



Welcome Back

Welcome back to term two - the weather in all its glory provided a stunning backdrop to our recent break away from school. Autumn is my personal favourite season. This time in the earth's year supports rich inner work, and this holiday I find to be very productive, in both home chore activity and also creatively.

Driving into school to start the new term staff are greeted by the most beautiful maple trees in different shades of fiery red and gold. These late autumn colours hinting at the tongues of fire talked of in the Whitsun Festival to come.

In our school gardens from bud break in early spring, in fact for much of our year, green predominates as chlorophyll absorbs the sunlight and powers the tree's growth. Then, as is presently, the life-force slackens for the year, the true colours of the leaves appear from behind their green mask.

I like to draw a parallel with this picture and my daily happenings here on earth: the green being my physical self, my earthly concerns where I am pretty busy just getting my jobs done and on with the business of life. It's only when I slow down and make space to reflect - that the rich, deep colours of what I often perceive as the *ordinary in my daily life and routines* can appear and be appreciated. How lucky am I, and those I work with - that daily we are greeted with the eternal positivity, curiosity and interest from our students. It makes for an interesting and fun working environment.

This time of year in the Earth's cycle supports us to attend more easily to our inner life. Late autumn and early winter is a time when we can more easily leave behind the demands of the wider world, social distractions tend to be less and the warmth of the hearth draws us in.

It's the ebb and flow of the seasons that enable us to see the facets of the natural world, while the same cycling of our personal energies allows us to move between the physical and spiritual planes of this one world. This present season supports reflection, taking stock of one's place, and is an opportunity to gather forces, all of which help to sustain us through the winter and plant seeds into the next cycle of the new year.

This coming term at school is a busy and rich time of events which support inner activity - Whitsun, Matariki, Mid - Winter, kapa haka and our annual book week all happen during term two. This term finishes with book week and on the last Friday - our adopted and slightly adapted tradition from the country of Iceland, Jolabokaflokkur (which translates as 'Yule Book Flood'). Please keep a look out for the information regarding these events.

Kelly Sutton
Deputy Principal

Mark Your Calendar

May 12	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Class Photographs Taken
May 12	7:00 pm	Nursing Seminar With Deborah Bednarek - Whānau Room
May 13	6:00 pm	Whare Community Consultation - School Hall
May 16		Class 3 - Nine Year Old Change - Weekend Workshop
May 17	6:30 pm	BOT Meeting - Meeting Room - Main Office
May 19	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Teacher Only Day SCHOOL ONLY
May 24		Whitsun Festival
May 26	7:00 pm	Stories And Literature From Our Tamariki - Kura Rutherford - Whānau Room

SCHOOL NOTICES



He pito kōrero!

Ka tae ki te wā hauhake i te māra kūmara, ā, ka hauhakena e te Puna tuawhā!
The time for harvesting the kūmara garden arrived and the kūmara were dug up by Class 4!



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



Class Photographs

Class photographs along with sibling photos will be taken on **Wednesday 12 May**.

PhotoLife school photographs will **only** be available to order online. This includes payments. The office will **not be handling any money or taking orders**. We will however, have the sibling forms available at the office, these must be filled in and handed back to the office before Wednesday 12 May.

Waiata Mai Every Thursday, From 12:30 – 1:00 p.m

Ngā mihi maioha ki a koutou e te whānau whānui o Taikura!

Waiata mai has started again. This will be every Thursday from 12:30 – 1:00 pm in the Library. If you want to learn some of the waiata that your children sing at school, nau mai, haere mai te katoa.....all are welcome!

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!
Nā Troy Gardiner.

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Curriculum Corner

The positive effects of 'buddy reading' are far reaching - during lunch break I now often see Class 2 students crowded around on the bean bags while Class 7 students read to them. This not only supports literacy development, but the cross-class relationship building also helps build and enrich our school community.

Whaea Kura - school librarian



Class 4 Local Geography Main Lesson

To support the Class 4 Local Geography Main Lesson, whānau from Class 4 met at Bridge Pa Aerodrome during the holidays to give the children the unforgettable experience of flying over Hawkes Bay for twenty minutes. The weather was perfect as they flew over Te Mata, Napier, Te Awanga, Hastings and the ocean. While Some children got a chance at flying the plane, others were happy to enjoy the views. The morning began with a few nerves but ended with lots of proud smiles.

Toby Blakey
Teacher Class 4



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Invitation To All - Parent Talk

I am very pleased to inform you that this term we will be looking forward to three evening talks which will be held in the Taikura Kindergarten whānau room.

Next week - **Wednesday 12 May** we will gratefully welcome **Deborah Bednarek** - an anthroposophic nurse specialist and therapist up at Taruna College. She is co-coordinator and teacher on the anthroposophic nursing course.

The evening will give an opportunity to bring a few easy strategies into the home to support warmth, a resting space as well as support for quiet resilience for parent and child.

We will work with the footbath which can be used with a range of substances for different situations as well as the heart cloth with it's very lovely aurum (gold), lavender, rose ointment.

I look forward to meeting you there.
Danica Hensel Ondrusova
Kindergarten Senior Teacher



Meeting Dates and Times

Wednesday 12 May - 7:00 pm - Nursing seminar with Deborah Bednarek

Wednesday 26 May - 7:00 pm - Stories and literature for our tamariki - Kura Rutherford

Wednesday 30 June - 7:00 pm - Steiner for Beginners - talk by Jessica Soutar Barron

Logistics Fete Committee Member Needed URGENTLY

I've been part of the fete committee for approximately five years looking after logistics and am needing another person to take this role on as I'm unable to carry on. This is a very practical role alongside needing to be able to work with others.

Role Description:

- updating fete signs and organising their distribution to the community
- working alongside class 2 so they are prepped to assist the put up and pack down of the fete delegating these jobs
- outsourcing seating for the stage on fete day and hiring bins and portaloos
- working closely alongside children's activities to ensure the practicalities on the weekend of the fete are taken care of
- time needed is some prep in the weeks leading up to the fete but mostly from approximately midday the Friday before the fete, all Saturday and all Sunday (normally during the fete is relatively quiet but do need to be around and on call) on the weekend of the fete is; setting up the stage, putting up gazebos, moving picnic tables, setting up desks and chairs for children's activities, trestle tables for food, and making sure the school is ready for the fete. Then Sunday evening is ensuring everything goes away again ready for school to carry on Monday morning.

This role needs to be filled so please consider it if these skill sets speak to you or you know someone else who it does. I've thoroughly enjoyed making new connections in the community and learning how much it takes to make our fete as amazing as it is. A fresh set of eyes could do this role wonders so please take it and make it your own. Call Becky on 027 301 6637.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Communication/Grapevine Reminder

As we start our new term, one full of activity and festival events, we would like to remind parents that our school newsletter 'the Grapevine' is our primary vehicle for communicating with whānau. We consider it parents' responsibility, and part of the commitment to our Special Character, as agreed to during the enrolment process, that the Grapevine is read weekly by all families.

Our aim is also that reading the Grapevine will support the growth and discussion of Special Character knowledge in our community, and communicates ways in which parents and whānau can support their children and our kaupapa.

The Grapevine is our primary vehicle for sharing the life and culture of our kura. There are articles on curriculum, camps, plays, festivals, kindergartens, Special Character and more. There are staff biographies, financial and governance updates, photos and a calendar. There are Principal Pānui, courses and events, vacancies, and a space dedicated to celebrating and promoting Te Reo me ōna Tikanga Māori.

At school we aim to publish events in the Grapevine at least two weeks prior and by now all parents will have received a year plan indicating festival days.

The Grapevine is supported by the SchoolApp, the noticeboard outside the school hall, our website and on occasions correspondence from management, class teachers or liaison parents.

Sometimes there is a need for class teachers and sponsors to elaborate class specific details to individual parent communities, and this is done either directly from them or via the class liaison parents.

Many thanks to parents who have written in with questions or comments about articles read in our Grapevine - it is reassuring to know that content provokes thought, reaction and interest.

For those who have difficulty accessing the Grapevine electronically (it is emailed direct to parents and published on both our SchoolApp and our website each week), please know there are printed copies available in the school office to pick up at your convenience.

If any parent has ideas about articles or themes which they would like to see in the Grapevine please email kelly.sutton@taikura.school.nz

School App

If you have not already done so, please download our SchoolApp into your smart phone. You will find school contacts, newsletters, a link to our website, term dates, absentee notifications and our calendar which is filled with upcoming events, meetings, camps and trips. Subscribe to class alert groups and you will receive notifications such as class camp school arrival times and meeting reminders straight to your phone. So much useful information!



1. Go to the **App Store** or **Google Play Store** on your mobile device
2. Search **SchoolAppsNZ**
3. Download the **App**
4. Open the **App**
5. When it asks to send notifications – click allow.
6. When it asks to search your **School** – type your **School Name** in the search bar
7. Lastly, subscribe to the Alert Groups you would like to receive alerts for.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hockey Gear For Sale

One hockey stick in excellent condition - suit Class 5 plus
One pair shin pads (pink)
Two pairs Taikura Hockey socks
Wanting \$50.00 for the lot. Contact Jen - 027 463 0331

Work Available

I am currently looking for an experienced sewer in Hawkes Bay to work with me on a sample range of underwear. Experience is a must with a cover seamer machine working with knit fabric. Any leads would be appreciated. Please contact Deanna 0212750034

Therapeutic Art Class

This term we will be working with the archetypal movements of colour to find autumn flowers and also how an elemental being might like to clothe itself in the gesture of these colours.

There are ten sessions and the medium is pastel. This is an easy medium for beginners to find their way into. Each person will receive one on one personal therapeutic guidance with their work.

Where...Steiner Center corner Whitehead and Nelson

When....Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:30 am start Wednesday 5 May

Cost.....\$15 per session

Materials...Provided

Contact...Kathy Allan 027 233 0970 or magentarose4me@gmail.com

Facilitator...Is Kathy Allan a practising Leane Collot d'Herboise/ Haushcka art therapist.

Billets Required

We need billeting families for the **International Kolisko Conference**.

This conference is for Teachers, Parents, Medical/Health professionals and will be held at Taikura Rudolf Steiner School.

Wednesday 14 - Saturday 17 July 2021.

Suggested koha/charge \$40.00 a night. Breakfast included.

Contact Corrie Levick 027 3680242 or ph 8367678

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FURTHER INFORMATION
kolisko2021@gmail.com
Facebook: Kolisko 2021



Messy Church @ St Matthew's Hastings

Saturday 8 May 2021

4:00 pm – 6:00pm

Family fun for all ages!

Come and join us!

What? Fun with crafts, games, Bible stories, a celebration time and a meal together
Who? Everyone is welcome. Children under the age of 14 to be accompanied by an adult.
Where? In the church hall
Story? Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus

Phone: Barbara Person 878 8855, St Matthew's Church, 200 king St South, Hastings www.stmattshastings.com

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EURYTHMY COURSES FOR ADULTS

We cannot underestimate the power of health and healing that can be experienced through movement. Eurythmy is a unique art of movement, as someone called it a modern-day yoga.

Over the year, the interest in the courses has grown and I'm pleased to provide the possibility for another group on Wednesday mornings. You are welcome to join any of the groups, no experience is required. Each term we begin afresh and there is always an element of repetition and introduction.



Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Anthroposophical Society rooms
7 X sessions starting 11 May, cost \$80

Wednesdays 8:30 – 9:30 am, Taikura eurythmy room
7 X sessions starting 12 May, cost \$80

Thursdays 9:00 – 10:00 am, Taruna College, Havelock North
6 X sessions starting 27 May, cost \$70

For registration of interest or further information contact Sue Simpson
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