



MIHARO  
*Programme of Events*  
2024



# Murihiku

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## RANGATAHI MĀIA

- Begins Wednesday 21 February 3:00pm - 5pm
- NO COST

Every Wednesday after school Mīharo will be open for Rangatahi Māia. This is a safe space for our rangatahi to come and chill. We'll be offering support with homework, scholarship applications and a space to create art! Chrome books and other resources will be available. A pānui will be posted to our social accounts each week to keep our communities up to date.



Mīharo Murihiku



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## WHAKAMANAHIA TE RANGATAHI

- Applications open: Monday 19th February
- Applications close: Monday 4th March
- Year 11-13 students
- NO COST

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- Applications forms and more information below in the WTR Programme.



RARANGA KETE VANANGA

- Workshop dates: Monday 11 - Tuesday 12 March
- NO COST



We have the great privilege of hosting Teokotai Paitai in Waihōpai and Ōtepoti to share his knowledge and expertise of raranga kete with our community. This is a two day workshop where you will be upskilled in creating your very own kete to keep. All skill sets are welcomed to begin this learning journey of raranga kete from Teokotai. There are 15 available slots for this workshop each in Waihōpai and Ōtepoti.

Teokotai has woven a tapestry of skills throughout his journey within the Arts in Aotearoa. Dance, performance, event management and now raranga kete. He has been the Akl Pride Festival Director, Board Member for Akl Pride, Tautai, Playmarket, and DANZ. He has worked for MAU dance company, Black Grace dance company, Taki Rua Theatre and performed in, or worked on shows in Festivals throughout Aotearoa. He has been blessed to have worked with many of our taonga within Arts Aotearoa through dance, theatre, and film. Currently, Teokotai is sharing knowledge in raranga kete. "Our Kete is one way to see more colour in our daily lives", says Teokotai. Our workshop's are designed to instil well-being through the practice of raranga kete. Teokotai acknowledges the leadership of Tupumaiaiga a Niue Trust, and the Pacifica Arts Trust who are both based in Tāmaki Makaurau. We have the great privilege of hosting Teokotai in Waihōpai to share his knowledge and expertise with our community. This will be 2 sessions of raranga and whanaungatanga. Resources for this workshop are included and spaces are limited. Kia Orana e Kia Manuia.

- Link for registration form and more information are available on the our Facebook Page - Mīharo Murihiku.



## WHARE TĀPERE

- Workshop date: Tuesday 19th March, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Koha to attend

This wānanga is designed to help strengthen and develop skills and mātauranga. Our experienced and specialist kaiako will share mātauranga Māori through the arts. This is a continuation of the 2023 wānanga and an opportunity for new people to come along to learn.

## THE CONCH

- Workshop dates to come



Mītharo has had the great privilege of building a strong relationship with one of New Zealand's leading Pacific Theatre Companies, The Conch. Every year, the Artistic Program of The Conch is ambitious, challenging and set to break boundaries. Providing significant support and leadership to Pacific Arts here and abroad, its co-founders Nina Nawalowalo and Tom McCrory strive to create works that are ground breaking, of an international standard, and produced through intercultural collaboration and expressed through unique theatrical languages.

Over the next while Mītharo are excited to be working with The Conch team. Details of our programme will be available in due course.

## THE GENTLE BOYS PONDER

- Term One School Holiday (15 April - 26 April)
- Registrations Open: Monday 19th February
- Registrations Close: Friday 22nd March
- NO COST

"We sweat and cry salt water, so we know the ocean is in our blood." - Teresia Teaiwa

'The Gentle Boys Ponder' is an upcoming project that aims to uplift, empower and equip young Māori and Pasifika youth with artistic, performance and production skills to create their work in live performance, screen, writing and soundscapes. As Toi Whakaari's Acting Programme graduates, the seven creatives formed a kinship based on their shared passion and appreciation for the arts. Hailing from different regions of Aotearoa, what makes this union special is the shared need to propel their acting craft to thresholds beyond their comfort. Their training at Toi Whakaari, under the tutelage of Heather Timms, Vaughn Slinn, Bert Van Dijk, Type Lualua, Mitch Kawhi Thomas and Anya Tate Manning, pushed the edge of their understanding and abilities to explore what they could be truly capable of.



Introducing our elite team of Tama Toa and their specialties:

- Kasi Valu – Writing, poetry and spoken word
  - Seiyon Thompson-Tonga – Movement
  - Brett Taefu – Clowning and embracing your funny bone
  - Uatesoni Filikitonga – Vocal training
  - Kaisa Fa'atui – Soundscape Creation, Cue Lab and sound operation
  - Albert Latailakepa – Kaitiaki and leader divisor
  - Havea Latu – Videographer and graphic design
- Registration forms and more information will be available on our website.

## SENIOR ARTIST EXHIBITION

- Open to Public: Friday 10 May - Thursday 27 June
- Exhibition Hours: Tuesday - Friday  
10:00am - 4:30pm  
Saturdays  
10:00am - 2:00pm
- Rangatahi Workshops: Thursday 16th & Thursday 23rd May  
10:00am - 3:00pm
- Community Workshop: Saturday 8th June  
10:00am - 3:00pm

Each year MĪharo celebrates a local senior artist in this annual exhibition. This year, we have the privilege of exhibiting the creativity of local artist, Lyle Peninsula. This exhibition features Lyle's new and old works. Lyle will work alongside our rangatahi and community to unlock how we envision things and express ourselves through imagery. These workshops are built to create a safe space for discussion and talanoa about cultural identity and how as Pacific people, do we express what we are feeling and how we fit into our world. Creativity and the arts are a gifted avenue that we carry, and our Senior Artist Lyle Peninsula will focus on unlocking our own unique forms of expression.

- Registration forms for workshops and more information will be available in May 2024.

## MURIHIKU POLYFEST T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

- ACCEPTING ENTRIES February 2024
- Murihiku Entries Due: Friday 5th July
- Winner Announcement: Thursday 25th July at MĪharo Art Awards

We invite students of all ages to submit a design logo for our 2023 Polyfest T-shirts based on the theme of Legends of Our Lands- Our People, Our Places, Our Stories. 2023 marks 15 years of Murihiku Polyfest. There will be separate templates for Murihiku and Central Lakes t-shirt designs. The winning entries will be proudly worn by volunteers and supporters during Polyfest. Prizegiving and award presentation will take place at the region's art exhibition opening evening.

- Official templates will be available on our website.





MĪHARO ART EXHIBITION (MURIHIKU)

Mīharo Art Exhibition Opening and Awards - Thursday 25th July

- Art DUE: Friday 5th July - Dropped off to Mīharo
- Judging: Saturday 6th July
- Resources: Available on our website.
- NO COST

Our 2024 theme is Legends of Our Lands -Our stories, our places, our people.

Our art exhibition is split into four sections:

- Early Childhood
- Primary
- Secondary School
- 18 - 25 years old

The Mīharo Art Exhibition is a showcase of art submitted from our Kura from Early Childhood Education, Primary and Secondary Schools that aligns with the theme 'Legends of our Lands - Our people, our places, our stories'. This year we have opened a new category for artists who are 18 - 25 years old. A supporting package of resources and materials is available and includes the award categories and prizes. The package also includes direct links not only to the NZC and Te Whariki, but also the Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum, and cultural competencies in both Tataiako and Tapasā. Also included are links to supporting websites, books and school journals.

We encourage you to explore legends and stories from all our beautiful surrounding Pacific Islands, as well as investigate different mediums of art and creative ways to portray these stories.

- More information is available on our website. Please read entry and label requirements carefully.



## MURHIKU POLYFEST - INFO EVENING

- Monday 19th August
- Time: 5:30pm
- Venue: ILT Stadium Southland

We invite you to join us at our Murihiku Polyfest information evening.

This is your opportunity to meet the Mīharo kaimahi, familiarise yourself with our Polyfest Key Leaders, have a walk through of the venue/flow and have all your questions answered in preparation for Murihiku Polyfest.

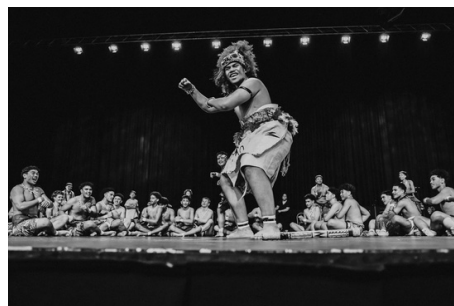
This is for our Teachers in charge, Tutors, Principals, Parent Help and all involved in organising each of our performance groups. In order to volunteer at Polyfest, as an organisation or individually, you must attend this information evening.

## MURHIKU POLYFEST 2024

Monday 26th August - Friday 30th August

- Venue: ILT Stadium Southland
- Bookings Open: Monday 13th May
- Cost: Spectators: GOLD COIN ENTRY  
 Participants: \$100.00 per group registration fee  
 (For school with more than one performing group, there will be a \$200.00 total maximum fee)

Polyfest is a showcase of cultural performances from Early childhood, Primary and Secondary students. 2024 marks 15 years of Polyfest here in Murihiku and we are extremely excited to celebrate another year with our community. Schools work on their brackets throughout the year to perform on the live stage in August. We also stream Polyfest live on our website for whānau all over the world to enjoy.





## COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Tuesday 27th August

- Time: 6:00pm
- Venue: ILT Stadium Southland
- Cost: Spectators: GOLD COIN ENTRY  
Participants: NO COST

This year we are introducing an evening for our beautiful community groups to showcase their cultural performances. Many of our rangatahi are involved in a number of these community groups and we want to create an opportunity for our people to take the stage and share the stage with their village.

- More information will be available on our website May 2024.

## RANGATAHI TOA

- Thursday 29th August
- Time: 6:00pm
- Venue: ILT Stadium Southland
- Cost: Spectators: GOLD COIN ENTRY  
Participants: NO COST

A pinnacle of Murihiku Polyfest - Rangatahi Toa is a special showcase dedicated to our Senior Students, specifically Year 13 who may be taking the stage with their peers for the last time. This is an evening full of Kapa Haka and Pasefika performances from our Murihiku and surrounding Secondary Schools.

More information will be available on our website May 2024.



# Central Lakes

## MĪHARO ART EXHIBITION (CENTRAL LAKES).

Central Lakes Art Exhibition Opening and Awards - Wednesday 25th September

- Art DUE: Friday 20th September - Dropped off to Te Atamira
- Judging: Saturday 21st September
- Resources: Available on our website - February 2024
- NO COST

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We encourage you to explore legends and stories from all our beautiful surrounding Pacific Islands, as well as investigate different medians of art and creative ways to portray these stories. The exhibition will be open to the public from Thursday 26th September - Friday 25th October.

- More information is available on our website. Please read entry and label requirements carefully.



## CENTRAL LAKES POLYFEST T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

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- Central Lakes Entries Due: Friday 30th August
- Winner Announcement:      Wednesday 25 September at Central Lakes Art Awards.

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## CENTRAL LAKES POLYFEST

- Wednesday 23rd - Thursday 24th October
- Venue:              Queenstown Event Centre
- Bookings Open: Monday 27th May
- Cost:              Spectators:    GOLD COIN ENTRY  
                         Participants: NO COST

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### 1ST WĀNANGA

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2024

- Venue: Te Rau Aroha Marae, Motupōhue
- Time: Full day, approx. 8:30am- 4:30pm

Our first engagement with the rangatahi will focus on whanaungatanga, waiata, and whenua. The rangatahi will get to know each other, expand their knowledge on the history of local whenua and Polynesian cultures, and take part in different activities and projects.

## MUSIC PROJECT

- Early 2024

In 2023, our rangatahi met and created a waiata that represented them and their culture. This waiata has been made specially for the programme, and was performed by the rangatahi at their end of year showcase.

In 2024, the rangatahi will be given the opportunity to professionally record the waiata and release it on Spotify and Youtube.

There is also potential to design a cover art for the song, with the help of a local tāmoko artist.



## NCEA

- Year long

After their first wānanga in March, the rangatahi will have the opportunity to work towards NCEA credits. These credits are based on standards involving pōwhiri, whanaungatanga, and other tikanga Māori. We will work with schools to provide these credits for our rangatahi.

## POLYFEST

- Monday 26th- Friday 30th August
- Venue: ILT Stadium Southland

In the lead up to Polyfest, rangatahi are able to attend workshop with our Key Leaders to learn the skills and knowledge involved in the different areas of Polyfest. Such as MC, Backstage, Tour Guiding, and Crowd Control. The rangatahi will work with their Key Leaders for the week of Polyfest, building their leadership skills so that by the end of the week, the rangatahi are in charge of their roles and areas.

## EXHIBITION CELEBRATION

- Tuesday 12th November
- Venue: Mīharo Murihiku Trust

At the end of the year, we will hold workshops with the rangatahi to create mahi toi they can display as an exhibition celebration. This exhibition will include mahi toi the rangatahi make during workshops with our senior artist, the cover art they make for their waiata, kapa haka and performing arts, and much more. It is an opportunity for whānau to see the work their rangatahi have been involved in, and celebrate their achievements.

Alongside these events, there are opportunities for rangatahi to be involved in performing arts, weekly drop in sessions, and much more. Applications are essential, please email [anjelina@miharo.org](mailto:anjelina@miharo.org) for an application form.

