

Te Atamira Holiday Programme

6 January – 30 January 2026

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.

Introduction

Our holiday programme this summer is bursting with creative adventures inspired by the amazing exhibitions running at Te Atamira in January!

'The Artist' by Julia Holden invites you to explore portraiture, expression, and personality, sparking lots of fun, portrait-inspired art activities.

Meanwhile, 'Notes in the Border, Notes at the River, Notes from the Ocean' will inspire you to explore themes of migration, water, and movement through your own artworks.

Join us to experiment, create, and bring all these ideas to life in your own unique way!

January Holiday Programme 2026

			Tuesday 6 Jan	Wednesday 7 Jan	Thursday 8 Jan	Friday 9 Jan
Week 1	Morning 9:30am to 12pm	Ages 5 - 7	Underwater Wonders - Paint an Ocean Creature	Cubist Creations: Faces in Fragments	Clay Creations - Animal Figures	Weaving with Yarn - Design a Whare
		Ages 8 - 13	Tides & Textures: Tangaroa Collage	Crafting 3D Pop Up Artwork	Weave a Wall Hanging	Mythical Water Spirits: A Taniwha Puppet Adventure
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Registration opens 30 mins before start time

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Underwater Wonders – Paint an Ocean Creature | Ages 5-7

Dive into the magic of the deep as you paint your own ocean creature in this vibrant, imaginative workshop. Participants will explore colour blending, texture, and shape as they bring sea life to the page. From shimmering fish to mysterious marine animals, each artwork will capture the wonder of the underwater world.

Tides and Textures: Tangaroa Collage | Ages 8-13

Explore the magic of the moana as you create a collage inspired by Tangaroa, guardian of the sea. You'll experiment with colour, texture, and layered materials to build your own ocean story. Using a mix of papers and shapes, you'll craft a dynamic seascape full of movement and mystery.

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Come and discover the bold shapes and unexpected angles of Cubism as you design your own abstract portrait. Participants will explore colour, geometry, and composition to re-imagine the human face in a creative new way. Each artwork will be a unique collection of fragments that come together to show personality and expression.

Crafting 3D Pop Up Artwork | Ages 8-13

Learn how to turn flat paper into eye-catching pop-up art that jumps off the page. You'll explore layering, cutting techniques, and creative construction to bring your ideas to life in three dimensions. Get ready to design a fun, interactive artwork full of movement and surprise.

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Clay Creations – Animal Figures | Ages 5-7

In this hands-on session you'll shape and sculpt your own animal figure using clay. You'll explore form, texture, and detail as you experiment with different techniques to bring your creature to life. By the end, you'll have a charming handmade animal to take home (after it is dry and fired) and proudly display.

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Weave a Wall Hanging | Ages 8-13

You'll explore colour, texture, and pattern as you learn simple weaving techniques using yarn. Guided step-by-step, you'll create your own mini wall hanging full of personality. This calming, hands-on workshop lets you experiment with fibres and design while making a unique piece to take home and display.

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Friday 9 January

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Weaving with Yarn – Design a Whare | Ages 5-7

You will explore colour, pattern, and texture as you weave your very own miniature whare. Using yarn and creative techniques, you'll bring your design to life, experimenting with layers and shapes to make a piece that's uniquely yours.

Mythical Water Spirits: A Taniwha Puppet Adventure | Ages 8-13

Make a Mighty Taniwha! The first in a series of Puppet Workshops with Eric, bring Māori legend to life by building your own long, flowing Taniwha puppet from sticks and fabric. A creative blend of culture, craft, and play, using various materials, special tools and imaginative details, you'll explore character, movement, and storytelling as your puppet becomes part of a magical underwater world.

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Special Workshop: Handmade Journal Making and Binding | Ages 8-13

You will have the unique opportunity to work with visiting artist Kari Morseth in this hands-on workshop. Find out about Kari's life as an artist and explore her creative techniques as you design, assemble, and bind your very own handmade journal, turning it into a personal treasure full of colour, texture, and style.

Monday 12 January

Morning Workshops

Make and Play – Create Your Own Magnetic Fishing Game | Ages 5-7

Inspired by the theme of water in our exhibition *Notes in the Border, Notes at the River, Notes from the Ocean*, design and craft your very own magnetic fishing game, choosing colours, shapes, and characters to bring it to life. Once complete, you can play with your creation again and again, combining creativity with hands-on fun.

Mixed Media – Geometric Shape Creations | Ages 8-13

Experiment with shapes, colour, and texture as you create your own geometric masterpiece. Using a variety of papers, paints, and collage materials, you'll explore patterns and design while making a bold, eye-catching artwork that's entirely your own.

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Drama - Take the Stage | Ages 5-7

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. *(This will be different activities to the session on 22nd January)*

Creative Continents | Ages 8-13

Inspired by the themes of migration across continents in our exhibition *Notes in the Border, Notes at the River, Notes from the Ocean*, explore the world through art as you design and create your own continent. Using colour, texture, and imagination, you'll bring landscapes, patterns, and features to life, crafting a unique piece that reflects your creativity and curiosity about our planet.

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Clay Creations: Nature and Texture | Ages 5-7

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Summertime Selfies | Ages 8-13

You will create a fun, colourful self-portrait wearing oversized sunglasses that show your dream summer. Using drawing and colour techniques, you'll capture your personality, imagination, and summertime vibes in a bold, playful artwork.

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Thursday 15 January

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Exhibition Explorers – 'Notes in the Border' | Ages 5-7

You will explore the gallery exhibition and let the artworks inspire your own creation. Discuss and reflect on what it means to be an artist, how art is displayed in galleries. Then using observation, imagination, and creative techniques, you'll make a piece that reflects your response, adding your own notes, patterns, and ideas.

Playful Portraits – Inspired by Arcimboldo | Ages 8-13

Create a portrait made entirely of playful objects, food, and textures, inspired by the imaginative style of famous artist Arcimboldo. Using collage and drawing techniques, you'll mix and match elements to design a quirky, colourful face that's uniquely yours.

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Friday 16 January

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Fabric Collage Creatures | Ages 5-7

Bring your imagination to life by creating your own creature using colourful fabric, textures, and patterns. Experiment with layering, shapes, and design as you craft a unique, tactile artwork full of personality and fun.

Dancing Colours Marionette Workshop | Ages 8-13

Make Your Own Dancing Paper Marionette! In this second in the series of Eric's magical puppet workshops, come and craft and string together your very own colourful puppet from paper. You'll then learn the puppeteer's performing art to make your creation dance! A wonderful blend of art, engineering and performance.

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Special Workshop: Fabric Dyeing | Ages 8-13

This is a very exciting opportunity to work with visiting artist Ruby Wilkinson in this hands-on workshop. Learn how to dye fabric in vibrant colours and then use your creations to make a unique collage, exploring colour, texture, and design under the guidance of a professional artist.

**We do provide aprons, but please wear appropriate messy clothes for this one!*

Monday 19 January

Morning Workshops

Dance Jam – A Journey Through Different Dance Styles | Ages 5-7

Join professional dancer and choreographer Nina Hermanns from ProDanceNZ to explore a variety of dance styles in a fun, energetic workshop. Learn new moves, express yourself through movement, and create your own short routines as you dance your way through rhythm, style, and creativity.

Wild Water – Transfer Techniques | Ages 8-13

You will experiment with exciting image transfer techniques to create your own watery artwork. By layering textures, shapes, and flowing marks, you'll explore the movement and energy of water while learning a new creative process that brings your scene to life.

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Clay Creations – Make It, Use It! | Ages 5-7

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Magnificent Mark Making | Ages 8-13

Experiment with a range of tools and materials to create your own vibrant collage papers, exploring pattern, texture, and expressive marks. Once your papers are ready, you'll use them to build a bold, layered collage that celebrates colour, creativity, and your unique artistic style.

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Ceilidh Fun! Scottish Music and Dance for Kids | Ages 5-7

Step into the lively world of Scottish culture with Turn Up The Music teacher, Erica Hastie! In this fun, interactive workshop, children will discover the joy of group ceilidh dancing and Celtic spirit through music, song and games. They'll experience the magic of Scotland's musical traditions in a joyful, hands-on way.

Making Waves – Painting Water | Ages 8-13

Explore flowing lines, colour blending, and movement as you paint your own water-inspired artwork. Using different techniques to capture ripples, waves, and reflections, you'll create a piece that feels alive with motion and light.

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Map Mash-Up! – A Map Art Adventure | Ages 8-13

Inspired by the work in our exhibition *Notes in the Border, Notes at the River, Notes from the Ocean* you will transform real maps into imaginative artworks by blanking out, highlighting, and reinventing the spaces on the page. Through creative cutting, drawing, and layering, you'll discover new shapes, stories, and hidden worlds as you design a map that's entirely your own.

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You will learn clever drawing techniques that make your artwork appear to pop right off the page. Through shading, angles, and optical tricks, you'll create a mind-bending 3D illusion that surprises the eye and shows off your imagination.

The Wobble and Jiggle Beast Workshop | Ages 8-13

Unleash a Wobble & Jiggle Beast! In this third in the series of Eric's magical puppet workshops, come and transform recycled scraps into a whimsical, moving puppet friend. Using fabric, sponge, and string, engineer a unique creature that dances at your command! A fun-filled workshop of creativity and play.

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Paint the Peaks | Ages 8-13

You will learn how to use colour and perspective to create a mountain scene that feels full of depth and distance. By exploring shading, layering, and simple techniques for drawing receding landscapes, you'll bring your own dramatic skyline to life.

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Tuesday 27 January

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Playing with Perspective | Ages 5-7

You will experiment with quirky angles and unusual viewpoints as you create a playful perspective drawing. By stretching shapes, shifting proportions, and bending reality, you'll design an artwork that surprises the eye and tells a fun visual story.

Guardians of the Deep: Taniwha Art | Ages 8-13

You will create your own taniwha artwork, exploring bold shapes, flowing lines, and imaginative details inspired by these powerful guardians of the water. Using drawing and mixed-media techniques, you'll design a creature full of character and story, bringing your taniwha to life in your own unique style.

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Wednesday 28 January

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From Rags to Faces – Rag Mat Fabric Portraits | Ages 5-7

Design and create your own textile portrait using strips of fabric to form colour, texture, and expression. By layering and arranging the pieces, you'll craft a bold and imaginative face that celebrates pattern, personality, and playful experimentation.

Doodle Games Galore | Ages 8-13

Play a variety of fun and fast-paced drawing games that spark your creativity and imagination. Experiment with shapes, lines, and characters as you challenge yourself and have a blast making playful artworks in new and unexpected ways.

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Thursday 29 January

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Crazy Crafts – Animal Twisters | Ages 5-7

Create crazy creatures by connecting heads, bodies, and legs in playful combinations. Mix and match parts to design your own quirky creatures that come to life with fun and imagination.

Exhibition Explorers – 'The Artist' | Ages 8-13

Explore Julia Holden's gallery of photographic portraits and let them spark your imagination. Using what you see and your own reflections, you'll create a fun, lively artwork that shows your personality and brings your inner artist to life!

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Friday 30 January

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Draw, Relax, Repeat – Zentangle Drawing | Ages 5-7

As the holidays come to an end, dive into the calming world of Zentangles, creating intricate patterns and designs one line at a time. Explore shapes, repetition, and texture as you make a meditative artwork that's both relaxing and uniquely yours.

Roaring Dragons: A Moveable Puppet Workshop | Ages 8-13

Unleash Your Imagination! In the last of Eric's magical puppet workshops, young creators will design, build, and decorate their very own textured dragon puppet. From engineering the moveable jaw to adding scales, spines, and colour, every child will craft a unique mythical friend to take home and star in their own adventures. A roaring good time for all!

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