



20 October 2022

The Grapevine

Blake Inspire With Mr Blakey

You may wonder why I spent the first week of the school holidays up in Auckland looking for crabs in a rock pool, discovering a puriri moth in a tree, eating Wood Ear fungus, drinking beer brewed at New Zealand's most environmentally sound brewery, watching dolphins and wandering around the underground work site that is the huge City Link rail project in central Auckland in a pink work hat. Indeed you may, but this was all part of the Blake Inspire Teachers Programme which I was fortunate enough to be able to attend.

The Blake Trust was established after the death of Sir Peter Blake as a way to keep his memory alive and to continue his environmental work through a variety of programmes aimed at school children and teachers. The Inspire Teachers programme is a full on, immersive week of talks and hands-on, out-in-the-field activities that sets out to inspire teachers to bring more environmental education and action into their kura. I was joined by teachers from all over New Zealand, including two from Titirangi and Christchurch Rudolf Steiner Schools. We all shared a common ground in that we all care deeply about our planet and wanted to try to foster this sense of kaitiakitanga into our schools and classrooms.



It was a very rewarding week, in different ways. I was able to make connections with other kaiako with whom I intend to keep in touch and share our environmental journeys, I was truly inspired by what I learned about and experienced, but above all I was reassured by our Lower School curriculum and how it seeks to develop the most essential quality necessary in wanting to care for our planet.

It is no easy task to foster a love and connection with the natural world in a time when children spend less and less time outdoors, where they generally don't venture too far from their own house and nature is something more removed from many children than ever before. Nevertheless, as teachers at a Steiner School, one of our fundamental tasks is to try to encourage the children to learn to see wonder in the world, to appreciate and notice its beauty and the Lower School curriculum guides us in this. The Main Lessons of Creation Stories, Human and Animal, Botany, Geology as well as the connections made with the seasons through festivals do exactly what is needed, in that they encourage the children to see the world as a place of magic, beauty and wonder and from this can develop the connection with our earth and that sense of responsibility and kaitiakitanga that is so necessary in learning to live more harmoniously with the natural world.



I have returned from Auckland inspired to establish a Green Team, consisting of staff, whānau and students who will oversee green initiatives in the Lower School and support the classroom work with real action within our kura. It will also be a point of connection between the local community's environmental work and the Lower School, to help make teachers aware of programmes they may want to be involved with in the region.

"Our connection as kaitiaki is eternal. We have no other land or sea. Our wellbeing and identity as a people is entirely dependent on the wellbeing of our environment." (Ngātipurou.com)

Toby Blakey
Class 5 Teacher



He pito kōrero!

Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week

Nā wai i teka? (Nah why ee teh kar)
Who told you that? (something that is not true)

Roimata: Kia ora e Hina! That's a shame about your volleyball game. I would've thought you would have won!

Hina: E hoa, nā wai i teka? We won our game, it was close though!

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



Waiata Mai Is Back

Thursdays – 12:30 – 1:00 pm - in the Library!

Ngā mihi hīkaka ki a koutou ngā manu tioriori o Taikura!

Waiata mai has started. Every Thursday in our Whare pukapuka – The library. If you want to learn some of the waiata that your tamariki sing at school, nau mai, haere mai te katoa....all are welcome!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!

Nā Troy Gardiner

Te Tāhuhu o Taikura

As part of Te Tāhuhu o Taikura we have identified expected behaviours for each of our values. As part of the embedding of this programme we are going to focus on a different expected behaviour each week. We will share our weekly focus in our Grapevine for the coming week so that families can participate and support also.

Te Tāhuhu o Taikura - Focus for Week 1 and 2

Our teaching focus this week will be **Respect/Whākaute**, specifically: **Be Ready To Learn**

Upcoming Events

October 21 - 24	School and Kindergarten Closed	Hawkes Bay Anniversary and Labour Day
October 25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 12 Parent Evening TH 3.4
October 25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 10 Parent Evening - Noho Marae and Fete
November 1	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 3 Parent Evening - Class 3
November 2	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Class 8 Parent Evening - TH Room 2.7
November 8	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Class 9 Parent Evening - TH Room 2.8
November 11	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting - School Hall
November 20	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	School Fete

Curriculum Corner

Class 5 Botany Market

Term 3 was brought to a close in a flurry of capitalist endeavour as Class 5 researched, marketed and made a huge range of plant-based products for sale in the Class 5 Botany Market.

The Botany Main Lesson is one which seeks to connect the children with the wonders of the plant world. This is done through observation, story, description and experience. Starting with moss and lichen, moving through ferns and to trees, the children learn about what makes these plants so special and what makes them similar and different to us.

The project that led up to the market asked the children to work in groups to identify a plant that they could observe and research and finally use to manufacture a product which could be sold at school. This work resulted in studies on lavender, lemons, oranges, kawakawa and rosemary (to name a few) and led to the manufacture of lemon sorbets, lemonades, lavender bath bombs and pouches, orange cake, kawakawa tea, lip balms, skin creams, scented oils and other products.

The market was a huge success thanks to the effort the children and their whānau made and also to the generosity of the community who attended and spent their gold coins, resulting in over \$500.00 made for the Class 5 account.

Toby Blakey
Class 5 Teacher



URGENT UPDATE TO Absence Notifications

This term we will be moving to app and answer phone absence notifications only, eliminating the need for us to maintain a mobile phone in the office, and lessening the workload for staff having to check multiple devices and sources of information. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation. Please find instructions on how to download the school app below.

School App

If you have not already done so, **we encourage you to 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.



Annual Hockey Tournament

The High School 1st XI hockey team went up to Gisborne at the end of Term 3 for their annual hockey tournament, to play three games. The first was against Gisborne girls which we won 7-2, and considering it had been quite a few weeks since the last game we played well. Our second game was against Lytton High. We had an impressive win by 10-1 defending the Wyley Cup.

On Friday morning we played our last match against Gisborne Boys' High, this was our most challenging game as we were all quite tired and sore, however, we fought hard with



many penalty corners occurring on both sides, however, in the end, we lost 1- 0. This tournament is an excellent opportunity for players to learn from each other, practice, and hone old and new skills.

Some noticeable performances were the first goals scored by Pippa van Duin and Joshua Dipper. Joshua and Yudi Porter showed their pace by out running the opposition easily. Our accommodation was wonderful and we had a great dinner at the RSA on Thursday night. Those of us returning to hockey next year are looking forward to our return visit and possible secondary tournament week. Some of us are taking up summer hockey to keep fit.

On behalf of the 1st XI, I would like to thank Anne and Bill Hilton our coaches and Claire Porter for managing the food and Alessandro our captain, for all your experience and support, for making this tournament possible, and for getting us through this year. We want to thank Class 12 for everything they have taught us and wish them all the best on the next part of their journey.

Hazel Hatcher
Class 11

Sports Notices

Last term we took twenty four students to the Hastings and Districts Primary Interschools Cross Country. It is a great experience for our students who have done well at our own cross country. Suddenly you are on the starting line with a hundred or so students from other Hastings schools. All students who place in the top twelve of each age/ gender group get to stand on a podium in front of the big crowd at the Showgrounds Arena. All our students participated well, with six having a podium finish.

Year 5 Girls

Keala Fraser - 6th Emma Eicheniser - 10th

Year 7 Boys

Jonathon Glover - 9th

Year 7 Girls

Mercede Eunson - 5th Anina Kirchner - 12th

Year 8 Girls

Esadora Mc Knight - 9th

In the Year 7 and 8 grade the top ten go on to compete in The Hawkes Bay Champs.

Mercede, Esadora and Jonathon from Years 7 and 8 made the cut for the next event a week later.

In the Years 5 and 6 grade the top thirty go on to compete in the Hawkes Bay Champs.

We had Anina, Keala and Emma and Vida Mc Knight, Remy Bizjak and Sid Spicer the later three finishing in the top thirty.

The following Tuesday we headed back to the Showgrounds with a bigger and more competitive field of students to tackle from Wairoa to CHB competing.

Our students all ran well and did themselves and the school proud.

Keala Fraser had an outstanding run and finished 3rd in Hawkes Bay for her age, she had a proud moment on the podium receiving her medal!

A big thank you to all the parents who helped support, cheer on and transport the students.

Hockey

Our four Class 3 and 4 hockey teams are going great guns at their Wednesday games, a big thanks to all the coaches especially our student coaches, Lucy Allison, Pippa Van Duin, Zak Mc Gavock, Emil Rock Ben Simpson, Ben Train and Theo Freeman. We have one High School summer hockey team managed by Anne Hilton.

Volleyball

In the next couple of weeks we also have four volleyball teams joining the Term 4 competitions. One primary team, two intermediate teams and one High School team.

Thank you to Anne Figurski, Manu Vilhena, Zahara Kizito- Rees, Christine O'Brien, Troy Gardiner and Cam Porter for coaching teams.

Netball.

Class 3 netball starts next week, a big thank you to Hana Ruth for coaching the team.

Looking ahead to Term One 2023, we are hoping to offer some more non competitive sporting experiences including, surfing, kayaking, waka ama and snorkelling.

New Zealand Boxing Title

Congratulations to Mercede Eunson from Class 6 who won the 54kg female cadet (12-14 years) "Boxing New Zealand National Title" at the 2022 competition held in the holidays. An amazing achievement. Mercede has been training since she was ten and has a goal of one day attending the Olympics. Well Done Mercede!



Keala Fraser Class 4



Remy Bizjak-Timmo Class 5



Junior High School Water Polo Training/Games

Term 4 2022

Where: Hawkes Bay Regional Aquatic Centre, 42 Percival Road, Hastings

When: Tuesday Night's – Training and Games from 7pm to 8pm
1st Nov / 8th Nov / 15th Nov / 22nd Nov / 29th Nov / 6th Dec

Cost: \$52.00 per player

Fee to be paid to Hawkes Bay Water Polo Association

Account: 06-0645-0647776-00

Reference: "Name" and "High School"

Payment must be received prior to first game

All players from Year 9 and 10 are welcome

Coaches, gear all supplied. Bring goggles if you have them

Individuals Welcome!

Limited Numbers – Please register your interest early.

We will have a new High School League starting in 2023!

Register via our website <https://www.hbwaterpolo.net.nz/> before 3rd October



Ma te mahitahi, ma te whakapono, ma te whakamomori, ma te koakoa, ka taea e tatou!

By working and striving together, by believing and trusting, by patience and perseverance, by all being done joyfully, we will succeed!

The fête is happening! With just four weeks to go, it's time to get busy. Please clear the date in your calendar now.

Taikura Fête is an accomplishment of the creativity, dedication, generosity and skill of the entire body of families, children and staff. By opening our school to the wider Hawkes Bay community we offer something of our school's Special Character that endures beyond the festivities' conclusion.

As a state-integrated school, Taikura Rudolf Steiner School receives limited funding for school facilities. Taikura Fête is the most important fundraising event at our school.

Your participation is essential! Taikura Fête depends on **EVERY** whānau's help and participation. There are many ways to contribute according to our individual skill and ability.

Class Food Stalls:

Each class is allocated one food item at the Real Food Market. This is where the bulk of the income from the Fete is generated. Your class is responsible for sourcing ingredients, following recipes, preparing food in a safe environment and storing food hygienically in advance of the Fete. Food Coordinators John Bartley and Jess Scott have emailed roster links to all liaison parents and these should have reached you by now. Get in quick to secure your preferred time slot. Contact Jess directly on 0210 299 3576 with any food related questions.

Signs:

We need some high visibility locations to advertise our fête! If you have a fence in a prominent or high traffic location and are happy to display a Fête sign, we need you. Please email Hana Ruth, Fête logistics committee member at taikurafete@gmail.com with your name and location. Hana will liaise with you on the size of the sign (there are small and large signs), collecting the sign and support with displaying it if needed. Thank you!

On Fete Day:

Rather than attempting to give a little to each of our children's classes or kindergarten groups, we ask that each parent or whānau spend half of Fete day working on just one stall and the other half enjoying the Fete. If you have a special skill, such as face painting, hair decorating or coffee making, please volunteer preferentially for these activities.

Shifts for Children's Activities:

Morning:	9:45 am - 12:30 pm
Afternoon:	12:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Shifts for Food Stalls:

1st shift including set up:	8:30 am - 11:00 am
2nd shift lunch rush:	11:00am - 1:00 pm
3rd shift including pack down:	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Important Dates Term Four

Event	Date
HB Anniversary/Labour Weekend	Friday 21 – Monday 24 October
School Board Meeting	Monday 14 November
Fete	Sunday 20 November
Lower School parent teacher interviews	Monday 21 – Friday 25 November
Teacher Only Day – School only	Friday 25 November
Class 12 Cushion Concert	11:00am Friday 2 December
Class 12 Graduation Dinner	Friday 2 December
Last day of school for Classes 10, 11 and 12	3:00pm Friday 2 December
Last day of school for Classes 8 and 9	3:00pm Thursday 8 December
Teacher Only Day – School only	Friday 9 December
Last day of Term 4	12:30pm finish Friday 16 December
Carol Evening	7:00pm Friday 16 December
Office closes	4:00pm Tuesday 20 December

Introductory Talks at the Rudolf Steiner Centre

401 Whitehead Road from 1:45 pm to 2:30 pm

- The previous talks have given an insight to the early childhood years and the Lower School.
- The next three talks will look at the High School years.

"The journey to the Self"

The years from fourteen to twenty

Talk 2: 26 October 2022

In the Lower School the four temperaments become visible, in the High School the Planetary Soul types are manifesting themselves.

- What are these Planetary Soul types and how do we work with them.

Talk 3: 2 November 2022

The metamorphosis of the twelve senses from birth to age twenty one.

- The talks will be held by Hans and Ineke van Florenstein Mulder.
- All parents and teachers are warmly welcomed.

The talks are free of charge, koha in support of the Rudolf Steiner Centre would be appreciated.

Reiki Course 29 October

Reiki is a natural energy healing. Reiki level 1 for opening a connection to healing energy is to be held on Saturday 29 October. For enquiries, Shu. Email: shushimawalker@gmail.com or text 0210549035

Study Opportunities At Taruna

The Art of Well-Being Continued

This course is designed for those that have previously studied at Taruna and are looking for another opportunity to be nourished in body and soul. This programme is also connected to the 'Art of Heart' and its central theme is that of companionship. This course has a long weekend format. The **Art of Wellbeing Continued** is scheduled for Thursday 17 November afternoon until Sunday 20 November lunchtime. Treat yourself - we would love to welcome you to Taruna again. For more information or to register call 068777174 or email info@taruna.ac.nz

Enrolling now for study in 2023

Taruna offers a number of both personal and professional development opportunities across a number of disciplines including teaching, nursing and art. The courses are a range of formats: part-time seminar based study or shorter introductory courses. A typical learning day will be a balance of practical activities, lectures, artistic sessions, discussion groups, study and self-reflection. Visit www.taruna.ac.nz or call 06 8777174 to see which courses might suit you.

Fellow Regenerative Gardeners

Here is a wonderful opportunity for a Foraging Workshop at home in Hastings on Saturday 29 October from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, with a deeply knowledgeable, compassionate and enthusiastic workshop holder:

Going back to the essence, embracing nature and its abundance, how to nurture ourselves at first glance - <https://fb.me/e/1Y5halrmY>

Ngā Mihi Nui
Florian Roger

27th October
November 10th
6pm-7.15pm

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Havelock North



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Book: www.almastudio.co.nz (Click on Events)