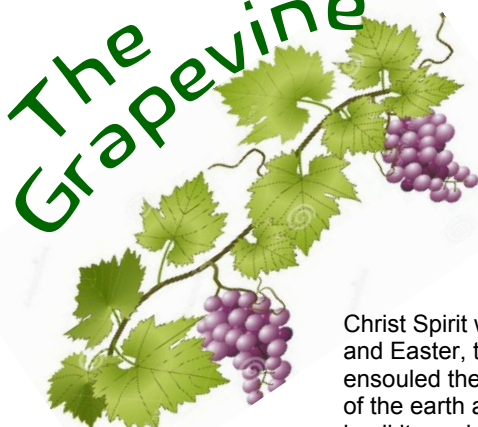




16 June 2016

The Grapevine



This Tuesday 21, June is Mid Winters' day. How quickly it seems to have come! In the Northern Hemisphere, Mid-Winter falls a few days before Christmas Day and the celebration of the birth of Jesus, who became the bearer of the Christ Spirit.

For the North, this is a mighty symbol of the coming of new light into the world, and that the darkness shall be overcome.

What of us here in the Southern Hemisphere? Is there any way of reconciling the Christ Spirit with our own winter time? One possible way of looking at it, is that since Golgotha and Easter, the Christ Being has united himself fully with the very life of the earth, has ensouled the earth and all its people with his own being and that He accompanies the destiny of the earth and each one of us in all time to come. He accompanies the soul life of the earth in all its cycles in time, large and small. Beginning in spring and on into summer, the earth itself breathes out in burgeoning growth and new life into the far Heavens. We give ourselves up to sun, sea and manifold outer sense experiences.

Come autumn, this out breath turns and the earth starts to breathe in again, reaching the fullest point at Mid-Winter. Now the earth is very much within itself, quietly contained. The outer world of nature is diminished and the seeds of summer lie waiting, repositories of all the sun and warmth of summer.

Here in Hawke's Bay, where the pause seems comparatively brief (with freesias sprouting, etc) Mid-Winter is typified by a day when the sky is a close, thick, pearly blanket, through which the sun weakly and dimly shines. One feels encapsulated in a cold, still, quiet world.

In Europe this would be a day when the snow thickly blankets everything and all is silent. When the surrounding world is like this, perhaps we can feel ourselves in our inner most being, more acutely, more actively than was possible in our 'out and about' days. On these quiet winter days, perhaps inside by the fire, quietly reading, reflecting is it not easier to feel one's own sense of self and perhaps contemplate, take stock and review? We come nearer to our essential being, and our own sense of the Spirit. Through being closer to our own Spirit life, our own inner light, do we not consciously or unconsciously draw nearer to the light of the world, the spirit of future evolving humanity?

Perhaps too, this holds good for the soul life of the earth itself at this time. That, although quiet on the outside, it is more awake to itself, most earthly and self-contained. Has Christ accompanied this deep in breath of the earth; is his Being active within the very heart of the earth at this time?

Of course, we have to remember, the exact opposite process of out breathing is going on in the Northern Summer.

For the children of the Lower and Middle school, the light in their lantern symbolises this Spirit spark within them that can grow and strengthen throughout life and overcome darkness of soul night; hate, fear, hopelessness, prejudice etc.

As students of Class 7 physics know in their light studies, the smallest light is enough to dispel otherwise total darkness.

For the High School, by consciously placing tea lights on to parts of a large world map, they are pinpointing a place where people are experiencing dark times and need our thoughts and prayers, or else it might be also acknowledging where light is shining and draw attention to it. Be it literal or figurative, the light that each of us carries within us can be acknowledged and encouraged to shine out.

The Little Lantern song used sometimes in the younger classes procession might therefore point to a deep truth.

When days are darkest
The Earth enshrines,
The seeds of Summer's birth
The Spirit of Man is a light that shines
Deep in the darkness of Earth.

The Festivals Group

Mark your Calendar!

June 17	8:45 for 9 am start	Parent Group - Kaye Keates - Herbalist
June 21	12:30 pm	Matariki Hangi - Shared kai (lunch) back in class
July 1	8:45 for 9 start	Parents Group Topic/speaker to be announced
July 6 & 7	7:30 pm	Class 12 Performance - The Matchmaker by Thornton Wilder. School Hall
July 8		End of Term 2

SCHOOL NOTICES

Taikura Lower School Mid-Winter Festival Thursday 23 June

Festival Outline:

- 6.15 Doors open for children and parents in GYM
- 6.30 Start of the teacher's play. Please be seated on the floor in the gym. Bring a cushion. Some seats will be at the back for the elderly or those in need. Parents please keep your children seated with you.
- 6.45 End of play. Children go to class rooms with parents and await teachers. Light lanterns.
- 6.55 Classes 4 and up, assembled in designated areas in Scannel's.
- 7.00 Classes 1 to 3 go to first items in the garden with their lanterns and then proceed around visiting each in turn. At finish, they return to their classes for a drink and a biscuit and possibly a short story.

Classes 4 and up assemble together and complete items with each other, then return to classes for a quick drink and biscuit.
- 7.45 (approximately!) Bells will ring to mark the end of the festival. Please pick up your child from classes. (Especially if they are in Class 1 to 5)

Parents, we ask that you do not allow your children to run around or play in the playground during or after the Festival, and that you leave the school straight after to keep this reverent mood.

In the event of wet weather the outdoor walk would be cancelled: parents would then, after The Matariki play, take your children to their classroom for Lantern lighting, biscuit and drink. Thank you for your help in keeping a mood of quiet reverence, and we wish you an enjoyable festival. ~ *Lower School Teachers*

SCHOOL NOTICES

Taikura Parents Group - All School Community Welcome

Please come along and enjoy the opportunity to meet other parents and staff from our school in a relaxed and supportive environment - and if you have young ones don't worry as all meetings are baby/toddler friendly.

Meetings are held at the Hastings Taikura Kindergarten gathering space a couple of Friday mornings a month. We begin at 9am with tea and coffee available from 8.45am.

Our next meetings scheduled are:

June 17th Kaye Keates - Herbalist - Simple Remedies from your Garden - Back by popular demand *demonstrating preparations of cough and cold remedies*

July 1st - topic and speaker to be announced

Te Ra School Class 1 , 2016 Teacher - Commencing Term 3, 2016

We seek an experienced teacher for our Class 1, 2016, from the beginning of term 3.

We are looking for a sound classroom practitioner who is able to work out of the principles of Waldorf pedagogy and enthusiastic about delivering a developmentally appropriate curriculum to our lovely 7-year-olds.

An understanding of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi is essential, as is NZ teacher registration (or the proven ability to become a NZ registered teacher). Applications close 6 June 2016. For more information contact Andrea Sorger, Principal. andrea@tera.school.nz

For an application pack please phone (0064) 04 299 0812, or e-mail office@tera.school.nz

Love Your Water:

Cell phone recycling project helping Sustainable Coastlines throughout New Zealand. Much like the Starship Foundation they are asking for your old cell phones.

There is a box in the office for you to place your old cell phone. Please remember to remove the sim card. Gather them up from friends and family and bring them to the office.

Adrienne Burt
Receptionist

BIKE DAY:

Last Thursday 9 June Class 8 had a successful bike day cycling from Bayview to school. The weather was perfect as you can see by the photograph.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Class 3 Fundraiser – Pine Cones.

Class 3 has collected many feed sacks of dry pine cones and we sell them for \$8 per feed sack. If you would like to order some, please e-mail Silke Whittaker: silke@tim.co.nz for payment details. We can deliver to school / Friday market. Please spread the word and check with family and friends if they might like come too. Thank you in advance for supporting this Class 3 fundraiser.

QUIZ NIGHT:

Get your QUIZ TEAM together for the world famous OLYMPIC QUIZ to support Class Five Olympic Camp. TUESDAY 28 JUNE from 7pm, Common Room Bar, Hastings
\$60 per table (six people max.) Includes a Bacchanalian sharing platter!
A night of fun and frivolity.
Book your table at soutarbarron@gmail.com or text Jess on 0211080875

Congratulations:

To Cherie Youngman for getting her Pledge in on time. Cherie wins a Pipi Pizza Voucher. Well done Cherie!



'Kia ara ake, kia tō a Matariki, kua hāere ētahi māhi.'

Matariki by its rising and setting signaled the time to commence certain activities.

The rising of the star constellation known as Matariki is an important time in the Māori calendar. It heralds in the Māori New Year, which is a time to connect with, and give thanks to the land, sea and sky.

It is also a time for the community to come together and acknowledge the year gone by, as well as, to celebrate and prepare for the year ahead. This involves the sharing of kai (food), rituals, entertainment, hospitality and knowledge.

Historically, the star cluster was a navigational aid for Maori and an indicator of the coming seasons. If the stars were clear, it was a sign that the year ahead would be warm and productive.

This year at Taikura, we would like to celebrate Matariki amongst other activities with a Lower School hāngi. A notice will go out in the lower school classes for requests of kai that can go towards a class 'parcel' of food suitable for the hāngi. Preparation of kai will be done by the classes, amongst stories and activities around Matariki. The hāngi will be put down in the early hours of the morning on the 21 of June, and it will be taken out in time for lunch.

If you are interested in being part of the hāngi crew (which means a 4 a.m start on the 21st), or have wood suitable for the hāngi (dry, fruit wood - logs) please contact me at school.

Mauri ora.
Troy Gardiner

SCHOOL NOTICES

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY:

Victoria University will be holding an information evening in Napier on Tuesday 21 June at Napier Boys High School, Chambers Street.

The aim of the evening is to help students, parents, whanau, and anyone from the school and community, find out more about studying at Victoria University and learn what sets Victoria apart.

They will be bringing a current Victoria student and an academic from each of the faculties to this event. This year they will also be running an early bird Maori students' session before the main event, Hine Lardelli will be in touch with more information closer to the date.

The event details are as follows:

- 5.00-6.00pm** Early bird Maori students' session
- 6.00-6.20pm** Faculty Expo and light refreshments as people arrive
- 6.20-6.55pm** Study and Accommodation at Victoria session
- 7.00pm onwards** Faculty sessions

A Big Thank You:

Thank you to the team at Websters Hydrated Lime Co Ltd for kindly donating two Ute loads of lime for our oven area. This was very much appreciated and should anyone within the community be thinking of lime products please pay Websters a visit.

Liam Wyley: Property Manager

Speech New Zealand

At the Speech New Zealand exams held in Napier, Isaac Cox achieved an Honour Plus result for Grade 5 (Part 1) interpreting and interpreting Wordsworth's poem "To a Butterfly" and an extract from Christopher Fry's play, "The Boy with the Cart". Well done Isaac!

Garage Sale:

Class 7CG are having a fundraising garage sale on the 2 July and they are on the look out for items to sell. If you think you may have some items you no longer require please drop them off on the bench seats by the front of the school gate on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings before school. If it is raining please drop them outside the staff room. We are also happy to collect your items. Please call Esther 0277112282 or Catherine 0223631259. On behalf of Class 7CG, thank you in advance for your donations.

Class 3 100% organic applesauce fundraiser!

These jars make a lovely gift and are also a delicious addition to your winter meals.

Only \$5 per jar! Only this FRIDAY at the Friday market. You can also order by ringing Philip Larkin 06 875 8233 or email his mum on godutchy@gmail.com



SCHOOL NOTICES

Taikura Troubadours:

The Taikura Troubadours gave a very musical performance of Concerto in E minor by Bodinus at the SSHB Chamber Music Contest at the Napier Municipal Theatre, on Monday 13th June. From the left Zach Marshall and Miru Shimaoka, violinists, Jacob Grupp, pianist and Amy Gilbert on the flute. Thank you to Marion Stronach for her dedicated coaching. Congratulations also to Isaac Cox who led a combined schools chamber ensemble on the violin.



Frances Te Weehi: Music Department

Taonga puoro presentation by Thompson Hokianga

Tuesday the 21 of June in the Library, at 7.30 p.m.

Taonga pūoro are traditional Māori musical instruments. The instruments fulfilled many functions within Māori society including a call to arms, dawning of the new day, communications with the gods and the planting of crops. They are significant in sacred ritual and also fulfil a story-telling role. Many of the sounds of the instruments and tunes are imitations of the sounds of nature, including the wind, the seas and the natural world of birds and insects.

Thompson Hokianga is a carver, tā moko artist, and a fountain of knowledge on Māori musical instruments. As part of our Matariki celebrations at Taikura, we have asked Thompson to share with the community his stories about taonga pūoro. His depth of knowledge and kōrero on this subject is impressive and well worth listening to. There will be a gold coin koha, at the door. Nau mai, haere mai te katoa – All are welcome.



Mauri ora.
Troy Gardiner

National Taekwondo Tournament:

Congratulations to the seven boys who competed last weekend at a National Taekwondo Tournament in Tauranga, they all returned with medals from their various age and weight groupings. Well Done Boys!!

Sebastian Wathey- Gold
Emilio Wathey- Gold and Silver
Jake Mawson - Gold

Richard Simpson- Two Golds
Ben Simpson- Silver and Bronze
William Doig- Gold

Janet Osborne
Sports Coordinator



Kia ora koutou Federation members

We are excited to advertise the position of Federation Manager to our members and your wider networks – please spread the word and where possible, advertise through your school/community newsletters. I have included the advertisement as an attachment and the job description. The role is also being advertised on Seek, Steiner Education Australia, Good Jobs NZ. Applications close on 24 June 2016.

Noho ora mai
Hana

If you would like a copy of the job description please contact the school office or come in and collect a copy. Ph: 878 7363 email: office@taikura.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kairos Centre for Artistic and Therapeutic Development 2016 offers, The Heart of Art; Strengthening the Heart Chakra through inner contemplation.

A Practical Course. The Introductory course is up and running for 2016 and has been a great success, Term 2 has a couple of places available for anyone who would like to join the Fairy Tale section or the geometry. We would like to get a 2nd year up and running for those people who have already had some experience in painting wet on wet, veiling and the drawing techniques and would like to further their knowledge. Themes will be Goethes Colour Theory, veiling, dynamic line drawing, Parcival etc Please let me know if there is interest out there.

The Healing Madonnas Friday 24th June 6.00 - 8.00pm The viewing of images accompanied by lyre music. Saturday 25 June 9.00 - 2.30pm artistic activities around the theme. Costs \$110

Sacred Geometry workshop in July. Dates to be confirmed. Venue for courses: 100 Eastbourne Street East Hastings & Taruna

Phone/Txt or email Margaret-Mary Farr if you are interested in any of these courses
0272484193 06 8589314 manawastudio@gmail.com

ART CLASS FOR TEENAGERS 13-18 YEARS

Explore & research your own images, try out different art techniques, look at artists work, learn to draw. Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.45 pm, \$15 per class, commitment for a term. Steiner Centre 500 Nelson St. Hastings
Contact Eva Urieli < evaurieli@gmail.com > 878 6028

Travel

If you're thinking of doing a student exchange, your big OE or just a holiday away, then contact me to discuss options or to keep an eye out for any future specials.
Travel deals change from week to week and costs are very much dependant on availability at the time of booking.
Phone Eric Cox on 8358574 or email eric@coxworldtravel.co.nz for a free quota.

Looking for land to establish 2+Ha size Biodynamic vineyard.

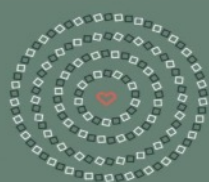
We are open to converting existing farms/land if required. Napier/Hastings area preferable as our children go to Taikura kindergarten. Please text or call Asuka 0223100550

For sale:

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Call Ally 0212238039 or email arhay21@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

RHYTHMICAL MASSAGE (ANTHROPOSOPHICAL) OFFERED

Hello, my name is Aurelia Lorenzo and I am an ex-parent of this school. I am trained in Rhythmical massage since 1997 and I would like to offer it to the Anthroposophical Community as a wonderful spiritual support that this massage is, for everyone, children, teachers, parents, other staff, etc. I work from home, in Hastings. Please ring me at 0226749450 if you are interested.

Flute lessons at Taikura School and Napier studio. Suzuki method and traditional. Enquiries call Susan Barham, 8771889 or text 0212505290 and I will call you back.

Violin Lessons:

I teach violin to children and adults in Hastings using the Suzuki Method. Please phone: **Hannah Hales on 022 1049867**

Holiday Programme

Needle Felting Class for Children:

Would you like your child to explore the beautiful Art of Needle Felting? I am doing another Needle Felting class in the holidays and am wondering if there are more children in the community who would like to learn this beautiful craft, please phone Sabine at Goldkinder Crafts on 875 1905 or 027 492 8444

House sitter:

We are a family from Michael Park School in Auckland. We are looking for a family who would like to stay in our house (no charge) during the coming school holidays.

It is a three bedroom house in Onehunga. If interested please e mail us on bd_1006@yahoo.com

Donations and gifts for Waldorf Kindergarten Fiji.

Kia ora, I am a Teacher at Taikura Kindergarten and I am travelling to Fiji at the end of August and will be visiting the Waldorf Kindergarten in Suva Fiji. I wish to take with me some gifts from our community to help support them in their ongoing recovery from the impacts of cyclone Winston in February. Marjorie Theyer has contacted the kindergarten and the teachers have asked if we could send toys for their playgroup children 0-2.5 years. So please if anyone has anything they would like to donate or make for the playgroup please contact me Yvonne Collins 027 3107189 / 8751123

ART CLASS FOR ADULTS TERM 3

Explore your inner life through stories. Pursue your own creative journey. Learn and become confident in different art techniques. Tuesdays 10 -12 am starting on 26 July 2016. Commitment for a term; 10 lessons \$180, basic art materials included. Contact Eva Urieli <evaurieli@gmail.com> 8786028

Sheep Pallets for Sale :

\$7 for 7 kg bag, \$14 for 14 kg bag or \$150 for 30 kg trailer delivered.

Please contact Morag Wilson 02040953113. Money goes towards Class 11 Ski Week

CHICKENS FOR SALE: Mixed breeds and ages. \$10 - \$15 each. Phone Kim 879 5815.

Cottage for Rent:

Country cottage with garage. Quiet rural setting in the hills, 25 minutes south of Hastings. Two bedrooms. Fireplace, warm and snug in the winter. Friendly neighbours. \$260 negotiable - Power and phone included. Phone Phillipa or Johnny on 8749617 or 0273762087

Do you prefer to read the Grapevine on-line via the school website?(www.taikurasteiner.school.nz) If so, please email office@taikura.school.nz and let us know, including the name of your eldest child at school who usually would bring a paper copy home. Many thanks.