

Whitsun

Rudolf Steiner described Whitsun as a time when we reap the fruits of what Easter has gifted us. It asks us to remember how the gift of inspiration from the Holy Spirit has become individualised in every one of us.

Traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday 50 days after Easter, Whitsun marks the point when the Holy Spirit had descended upon the earth after Christ's ascension. At this time we can consider the disciples who came together and found unity and harmony in their being as they were touched by this power, descending upon them in the image of flame.

The disciples experienced the Holy Spirit uniting with themselves and themselves uniting with all of humanity. To this day the unifying connection to the Christ impulse remains, awaits our acknowledgement and our allowance for it to work upon our lives.

As we celebrate Whitsun at Taikura we work upon our hearts as a community. We do this by striving for true contemplation about the experience of Christ's disciples and evoking this mood in our souls. We have been given the gift of consciousness through humanity being united by the Holy Spirit, the benefit to understand and discover our destiny, a destiny of freedom and unity with all humankind.

What does it mean for us as individuals to come into resonance with and embody this divine aspect of ourselves? How might we imbue our thoughts, feelings and actions with this consciousness? What unites us, helps us understand each other as being the same? What change will this make in our World?

Darryn Breakwell
Class 7 Teacher

Whitsun Festival Tuesday 2 June

We will be celebrating our Whitsun Festival on Tuesday 2 June here at school. This year's festival will be slightly different than in past years and we will not require parental support this year in creating spaces within the classrooms or in providing a shared morning tea.

Spread out in our gym and staying within our class groups we will be creating a new festival of sorts for this year and we will celebrate being able to come together as a school. However we do encourage families to take this festival into your homes, thus deepening the experience for the children.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Whitsun At Home

In recent weeks we have had to find new ways of entering into and engaging with life, work and activities outside the home. Our festivals at school have had to take a different format and the traditions for this year altered slightly. Change can inspire new thought and new life into the way we approach things. This year you might like to have the Whitsun supper at home with either friends or family. A Whitsun supper can be afternoon tea after school, or it could be delicious white cauliflower soup and homemade buns for dinner.



Below is the link to a blog with the recipe to these wee Whitsun Buns - happy munching!

<http://kitchenlioness.blogspot.com/2019/06/pentecost-whitsun-celebrations-allgau.html>

To help prepare your inner space for this festival you might like to join this upcoming Whitsun Gathering.

This Sunday 31 May there is an online Whitsun Gathering - these are lectures supported by the American Anthroposophical Society. Some are free and some require a koha - I have experienced some wonderful talks and learning through this organisation.

Rudolf Steiner calls Whitsun the festival of the free Individuality. He writes in *The Festivals and Their Meaning*, "And then there comes before us the mighty picture, with a force that works like a force present in the soul itself. Then do we feel the future, as the first understanders felt it under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, if only we are willing to make alive in our souls that which knows nothing of the boundaries separating the different parts of humanity and speaks a language which all souls, all the world over, can understand. We feel the thought of peace, of love, of harmony, which lies in the Whitsun thought. And we feel this Whitsun thought enlivening our Whitsun festival."

Join us May 31, Whitsun Sunday, from 7:30-9:00 pm ET for Five Good Words: An ASA Online Community Exploration of Whitsun with Orland Bishop.

Warm wishes all

Kelly Sutton

Found

A watch was found in the library at the end of last term - good quality. Please see Whaea Kura in library if you think it's yours.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday 29 May
Friday 3 July

All Day
3:00 pm

Teacher Only Day
Last Day Of Term Two

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

TERM 4: Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December
Friday 23 October – Monday 26 October - HB Anniversary Day/Labour Day

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He pito kōrero

Kia ora koutou,

During our Rāhui, there were a number of new puna kupu Māori (Maori vocabulary) that became very familiar, during our time at home. This list was compiled by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, and I thought it would be good to share these with you all this week!

- **Mate korona** - coronavirus
- **Huaketo** - virus
- **Maremare** - cold
- **Rewharewha** - flu
- **Noho taratahi** - self isolation
- **Taratahi** - quarantine
- **Tū tīrara** - social distancing
- **Rāhui** - restrict/prohibit
- **Tohu mate** - symptom
- **Hēmanawa** - breathlessness
- **Tinana mamae** - aching body
- **Korokoro mamae** - sore throat
- **Rūhā/ngenge** - fatigue
- **Mare tauraki** - dry cough
- **Kirikā** - fever
- **Rere ā-hapori** - community transmission
- **Rere ā-whare** - household transmission
- **Urutā** - outbreak
- **Kāhui** - cluster
- **Kia atawhai** - be kind
- **Me toro ki ētahi atu** - check in on others
- **Āwhinatia ētahi atu** - help others

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



Vision and Hearing Technician School Visit - (To Be Confirmed)

Lynley Keehan, the Hastings Vision and Hearing Technician will be making a **second** visit to the school on **Thursday 2 July**. She will be carrying out standard tests for distance vision with some of the Class 5, 6 & 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: If there is no record of your child/children having not had a Before School Screen or need to be re-screened; for these exceptions, I will send home a letter informing you that Lynley would like to see them. If you have concerns about your child/children's vision or hearing, and they are not being seen by an outside professional, please collect a yellow form from the office and have it filled in and returned **before** Thursday 2 July, and she will include them.

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