

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT WHIRINAKI WHARE TAONGA

EDUCATION VISITS TERM 4 2023



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,

I am very excited to have started my role as the new Learning Programmes Specialist at Whirinaki Whare Taonga. I have 13 years' experience teaching in primary schools in the Wellington region, across all age groups. The Arts is one of my passions so to have this opportunity to be an educator outside the classroom in this context is extremely exciting for me. I am also very active and love running, netball, hiking, yoga and dance classes. I love to travel, read and do creative projects.

From my perspective, there is no better time to be joining the Whirinaki Whare Taonga team as we have the incredible Hall of Heroes exhibition about to begin! It will be great fun for visitors to the gallery and I have thoroughly enjoyed putting together the creative workshop which we are offering your school the opportunity to take part in. If you have a specific focus that you would like me to cater for during your visit and workshop, I am also very happy to meet with you one-on-one.

I very much look forward to meeting you and welcoming your classes to the gallery.

What to expect in Term 4:

This term is all about Hall of Heroes. We are asking our ākonga to reflect on and celebrate their strengths and those of others in their lives. We will explore why we value these strengths and the responsibilities we have in

the way we utilise them. Hall of Heroes is sure to be a favourite of old and young alike, as we celebrate superheroes from D.C and Marvel comics and look at our superpowers, as well as admiring those of others.

Our big questions this term are:

- What strengths do you and others have? How do we recognise and celebrate them?
- What responsibilities do we have in the way we utilise our strengths?
- Why does society value certain traits in people?
- How are real-life issues reflected in comic books and pop art?

As always, we can adapt and amend programmes to suit you and your classes and are always here to supplement your in-class mahi.

Take the opportunity to book now, as our Hall of Heroes learning programme is already proving to be popular. Don't miss out! Send me an email to discuss securing your spot.



HALL OF HEROES

Saturday 9 September to Sunday 3 December 2023

Education visits: Weeks 9 to Week 10 of Term 3 (fully booked), and Weeks 1 to 8 of Term 4.

It's a bird! It's a plane! No! It's a Hall of Heroes!

Superheroes have taken over Upper Hutt at the new international exhibition Hall of Heroes at Whirinaki Whare Taonga. This interactive hands-on adventure invites you to explore the world's superheroes including Batman, Superman, Iron Man, Black Panther, Wonder Woman and more, and discover your own superpowers. Journey through the world of crime-fighters and gadgets, movie props, replicas and rare artifacts from past and present major motion pictures and television shows, including a replica of the George Barris 1966 Batmobile. Come face to face with life sized statues from the superhero universes, including Dr. Who's TARDIS and Batman on his rooftop and test your own superhero skills through a series of interactive stations. Hall of Heroes is created by Stage Nine Exhibitions and toured by EDG. Hall of Heroes is created by Stage Nine Exhibitions and toured by EDG.

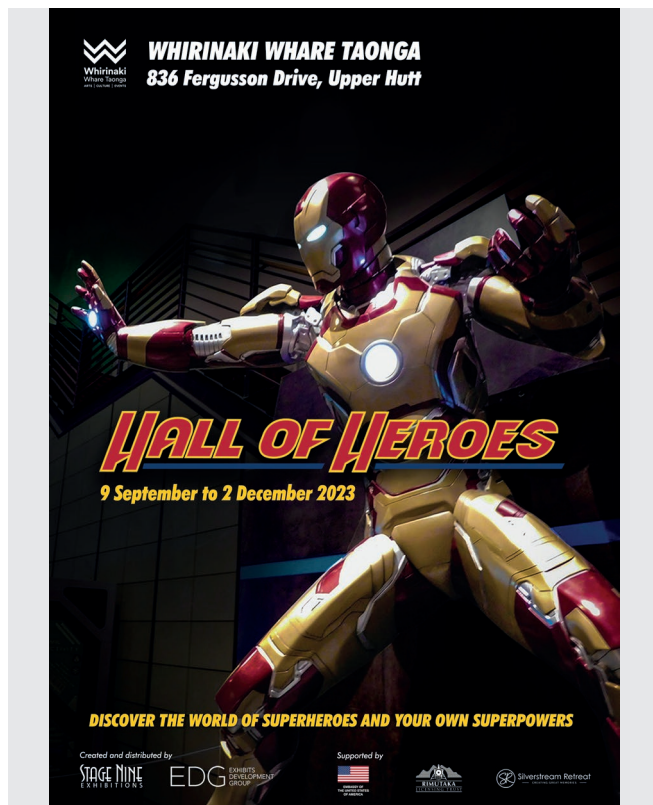
Education Visit: Gallery Tour and Art Workshop.
1 Hour and 45 minutes
Suitable for Year 1 and up · FREE

What's your superpower and what does it mean to be powerful? These are the questions that being an everyday superhero invoke. Ākonga will look at the concept of power throughout time and consider the idea of superheroes as role models. They will have the chance to look at how comic books do (or do not) reflect what is happening in society at any given time. This tour and workshop will have curriculum links to Visual Arts and Social Studies.

You will begin by visiting Superhero Headquarters before gathering information from the exhibition, immersing yourself in an interactive superhero experience. You will then bring your findings back to headquarters for us to share and apply to our own lives and experiences. We will then complete a piece of artwork inspired by comic books and pop art. This workshop will be great for making links to student wellbeing, leadership, citizenship and relationships.

In our creative workshop we will:

- Explore the traits superheroes have and why we value these in society.
- Identify and express our own superpowers and those of others in our lives.
- Look at the concept of power and responsibility.
- Explore comic book imagery and create our own pop art to take home.



TOP ART

Monday 11 September to Thursday 21 September

Educational visits: Week 9 to Week 10

Top Art is an annual touring exhibition featuring a selection of NCEA Level 3 portfolios that achieved Excellence in Visual Arts in the previous year. Five streams are covered: design, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

Top Art provides an opportunity for secondary students and teachers to gain an understanding of what is required to achieve Excellence at Level 3. It also allows members of the public to see the high quality art being created in schools.

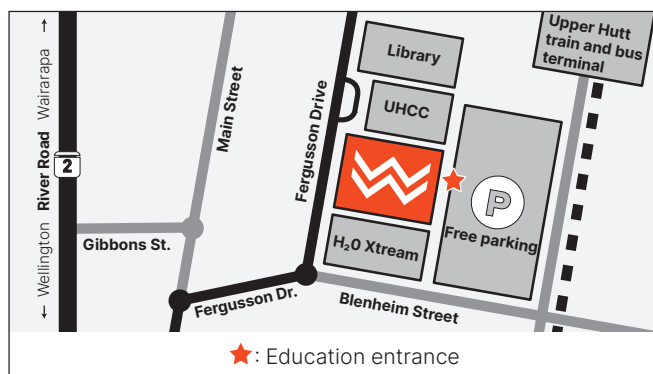


PLANNING A VISIT

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.