



## The Grapevine

### Easter Approaches

This year Easter approaches on the comet tail of our Autumn Festival. School life has been full and busy these last weeks. Many of our classes have been out on camps or day trips. Class Three's house building camp here on school grounds, Class Five a snorkelling camp in Aramoana, Class Seven an all encompassing Art Deco experience in Napier, Class Twelve a zoology trip to Ahuriri, and then their week long Odyssey Camp to the Abel Tasman. Most recently Class Ten have experienced a wonderful week-long noho Marae at Waimarama. Last Thursday evening whānau and staff were treated to a most delicious hangi and a moving performance of waiata, haka and pacific dance by Class Ten.

The warmth and fun of their performance was a stand out for me, the performers expressing their engagement, commitment and focus through their sparkling eyes, strong voices and warm smiles. I do hope many of you were able to attend today's Community Assembly, to see this Class Ten performance, along with the sharing of current learning from our other classes.

In amongst all of this activity, plays continue to be practiced, crafts created and bread baked. The harvest at Taikura this year is not just the fruits of the earth but a sharing of experiences, song and dance.

As we move toward Good Friday, I hope you will find time in the coming days to create traditions with your own family that will enhance your Easter experience, sacred shrine creations, nature table additions, the dyeing of eggs, the setting of the Easter Table, each family finding their own way to create the mood of the sombre Good Friday and then moving towards the joyful Easter Sunday experience. Easter represents a true division in the time of the human on earth, it is a critical juxtaposition of the spirit world and the earthly world, when the being of Christ transformed the boundary of death into a living real experience. Christ transcended the boundaries of the finality of death. Gifting to humanity hope.

Kelly Sutton  
Deputy Principal



## Parent Reflection

There is a knighthood of the 20th century whose members do not ride through the darkness of physical forests as of old, but through forests of darkened minds.

They are armed with a spiritual armour and an inner sun makes them radiant. Out of them shines healing – healing that flows from a knowing of the image of the human as a spiritual being.

They must create inner order, inner justice, peace and conviction in the darkness of our time.

*By Anke Weihs from notes by Karl Koenig*

I have read this poem several times in the Grapevine over the years and until now, each time I read it I am left feeling both inspired by the image, but even more I am left with a questioning and emptiness. Inspired because I hear there is a knighthood of our time who asks of its members that they work to transform themselves in such a way they can heal and overcome the challenges of our time. Sign me up I say. The questioning and emptiness comes from wondering. But what does this work involve, what can I actually do right now if I choose to work on myself in this way. To heal myself so that healing can shine forth into the world to overcome evil and stupidity and carry evolution forwards?

This question is also coupled for me with the question of how I can support my children with the educational journey they have chosen at Taikura?

Both questions have lead me to the same answer. And that being, something practical that I can do starting right now! This for me has become the regular practice of Steiner's Subsidiary or Six Basic exercises. In carrying out these exercises, I have answered my questioning and filled, a little, the emptiness. But more importantly I feel that I have the tools to transform myself and hopefully, to work in the world for its genuine progress and improvement. Which also includes supporting my amazing children on their journey at Taikura.

Here is a link to the exercises if you are interested.

[https://www.rudolfsteiner.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/gs-letters-asa/Subsidiary\\_Exercises\\_RS.pdf](https://www.rudolfsteiner.org/fileadmin/user_upload/gs-letters-asa/Subsidiary_Exercises_RS.pdf)

Best wishes Taikura,

Paul Allison





## ***He Pito Kōrero!***

Kua rongo koe...Have you heard?

Have you heard that the annual Hui Aranga 2024 is being held here in Te matau-a-Māui! The Waipatu Māori Catholic Club are a local group, generally based out at Waipatu Marae, north of Hastings, and they are the organisers for the annual hui! The hui aranga is a Catholic gathering held at Easter to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This event was established over 75 years ago and is held at many different locations in Aotearoa! The event is being held at the Pettigrew Green Arena, from Thursday 28 March to Sunday 31 March.

Kīwaha o te wiki – Kīwaha of the week.  
Pai mutunga (pie moo too ngah).  
Great, wonderful, marvellous

An idiom used to express how outstandingly good something is.

Hemi: Kia ora e Mana. Did you see Class 10's kapa haka performance last Thursday night?

Mana: Āe, pai mutunga 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 Survey***

We would like to gather some feedback from our parent body about our school. What do you and your tamariki/rangatahi enjoy most about Taikura? What do you value/connect with most about the various aspects of our Special Character? What areas could we strengthen? These and further questions will be shared via survey links in the coming weeks and continue into next term. We encourage you all to participate, either via the links, emailing us directly, or dropping in handwritten notes, whatever works for you! Further information and a link to follow next week.



## Sports Notices

**Well done** to Ian Foxcroft and Jacob Mawson who both got placings in the High Jump at last weeks East Coast Secondary Schools Athletics champs. Ian came 3rd in the Intermediate boys section and Jacob 2nd in the Senior boys section. Awesome achievements!

**Good luck** to our 1st 11 hockey team who are travelling to Wellington next week for their first tournament of the season.

**Well done** to ex student Isaac Cox for being selected into the Hawks basketball team, Isaac graduated from Taikura in 2021 and was always a dedicated basketball player here at Taikura.

**Congratulations** to our 1st 11 hockey coach Bill Hilton for being selected into the men's 65s Masters World Cup team who will be travelling to Capetown in October to represent New Zealand.

Janet Osborne  
Sports Coordinator

## Lost Property

A reminder to please check our Lost Property cupboard under the external hall stairs before the end of term. Anything left behind will be donated to charity during the school holidays.



## Surfboard Wanted

Kia ora I am Cadence, for my Class 12 project I need to find an old longboard that I can use to create a new surfboard. If you have one lying around and you would like to donate it, I would appreciate it. My cell is 027 3666 855. Ngā mihi, Cadence.

## Home Wanted

I am an ex Taikura student looking for a place to call home. A room or sleep out to rent would be ideal. 021 1722 934 or [aleekenn@gmail.com](mailto:aleekenn@gmail.com). Alice Kenny

## Upcoming Events

Good Friday Friday 29 March SCHOOL CLOSED  
Easter Monday Monday 1 April SCHOOL CLOSED  
Easter Tuesday Tuesday 2 April - SCHOOL CLOSED  
H3 meeting Monday 8 April 7:30pm  
Taikura Kindergarten Harvest Festival Thursday 11 April  
Kererū Harvest Festival Friday 12 April  
Last day of Term 12 April

## Autumn Festival





