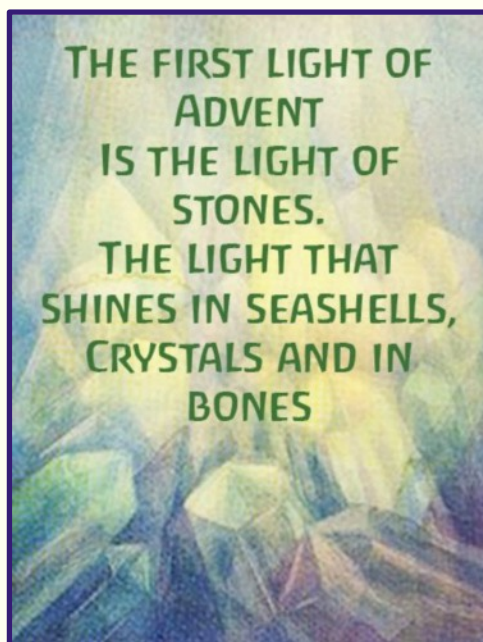




Advent

Latin - "that which is coming"



The poem below can guide us through the four weeks of Advent. Each week a kingdom in nature could be considered and gratitude given. The corresponding stanza of the poem - glued onto a card, to be added to the festival table or mantle piece - until all kingdoms are represented.

The first light of Advent is the light of stones—
Light that lives in crystals, seashells, and bones.

The second light of Advent is the light of plants—
Plants that reach up to the sun and in the breezes dance.

The third light of Advent is the light of beasts—
All await the birth, from the greatest and the least.

The fourth light of Advent is the light of humankind—
The light of hope that we may learn to love and understand."

Sunday 3 December will mark the first Advent Sunday of 2023



How does your whānau mark the Sundays of Advent and the Advent Season? What elements of the coming festive season have meaning to you? There is no right or wrong way to create traditions in your home. Over the years I have come to realise that one ritual or tradition held consistently, with personal relationship to its meaning, has proved to be more potent than the myriad of traditions and Christmas activities. Our interactions when we actively practice the virtues of goodwill, hope, love and peace to all, along with the intentional festival space we create, provide an opportunity for ourselves and family to experience the mood of Christmas.

Possible family activities over Advent

Create an Advent Festival Table. The first week celebrates the Mineral Kingdom. You might adorn the festival table with a blue cloth - the colour of Mother Mary's mantle. On the table a candle and gemstones are placed. These elements help create the landscape to where on Christmas Eve, Mary and Joseph arrive. The following day - sees the empty manger filled when the sweet baby Jesus is placed in the empty manger.



Alternatively you might wish to use a soft sea blue with a buttery lemon coloured cloth, colours of the Aotearoa summer beach. Instead of gemstones, simple greywacke may be all that adorns your table, echoing the beautiful landscape of Aotearoa.

This year's parent Advent evening, led by Margaret-Mary Farr, will introduce various Madonna motifs and their meaning along with the exploration of the colours of the Advent Season in relation to Aotearoa and the season of summer.



Advent Meal

Each Advent Sunday you might have a special Advent dinner with food reserved for these four meals specifically. Or a significant food of your childhood or homeland, a traditional family recipe - something that is dear to your heart and that which you want to hold significance for your children. During your meal you might light a dinner candle or the candles of the Advent wreath.

Make an Advent wreath. The Advent wreath is four candles on a wreath of evergreen. Some people like to have a central white candle - representing the Christ and/or universal love. The wreath is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of the seasons, God and universal love. Each Sunday of the Advent season, you might focus on one of the four virtues the Jesus child brings to us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle in the centre of the wreath can be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day - a picture of light arriving - the Jesus child is here.

Above is an Advent wreath with a beach theme.

Kelly Sutton



He Pito Kōrero!

Kia ora e te whānau whānui o te kura nei!

Last weekend I was in Tāmaki Makaurau, and whilst there I visited 'Te Rā' at the Auckland Museum. The following is a kōrero that gives background information about this taonga, the exhibition that Te Rā is part of and the replica 'Māhere Tū ki te Rangī, that was woven by a roopu of kairaranga harakeke (weavers of flax). From a personal perspective, to stand in the presence of Te Rā was awe inspiring!

Auckland Museum currently has a special exhibition *Te Rā, Navigating Home*, where the museum is hosting Te Rā, the only known customary Māori sail still in existence. The sail is dated to be around 200 years old, and this is the first time it has returned to Aotearoa after being held in the British Museum for many years. Standing at over four metres high, the sail, finely woven in harakeke and other materials, is a stunning reminder of the rich history of Māori sailing and navigation.

Alongside the sail is an exhibition, *Te Karanga o Te Rā*, by Te Rā Ringa Raupā, a group of Northland weavers who have worked since 2009 to recreate replicas, or younger siblings, of Te Rā; Hine Mārama, a small-scale model of the sail, and Māhere Tu ki te Rangī, a full-size recreation.

For more information about the exhibitions, see the link here.

<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/visit/exhibitions/te-ra>

Kīwaha o te wiki – kīwaha of the week

Ākuni pea (ar coo nee peh ar)
Maybe, perhaps, soon, possibly

Hina: Kia ora e Mata. Are you coming to waka ama training today?

Mata: Ākuni pea e hoa!

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



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

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

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

Community Carol

Hark the Herald Angels Sing!

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!	Christ, by highest heaven adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the favoured one. Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail, th'incarnate Deity: Pleased, as man, with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!
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Attention

Please note a change from tradition in this years Carol Evening start time,
it will take place at the earlier time of **6:30 pm**

Staffing Update

A very warm welcome to our new school gardener, Stephen Oliver. Stephen is an experienced gardener and landscaper with a love for plants. He has lived in Hawkes Bay since 2019 and is enjoying the lifestyle change after working in corrections for many years.



We are delighted to have appointed Fiona Mackenzie to the role of Class Four teacher from the start of 2024. Mrs Mackenzie has been relieving in Class Five this year and we have all enjoyed getting to know her.

Upcoming Events

December 8	3:00 pm	Last day for classes 8 & 9
December 11	5:00 pm	School Board Meeting - Meeting Room
December 13	7:00pm	Shepherd's Play community performance - school hall
December 15	12:30pm	Last day for all school & kg - please note early finish
December 15	6:30 pm	Carol Evening

A WORKSHOP



EURYTHMY AOTEAROA

COME JOIN US FOR THREE FULL DAYS OF EURYTHMY
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING OF TARUNA!

This summer workshop offers three full days from
the 9th – 11th of January to immerse oneself in
the dynamic movements of visible speech and music.
The workshop is open to all those interested in or passionate about
eurythmy no matter what
age, profession or field of interest.

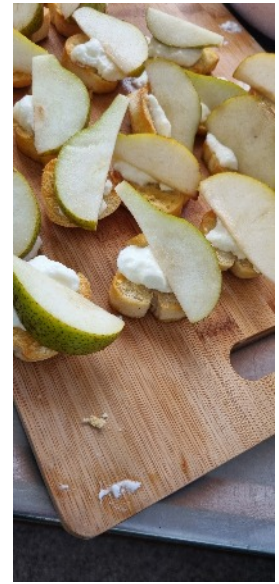


ARE YOU INTERESTED, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE?
CONTACT US EURYTHMYAOTEAROA@GMAIL.COM

Community Canteen

It is so lovely to see our tamariki enjoying the canteen kai. This week we switched it up a bit and made crostini with hummus and tomato, and pear and yogurt.

They were loved by students and faculty alike.



We provide organic, wholesome food everyday to the whole school community

It is loved by students and teachers alike

**We now have a bank account
– so it is now super easy to donate**

**Acc: 38-9025-0307982-00
Taikura Community Canteen**

Thank you

Home Wanted

I am urgently looking for a room or sleep out to rent, a good place where I can re-gather myself and find my feet. Please phone Alice Kenny on 021 1722 934

Car For Sale

2012 dark red Hyundai Santa Fe 2.2R CRDi Elite A6 diesel. \$10,000. 191,000 km AWD, 7 seats, 5 doors, towbar, child seat anchor points, cruise control, push start, electric seat adjustment, cool box, electric windows and mirrors. Last service Nov 2023, WOF until Nov 2024. Well kept, with normal wear on upholstery and bodywork. Excellent service history for the duration of my ownership and that of the previous owner. Sale due to overseas travel. Ring 027 387 6884 for more info.



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Hawke's Bay Soul Choir's
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
A Funky Show of Soul and Disco

Move over Silent Night - this festive season, make a joyful noise!
Join the Bay's best musicians and most exuberant vocalists at the Hawke's Bay Soul Choir's Christmas Celebration – A Funky Show of Soul and Disco.
Held on Saturday 16th December at Functions on Hastings at beautiful Toitōi, you'll enjoy memorable music from all the biggest names – Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston and Kool and the Gang - with some fantastic Top 40 classics and seasonal surprises thrown in too.
With 50 singers and an eight-piece band (including a rousing four-part horn section), wear dancing shoes and expect to be on your feet and singing along to all your favourite music.
Tickets are available on Eventfinda for just \$25 (plus fees, family tickets on sale!) and there's a full bar available.
The best show this side of Santa kicks off at 7pm!

Sat 16 Dec | 7pm

Children's Holiday Art & Yoga with Amanda Sowersby

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ART & YOGA WORKSHOP
AGE 6-14 YEARS.

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 9.30AM-2.30PM
TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 9.30AM-2.30PM
HELD AT KEIRUNGA ART VENUE, HAVELOCK NORTH
\$75 PER DAY



Children's two day holiday workshop will begin with yoga and movement, morning tea, followed by an art exercise of painting or drawing, lunch, then clay modelling. This will be fun and a creative experience.

Spaces will be limited for this one book in quick.

Amanda Sowersby is a qualified Artist, Artistic Therapist & Yoga teacher, specialising in healing art and traditional art styles as well as children and adult yoga practices.

Amanda's intention for her classes and workshops is to create a safe, loving environment where people can shine through their artistic abilities.

email: bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz



Amanda Sowersby Art & Artistic Therapy



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JUNIOR LEARN TO SAIL

Set sail with us, as we invite all aspiring young sailors to embark on an exciting journey with our Learn to Sail program. These programs are made for junior sailors eager to discover the magic of the open water and learn the ropes of sailing.

Dates 3 to choose from

- Date: 18/12/2023 – 22/12/2023 9am till 12.30 pm
- Date: "This one's for the Girls" 8/1/2024 – 12/1/2024 9am till 12.30 pm (Special Guest Coach) – if we don't fill all spots we may look to include boys.
- Date: 22/1/2024 – 25/1/2024 9am till 12.30 pm

Learn More

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Dates

- Date: "This one's for the Girls" 8/1/2024 – 12/1/2024 9am till 12.30 pm (Special Guest Coach Liv McKay) – come and spend a couple mornings with Liv and learn what it takes to make it in the World of Sailing

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