

# Te Atamira Holiday Programme

22 September – 3 October 2025

Workshops	Timings	Registration	Cost per day
Morning	9.30am – 12pm	Open from 9am	\$32
Afternoon	12.30pm – 3pm	Open from 12pm	\$32
Full day	9am – 3pm	Open from 9am	\$64
Extended day add-on	3pm – 5pm		\$15

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\*Materials are provided for all programmes.

# Monday 22 September

## Morning Workshops

### Global Gardener | Ages 5-7

Connecting with our exhibition, 'Notes in the Border', create your own luscious garden. Not an edible one! But one made of paint, paper and collage, crafting something to take and sustain you, on your imaginative voyage as an explorer.

### Mixed Media Moths: Guardians of the Night | Ages 8-12

Discover the secret life of Aotearoa's moths and create a mixed media masterpiece inspired by our unique native species. In this creative workshop, students will explore symmetry, layering, and recycled materials to design their own symbolic moth – a guardian of the night. Drawing from the The Origin of the Moths story students will blend art and storytelling while learning about biodiversity, conservation, and creative expression.

## Afternoon Workshops

### Mixed Media Moths: Guardians of the Night | Ages 5-7

Step into the magical world of Aotearoa's moths! Inspired by The Origin of the Moths story, tamariki will use recycled materials and mixed media to create their own imaginative moth, while learning about colour, texture and shapes, encouraging a love of nature through art.

### Global Gardener | Ages 8-12

Connecting with our exhibition, 'Notes in the Border', create your own illuminated night forest. This three-dimensional painting will help you craft something to take and sustain you on your imaginative voyage as an explorer.

# Tuesday 23 September

## Morning Workshops

### **Moving Birds – Make Your Own Thaumatrope | Ages 5-7**

Step back in time and create your own thaumatrope, a magical spinning toy that brings two images together as one! Tamariki will decorate their discs with birds in flight while learning about Aotearoa's amazing migratory species.

### **Collage Guardians | Ages 8-12**

Tamariki will delve into their creative tool box whilst making connections between Maori narratives and the contemporary art of Lisa Reihana. Based on stories of Maui and the Fire Goddess, and Marakihau the Water Taniwha, we will explore different interpretations, making our own guardian of place, through mixed media collage.

## Afternoon Workshops

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### **Moving Birds – Make Your Own Thaumatrope | Ages 8-12**

Explore the science of early animation by designing and building a thaumatrope from scratch. Young artists will experiment with their own moving-image designs while connecting creativity to the journeys of migratory birds.

# Wednesday 24 September

## Morning Workshops

### **Musical Storytelling with Turn Up The Music | Ages 5-7**

Get ready to make music with Turn Up The Music! In this lively, hands-on workshop, kids will explore musical concepts like beat, rhythm, and pitch through fun games and musical storytelling.

### **Clay Creations: Bowls | Ages 8-12**

Discover the art of pottery! Guided by the Whakatipu Pottery Group, young artists will explore different hand-building techniques to craft their own clay bowl. This workshop is all about creativity, design, and learning new skills in a fun, supportive environment. Perfect for kids who love to make things with their hands and want to try something new.

## Afternoon Workshops

### **Clay Creations: Bowls | Ages 5-7**

Step into the world of clay! In this fun hands-on workshop, little makers will get to squish, roll, and shape their very own clay bowl. With Whakatipu Pottery Group to guide them, tamariki will learn simple pottery techniques and let their imaginations shine. Each child will leave with a unique clay creation to treasure.

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# Thursday 25 September

## Morning Workshops

### Drama - Take the Stage | Ages 5-7

Step into the spotlight in this playful introduction to drama! Through fun games, storytelling, and creative role-play, kids will build confidence, imagination, and teamwork. A fun way to explore performance while making new friends.

### Painting Our Place | Ages 8-12

Create a symbolic and expressive painting inspired by the bold work of Niuean–New Zealand artist John Pule and the powerful landscapes of Queenstown. Using native plants, mountain forms, and abstract patterns, explore how art can tell stories of memory, place, and belonging in Aotearoa.

## Afternoon Workshops

### Painting Our Place | Ages 5-7

Paint your own colourful mountain landscape filled with native plants, shapes, and patterns inspired by Queenstown and the work of Niuean–NZ artist John Pule. This creative workshop invites young artists to tell their own visual stories using colour, pattern, and imagination.

### Drama - Take the Stage | Ages 8-12

Get ready to act, imagine, and create! This interactive drama workshop encourages kids to explore character, voice, and movement through theatre games, improvisation, and short scenes. Along the way, they'll build confidence, teamwork, and performance skills.

# Friday 26 September

## Morning Workshops

### Painting My Magical Place | Ages 5-7

We'll begin by imagining a magical place - real or made-up -inspired by our favourite animals, plants, and landscapes of Aotearoa. Tamariki will use big, bold painting techniques (brushes, sponges, natural mark-makers) to create vibrant backgrounds or scenes. Alongside the painting, we'll tell short stories or describe our worlds aloud, recording key words and phrases to use later in our zines.

### Painting My Story | Ages 8-12

Students will create an expressive painting that weaves together landscape forms, native species, and personal symbols to tell a story of place and identity. We'll work in layers, using techniques like sponging, dry brushing, and stencilling, while noting ideas, quotes, or short narratives to carry through into our afternoon zines.

## Afternoon Workshops

### Crafting Mini Zines | Ages 5-7

Using their morning paintings as inspiration, tamariki will fold and cut paper to make mini zines. They'll collage parts of their paintings into the zine pages, add simple drawings, stamps, and short captions from their story seeds. Each zine will be a mini art-and-story adventure, ready to take home or swap with friends.

\*Joining our morning session is encouraged, but not compulsory.

### Crafting Personal Zines | Ages 8-12

Students will transform their morning paintings into the backbone of a personal zine - cutting elements to create covers, backgrounds, or feature spreads. Using their written notes from the morning, they'll layer text, drawings, and collage for a zine that blends visual art with narrative.

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# Monday 29 September

## Morning Workshops

### **Musical Theatre Jazz with ProDance NZ | Ages 5-7**

Step into the world of musical theatre with Nina Hermanns from ProDance NZ! In this playful workshop, children will discover Musical Theatre Jazz through rhythm, movement, and fun dance games. It's all about building confidence and self-expression.

### **Magical Mixed Media Landscapes | Ages 8-12**

To build on our theme of migration and imagining new lands, we will explore ethical art making, with the use of recycled fabric in assembling our collage. Exploring ideas around new lands through colour and texture, students will create magical lands whilst becoming more aware of the impact our clothing industries have on our planet, earth.

## Afternoon Workshops

### **Magical Mixed Media Landscapes | Ages 5-7**

In this programme, students will create lands imagined, building on our theme of migration and dreams of travelling to new lands. We will explore marble painting, watercolour, and collage. Exploring the ideas of new lands, we will use colour and texture to build our own abstracted magical landscape.

### **Musical Theatre Jazz with ProDanceNZ | Ages 8-12**

Take your steps into musical theatre dance with Nina Hermanns from ProDance NZ! In this high-energy workshop, participants will explore Musical Theatre Jazz, learning rhythm, storytelling, and dynamic dance techniques suited to their age group. Perfect for building confidence and performance skills.

# Tuesday 30 September

## Morning Workshops

### **Creative Clay: Taniwha Eyes with Wakatipu Potters Group | Ages 5-7**

Explore the magic of Kaitiaki Taniwha in this hands-on clay workshop. Guided by Wakatipu Potters Group, kids will create their own Taniwha eye, experimenting with shapes, textures, and colours. A fun session for imaginative play, creativity, and learning basic clay skills.

### **Drama - Take the Stage | Ages 8-12**

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### **Creative Clay: Taniwha Eyes with Wakatipu Potters Group | Ages 8-12**

Bring the Kaitiaki Taniwha to life in this creative clay workshop! With guidance from a Whakatipu Pottery Group Tutor, students will develop their design from 2D sketches to 3D Taniwha eyes, exploring form, texture, and colour. Perfect for building artistic skills and creative expression.



# Wednesday 1 October

## Morning Workshops

### Raft Making Part 1 | Ages 5-7

Inspired by the current raft project exhibition *Notes in the Border, Notes at the River, Notes from the Ocean*, and our artists-in-residence's raft making, tamariki will create their own floating creations using a variety of mixed media. Along the way, they'll imagine what they might need to take with them on a journey to a mysterious new land.

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## Afternoon Workshops

### Raft Making Part 2 | Ages 5-7

In response to our current exhibition *Notes in the Border, Notes at the River, Notes from the Ocean*, this hands-on crafting programme will see tamariki sculpt their own miniature wall hanging with papermache, wet on wet painting blending, and a touch of glitter.

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### Raft Making Part 2 | Ages 8-12

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# Thursday 2 October

## Morning Workshops

### My Feathered Friend | Ages 5-7

Flap into the world of New Zealand's amazing native birds in this fun and creative workshop! Young artists will make their own colourful bird masks using recycled materials, while learning about unique species like the cheeky Kea and the adventurous Kuaka who migrate across oceans.

### Legends of our Lands | Ages 8-12

This creative workshop will draw inspiration from the *Legends of our Lands* exhibition. Explore Tāne Mahuta's world through dramatic paper-cut silhouettes layered over colourful skies. The focus will be on shape, contrast, and storytelling through silhouette design.

## Afternoon Workshops

### Legends of our Lands | Ages 5-7

This creative workshop will draw inspiration from the *Legends of our Lands* exhibition at Te Atamira, and Rā the Sun. Explore traditional stories through a contemporary lens. Kids will create 3D artworks with cardboard, tissue, paint and collage.

### My Feathered Friend | Ages 8-12

Get creative while discovering the fascinating world of New Zealand's native and migratory birds! In this hands-on workshop, young artists will design and build their own bird mask using recycled and natural materials. Learn about the mighty Kuaka's migration from Alaska, or the forest-dwelling Kākāpō, while crafting a bold, symbolic piece of wearable art that celebrates the feathered life of Aotearoa.

# Friday 3 October

## Morning Workshops

### Exhibition Explorers | Ages 5-7

Step into the gallery and become an explorer! With your own sketch card, go on a treasure hunt to spot colours, shapes, and textures that make you smile, wonder, or say “wow!” After your hunt, you’ll use your favourite finds to create a special artwork of your own. With paint, collage, and simple building materials, you’ll make a unique piece to take home.

### Mini Worlds | Ages 8-12

Design and construct a miniature scene that tells a story or captures a moment inspired by something you have experienced at Te Atamira these holidays. Using mixed materials – from clay and fabric to found objects – you’ll bring your imagined world to life in a box or frame. Think small scale, big ideas.

## Afternoon Workshops

### Mini Worlds | Ages 5-7

Step into the world of tiny! Using boxes, natural finds, and craft materials, create your very own mini-world inspired by what you’ve seen in the gallery. Will it be a magical forest, a bustling city, or a dreamland under the sea? It’s your scene - you decide the story.

### Exhibition Explorers | Ages 8-12

Discover how artists turn ideas into works of art - and then try it yourself. In this workshop, you’ll explore Te Atamira’s latest exhibitions, looking closely at details, materials, and stories behind the works. With your own sketch cards, you’ll gather inspiration, plan your design, and create a finished piece using techniques like mixed media layering, drawing, or small-scale sculpture.