

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT WHIRINAKI WHARE TAONGA

EDUCATION VISITS TERM 4 2024



Whirinaki Whare Taonga is Upper Hutt's own art and culture hub. We are committed to offering FREE engaging and accessible visual and performing art experiences for local students and have a range of exciting world class programmes.



Message from the Learning Programmes Specialist, Charlotte Smith.

Kia ora tatou

Term 3 at the gallery has been wonderful for our hearts and souls. Take a Moment With Us allowed us to look into the important themes of inclusion, kindness, empathy, manaakitanga, and finding common interests to make new friends. The many children who attended showed their immense capability for caring and understanding others. Beautiful collaborative artworks were created to bring the learnings back to the classroom so they can be embodied moving forward. Visits to Medieval to Metal: The Evolution of the Guitar also took place and gave us the opportunity to nourish the musical sides of ourselves as we learnt about the elements of music. We expressed ourselves through art as we listened carefully to acoustic guitar vs electric guitar music, with each class returning to school with two musical soundscapes books they had created together. It is my hope that these books are re-visited and enjoyed back in class.

What to expect in Term 4:

In Term 4 you will have the chance to visit two exhibitions within one education visit. In this way, the children will have a further enriched experience. Both the exhibitions are in celebration of the 21st birthday of Whirinaki Whare Taonga. The education visit will have a strong focus on the arts as we recognise the artistic talent in Upper Hutt. Below you will see the big questions we will focus on. The questions can be adapted and changed to suit your class, just let me know. If you would like to talk through a specific focus for me to cater for during your visit, I am also very happy to meet with you in person. We are always here to supplement your in-class mahi. You will also receive an educational resource to accompany your gallery experience, full of activities, texts and curriculum links to help you teach in meaningful ways before and after your visit.



MAI KONEI KI TENEI WA / SHANE COTTON: FROM HERE TO NOW

21 ARTISTS: 21 SMALL WORKS FROM 21 UPPER HUTT ARTISTS

14th October–18th December (Mon-Wed)

Note that 21 Artists will only be included in visits up until 27th November.

Suitable for Year 1 and up. Cost: FREE

Shane Cotton is a prominent New Zealand artist renowned for his captivating contributions to contemporary art. Born in Upper Hutt in 1964, 'From Here to Now' traces Cotton's artistic journey from his roots and formative years spent in Upper Hutt in the 1970s, to today. It is also in celebration of Whirinaki Whare Taonga's 21st birthday, honouring one of Upper Hutt's most renowned artists with a collection of artworks spanning his illustrious career.

Additionally, 21 Artists is a celebration of the diversity, creativity and unique perspectives of 21 Upper Hutt artists for Whirinaki Whare Taonga's 21st birthday. Featuring a broad

Our Big Questions

- What different kinds of ways to make art are there? Which ways do we like best and why?
- What ideas and messages are communicated in Shane Cotton and Michael Tuffery's artworks?
- How can culture be expressed using art techniques?
- How can we express our connection to place using art techniques?

In our creative workshop we will:

- Look more closely at Shane Cotton's painting 'River Diamond Blue'.
- Look more closely at Michael Tuffery's woodcut print 'Searching for Water in Te Whanganui-a-tara'.
- Use relief printmaking techniques to create our own artwork, expressing our connection to Te Awa Kairangi (or another natural landmark of significance in the geographical area of your kura).

spectrum of mediums reflecting artistic depth and individual viewpoints, this exhibition puts a spotlight on the wealth of talent in Upper Hutt.

Tamariki will observe how art can be created in many different ways and in a variety of mediums as they shape their own opinions of artworks.

Well-known Upper Hutt artist Michael Tuffery is featured in this exhibition.



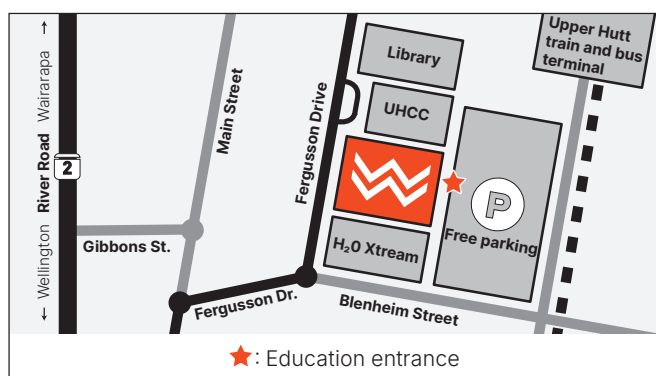


PLANNING A VISIT

Getting here

Public Transport: with buses and trains stopping at Upper Hutt Station, Whirinaki Whare Taonga is just a five minute walk down the road.

Bringing your own bus or cars: car parking and bus drop off points are right behind Expressions in the carpark near H₂O Xtream swimming pool.



During Your Visit

Lunch & morning tea:
We have an indoor space to enjoy morning and afternoon tea should the weather require (subject to availability)

School bags & jackets:
Yes you can bring your school bags and jackets as we have a space for them while you visit.

For further information or to book a visit please contact

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Charlotte is also available throughout the year to visit your school and discuss the exhibition programme and the opportunities for your students. Please contact her to make a time to visit you.



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