



Whit Sunday falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter and takes place on 8 June this year. Whit Sunday is also known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, all names that refer to what is the Christian High Holy Day of Pentecost.

Whitsun will be celebrated at Taikura this year on the Friday afternoon before Whit Sunday. Tomorrow, Friday 6 June. Liaison Parents will have been in touch last week to coordinate the bakers for the afternoon tea and room preparations for tomorrow's festival.

A Few Thoughts on Whitsun

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 50 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

E te whānau marama, e te kāhui Takurua,
heke noa nei a Uruao I te paerangi.
Kawea atu rā te tira mātai pō I tō rātau waka wairua ki a Pōhutukawa,
ki reira hikohiko ai hei whetū I te rangi.
Mahuta mai, Matariki, te whetū tapu o te tau!
Waiho mā mātou koe e mihi, e tangi,
e whakamānawa, ē!

Above is a mihi, a greeting to Te whānau marama – the celestial bodies in the winter sky at present. The celebrations have begun for many across the rohe of Kahungunu and will continue over the coming month, from the Wairarapa to Te Wairoa. In the following link the details of these events can be found! [Hunga Nui | Matariki Events](#)

As part of our own activities at **Taikura** to acknowledge and celebrate Matariki, we are having an early morning gathering, making whetū -stars, in remembrance of those who have passed on and placing these on the tree outside the library. This will happen in our library, followed by breakfast of hearty porridge and frybread and a hot drink in Te Manukura. This will be held on the **Thursday 19 of June at 6.15 a.m.** There will be a cost of \$5 per person, to cover the cost of kai and materials. For catering purposes and to provide sufficient materials, it is important that people who want to attend this event notify the office. **The deadline is Tuesday 17 June.**

Whakataukī o Matariki – A Matariki proverb

Matariki hunga nui
Matariki, the gatherer of people

During the Matariki festivities, people gather to celebrate the passing of the year and the hope of a new season. This whakataukī speaks to us about the gathering of people during Matariki.

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



Waiata Mai Every Thursday 12:25 - 12:55pm!

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

Every Thursday in our whare, Te Manukura, you can learn some of the many waiata that your tamariki sing at kura! Nau mai, haere mai te katoa...all are welcome!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou ngā kōpara e kō!

Nā Troy Gardiner

TONIGHT***The Importance of Warmth and the Lower Senses***TONIGHT

We warmly invite you to a special evening **TONIGHT** at 6:30 PM in the Taikura School Hall for a hands-on, sensory experience exploring:

“The Importance of Warmth and the Lower Senses”

This interactive evening is open to all, from Kindergarten to High School whānau. You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with therapists who support our tamariki through a range of therapies, including:



- Therapeutic Eurythmy
- iLS Listening Programme
- Nursing Therapies
- Speech Therapy and Formation
- Art Therapy
- Extra Lesson

These therapies nurture the hauora of our children - supporting their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being - and help lay the foundation for lifelong learning and growth.

Enjoy a warm drink and a bite to eat on arrival, and explore a table of Weleda products that support warmth and well-being, these will be available for purchase on the night.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this special evening with you.

Whānau Hui (Parent Evenings)

Whānau hui (parent evenings) are run termly; dates and times for each class are listed in the Grapevine and communicated via teachers and liaison parents. As discussed and agreed to at the time of your child's enrolment, it is crucial for parents to participate in whānau hui, which provide an opportunity to connect and engage. These evenings are designed for communication, keeping up-to-date with curriculum development, being informed as to what is happening in the class and what is planned. They also provide a space to build a class community. The strength, support and interest of a whānau body around a class enhances the learning environment for both the students and the teacher. As part of the commitment to our Special Character we do expect all families from the class to be represented at our whānau hui. By attending the hui, parents not only gain insights into their own student's progress but also contribute to a stronger partnership that benefits the whole of Taikura.

If you are unable to attend, please send your apologies and make sure that you catch up on the meeting content from another parent.

Upcoming Events

Hockey Tournament week parent meeting - TONIGHT at 5:30pm

H3 therapies evening - TONIGHT at 6:30pm

Whitsun Festival - Friday 6 June

School Board meeting - Monday 16 June at 5:00pm

Kererū Kindergarten Lantern Walk - Wednesday 18 June at 5:30pm

Matariki Whetū Stars of Remembrance - Thursday 19 June at 6:15am

Matariki Public Holiday - School & Kindergartens CLOSED - Friday 20 June

Taikura Fete - Sunday 16 November

Introducing Noel Bryant - RTLB

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Noel Bryant and I am an Itinerant Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour. Heretaunga was my place of growing up and now I am settled here after spending a few decades in Auckland. I am part of a team who work across 64 schools in the Hastings and Central Hawke's Bay Districts. My role is to support schools to develop systems that address Learning and Behaviour needs. This involves working with teachers, students, whānau and other agencies to implement appropriate educational interventions within an inclusive learning environment. Schools can access this service through a referral system that requests specific support.

In recent times I have been working in Taikura on restorative practices, classroom behaviour management, school community relationships and also with individuals and groups.



The current global situation challenges us even more to help each other with our needs and I am very much enjoying working with such a dedicated team of teachers.

Ngā mihi nui.
Nā, Noel.

Road Patrol Notice

Every morning and every afternoon we are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated hard working Class 6 students who are responsible for ensuring the safety of our community on our pedestrian crossing.

However our patrollers have expressed their frustration with parents and children not waiting for them to complete their checks and announce that people may cross. This is a very important part of the responsibility of the road patrollers and is absolutely key to ensuring the safety of pedestrians.

After assessing that the road is clear enough to put their signs out, the patrollers check that any vehicles on the road are slowing down to stop, or have stopped, before they give the "cross now" direction and put their arms down.



Anyone waiting to cross **must wait** for the patrollers to say "**cross now**" and put their arm down, before crossing.

On Friday 30 May we had a near miss during our morning crossing. It was only because our patrollers had not yet said it was time to cross that we did not have an injury. A driver travelling north on Nelson Street failed to see that the crossing signs were out until the last moment, due to a combination of the sun in their eyes and inattention. The driver swerved around the sign, barely missing it, and barely missing the vehicles stopped in the southbound lane. Thankfully our patrollers had seen that the

vehicle was not coming to a stop and had not announced that it was clear to cross. It was only through the correct actions of our road patrollers that we did not have anyone on the crossing at the time the car went through.

The driver has been in contact with the school and has expressed their apologies for causing the incident. They have also expressed their gratitude for the fact that no one was hurt.

I want to commend the patrollers on duty that morning, Luka Crellin-Ruth and Edith Spicer, for doing their job so well. I sincerely hope that we can all learn from this, make sure that we take all care when crossing the road, and respect the work our road patrollers do to keep us safe.

Leon Crellin
Road Patrol & Traffic Safety Officer

Community Notices

Dry Pine Firewood For Sale

My name is Ashton and I am an ex-student of Taikura. I am selling firewood to raise funds for my rowing, and passion of photography.

The price is \$300 per cord delivered, or \$180 for a smaller trailer (a little less than ½ cord). Stacking is included with the smaller trailer load only.

Please call or text me on 028 4605 572



Mackenzie Property Maintenance and Handyman Services

Gardens; start up & maintenance, small or large, pruning & care (all organic or biodynamic methods), small builds, decks, pergolas, fences, ramps, water blasting and more.

Friendly, knowledgeable & reliable, quality workmanship. I can come to you throughout the Hawke's Bay region.

Ph or text Jason Mackenzie 0273669531

jason3mackenzie@gmail.com

Free Community Talk: Healthy Rhythm At Home With Britt Aberahama

Date: Monday 9th June

Time: 11:00-11:30

Location: Rudolf Steiner Centre
500 Nelson Street

All Welcome



Parenting & Pottery Community Workshop

Parenting Topic:

Helping to find calm as parents

Pottery Workshop:

Hand-build a pair of coffee mugs

Date: Saturday 14th June

Time: 2-4:00pm

Location: Anthroposophical Centre
500 Nelson Street



\$60 pp limited spaces (2x spots left!)
email: britaberahama@gmail.com



Taruna College

We are excited to be once again offering the following workshops:

Winter Warmer Craft workshops on 26 July. Are you keen to try your hand at gilded letter creating; needle felting; pottery; flax weaving or tea towel printmaking! Workshops are \$125 for the day, some of the workshops have an extra materials fee.

For more information or to register go to Taruna's website <https://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/winter-warmers-craft-workshops/>

Enlivening the Earth Biodynamics Workshop 11 - 13 July

This workshop will involve hands on stir and spread of 500, utilizing the rhythms of the biodynamic farming and the gardening calendar. The workshop is designed for those who want to use biodynamic regenerative practice in their own farm or garden. We are grateful to the Kete Ora Trust for sponsorship of this workshop.

Early bird price (10 June) of \$320 for the three day workshop. For more information follow our link: <https://www.taruna.ac.nz/courses-and-workshops/biodynamic-learning-pathways/>

TARUNA COLLEGE
Crafts that foster creativity and connection
26th July from 9am to 1pm
Cost \$125 includes morning tea: some materials extra, payable to tutors (see below)
For more information and to enrol see our website www.taruna.ac.nz
or call 0777175 or contact info@taruna.ac.nz





Wool Felting
with **Sabine Laakman**
Bring wool fleece to life using a felting needle and wool. This is a beginner's introductory workshop and no previous experience needed. Material costs, extra \$20.



Gilded Letter
with **Rebecca from Panoply Studios**
Paint and embellish your own gilded letter with signwriter, calligrapher and artist Rebecca from Panoply Studio. Students will leave with a completed letter in carnival style. Material cost extra \$35.



Flax Weaving: Mahi Raranga
with **Te Kaahurangi Maioha**
In this workshop you will be introduced to mararanga/ flax weaving through the tikanga/ protocols pertaining to its application. You will leave the workshop with a completed woven taonga - a kete or creative art piece.



Design & Print a Tea-Towel or Apron with **Lisa Feyen**
Come and play with block printing on fabric. You design and carve your block, ink it up and print on fabric. Fabric inks in a range of colours, tools, and some fabric for practice will be available. A block for carving and your choice of a plain cotton t-towel or apron is also supplied. Material costs, extra \$15.



Pottery with **Britt Aberhama**
In this relaxed and creative workshop you'll hand-build a coffee cup or a vase using simple clay techniques. You'll shape, design and choose your glaze colour, and your pieces will be returned to you once fired. All tools and aprons provided. Material costs, extra \$25.

TARUNA COLLEGE
Connect, Nourish, Sustain

Enlivening the Earth
Introductory Biodynamics Weekend Workshop
11 -13 July: starting Friday afternoon, finishing Sunday afternoon
Cost: \$ 350



Are you interested in growing good food, working with mother nature and weaving a spiritual understanding into the very practical work of farming and gardening? Are you curious about holistic farming, gardening, food, and nutrition - and how to incorporate good growing practices at your place in Aotearoa?



Then we welcome you to come and take part in this introductory Biodynamics workshop. We will explore topics that include:

- the foundations of biodynamics
- growing nutrient-dense food
- themes of spirituality, connection, and planetary rhythms
- an exploration of biodynamics within a medical frame.



We will also build understanding of:

- biodynamic preparations - including stirring and spreading 500
- how to utilise the rhythms of the biodynamic farming and gardening calendar
- how the inner life of the gardener or farmer also needs to be cultivated.



Biodynamics is a holistic approach that views the farm or garden as a living organism, emphasising the interconnectedness of all living things. It incorporates cosmic principles, biodiversity and unique homeopathic preparations to enhance soil health and overall farm or garden vitality.

This workshop is designed for everyone:

- wanting biodynamic regenerative practice in their own farm or garden
- interested in wellness for land and people
- wishing to increase their perceptive powers of land, soil and life
- already a biodynamic practitioner wanting to experience the wider context and community of biodynamics.

Your workshop facilitators:
Monique Macfarlane - biodynamic practitioner and educator, who makes biodynamics relatable
Rachel Pomeroy - biodynamic teacher and star watcher.

Earlybird price - \$320 if registered by 10 June
Gratitude to the Kete Ora Trust for generous sponsorship of this workshop.

For further information and registrations please contact info@taruna.ac.nz or see our website www.taruna.ac.nz or call +64 6 8777174