

It's 10.30am on Friday morning, 30th December 2005, and The Piano has been discovered!

Only a matter of hours after it was deposited on the dunes, this young lady and her friend made the discovery. The message arrived back in the village, "Granddad, there's a piano on the beach!"

Duly guided to the location, while a tune was played photos were taken to record the event ... and then Koitiata was at last on the world map!



IT may not be in quite the same league as Jane Campion's movie masterpiece, but the discovery of a piano on Turakina Beach, about 20km south of Wanganui, has local residents wondering what's going on. Writer and actor Peter Hawes, pictured, who lives at the beach, said news of the find at the weekend spread quickly and it is already becoming an icon. The origin of the Walter Collinson upright is a mystery, but Mr Hawes says a piano of the same make was recently offered for sale on the internet trading site TradeMe by a Palmerston North resident. **Peter Hawes' view P12**