

Te Kura Supervisor Newsletter

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Editor's letter

Welcome Supervisors

It has been a very wet winter in some parts of the country and I know of Te Kura families who have been badly affected by the floods. This has put an extra strain on what is already a busy time for supervisors. If you know of a family that is having difficulties, please make sure they are getting the help they need.

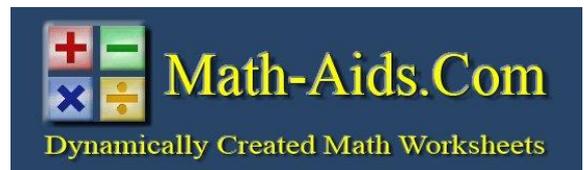
As you will see on the next page, Te Kura's library has a new format for the website. It is very user friendly and I urge you all to have a look and join the library if you haven't already done so. My son is a regular user and he often speaks with the library staff about his requirements and they are more than willing to oblige. Make the most of this valuable resource available to full time non-fee paying NZ students, supervisors and parents.

As we have recently had Māori Language week, why not brush up on your Te Reo and see how many words you know? You will find a helpful link on the following page.

Enjoy the rest of the term.

Dianne

Useful Websites



<http://www.math-aids.com/> has printable worksheets available for all areas of maths which I find really useful for reinforcing learning.



Get the kids interested in news items with <http://www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz/>. They will enjoy the 'Odd Stuff' section as well as reading the latest in news and sport.

We want to hear from you so email your contributions or questions to

Adele with the subject title:

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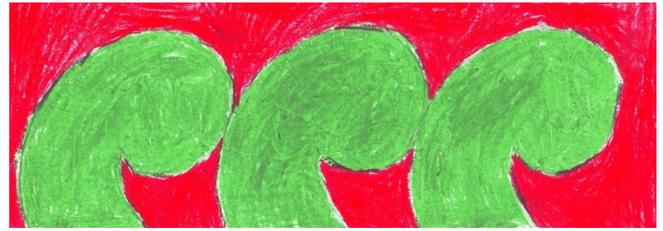
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TEACHER AIDE CERTIFICATE

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
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MĀORI RESOURCES

Here is a website that includes audio for [100 Māori words](#) we should all know. The words are grouped in order of functions and concepts.

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

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 library is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm, including school holidays. The library is closed on weekends, public holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

The books range from picture books to non-fiction, magazines, and audio books, as well as DVDs. Whether it is for pleasure or for a project, there is something to suit all needs. Supervisors can also borrow books to help with their student's learning.

Library Contacts:

Phone: 0800 65 99 88, x8783 or x8502

Email: library@tekura.school.nz

Website: <http://www.tekura.school.nz/>

[Login](#) to gain quick access to explore the exciting new library site.



Hello from Adele...

The Ministry of Education has also launched a new website recently:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/>

As before there is a site for **parents** with advice on supporting children's learning at home. Sometimes in a busy household it is easy to miss how much informal learning is linked to a child's formal learning.



You may notice your child's teacher using the words **Key Competencies**. These relate to the range of skills and abilities that help your learn child in today's world. These key competencies are:

- **Thinking**
- **Using language, symbols, and texts**
- **Managing self**
- **Relating to others**
- **Participating and contributing**

Here are some suggestions from the Ministry of Education for everyday activities that include key competencies:

- **Planning a meal** - thinking; using language, symbols and texts, managing self
- **Taking part in a powhiri at your marae** - relating to others; participating and contributing, using language, symbols and texts
- **Being in a sports team** - participating and contributing; relating to others, managing self
- **Mastering the rules of an online game** - thinking; using language, symbols and texts.

If you would like to read more information and ideas please go to:
<http://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-and-development-at-home/helping-your-child-develop-key-competencies/>

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