

Te Atamira Holiday Programme

7 April – 17 April 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 April is bursting with creative adventures, many of them being inspired by the amazing exhibitions currently running at Te Atamira.

'Let The Honey Soak Through' is an exhibition that invites you to explore the roles of native and non-native bees. Did you know there are 28 species of native bee in New Zealand? This exhibition provides us with opportunities to think, play and create with pattern, nature, mosaic, clay and most importantly... BEES!

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

Week 1

		Easter Monday	Tuesday 7 Apr	Wednesday 8 Apr	Thursday 9 Apr	Friday 10 Apr
Morning 9:30am to 12pm	Ages 5 - 7		Clay Creations: Sculpt a Bee	Dream Collectors	Inkblot Insects	Dance Jam
	Ages 8 - 13		Make and Play: Create Your Own Bee Board Game	Anime Drawing Workshop	Bee Observant! Drawing the Details	Winged Wonders
Afternoon 12:30pm to 3pm	Ages 5 - 7		Make and Play: Create Your Own Bee Board Game	Creative Cut-Outs: Autumn Art	Autumn At Your Fingertips	Winged Wonders
	Ages 8 - 13		Clay Creations: Sculpt a Bee	Special Workshop with Visiting International Musician Daniel Verstappen	Special Workshop with Visiting International Musician Daniel Verstappen	Dance Jam

Week 2

		Monday 13 Apr	Tuesday 14 Apr	Wednesday 15 Apr	Thursday 16 Apr	Friday 17 Apr
Morning 9:30am to 12pm	Ages 5 - 7	Clay Creations: A Taste of Sgraffito	Playing with Pattern and Print	Piece by Piece Mosaic Making	Draw and Go Digital: Character Design Using iPads and Procreate	Creature Feature: Watercolour Characters
	Ages 8 - 13	Exhibition Explorers: Let the Honey Soak Through	A Buzzing Puppet Workshop with Eric			Drama Games
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	Ages 8 - 13	Clay Creations: A Taste of Sgraffito	Playing with Pattern and Print			Creature Feature: Watercolour Characters

Registration opens 30 mins before start time. Extension care available until 5pm.

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Tuesday 7 April

Morning Workshops

Clay Creations: Sculpt a Bee | Ages 5-7

In this delightful hands-on workshop inspired by our current exhibition Let The Honey Soak Through, young sculptors will mould, shape, and create their very own buzzing bee from clay. Using simple hand-building techniques to form the body, wings, stripes, and characterful expressions – bringing this tiny garden friend to life.

*Clay pieces are kept at Te Atamira to dry and by fired in the kiln. Participants are encouraged to take a photo of their clay creation before they go home so that they can more easily identify their work when it is time to pick it up. An email will be sent out when they are ready to be collected.

Make and Play: Create Your Own Bee Board Game | Ages 8-13

Come and design your very own bee-themed board game, deciding the board layout, rules, and game pieces. Using your imagination, you'll create challenges, pathways, and fun obstacles for players while bringing your buzzing game world to life. By the end, you'll have a game you can play again and again!

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Wednesday 8 April

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Dream Collectors | Ages 5-7

Use your imagination to design and draw your very own bottles filled with your magnificent dreams and ideas. Using colour, pattern, and creative expression, you'll produce a magical artwork that captures your hopes, wishes, and stories in a unique and personal way.

Anime Drawing Workshop | Ages 8-13

Learn how to create your own anime-style characters, exploring expressive features, dynamic poses, and signature details. Using drawing techniques and imagination, you'll bring your characters to life with personality, style, and a touch of storytelling flair.

Afternoon Workshops

Creative Cut-Outs: Autumn Art | Ages 5-7

Create a layered autumn masterpiece using collage and cutting techniques. Experiment with colour, texture, and design as you build a striking artwork full of depth, contrast, and seasonal charm.

Musical Storytelling with Daniel Verstappen | Ages 8-13

Come along to this very special workshop, with visiting international composer and pianist Daniel Verstappen. Varying levels of musical experience welcome and if you play an instrument you are welcome to bring it along!

This workshop offers a playful and interactive introduction to music-making through storytelling. Rather than focusing on performance, the session invites participants to explore the piano as a tool for imagination and expression.

The piano is introduced as a storytelling instrument, demonstrating how different sounds, moods, and simple musical ideas can create images, emotions, and narratives - much like music in film. Throughout the session, children are encouraged to actively participate by suggesting moods, stories, or characters, which are then brought to life in real time at the piano.

Running for just the afternoon of Wednesday and Thursday these holidays, come along to one or both sessions and for a truly special experience.

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Thursday 9 April

Morning Workshops

Inkblot Insects | Ages 5-7

Create your own unique insects by making fun, symmetrical paintblot prints and then adding details to bring them to life. Using folding, painting, and drawing techniques, you'll design quirky, imaginative creatures full of personality and movement.

Bee Observant! Drawing the Details | Ages 8-13

Get up close and draw your own bee using fineliner pens, studying the tiny details of wings, stripes, and textures. Using reference images and careful observation, you'll create a precise and lively artwork that captures the beauty of these fascinating creatures.

Afternoon Workshops

Autumn At Your Fingertips | Ages 5-7

Explore the shapes and textures of tree trunks and branches before adding autumn leaves using your own fingerprints. Using paint and pens, you'll bring your tree to life with vibrant colours, intricate details, and the rich energy of the season.

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Winged Wonders | Ages 8-13

Using mixed media and a little sprinkle of magic, collage your own winged insect with moving parts. Watch your creation come to life! Experiment with colour, texture, and playful movement as you craft an interactive insect full of personality and fun.

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Monday 13 April

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Clay Creations: A Taste of Sgraffito | Ages 5-7

Discover the magic of sgraffito! In this hands-on clay session, young artists will roll out a clay tile, cover it with a layer of colourful slip, then SCRATCH away to reveal hidden patterns and designs beneath. Like modern-day cave artists, they'll carve their own unique pictures, shapes, and stories into the surface. It's a simple but stunning technique that turns a plain piece of clay into a work of art. No experience needed – just creativity and curiosity!

Exhibition Explorers – Let the Honey Soak Through | Ages 8-13

Come and explore the exhibition *Let the Honey Soak Through*, discovering artworks inspired by native bees, clay, and mosaics. Using what you see and your own imagination, you'll create a unique piece of art that reflects the textures, colours, and ideas that inspired you most.

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Playing with Pattern and Print | Ages 5-7

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A Buzzing Puppet Workshop with Eric | Ages 8-13

Unleash Your Imagination with Eric! In this hands-on workshop, young creators will design, build, and decorate their very own buzzing bee puppet. From engineering the flapping wings to adding stripes, fuzzy textures, and bright colours, every child will craft a unique garden friend to take home and star in their own pollination adventures.

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Wednesday 15 April

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Morning Workshop

Piece by Piece Mosaic Making | Ages 5-13

Inspired by the beautiful mosaics in the exhibition *Let the Honey Soak Through*, you will create your own artwork one piece at a time. Explore colour, shape, and pattern as you carefully arrange small pieces to build a larger design. As your art comes together, you'll discover how tiny fragments can form something bold, detailed, and full of character.

Afternoon Workshop

Bees Rock! Painting Bee Rocks | Ages 5-13

Transform an ordinary stone into a buzzing work of art by painting your own bee-inspired design. Explore colour, pattern, and fine details as you bring wings, stripes, and tiny features to life on a natural surface. This hands-on session combines creativity and care, resulting in a cheerful rock you can keep, gift, or display.

Full Day Teens Workshop

Draw and Go Digital: Character Design Using iPads and Procreate | Ages 13-18

Come along to our special full day workshop for teens these holidays. We provide the iPads, but if you have your own iPad with the app 'Procreate' you are welcome to bring this along. If you have an Apple Pencil please bring this too.

Starting on paper, explore the key elements of character design to develop personality, expression, and style. Learn how to refine your concepts, experiment with features and proportions, and build a character that feels unique and believable. Then, take your design to the next level by moving onto iPads and using the layers feature on Procreate to create form and proportions, add colour, detail, and digital effects, bringing your character to life on screen. While there will be a focus on anime-inspired design, you're welcome to develop your character in any style that suits your interests and creativity.

Thursday 16 April

Morning Workshops

Creature Feature: Watercolour Characters | Ages 5-7

Design your own illustrated creatures, animals, insects, birds, or invent something entirely new. Using watercolour techniques, you'll build layers of colour and bring your characters to life with expressive shapes and playful personality. Once your paint has dried, you'll add intricate details and definition with fineliner pens, creating a vibrant mixed-media artwork full of charm and character.

Drama Games | Ages 8-13

Dive into a series of energetic drama games that get you using your body, voice, and movement in playful ways. Explore character, expression, and storytelling as you step into different roles and experiment with emotions, actions, and imagination. Through teamwork and creative challenges, you'll build confidence, quick thinking, and plenty of laughter along the way.

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Friday 17 April

Morning Workshops

Dance Jam | 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.

Design and Build a Bee Hotel | Ages 8-13

Inspired by our exhibition *Let the Honey Soak Through*, you will design and build your own bee hotel specially made for burrowing native bees. Learn about why these important pollinators need safe nesting spaces, then design and make a functional and creative structure using natural materials. Once complete, you can place your bee hotel in your garden to help encourage and support native bee populations at home.

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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.