

# Te Kura Supervisor Newsletter

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## Editor's letter

Welcome Supervisors

It's the last term of the year and time for reflection. You can all pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

It has been my pleasure to meet so many new supervisors this year and of course to catch up with the regulars.

I met a Te Kura family living in Fiji recently and was able to hear about the various issues they encounter on a daily basis. It makes me appreciate the facilities we have in NZ. It is heartening to find that they still smile and put it all down to adventure and learning.

The end of the year finds me cleaning out resource cupboards and getting rid of clutter. I find that the deep file boxes are an excellent way of storing schoolwork as they stack easily.

Your student may be changing learning advisors next year as we are and although there is always a period of adjustment, encourage them to look forward to new challenges.

Take time to enjoy the summer break and recharge the batteries.

Merry Christmas to you all.

*Dianne*

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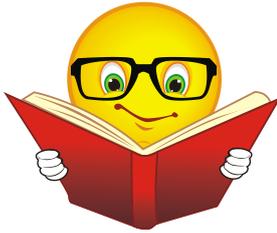
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## END OF YEAR CHECKLIST

- Remember to advise Te Kura of your bank account number so they can pay your end of year supervisor payment.
- Ensure your student returns any reading journals and equipment that they are finished with.

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](mailto:adele.harris@tekura.school.nz)

## TE KURA LIBRARY



Did you know that Te Kura's library services are available to parents, supervisors and full-time, 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.

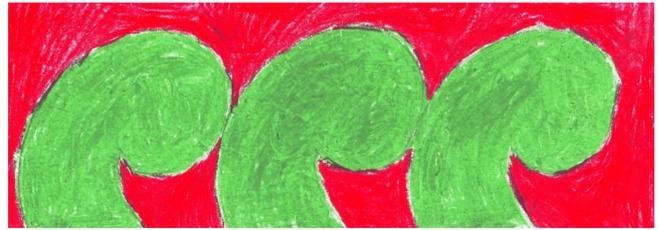
Not enrolled in the library?  
Contact the library on: 0800 65 99 88 ext 8783 or 8502  
Email: [library@tekura.school.nz](mailto:library@tekura.school.nz) or join online at [Join the library](#)

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. You can complete the tasks within the course and earn a qualification while supervising your student in their daily work at significantly reduced fees.

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

### [Maori Art Bookmark](#)

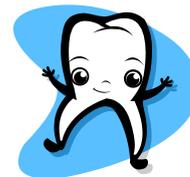
Have a go at this craft stock bookmark inspired by intricate traditional Maori designs.

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

## HEALTH CARE

If you are looking for reliable and accurate information about children's health then this [kids health](#) website is ideal. It is a joint initiative between the Paediatric Society of New Zealand and the Starship Foundation.

Remember to also keep up with regular dental treatments. If you are unsure of where to take your child for free dental care then contact your local health board and they will advise you.



## GOOGLE!

I always encourage supervisors to take advantage of the internet and the enormous selection of resources available. There are worksheets available to download as a pdf for every subject at the click of a mouse.

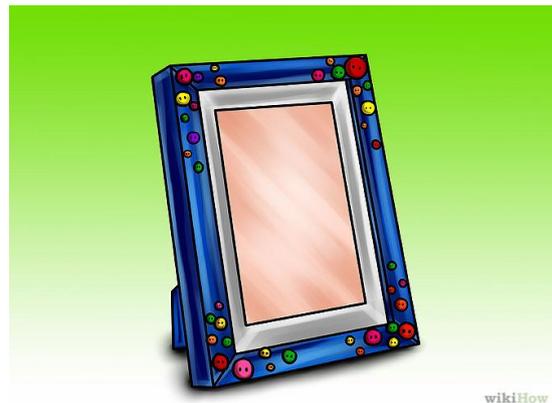
For those of you who prefer online learning then take advantage of free tuition sites like the [Khan Academy](#). There really is something for everyone!

# Art & Crafts

## Make your own Christmas gifts!

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Your-Own-Christmas-Gifts>

Christmas doesn't need to be a time for expensive gifts. A gift made by hand is truly precious and here are some ideas for your student to try. Enjoy making something that will be treasured for years to come.



## Hello from Adele...

Kia ora

Congratulations to all of the supervisors who began this year as first time supervisors. Looking back you will begin to realise how much you have learnt about yourself. You may have developed better organisational skills. You may be better at communicating with a range of different people such as teachers, support staff, supervisors and others in your own communities. Have you noticed that you have sharper time management skills and are better able to multitask? Some supervisors will have become more computer literate, while others will have developed more patience. I am sure you will all relate to at least one of the skills listed above.

During the year supervisors of new students will also have noticed changes in their students too, as they have settled in to a new learning environment and routines. It is quite special to be the person who observes their student during the sometimes intense learning process.

If you are continuing to supervise your student next year you will be much more aware of the routines and systems that support your student at Te Kura. You will also be able to make changes and preparations to assist your student as they settle into term 1 2015.

## Just a reminder

- Term 4 this year is quite short and it is wise to check dates for the return of work and any books or resources from the Te Kura library so you don't get caught out.
- Try to ensure you have time for end of year activities or celebrations with your students.
- Check the Te Kura website Noticeboard <http://www.tekura.school.nz> for relevant notices and updates and the events page for key dates <http://www.tekura.school.nz/events>.

## Finally

Many thanks to Dianne Stephens for the time and commitment she gives to the preparation and editing of this newsletter. Dianne has spent her own time upgrading her computer skills (studying through Te Kura) to ensure the delivery of this stimulating newsletter. Take care everyone, Nga mihi nui Adele

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Ko ngā tamariki o nāianeī, ko ngā rangatira o āpōpō  
 Empower them with the skills they will need for their future

**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**