

# Te Kura Supervisor Newsletter

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## Editor's letter

Welcome Supervisors

We are into the third term already and how the year is speeding by. For those of you overseas, I hope you are enjoying your summer while we experience all that winter brings.

Mid-year reports have been issued and you will notice your student's learning advisor will have put in place 'next learning steps' and 'how you can help'. Please take note of these and implement them into their learning plan. If you have any queries then don't hesitate to contact your student's learning advisor.

My son and I have recently signed up with the [Khan Academy](#). You will have read about this in the latest issue of [Link Up](#). It is free to join and there are numerous courses for you to delve into, to either upskill or learn from scratch. I encourage you all to check this out as we are both enjoying it.

Enjoy the rest of the term and remember to keep active when possible to keep away those winter blues!

*Dianne*

*Movement is a medicine for creating change in a person's physical, emotional, and mental states. ~ Carol Welch*

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**We want to hear from you, so if there's something you would like to see in the newsletter then email your contributions or questions to either myself or Adele with the subject title: *Supervisor Newsletter* [adele.harris@tekura.school.nz](mailto:adele.harris@tekura.school.nz). If you have problems with any of the links please advise us as some webpages are removed on occasion.**



## TE KURA LIBRARY



Did you know that the library services are available to parents, supervisors and full-time, non-fee paying students living in NZ. The hours are 8.30am till 4.30pm (closed public holidays). The library is also open during the school holidays.

The library has a range of books from picture books to non-fiction, DVDs, magazines and audio books, whether it is for pleasure or for a project. Supervisors can borrow books to help their students' learning.

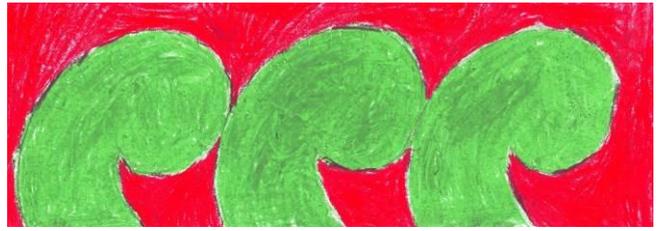
Not enrolled with the library?  
Contact the librarian on:  
telephone 0800 65 99 88 ext 8783 or 8502  
Email: [library@tekura.school.nz](mailto:library@tekura.school.nz) or join  
online at [Join the library](#)

If you are already enrolled then you can view the catalogue [online](#), keep track of your issues and request books.

## TEACHER AIDE CERTIFICATE

I would like to remind supervisors of full-time students about the OP4100 Certificate in Teacher Aiding available through the Open Polytechnic. 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  
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## MĀORI RESOURCES

Here's a delightful little tutorial on how to draw a koru.

### [How to draw a Koru](#)



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

## SCIENCE

### Make a [terrarium mini garden!](#)

Here is a garden in a cookie jar! Terrariums are a great way to teach students all about Earth's atmosphere while at the same time giving them a sense of achievement in creating their very own mini garden. They can choose the type of garden they prefer and add ornaments to make it look more authentic.



# Art & Crafts

## Marble painting

Students of any age can have fun with this activity. While older ones will have more control of the marbles, the younger ones will soon learn to manoeuvre them to get an interesting effect. I have seen paintings like these framed and they look fantastic!

### Supplies:

- paint colours of your choice
- marbles (a small ball can be used if you don't have marbles)
- tray with sides (can be lined with tin foil)
- paper (any size or colour that will fit into the tray)
- paint containers
- plastic spoons.



### Steps:

1. Pour paint colours into small containers and place a plastic spoon in each.
2. Place a sheet of paper in the tray (or whatever you're using).
3. Place marbles in paint containers (about 3 in each colour).
4. Spoon out marbles and place on paper. Older students may want to use one marble at a time to control the colour.
5. Gently tip the tray so the marbles roll around on the paper.
6. Put marbles back in their paint container.
7. Repeat with more marbles and colours until you're satisfied with the result.



## Hello from Adele...

### Where were you in 1975?

This year Māori Language Week took place in July. During that week it was easy to find examples of the media, the community and individuals promoting te reo Māori. For many supervisors this annual event has helped us gain more confidence in our use and understanding of te reo Māori.

It may be a surprise to many that Māori Language Week was first introduced in 1975! Where were you when **Māori Language Week** was first introduced? Some of our supervisors would not have been born... ..others may recall 1975 as the year that:

- **John Walker**, later to become Sir John Walker, became the first person to run a mile in less than 3 minutes 50 seconds.  
<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/people/john-walker>
- The Māori Land March from Te Hāpua in the far north to Parliament was led by **Whina Cooper**, later to become Dame Whina Cooper. She was almost 80 years old when she led the hikoi. <http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/whina-cooper-led-land-march-te-ropu-o-te-matakite-reaches-parliament>
- The cartoon Footrot Flats by **Murray Ball** made its debut along with Wal and Dog. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Footrot\\_Flats](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Footrot_Flats)

I believe many of us know and understand the meaning of a larger range of Māori words than we realise. This year during Māori Language week we were also encouraged to learn one Māori word a week for 50 weeks. Here is the link to the 50 words; [Kupu](#)

**If you would like to find out more go to:**

<http://www.korero.maori.nz/home.html>

<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/culture/maori-language-week>

<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Curriculum-resources/National-events-and-the-NZC/Maori-language-Week>

[Facebook page](#)

<http://kupu.maori.nz/>

**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)

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