

Te Kura Supervisor Newsletter

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Editor's letter

Welcome Supervisors

It is the last term of the year and time for reflection. You have an important role to play in your student's education and you can feel proud of what you have achieved over the year.

I have met new families this year in person and online and it amazes me how different we all are in our lifestyles, but we have a common goal in doing the best we can for our children's education.

This term I will be showing you an example of 'education outside the classroom'. Read about it on page 4.

We have two new Māori links for you to check out as well as a tablet friendly reading link.

Use this last term wisely in tidying up uncompleted work and sending to your student's learning advisor, along with any reading journals you no longer need; these are always in short supply.

Rest up over the summer, be kind to each other and we will catch up with you next year.

Dianne

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SUPERVISOR PAYMENT

A reminder to all supervisors to ensure that Te Kura has your correct bank account details so your end of year [supervisor payment](#) can be deposited into your bank account at the end of the year.

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We want to hear from you so email your contributions or questions to either myself or Adele with the subject title: *Supervisor Newsletter* adele.harris@tekura.school.nz

TE KURA LIBRARY



If you are a full-time New Zealand student then join Te Kura Library and enjoy a huge selection of material. The friendly helpful librarians are happy to discuss your requirements either over the phone or through email and will post items to you. Your student will receive up to four items for a period of five weeks and it is generally a mix of fiction and non-fiction and occasionally a DVD.

If your student requires material for a topic they are working on then discuss their needs with one of the librarians who will be able to guide them to the correct resource.

The library is also open during the holidays so contact them now as they would love to hear from you!

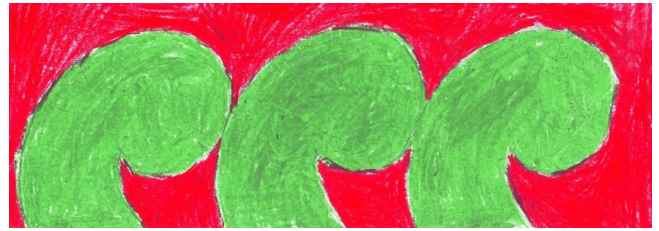
[Login](#) to the library home page or [using the library](#) for more information and fabulous online resources. Adele also has a vast knowledge of helpful books for supervisors so email her for some titles.

You can contact the library on:
PH 0800 65 99 88 ext 8783 or 8502 or Email:
library@tekura.school.nz

TEACHER AIDE CERTIFICATE

I would like to remind supervisors of fulltime students about the OP4100 Certificate in Teacher Aiding. Complete the tasks within the course while supervising your student in their daily work at significantly reduced fees to you.

Contact Adele for more information:
Ph 0800 65 99 88 Ext 8244
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MĀORI RESOURCES

This term we have two links for you to investigate. They are both from the Ministry of Education website so in keeping with the NZ Curriculum.

[Te reo Māori lesson plans](#) have been written in alignment with the Te reo Māori Curriculum Guidelines. Each level has accompanying resource sheets and activities.

[Hei Waiata, Hei Whakakoako](#) – Here you can listen to the waiata before downloading it along with the teaching suggestions and song sheets. There are a number to choose from.

Thank you to Taharangi Smith-Gray Age 12 - a Te Kura student who has drawn the koru design for us.

READING

For those of you travelling around NZ or overseas here is a link from [Oxford Owl](#) for free tablet friendly reading material. It caters for children up to 11 years of age.

WRITING

Looking for a writing exercise with a difference? Pluck two words out of the air and write a sentence using them both. Have turns at choosing the words and see who can be the most creative. Great activity for supervisors to model with their students as a warm up to writing or if you have multiple students.

Christmas Crafts

[Kidspot crafts](#)

It's that time of year when we get swamped with advertising for all things Christmas. Here's an opportunity to save money and have some fun with your student creating decorations, cards, wrapping paper and gifts. There is nothing quite as precious as receiving sweet treats or handmade crafts for gifts so browse through this link and make your friends and family smile!



Hello from Adele

Your views

Currently our excellent school magazine **Link Up** is delivered to the homes of students throughout the country as well as being available on our website at www.tekura.school.nz/about-us/publications

We are interested in how **Link Up** is received by our students and their whānau/families.

- Do you or your family/whānau read **Link Up**?
- Who reads it? (eg student, supervisor, other family members, friends, visitors)
- Do you prefer to view **Link up** as a paper copy or as a digital copy?

Please can you email either Nikki Douglas or myself with a couple of sentences giving us your thoughts on Link Up: nikki.douglas@tekura.school.nz or adele.harris@tekura.school.nz

Many thanks.

Supervisors lead the learning

Many of our supervisors are geographically isolated but that has not stopped them from attending Event Days, meeting other supervisors, sharing ideas and supporting each other through emailing, texting or organized get togethers. Dianne met another supervisor, Te Hura, at an Event Day. The following piece is shows us how this original meeting has supported their own student's ongoing learning.

Education outside the classroom – by Dianne

Last term my son was doing an online LEARNZ Expedition which required him to lead his own expedition and report on it. As it was nearing the end of the term we decided to do this during the holidays as we had another Te Kura family visiting us and thought they would enjoy a walk through our lovely native bush to a waterfall.

My fellow supervisor visitor, Te Hura, took this as an opportunity to use the experience as a journal writing exercise for her son on his return to school. We were able to have an enjoyable couple of hours walking through native bush while at the same time educating the children in the process.

The event was captured through numerous photos taken along the way of the children walking and chatting, as well as every conceivable tree and plant in sight; not to mention the waterfall. These photos can also be used in future for other areas of study.

Whenever you travel to new places or come across a feature that fascinates you, take photos or document the event and file it away for future use. You will eventually build up a personal digital library that will have more meaning to your student than downloading impersonal items from the internet.

So with a bit of creativity you can seize learning opportunities from everyday events. There are no walls in a Te Kura student's classroom!

Notes from a Supervisor – Te Hura

There are some simple but very powerful ideas in this next paragraph about the importance of listening, believing in your student and rewarding them for a job well done. Many thanks to Te Hura for sharing her ideas with us:

Writing should always be an enjoyable event for our children, no matter how frustrating it can be for us as adults. Children have a very good memory of events, regardless whether it is in the right order or not. I have enjoyed watching my son tell his stories. I have even written them down as he has told them and then retold his stories to him, so he can write them in his own hand. By doing this we are practicing to spell familiar words and attempting new words. However, I don't worry so much about the correct way of spelling words, children will write the word the way they hear it and if there are a couple of letters out you know your child is getting there and deserves a pat on the back or a high 5 or some kind of reward. Spelling will come eventually. As long as your child/children know that the beginning of a sentence always starts with a capital letter and sometimes ends in a full stop or period. Happy writing.

Kiwi Sport Funding

Kiwi Sport is a Ministry of Education funded initiative to support students to participate in **physical activity** during the year. Full time students are entitled to up to **\$120 per year** for gym, pool or sports club membership or other sporting activities. You will need to talk to your student's teacher or learning advisor to see if your student is eligible for the funding.

Finally...

As this is the last **Supervisor Newsletter** for the year I would like to thank Dianne for her time and dedication to producing and editing this newsletter. Dianne is herself continuously learning and up skilling as a supervisor and generously sharing her knowledge, skills and positive attitude with others.

We all thrive on reward. If you enjoy this newsletter just let me know and I will pass on your comments to Dianne. 😊

There are a few short weeks until the end of term. Try to use them well; ensure your student's work is returned promptly for marking and keep your student's teacher informed of any changes for next year.

I wish you all the very best for the upcoming festive season. Take care and try to take a break, at least from your role as a supervisor...

Ngā mihi nui

Adele

Ko te pae tawhiti kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamaua kia tina.

Set your goals high, and celebrate those you achieve.

Professor Mason Durie (Te Oru Rangahau, 1998)

This newsletter for supervisors was written by supervisors of Te Kura students. The views expressed in this newsletter are those of the supervisors who contributed to it.