



5 December 2024

## Advent Season

The idea of Christmas for all intents and purposes in this modern age actually does a great job of leading us away from what Advent should lead us towards.

Often referred to as the “Silly Season” it is probably more accurately described as the “Stressed-out Season” as we try and combat the demands that are pressing upon us from society in general. To align more with what advent asks of us we might want to consider working towards making it the “Simple Season”.

Advent asks for a cultivation of inner peace from us, to find quiet moments, go within, internalise outer light and shine it back out into the world. Now we can call it light or something else but there is a sense in which we choose to perceive the good in the world, and reflect that same quality back to life around us.

We could call this “light” Christ Consciousness. The impulse of Christ towards humanity continues to live on after his physicalised deeds on earth, and remains present for us to embody in ourselves. It is from such a place of being, with a willingness to embody such a gesture, that we can truly share the light of Advent with our whanau. If our tamariki are wrapped in our goodwill, our composure, our warmth of thought towards the other then this is the greatest gift we could give them.

So in the hustle and bustle of the season, which is inevitable for most, let us find our quiet space of peace. As we breathe we can commune with and act on that quality within us that is of love, understanding and goodwill. Through this we can all be blessed with a grace of being that allows us to perceive the true value in simplicity through Advent and Christmas.

*Darryn Breakwell*  
*Class 5 teacher*



## Community Carol

Oh, come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to  
Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of Angels;

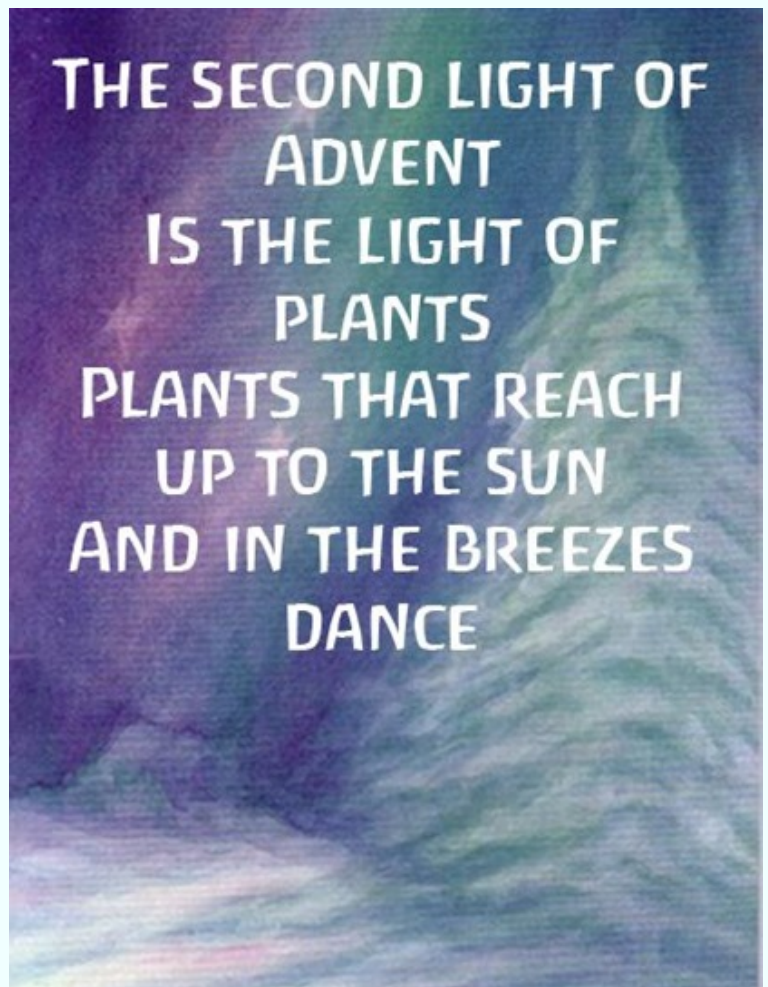
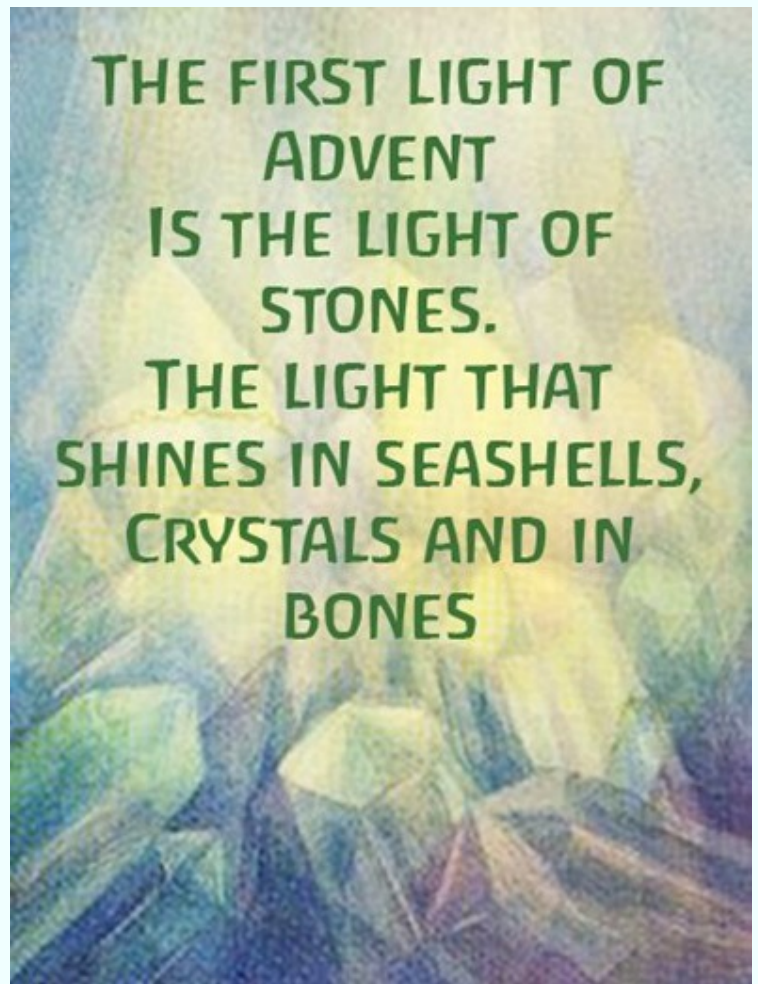
Oh, come let us adore him;  
Oh, come let us adore him;  
Oh, come let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest;

Oh, come let us adore him;  
Oh, come let us adore him;  
Oh, come let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.  
Sone of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;

Oh, come let us adore him;  
Oh, come let us adore him;  
Oh, come let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.





## *He Pito Kōrero*

Ko Takitimu te waka  
Ko Tamatea Arikinui te tangata  
Ko Ngāti NgareNgare, Ngāti Papatuamāro, Ngāti Te Rēhunga, Ngāiti Tamaterā, Ngāti Kotahi ngā hapū  
Ko Kahurānaki te maunga  
Ko Awanui rāua ko Peka Peka ngā awa  
Ko Hougarea te whare  
Ko Rakaihikuroa te tekoteko  
Ko Tawirangi te whare kai  
Ko Te Pakipakitanga ā Hinetemoa te papakainga  
Tihei kei te pito!

E te tī, e te tā, ngā mihi mīharo ki a koutou! This week, Te puna tuawhā (Class 4) went on a hīkoi up to Ōtātara Pā. History and purākau of the migration of the Kahungunu people to this rohe (region) were told, as we walked around the Pā and got a sense of the expansiveness of Heretaunga and the potential of resources that would have sustained the iwi. We then travelled to 'Te Pakipakitanga o Hinetemoa, aka – Paki Paki, where the class had their noho marae at Hougarea Marae.

There is something quite profound, about walking the same pathways that our tūpuna would have from back in the day. Then seeing the whare sites, kāinga and kumara pits, and imagining how the hāpu co-existed together and thrived. Another highlight was the guided hīkoi with Matua Kane Koko around the village of Paki Paki, visiting the churches and other marae and feeling the richness of this small place, that for all the class at some point drive passed on their way south!

### **Our hīkoi around Ōtātara Pā, and noho marae at Hougarea Marae!**



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



## Fete Donation to Taikura



The Fete Committee are delighted to announce that after everything has been tidied up for the Fete and all of the bills have been paid, the donation amount to the school from the Fete is \$30,000. This is \$6k more than last year. The bumper year has been due to the significant commitment from parents, lower costs and so many goods and services donated from both the school and wider

community. We once again thank the school and parent community for coming together, everyone that volunteered, signed up early, the amazing logistics over the weekend and the wonderful support from Kindergarten and Playgroup whānau.

The money is gifted to the school by the Fete Committee on behalf of all of the parents. This allows the school to choose the project that most needs support, this year it is likely to go towards improving / revamping the Class One playground!

We look forward to beginning to plan the Fete for 2025 in term One. If you would like to get involved or become part of the Fete Committee, please email [taikurafete@gmail.com](mailto:taikurafete@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Events

**Tu Mai Taikura end of year hui-a-whānau** - Thursday 5 December

**Class 9 last day** - Friday 6 December

**Class 8 projects** - 9 to 13 December

**Class 8 last day** - Friday 13 December

**Shepherd's Play performance for community** - Sunday 15 December 7:00pm

**Last day of Term 4** - Wednesday 18 December 12:30pm finish

**\*\*\*Carol Evening** - Wednesday 18 December at **6:00pm\*\*\***

## Community Canteen

Our Canteen will be closed for the remainder of this year. Thank you to all the helpers & volunteers, donations of produce, and financial donations - it is all appreciated.



## Lost Property

Please check our Lost Property cupboard under the external hall stairs before the end of term. Anything left behind will be donated to charity.



## Community Notices



### Loveable Felts Looking For Their Forever Home

I have a few Loveable Felts still available from my stall at the Fete. Donkeys, Flower Gnomes & Unicorns are looking for their forever homes. If you are looking for a unique handmade gift for Christmas or needing a wee donkey to add to your Advent table contact Angela on 022 075 3992.



## Family Advent and Christmas Festivals

The Christian Community welcomes you to join our family advent celebrations on the 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas at 9:00am for about 30 minutes followed by morning tea and children playing. At Rangimarie, 617 Heretaunga St East. In this time of much outer activity it is a chance to find meaning and reverence as we prepare ourselves for the Christ Child to come at Christmas. It will include some advent songs much loved by children (and adults) and a story as we accompany Mary and Joseph on their journey. Please bring a treasure for the advent table each week:

1 December from the mineral kingdom e.g. crystal or stone

8 December from the plant kingdom e.g. flowers or leaves

15 December from the animal kingdom e.g. a wooden or felt animal or feather

22 December from the heavenly kingdom e.g. a star or angel

This week 8 December instead of morning tea we will have a children's service at 9:30am followed by The Act of Consecration of The Human Being (the communion service) for adults at 10:00am followed by morning tea at 11:00 and play rehearsal at 11:15.

Early evening on 24 December there will be a festival with carol singing and perhaps a play and shared picnic. Time and details to be confirmed - email Tania [tanz3@proton.me](mailto:tanz3@proton.me) to be notified.

Is anyone willing to be part of the special Christmas Tableau (some roles are speaking others just acting and small) to be shared on the 24th or a Three Kings play on January 6th? Rehearsals begin this Sunday 11:15. To be involved please get in touch with Tania ph 068761021 or 0210664908 or email [tanz3@proton.me](mailto:tanz3@proton.me) or come along on Sunday to be part of this special gift to the community.

## Jars

Thank you, amazing Taikura tribe, for donating your glass jars to us. We have felt so special and welcome through all of this. Enjoy your Christmas and summer holidays! Love from Batesy, Clarinda & Gracie

## For Rent

Tiny house for rent in Napier. \$400 p/w negotiable. Close to Taikura bus route. Please call 0272273022 for more information.

## Student Summer Job Opportunity: Part-Time Childcare

We're looking for a caring and reliable helper to look after our two young children (2 years & 8 months) over the summer holidays mainly the month of January. Ideally looking for help during the day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in our home. Potential also for occasional evening hours when the kids are sleeping. The main focus will be engaging with our energetic 2-year-old while I work from home or run errands nearby. If you know a responsible teenager that would enjoy spending time with little ones we'd love to hear from you!

anaflynnstone@gmail.com

## Calendula Flower Picking at Weleda

We are at that point again where we are needing to arrange a team to start picking.

- The work is piece work (paid by quantity picked) and there are usually two days or mornings a week required.
- It would be best if helpers can be available through the whole duration of the holidays but not essential.
- The rate of pay (as yet unconfirmed) is by the kilo.
- The days could be hot and dry so be prepared for this.
- Spend some fun in the sun with your friends and gain some experience in the world of work.



Contact Warren Pearce on 022 307 1129

## Summer Rental Available

Tranquil tiny home available as a summer rental on an organic orchard in Havelock North for up to 6 weeks from 12 December! Two mezzanine bedrooms (king & single beds plus a foldout double sofa bed)! Excellent location near the Tuki Tuki River and only 5 minutes drive to the Village.

\$400 per week including bills and 2 week minimum stay!

Please call Sarinah on 0224139484 for questions and viewings (Taikura family)!

## Home Wanted

I am looking for a new place to live asap. I would like to live with a like-minded female similar in age to myself, I am 30 years old. Preferably somewhere in nature, close to the ocean or near native bush. I was a student at Taikura 12 years ago. I need to move before the end of January. Alice Kenny phone: 021 1722934

# Children's Creative Holiday Art — Workshop —



Hosted By :

**Amanda  
Sowersby**



**THURSDAY 19TH &  
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER,  
2024**

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

\$55 per day or  
\$100 for 2 days



**Keirunga Creative  
Arts Venue**

6 Puflett Rd,  
Havelock North

**Register Here:**

email: [bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz](mailto:bookings@artandalchemy.co.nz)

<https://events.humanitix.com/children-s-creative-art-workshop/tickets>

**Ages 5-10 years**

**HAWKE'S BAY COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTRE TRUST**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**Mon 13-Fri 31 January**

**REGISTER HERE**

Join us for another action-packed experience in and out of the water!

Whether you're looking for a full week of fun or just want to join us for specific days, we've got you covered. The programme will run weekdays from Monday 13 January to Friday 31 January 2025.

Spaces are limited so book now to secure your spot!

We are also gauging interest in a 3 day pre-Christmas programme starting Monday 16 December - Wednesday 18 December.

The programme will go ahead if we have more than 10 children interested each day. Don't miss out on this opportunity for some festive fun before the holidays!

Register Your Interest in Pre-Christmas Programme here: [https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_6q39gws4.r.us-2Deast-2D1.awstrack.me\\_L0\\_https-3A-252F-252Fwww.sporty.co.nz-252Fviewform-252F325526\\_1\\_01000193653744cb-2Db0db2751-2Dce69-2D4b0f-2D8e18-2Dedea41a2622-2D000000\\_D5Cv8S73cRlkrfmzhFGMHP-2DlCd4-3D401&d=DwMGaQ&c=\\_Zm2Kb9yJrso4r0-N78Ezl-a6DfgMbIISn5tZXxqWk4&r=O2ZzIXUis0xvie7J-9W MV-0CU8Y6jksaopzu-a6MZWA&m=iFLxGZf7z7uY40MvBs19Cu2pUSQxTrex3tMzQUg8AX860yQifjOjaWt8XKnlg4Y&s=2jIphhAlcGdYM86dl eFidSl3H9o6hc6ViV725iyxS7M&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__6q39gws4.r.us-2Deast-2D1.awstrack.me_L0_https-3A-252F-252Fwww.sporty.co.nz-252Fviewform-252F325526_1_01000193653744cb-2Db0db2751-2Dce69-2D4b0f-2D8e18-2Dedea41a2622-2D000000_D5Cv8S73cRlkrfmzhFGMHP-2DlCd4-3D401&d=DwMGaQ&c=_Zm2Kb9yJrso4r0-N78Ezl-a6DfgMbIISn5tZXxqWk4&r=O2ZzIXUis0xvie7J-9W MV-0CU8Y6jksaopzu-a6MZWA&m=iFLxGZf7z7uY40MvBs19Cu2pUSQxTrex3tMzQUg8AX860yQifjOjaWt8XKnlg4Y&s=2jIphhAlcGdYM86dl eFidSl3H9o6hc6ViV725iyxS7M&e=)