraising was approved and in line with school financial procedures.

What happens if fundraising guidelines are not followed?

If the guidelines are not followed, fundraising activities may be discontinued or approval may be withdrawn.

Our Kids Online - Tip of the Week

Kids Learn Through Consequences

One of the most valuable ways our kids learn is through natural consequences.

Every action has a result — some good, some not so good. Eat well, feel well. Eat crap, feel crap. Act silly and break something? There's a consequence for that too.

In our house, the rule is simple: if you break it, you fix it. If you spill it, you clean it. If you leave a spade in the driveway and a car runs it over, you save up and replace it.

Parenting isn't just about keeping the peace — it's about preparing our kids for the real world. Teaching responsibility when young gives them a head start on life. It builds resilience, accountability, and the kind of character that will serve them for years to come.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbxZRUSXS0w&t=8s>

Upcoming Events

Taikura Kindergarten Harvest Festival - Friday 27 March

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

Class 4 Parent Hui - Wednesday 22 April at 6:00pm

ANZAC Day observed - Monday 27 April - School & Kindergarten Closed

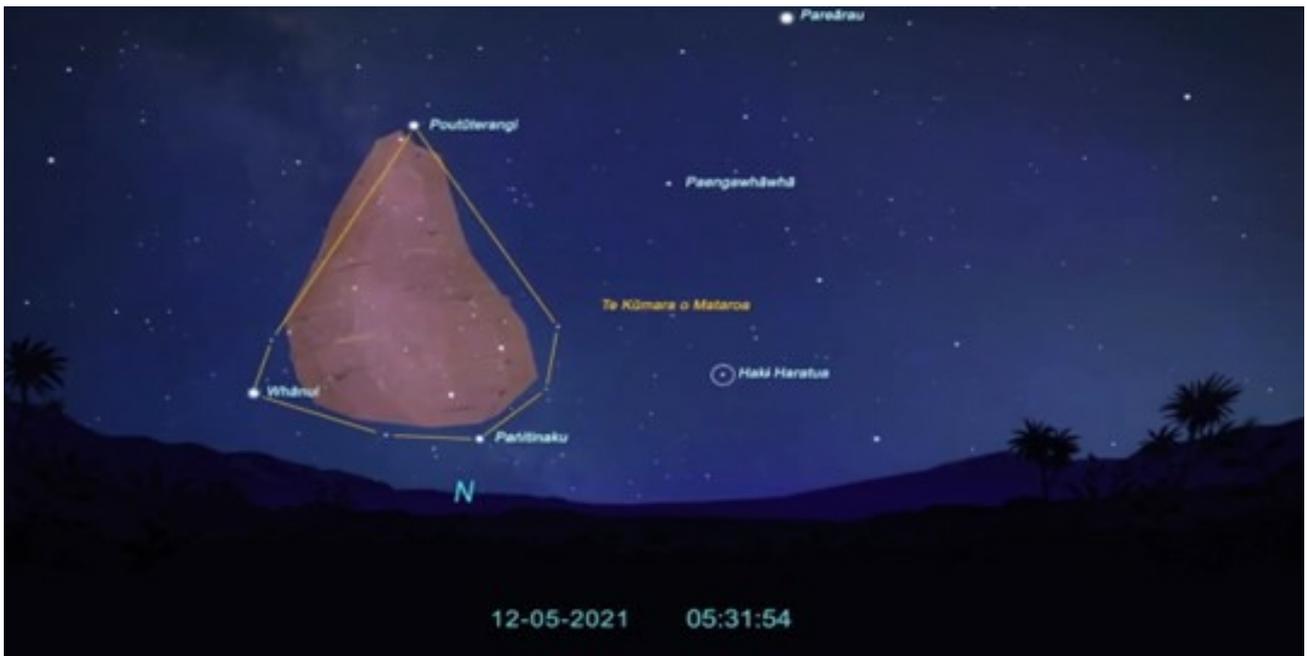
School Board Hui - Monday 11 May at 5:00pm



He Pito Kōrero!

Ngā mihi mahana o Ngahuru ki a tātou katoa!

Last Sunday there was an early morning gathering at the Ātea-a-rangi – The Star Compass, to observe the whetū – Poutūterangi, the rising of Tamanuiterā and to hear the kōrero about what is happening in te taiao – the environment! Poutūterangi is the whetū that signals the time of harvest and the changing of the season, as Tamanuiterā starts to make his journey back to Hinetakurua, the deity associated with the water and the colder months of the year.



Ngahuru is the 10th month of the Māori year, it is the old word for the number 10, it is used for 'Autumn' and it is also associated with harvest time. During this time migratory manu - the pīpīwharau, the koekoē, and the kūaka return to Fiji, the Solomon Islands and Siberia for the winter months. The tuna migrates to the moana, the adult inanga (whitebait) move down stream to spawn in anticipation for the spring tides.

In my maara this week, the vines of the hue – gourds have died back and they were picked and are now drying, and I am about to harvest the small patch of kūmara, which is exciting to see what has grown over the months of Raumati!

Ngahuru: kura kai, kura tangata

Harvest time: the abundance of food, the wealth of people.

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



Sports News

HB Summer Triathlon Series

Fuu Kaneko represented the school and came second in the women's division with a time of 1.22. She completed a 700m swim, 20km bike ride and 5km run. Well done Fuu.

East Coast Secondary Schools Athletics

This year saw a team of 11 students from the High School participate in the athletics day against the other schools from the East Coast of the North Island. The meeting was held last Thursday at the Sports Park in Hastings

Our students again managed to punch well above average with some outstanding results.

The highlights:

Ian Foxcroft - 1st in Senior Boys High Jump - Qualified for North Island Nationals

Zahara Kizito-Rees - 1st in Senior Girls Javelin - Qualified for North Island Nationals

Louis Skipper - 2nd in Senior Boys Discus - Qualified for North Island Nationals

Ihipera Te Huia - 4th in Senior Girls Long Jump

Many of the other students achieved personal bests and were able to live into the atmosphere. This is great for the future of athletics at Taikura.

Anne Hilton
Sports Facilitator



Lost Property

A reminder to please check our Lost Property cupboard, under the external hall stairs. It gets filled every term! Items not collected by end of day on the last day of term will be donated to charity.



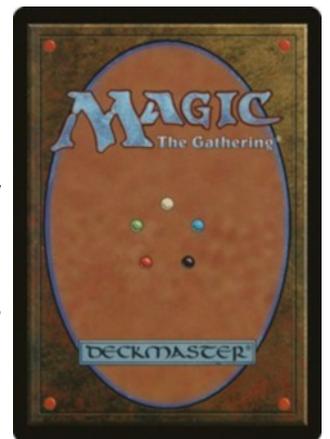
Community Noticeboard

Class 12 Project

Kia ora koutou. My name is Sita FitzGerald and I am a class 12 student here at Taikura. As part of my class 12 project I need to source scrap metal to turn into art. If anyone has junk lying around that they want to get rid of or would like to donate please contact me. Copper pipes, copper scraps or steel and other carbon based metals would be preferable but I'll take anything! Contact me via email at si.fitzgerald@taikura.school.nz or message me at 027 415 1540 to organise pick ups or drop offs.

Looking for MTG Cards

Hello everyone, my name is Johanna, and I am a Year 11 student in the High School. Recently, I have started learning how to play the card game Magic The Gathering. I am currently looking to expand my collection and was wondering if you or anyone you know has any old cards they'd be willing to part with. If so, I would be happy to discuss a reasonable price with you. Please feel free to contact me via my school email: jo.mallow@taikura.school.nz Additionally, I am also interested in finding others who would like to play a game during or after school. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, I would love to hear from you.



Steiner School Art Curriculum Adult Learning Online (Zoom)

1 to 2 year course starting April 2026. Become confident in wet-on-wet painting, drawing, form drawing and so much more. Message me for more information, I would love to hear if you're interested.

Margaret-Mary Farr on 027 2484193 or email manawastudio@gmail.com

**FREE
EVENT**

HAVE A GO MEET

*BROUGHT TO YOU BY HBPB SWIMMING
WITH SUPPORT FROM SWIMMING NZ*

HB REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 2026

12.30-2.30 PM (RACING STARTS 12.45PM)



FOR ANYONE THAT WANTS TO TRY OUT SWIMMING RACING AND HAVE FUN

JUST BRING YOUR TOGS, WATERBOTTLE AND A SMILE
We will bring ribbons, prizes and club information

EVENT INCLUDES

- ✓ 25M RACES
- ✓ 50M RACES
- ✓ KICK RACES
- ✓ RELAYS

Register Now via QR Code
or via our website



SPOT PRIZES

Contact Information



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PRIZE DRAW FOR THOSE REGISTERED BEFORE THE DAY
SOME LUCKY SWIMMERS WILL GET TO SWIM WITH AN OLYMPIAN

Aubyn Live Theatre

The Elves and the Shoemaker

By JPS Yates

Directed by Liz Bassett

Choreographed by
Kenzie Atkinson

Musically Directed by
Wendy Jewel



4th - 12th April 2026

Tickets available at:

