



# Wātaka - Timetable

## Kohitātea / January 2024

*Kia hora te Marino  
Kia whakapapa pounamu te Moana  
Kia tere te kārohirohi i mua i tō huarahi*

*May peace be widespread, may the sea  
glisten like greenstone, and may the shimmer  
of light guide you on your way.*

*A karakia / blessing on all who travel.*

Haere mai e hoa mā. Welcome back for another year.

We hope you are having a restful summer and are keen to get back into creativity and art making this year. We have tidied and freshened up the studio a bit. Some things might not be in the same place anymore please ask a staff member if you can't find something. There are a number of items at the front of the studio on the shelf by the drying racks that need to be taken home. If any of it is yours please take them. We are developing our exhibition programme and have been busy planning the workshops programme for the year. If you would like to get involved, speak to a staff member who will point you in the right direction. Preparations are on the way for the Lunar new year (also known as Chinese New Year). This year is the year of the Dragon. Rei will be leading a number of workshops through this and next month in the buildup to festivities in mid February.

Ngā mihi nui,  
The Team

**Tip:** If you are struggling with a specific artwork and it is just not progressing the way you want it to. Step away from it and do something else for a while. This might be something else creative or something completely different such as a walk, reading a book or having a cuppa. Come back to the artwork later and look at it with fresh eyes.

Te Wiki The Week	Rāhina Monday	Rātū Tuesday	Rāapa Wednesday	Rāpare Thursday	Rāmere Friday
Jan 8, 2024 Studio Hours 10am - 4:30pm	Studio Closed	Studio Closed	Studio Closed	Studio Closed	Studio Closed
Jan 15, 2024 Studio Hours 10am - 4:30pm	Studio day Gallery visit 1:30	Year of Dragon Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy/Ink Painting/Paper Art 11 -1pm	Wonky Wednesday 11-12	Year of Dragon Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy/Ink Painting/Paper Art 1pm - 3pm	Nature Based Art 11 - 1 Art is Healing 2pm
Jan 22, 2024 Studio Hours 10am - 4:30pm	Studio Closed Wellington Anniversary	Year of Dragon Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy/Ink Painting/Paper Art 11 -1pm	Wonky Wednesday 11-12	Year of Dragon Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy/Ink Painting/Paper Art 1pm - 3pm	Nature Based Art 11 - 1 Art is Healing 2pm
Jan 29, 2024 Studio Hours 10am - 4:30pm	Studio day Gallery visit 1:30	Year of Dragon Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy/Ink Painting/Paper Art 11 -1pm	Wonky Wednesday 11-12 Studio Meeting 1:30	Year of Dragon Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy/Ink Painting/Paper Art 1pm - 3pm	Nature Based Art 11 - 1 Art is Healing 2pm

# Kua Rongorongo

Kua rongorongo ake ahau  
E haere ana koe, e taku tau  
Whakawhiti ana Te Moana nui a Kiwa e  
Ka patupatu ake taku manawa  
Ka whakarangirua i aku mahara  
Aué tama, ko taku aroha  
Kore rawa e mutu mai

Waiho rá má te wá  
Koutou, e tama má  
E whakahoki mai  
Kia awhiawhi atu aku ringa nei  
Ki tō uma piri ai

Ka patupatu ake taku manawa  
Ka whakarangirua i aku mahara  
Aué tama, ko taku aroha  
Kore rawa e mutu mai  
Kore rawa e mutu  
Kore rawa e mutu  
Kore rawa e mutu mai

I have heard, my love  
That soon you will be leaving me  
To cross the great Pacific Ocean  
My poor heart beats faster  
My thoughts are confused  
My love for you will never die

I will wait for you and in time  
All you young men  
Will return  
So that my arms may embrace you  
And to your chest I will cling

My poor heart beats faster  
My thoughts are confused  
Oh my dear one  
My love for you will never die

This was sung for Māori departing for the first and second world wars. It expresses the love, confusion, hope, and fear felt by the composer for those departing.