



Whitsun - The word Whitsun, which means "white Sunday", comes from the tradition of wearing white baptismal dresses at the festival of Whitsun, or Pentecost. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek and means the fiftieth day after Easter.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON WHITSUN

Darryn Breakwell

Rudolf Steiner described Whitsun as a time when we reap the fruit 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 fifty 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, described as 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 Christ consciousness remains, awaiting our acknowledgement and our allowance for it to work upon our lives.

As we celebrate Whitsun at Taikura we work upon our heart 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 greater 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?



The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). In Christian tradition, this event represents the birth of the early Church.

In Eastern Christianity, Pentecost can also refer to the entire fifty days of Easter through Pentecost inclusive; hence the book containing the liturgical texts is called the "Pentecostarion". Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a moveable feast.



He pito kōrero!

Tikanga 101: Not sitting on tables where kai is prepared or eaten.

When I see someone sitting on a table where kai is prepared or eaten, I ask the person to sit on a chair and remind them that the table is where we eat our food. I have explained to our students that this tikanga is not about a table being 'tapu' (sacred), it is about putting your kumu – backside (the area where our waste comes from) on a table where food is prepared or eaten, and it is ultimately about hygienic practices. I also tell them that in a lot of cultures around the world this tikanga was and is still the norm.

Kīwaha o te wiki – Kīwaha of the week.

Ko tāua tahi tēnā! (cor tar euw ar tar hee tear ney)
That's us/Count me in!

Hemi: Kia ora e hoa! Do you want to go and watch the Mikado performance?

Mana: Ae rā, ko tāua tahi tēnā e hoa!

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



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 Weeks 5 and 6 Term 2

Our teaching focus this week will be **Perseverance/Manawanui**

Meet Deadlines

Waiata Mai - Thursdays – 12:30 – 1:00 pm - in the Whare Te Manukura

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

Waiata mai has started. Every Thursday in our Whare Te Manukura. 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

Taikura Friday Market

Fridays at 3:00pm Remember to bring gold coins and small notes on Friday

- Stalls will be ready to go at 3:00pm in the courtyard outside Classes 1 and 2.
- If it's wet weather, you'll find them setup in the foyer.
- Make sure you bring small change with you.



Curriculum Corner

Class 9 Art Work

By - Alba Valero-Ellis



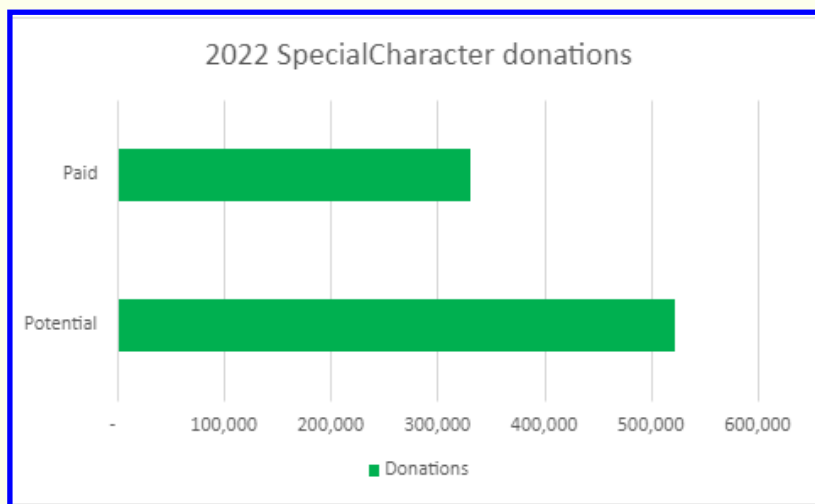
By - Frances Wheeler

Finance Update

Donations

The school is reliant on donations made from families to ensure we can continue the delivery of our curriculum. There are a number of special character teaching positions that are solely funded using donations we receive from families.

We understand there are families that are struggling with donations however we also need all the support from families. Every amount helps towards your child's education.



Overdue fees

Please check your monthly statement for any fees that are owed. Please ensure payments are made to the correct bank accounts. Accounts that are overdue can be sent to a debt collection agency.

WW Hook fund

Applications can be made to the WW Hook fund for assistance with school costs. The fund is for Māori akonga (students). Applications can be submitted to the school office or by email to selena.crouch@taikura.school.nz

Helping Your Child At Home With Learning

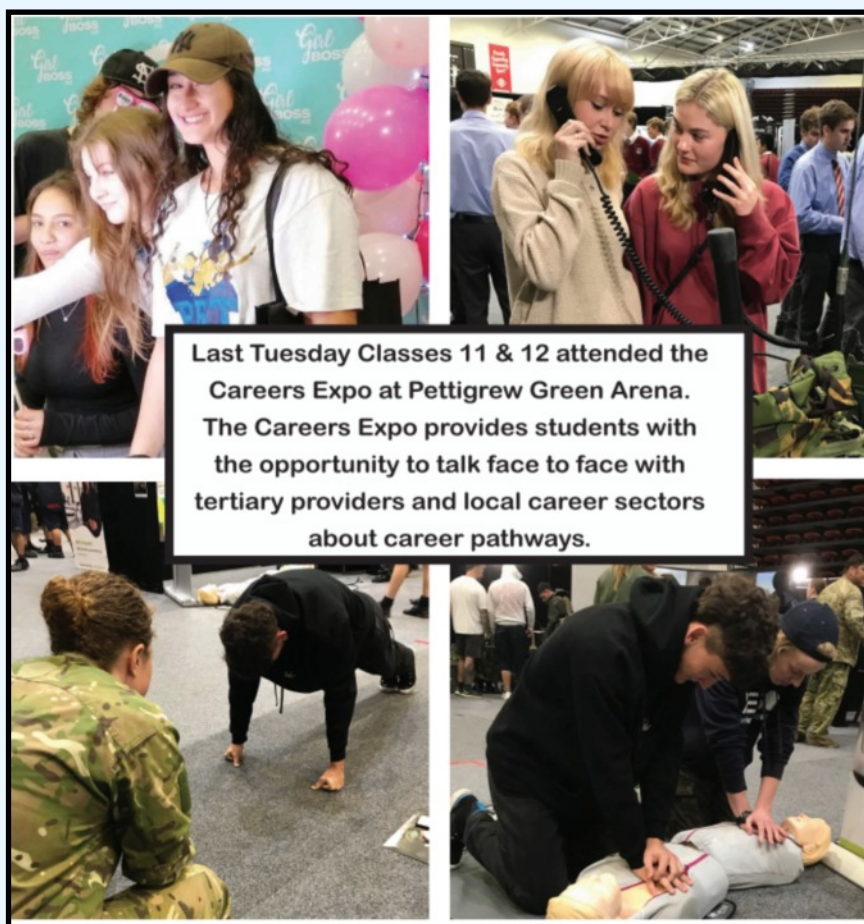
There are many ways to help your child at home with their learning. It may be talking with them about what they have done in class, looking through their books, helping with research or assisting them to work through particular problems, such as in Maths and Science.

When it comes to helping your child record their thoughts (whether on paper or a device) it is important that the student is responsible for articulating what is said. The student must be the one to formulate the ideas and express these. It must be their voice that is recorded. This is not always easy and sometimes as parents we may wish to help them by wording or phrasing work differently. Providing students with feedback when this occurs, rather than doing this task for them, is then what is required. Make suggestions but let their voice ring true. This is extremely important as we move through the years at school.

By the time the student reaches Class 10, the work that they produce for assessment tasks needs to be authentically their own. Work that is produced by others cannot be accepted and is considered plagiarism. If you are having trouble at home helping your child with their learning, please reach out to their class teacher or the SENCO who can help and guide you in this area. As parents we all want what is best for our children. Helping them find their own voice as a producer of text is a powerful tool that we wish for them to develop.

Thank you kindly for your ongoing support.
Sanne Coulthard High School SENCO

Careers Expo



Careers Information

Students and whānau are invited to attend the Victoria University Information Evening. You will find out about study options, scholarships, accommodation, and living in Wellington, as well as what to expect in your first year of study. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and have a kōrerorero.

Event: Victoria University Information Evening

Date: Wednesday 7 June 2023

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Venue: Napier War Memorial Centre, 48 Marine Parade, Napier

Please register at <https://explore.wgtn.ac.nz/Hawkes-Bay-Information-Evening.html>

For more information please contact Paula in the Careers Office paula.rose@taikura.school.nz

Health Consultation

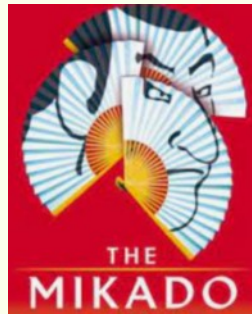
It was lovely to hold an in person consultation around the Relationship and Sexuality Programme last Thursday. It is really important to note that if you missed the consultation and would like to discuss any of this curriculum, please feel free to contact me to book an appointment, or please contact me via email. gee.reisima@taikura.school.nz

Upcoming Events

June 1	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm	High School Interview Evening
June 2	7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	The Mikado Production - School Drama Club
June 5	School Closed	King's Birthday
June 7	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	HS Introduction Evening Parents and Students of Classes 6 and 7
June 12	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting

Taikura High School Drama Club Together with Class 8 and members of Class 7

proudly present



The Mikado by Gilbert and Sullivan

**Wednesday 31 May and Friday 2 June at 7:30 pm
In the school hall.**

Tickets \$10 (School Students, 19 years and under \$5)

We are acutely aware that these are tough times, with huge cost of living increases and the recent cyclone and floods.

But putting on a production like this has costs, so we have kept ticket prices below that of any productions the director has seen at any of the Hawkes Bay Schools.

If we make any profit this will go to the H3 group which pays for therapies for Taikura Students.

White Hockey Shorts

We now have white hockey shorts back in stock at \$35.00 each. Please purchase these from the school office.



Kia Ora Whānau

For those who do not know me, my name is Tara Lamb, you may know my children Mostar and Hazel Prince. I am starting a home base care for young children, between the ages of 0-6 years. After school care and holiday care is available on booking. My home is very convenient to Taikura School and other schools in Hastings. I am qualified and fully registered. I have been working with young children for many years now and I have come to believe that smaller family environments are much more beneficial for the very young child. The Steiner philosophy is very much a part of me as I was privileged to have graduated from Taikura in 1999. The beauty and goodness it brings to education is amazing. If you need care for your little ones or know of anyone who does, please contact me or pass on my details.

Phone **021 2604 992** or email tklamb40@gmail.com. **Limited places available.**

I look forward to opening my home for care from Monday 24 April 2023

Arohanui Tara Lamb



House For Rent

Furnished 4 bedroom house in Hastings to rent July to October

We are renting our home from late July to October 2023. It is a fully furnished four bedroom house with two bathrooms and a large back section with plenty of off street parking. It has a log burner for heating and plenty of firewood.

- For some of the time one of the owners and two dogs will be living in the sleep-out, which is on the property, this is private from the main house. So, although the house would be private it would be preferable if the tenant likes dogs. The dogs are very friendly with adults and kids.

The house is a well loved family home and so is not immaculate, but is warm, light, spacious and is well equipped. Lawns and garden will be tended by the owner.

It is a five to ten minute drive or twenty minute walk to Hastings centre. \$700 per week.

For more details please contact Melissa on 021 149 3024 or email: brignall.theyerm@gmail.com

Part Time Kaiako Position Available (Fixed Term) - Taikura Kindergarten

Taikura Kindergarten is looking for a fixed-term, part time ECE kaiako with current NZ practising certificate. The position is for three days a week in Terms 3 and 4 2023 (school term time only).

We are a well-established Steiner kindergarten affiliated with Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. Knowledge of our Special Character, and the ability to engage in co-teaching is essential. Please apply with your CV and covering letter to danica.hensel@taikura.school.nz, closing date is Friday 2 June.

Mallows Driver Training

For all stages of learning to drive you will benefit immensely from taking some driving lessons by being more fully informed and so prepared for your driving test and future on road safety. Feel free to text or call **Martin** on **021 183 0862** for further inquiries.

Host Family Needed

Hello, my name is Lucy Wedekind. I am 15 years old and I'm currently in Class 9 at the "Freie Waldorfschule Marburg" in Germany. I am planning to attend Taikura Rudolf Steiner school at the start of the next year in February 2024 for 2 Terms.

Although I've grown up in Germany, I have dual citizenship as my father is a New Zealander. I enjoy all sports and my passion is gymnastics, which I would like to continue if possible.

- Full board, and all school and personal expenses will be paid.
- If you are interested, please contact my parents.;Paul and Annette Durrant-Wedekind.

We look forward to hearing from you. durrant-wedekind@web.de

Lucy

Homecare Nursing Workshop for Families

with Michelle Vette, RN MN

Saturday 24 June 2023

Learn practical skills for the care of fevers, sore ears and throats, anxiety and sleep using external anthroposophical therapies to help your whanau through the winter months and beyond

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Taikura, room TBC

Cost: \$95, place confirmed with payment

Limited places

Bookings or questions:

Willow 0220 962 565 /

willowsharpe@gmail.com

Drum Lessons

Hello, my name is Emil I have been playing drums for the last six years. Over this time I have had private lessons and I am currently in a band and want to share my passion by teaching others.

I'm a senior high school student at Taikura where I also coach a junior hockey team. My passion is to teach drums and I am looking to become a drum tutor when I finish school.

If your child is interested in music, specifically drums, or is keen to develop a new skill, I've got you sorted! You may wish to meet me in school to discuss taking drum lessons or email our music teacher thomas.pearson@taikura.school.nz to make further arrangements.

Lessons will be available in the music room at lunchtime from 12:35 pm to 1:15 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Prices will be \$15 for a 30 minute lesson.

Thanks for your support

Emil Rock, Class 11

The Festival Of Whitsun Or Pentecost

Rituals and traditions are the food which nourishes the soul and sustains us through challenging times. For the adult, revisiting rituals, and traditions personal to their childhood is an anniversary of the heart, a thread which connects siblings and across the generation or a touchstone to a passed loved one.

The following words are taken from Reverse Ritual a wonderful Website which explores the rhythms of the year through the lens of Anthroposophy . Follow the link to the website: Pentecost – Whitsun | Reverse Ritual. You will discover podcasts, information artworks all exploring festival themes. As the festival holder - whether in the classroom, home or community group - by exploring the deeper meaning of the festival this mahi enriches both your own but also the experience for those around you.

The Festival of Whitsun or Pentecost (50 Days after Easter)

Sunday 28 May 2023

(Our festival is being held later than normal this year.)

Rudolf Steiner calls it: **Festival of the Holy Spirit**

Festival of Flowers

Festival of United Soul Endeavor and Spirit Community

Festival of the Higher Self and the Universal Human Being

Festival of the human unbound from materialism

Festival of the purified astral body

– the lifting out of one's egotism into universal caring

– out of opinion into truth

– out of opinion into wisdom

The heart of the human being as it opens to warmth and light is like the flower aligning itself to the Sun. And what pours down from the Sun, giving the flower the potency it needs, is like the tongues of fire descending upon the heads of the disciples. Human hearts, once warmed, can rise up to meet the Sophia, the source of wisdom.

Last week staff met together to prepare for the festival which will be held with the students in week seven this term.



Buns shaped into doves by staff were baked and enjoyed as festival tables were prepared.

May 25 2023

