

Te Kura Supervisor Newsletter

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Editor's letter

Welcome Supervisors

It is a busy time as we near the end of the year.

Many of you, like me, may be busy with springtime activities on the farm. It is at times like this that I enjoy the flexibility of Te Kura. To be able to work our school day around this busy time is essential.

This term we have some great craft ideas using buttons to suit any age group and may help with Christmas present ideas.

We also read about a family who are living in Fiji. I would like to thank Cherie for sharing her daily routine with us. It is always a joy to read how other supervisors organize their school day so please send us your article so we can share it with others.

Enjoy the rest of the term and have a well-deserved break over the summer.

Dianne

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

If your student wants help with a language or if you would like to learn one then [Duolingo](#) is for you. It's a free and fun way to learn.



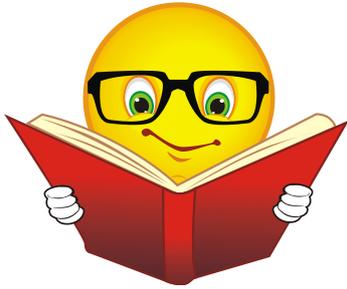
TEACHER AIDE CERTIFICATE

I would like to remind supervisors of full-time 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:
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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 students 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.



SUPERVISING IN FIJI

My journey as a Te Kura supervisor started in January 2014. We had shifted to Savusavu, Vanua Levu (second biggest island in Fiji) in July 2013 with my children Grace and Colby, and we enrolled them into the local school.

The school had a reputation of being the best educational school in the area and so they began attending. We knew that there would be a few challenges but both children had positive attitudes. During the 6 months they attended school it became obvious that the education system wasn't meeting their needs, so I decided to start home schooling.

Home schooling has been an eye opener – we have good days and bad days. We live in such a great country that allows us to experience different lifestyles and the weather is great. Our normal school day usually begins at 8.30, we work until lunch (12.30-1.00) and then we head off outside to snorkel, swim, explore the reef or walk the beach. We have been lucky enough to find people who are not teachers but are willing to teach music and art. There is also sailing and squash lessons that the kids participate in.

We have our daily challenges of power outages, internet cuts and finding resources we need to complete tasks – but we have learnt to be flexible and adapt (Fiji Time is a normality for us now). More importantly my children are having life changing experiences that will help develop them into better people later in life.



Grace and Colby playing in our compound (yard)



Beach Picnic with Poppa

CRAFTS

Here is a great way to use up any buttons on hand. You can either use your own template or get one online. There are endless ideas for button artwork:

- Glue buttons onto a piece of cardstock and insert into a frame
- Sew buttons onto fabric to decorate a piece of clothing or duvet cover
- Glue onto garden pots
- Glue onto the face of a clock
- Join together in strips to make a mobile for a child's room



Hello from Adele...

Kia ora

As this is the last newsletter of the year I would like to acknowledge the hard work that Dianne puts into producing these newsletters. Dianne always seems to come up with fresh ideas and links to a range of useful websites. Past issues of these newsletters remain on our website so if you are looking for new ideas particularly art and craft ideas just revisit any of the previous issues.

www.tekura.school.nz/supervisor-toolkit/newsletters/

Are you aware of the clubs that are operating at Te Kura for students?

www.tekura.school.nz/student-toolkit/clubs-and-events/

Joy Penney has recently taken over as contact person for the craft club. Please read her introduction and encourage your student to contact Joy if they have an interest in crafts.

My name is Joy Penney I am interested in a wide variety of arts and crafts, especially drawing, painting, embroidery, collage and calligraphy. I hope to post a new craft idea every term in this newsletter.

For anyone who would like help with their own individual craft projects I have taken over organising the craft club from Patricia Devenoges.

I can be contacted on freephone 0800 65 99 88 extn. 8607

email joy.penney@tekura.school.nz

I work two and a half days a week on Monday and Thursday from 8am-4pm and on Fridays from 8.00 to 12.00. If I am not available please leave me a message.

I look forward to sharing craft ideas with you!

The remainder of the term will no doubt be extra busy as supervisors try to fit in end of the year commitments with festive celebrations. I hope you all have a wonderful break over summer and share some special times with your families.

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.