



The Grapevine

Christmas In A Foreign Land



Year after year, teaching the youngest Taikura School children has permitted me to re-live my traditions and for that I feel truly thankful. The children experience the Hispanic Christmas traditions and celebrations, in stories that they hear and sing. One of the favourites is the song about the “Pampanitos Verdes” the fragrant buds of the lemon and orange trees, iconic fruits for the regions of Southern Spain.

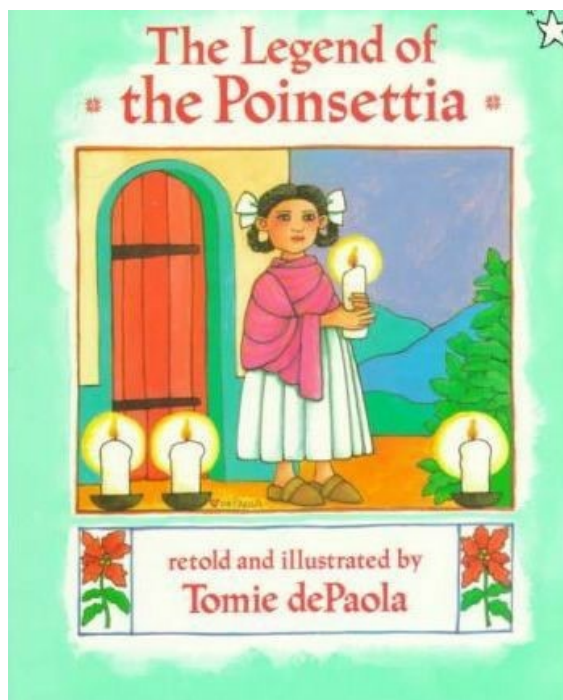
The story of the Poinsettia or the Christmas Star, from Mexico, that depicts the Christmas celebrations of many Latin American countries: the midnight mass which is preceded by the procession with the Saint statues along the streets of the villages. And the humble offerings that the people take to the church to put underneath the “Belen”, the life size nativity scene.

Another theme in our songs is the strong presence of the Three Wise Magi which connects to my own childhood memories of the long wait for the twelve holy nights until the eve of January 5, when the rituals of shining the shoes and putting out the hay for camels would ensure the next morning’s happy return of the Kings themselves.

These are some of the pictures we give to the children with the underlying sentiments of reverence and joy that reflect the enormous gift the World received at that particular point in time.

An Earth that had fallen into disrepair and needed the extra help to rise to the task of being truly human.

Sandra Jordan
Class 5 Teacher



Mark Your Calendar

December 6	3:00 pm	High School Finishes for Classes 10 - 12
December 10	6:30 pm	Class 1 2020 Parent Evening and Welcome in Class 1
December 13	8:45 am - 9:00 Start	David Urieli - Taikura High School Teacher - “Life After Death”
December 13	12:30 pm	Classes 8 and 9 Finish for the Year
December 15	7:00 pm	Shepherds Play - School Hall - Community Performance
December 17	7:00 pm	Carol Evening - Held in the School Gym
December 18	12:30 pm	Classes 1-7 Finish for the Year

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

Kiwaha o te wāhanga tuawhā – Kīwaha shared during Term Four

Ka mātua i tēnā!	That's enough!
Kua eke	No more to be said in the discussion!
Turou hawaiki!	May the force be with you /holdfast to the teachings of Hawaiki!
Wehi na!	Mean! (Exclamation)
I a ha ha	To positively reinforce what someone has said!

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

Hawkes Bay Triathlon

After the usual manic start of organising 48 students, 21 bikes, 21 timing chips, 192 safety pins and being five minutes late to the event briefing, our students were ready to compete in the HB Primary School Triathlon Champs! Wow. Next year I think we will have a sleep over at Frimley Park to get there on time and to find a park amongst the abundance of vehicles there to support the 600 students participating.

First off were our Year 5/6 competitors. We had five brave kids from Class 4 and 5 completing the individual triathlon, Chia Bizjak-Timmo, Lilian Harte, Nico O' Brien, Brody Forbes- Comrie and Ashton Clark. A personally rewarding experience for each one of them.

Next we had the team events..

We had 11 teams competing in various sections (boys, girls and mixed teams) All students gave it their all, competing with good spirit and determination. We proudly had 4 of our mixed teams make podium finishes which was fantastic!

Year 5

1st

Ed Van Der Zwet
Johann Mallow
Grace Train

2nd

Mercedes Eunson
Blake Mc Gavock
Coby Ransom

Year 6

1st

Leah Pakoti
Frances Wheeler
Zak Mc Gavock

2nd

Ava Palmer
Saul Ramonteu Chiros
Iroquoi Toatoa Lesa

At 12:30 pm our three individual Year 7 and 8 boys competitors started out:- Elliot Blakey, Manu Vilhena and Saul Barker. This was no easy feat, being a 200m swim, 5km cycle and 3.5km run. All 3 boys had strong races, finishing extremely well.

Saul just missed the podium coming in 4th, the top three all looking like very seasoned triathletes. Fantastic result! We had two teams competing in this age group. Our mixed team in this grade finished with excellent results.

1st

Chloe Greatbatch
Easton Mc Connell
Ashley Diedericks

Congratulations to Lily Rock and Chloe Greatbatch for winning spot prizes, and a special mention to Chris Simpson for kindness and sportsmanship, he willingly lent his bike after his race, with a smile (when no one else would) to another competitor whose bike had a puncture.

Thank you to Clayton Gibson, Deborah Comrie, Jasmine Beagle, Christine O'Brien and Naomi Eunson for all the various support roles on the day.

Janet Osborne - Sports Coordinator

SCHOOL NOTICES

Donations And Attendance Dues

All school whānau should have received their donations and attendance dues pack for 2020 via the postal system. Please read the enclosed letter in your pack carefully as some changes have been made. A reminder your signed donations forms are due back tomorrow, Friday 6 December. We rely on the forms to help us plan and budget accurately for next year, and expect all families to meet their obligations. We will be following up with phone calls before the end of this year to ensure all forms are returned. Please let us now if you have not received your pack and we will be sure to get one out to you.

Fête News Update

Another successful year with **\$25,000.00** being donated to Taikura from the 2019 Fête.

Weleda Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Felicity White who won the Weleda Raffle. Thank you to Weleda for their generous donation and support.



Table And Chair Winner

Congratulations to Richard Glendinning who won the walnut table and chair. These beautiful items were made by our school woodwork teacher Paul van Kampen.



Thank You

To the families who gave items for our Fête 'family op-shop' fundraiser: We were overjoyed with the response and wanted to send our heart-felt thanks, for all of your donations. We were able to create a wonderful stall which has supported our group immensely.

Many of the unsold items have been donated to the Women's Centre in Hastings who pass on clothing and items to people and families in need.

Many thanks – The Taradale Steiner Playgroup families

Parents Group

Last Parents Group Gathering for 2019 Hope you can come along! - Free for all the school community and includes past parents & those on the waiting list. You are warmly invited to come along and enjoy this opportunity to meet other parents and staff from the community, while enjoying the gifts donated by our guest speaker- all our informal gatherings are baby/toddler friendly and you are welcome to arrive and leave as meets your needs. We will begin at 9:00 am and usually finish about 10:30 am. Tea and coffee is freely available from 8:45 am. (Treats to share and celebrate most appreciated)

I would like to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure it is to be of service to our community. On behalf of everyone who enjoys the Parents Group I would like to thank all those who give of their time to contribute and support the Parents Group - Thank you! For questions, or if you would like to become the host of the Parents Group for 2020 please contact Filipa Hope 027 451 3445

Last Parent Group gathering 2019:

Friday 13 December: David Urieli - Taikura High School teacher. Continuing with an Anthroposophical look at *Life after Death*.

Taikura Kindergarten

If you have any kindergarten library books please return to Taikura Kindergarten by the end of next week.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Steiner Centre

The Steiner Centre on the corner of Whitehead Road and Nelson Street North, opposite Taikura Rudolf Steiner School is available to hire for events, classes, music lessons and more. Notices posted on board outside venue. For more information call: Cleone Armon 06 878 3128 or Robyn Hewetson 021 217 8688

Christmas Felting For Children

I am offering another Needle Felting class for children with in the holidays prior to Christmas or on a weekend during the school term. In this class we will create beautiful items for Christmas, while giving you a few hours away from your child to relax and prepare for the busy season. If you are interested please contact Sabine on 875 1905 or 027 492 8444.

Urgent Accommodation Required

We are urgently seeking a 3 - 4 bedroom home preferably long term in Hastings/Havelock North area as my fixed term tenancy ends December. We are house proud tenants with references. Our eldest child attends EIT and our youngest is in Class 4. If you have a place to rent or know of anyone who might please contact Helena on 021 20 22230

Violin/Fiddle Lessons

There are two places for new students in my timetable. The lessons lead to the possibility of playing in a fiddle band. Violin is supplied at no extra charge. \$100.00 per term. Phone Chris Bacchus 027 248 9829

Private Sale

A two - three bedroom villa with sleepout on Fitzroy Ave, a few minutes walk to Taikura. Needs work. Price by negotiation phone 0204 0144 606

New boxed set of 15 Roald Dahl books and 20 Dr. Zeus books. \$50 each or both for \$90 phone 0204 0144 606.

Two very special paper globe hanging lampshades with flowers and owl motif, perfect for a baby's or child's room. Large \$15.00 / small \$10.00 ph 0204 0144 606

Friday Market

Taikura Kindy Craft & Baking at Friday Market 6 December. This coming Friday the Taikura Kindy will be selling craft from fete and some yummy baking. Come over and have a look, buy some afternoon tea, check out the craft and we can also take orders.



Reiki Course January 2020

Reiki is a natural energy healing. Reiki level 1 for opening a connection to healing energy is to be held on Saturday 25 January 2020. Level 2 is an advanced two-day course to extend the healing ability with Symbols and Mantras utilizing specific aspects of the energy. Level 3 for the Reiki Master Symbol will follow. For enquiries, Shu. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 021 054 9035.

Crystal 1 Day Workshop

Basic 1-day course for Crystals. What are Crystals? How to choose, cleanse/charge and tune/program/de-program. Experience Crystal work with healing sounds of Crystal Singing Bowls. Pendulum work, Crystal Grid etc. The date, venue and cost: TBC. Please contact Shu for enquiries. Email: crystal@naturallifenz.org or text 021 054 9035.

House Sitters Available

Dedicated, retired but active couple of house-sitters looking for a house-sitting job from early January 2020. Please contact us on 021 215 4019 or starguide@xtra.co.nz (Astrid and Julian).

"Calling All Old Mobile Phones"

It would be great if you could have one final rummage before the end of term for any unwanted mobile phones you may have at home. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones in the collection box in the reception area at School. Many thanks.



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School Term Dates For 2020

KINDERGARTEN: Thursday 30 January 2020

TERM 1: Monday 3 February – Friday 10 April
Whole School Starts -Monday 3 February - Powhiri
Thursday 6 February – Waitangi Day
Friday 10 April- Good Friday - (Easter and Anzac) – Monday 27 April

TERM 2: Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July
TOD Friday 29 May
Queen's Birthday Monday 1 June

TERM 3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September
Friday 21 August – Monday 24 August - Mid Term Break

TERM 4: Monday 12 October – Thursday 18 December
Friday 23 October – Monday 26 October - HB Anniversary Day/Labour Day