



## HAWKE'S BAY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

You are warmly invited to the HB Environmental Awards on Friday, 30 October at 7.30pm at Hawke's Bay Opera House, Hastings.

This free event recognises great environmental achievements in the region. This year the guest speaker is the dynamic Dr Susan Krumdieck, and she will be presenting art awards (designed by Julia Godfree of Havelock North) to all our winners.

This event is jointly supported by Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Napier City Council and Hastings District Council.



## PAKOWHAI PICNIC

Bring your picnic and join us for a great day at the Pakowhai Picnic 11am - 2pm, Sunday 29 November. Pakowhai Country Park between Hastings and Napier is a great place for walking, picnics, games and enjoying an open, country space. We'll be showing some of the development work we've been doing and our future plans to make the park even more enjoyable.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Hawke's Bay Regional Council funds five science and technology fair prizes annually to encourage environmental science in schools. Congratulations to the winners for their great work:

**Too Much H<sub>2</sub>O** Helen Phillips, Hastings Intermediate School

**Statistics of Sustainable Generators** Evie Wallace, Hastings Girls' High School

**She Sells Seashells No More** Juliet Sherwood, Waipukurau School

**Water Pollution** Sam Ewen, Waipukurau School

**Insulating Homes, Is It Worth It?** Tamzyn Bremer, Hastings Girls' High School

## BIG PICTURE SURVEY WINNER

Thank you to the 140 people who returned survey questionnaires from the last edition of The Big Picture.

You clearly enjoy reading your newspaper and some of you shared great ideas for our publication, so you will see some of the changes we'll be making. The winner of the \$150 hamper of groceries was Mrs Daphne Bloxham of Napier who opted for supermarket voucher cards to share with her family.

# STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT RAINFALL SCIENCE



How wet did it get? Michelle talks to two Napier Central School students about their EMAP rainfall investigation project.

Michelle Armer, Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Data Analyst (climate and air), is a Futureintech Ambassador, promoting her career in local schools.

Recently Michelle visited Napier Central School and spoke to Year 3 and 4 students (8 to 9 years) and Havelock Intermediate, where she talked to Year 7 students (11 years).

These schools are taking part in the EMAP Nationwide Rainfall Investigation Campaign. Michelle spoke to them about how and why she monitors rainfall for the Council. The EMAP project is similar. The information the students collect will be loaded

onto an international website so schools can view their data online and compare it to other schools' data around the country. She showed the students that there is a "real world" reason for monitoring rainfall, and told them more about her job as a scientist. Our land management advisor, Warwick Hesketh, is also a Futureintech Ambassador.

### FIND OUT MORE

Futureintech: [www.futureintech.org.nz](http://www.futureintech.org.nz)

EMAP: [www.globe.gov](http://www.globe.gov)

## ARE YOU READY?

Do you know what your family or workplace should do if there's a tsunami? What about a snow storm changing your plans? Or Police action stopping you from getting home? Disaster Awareness Week 11- 20 October is a good time each year to check your emergency plans for home and work so you know what to do. Check you have water and food stored, that your batteries, torches and radios are in working order, and that you have first aid. **A good way to find out what you need is to ask your children to do the competition below.**

# Disaster Awareness Week

11-17 October

Win an iPod Shuffle  
+ Number of Prizes

Help!

Mr and Mrs Ready, Gemma (9 yr), George (2 yr), Grandma Ready (69 yr), and Stan the Dog are getting ready to get through a disaster. They could be without power, water or supermarkets after an earthquake or flood ... **so circle the items you think they will need to cope at home for 3 days or more.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

WIN

1st Ipod Shuffle  
2nd Dynamo radio-torch  
3rd Dynamo key ring

Plus all winners receive a t-shirt, a drink bottle and a Get Ready Get Thru info pack for your family

Prizes in 3 age groups 5 - 8 yrs, 9 - 12 yrs, 13 - 17 yrs.

Fill in this form and post entry by 28 October 2009 to "Get Ready Get Thru Competition", Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Private Bag 6006, Napier 4142.

**PLUS!!** Ask if your school is going to help you enter the poster competition...and you can also enter the interactive ACTION REACTION game on [www.hbemergency.govt.nz](http://www.hbemergency.govt.nz)



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