

Enviroschools

Hawke's Bay Term 4 2017



Kia ora Enviroschools whanau

This will be our last newsletter for the year. With Christmas in less than two weeks I know everyone is ready for a break. Teachers and students, everyone is getting tired!

The Hawke's Bay Enviroschools team of Jenni, Sonya, Kate, Haana and myself wish you all the very best for a well deserved rest.

Thank you for taking part

Enviroschools Census 2017

We have achieved a wonderful return rate. We achieved a 88% return rate so that is an awesome effort from everyone who took the time to stop for over an hour and complete this for us.

I enjoyed working with two schools and a kindergarten to complete theirs. It definitely provided food for thought and next steps for each. In the New Year we will share the final results with you.

As mentioned in the Term 3 newsletter we have two morning tea shouts to give away. All schools and kindergartens who had their questionnaires in on time went into the draw... **and the winners are:**



Eskview Kindergarten & Hastings Central School

Congratulations, so I think it is probably too late for this year. So we will treat you at the start of Term 1 2018.

Reflections this year

Undertaking a school wide reflection is an achievement at any level. We congratulate our other school and kindergarten teams who steered their waka along the reflection awa this year: Frimley Park Kindergarten, Hastings, Carlyle Kindergarten, Tamatea Kindergarten, Marewa Kindergarten and Mary Richmond Kindergarten in Napier, as well as Argyll East School and Sherwood School in Central Hawke's Bay.

Read about Marewa and Mary Richmond on pg 2.

If you would like to reflect on your Enviroschools journey in 2018 then we look forward to discussing this with you.

Greengold at Mayfair Kindergarten

On Wednesday 6 December manuhiri gathered at the gate to be welcomed on with a powhiri. Joining us from Toimata was Katie Higgins. Katie leads the Early Childhood sector of the Enviroschools programme and is based in Auckland. It is a big deal to achieve at Greengold. Janine Curran and the team at Mayfair Kindergarten have worked extremely hard to reach this status.



Congratulations, you join Greenmeadows Kindergarten and Eskdale School in reaching this level of Enviroschools commitment here in Hawke's Bay.

Thank you to our partners

We would not be able to deliver the Enviroschools programme across our region without the financial support of the following - **Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Hastings District Council, Napier City Council and Pan Pac Forest Products.** Thank you also to both the **Napier and Heretaunga Kindergarten Associations** for their ongoing commitment and support of the Enviroschools kaupapa.

2018 Planning – Our team planning for local ES events will take place towards the end of January. We look forward to once again offering a region wide event for our participating schools and kindergartens.



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Marewa Kindergarten – Bronze reflection – by Alison Dench, NKA Enviroschools Facilitator

Marewa Kindergarten recently undertook its first holistic reflection. It was inspiring to be part of the facilitation team that guided them through their reflection. The teachers, children and families clearly identified themselves as an Enviroschool kindergarten and shared many initiatives they have incorporated into their programmes.

The kindergarten is home to rabbits and birds who have helped develop the children's empathy for all creatures and influenced their decisions on where to plant and what to grow.

Marewa Kindergarten is built on reclaimed land, which was forced up during the Napier Earthquake in 1931. This fascinating fact about their past was discovered as they prepared for their Bronze reflection.

On the day, children shared their knowledge about sustainability and showed us around the various projects currently underway. Parents, whanau, the NKA management team, NKA teachers along with Sally Chandler, the ES regional coordinator were made welcome to be part of this special day.

Congratulations Marewa Kindergarten.



Mary Richmond Kindergarten – Silver reflection – by Paula Lantsbury, NKA Enviroschools Facilitator

The Enviroschools kaupapa is creating a healthy, peaceful and sustainable world where all ages learn with and from nature. Mary Richmond Kindergarten is a leading example of this kaupapa. On the 1st December 2017 they undertook a Silver reflection.

Over the last three years, the teachers have developed the kindergarten to make better use of their natural environment. This has included māra kai – their vegetable garden, butterfly and bee gardens, a bug hotel, and a worm farm. The environment is also full of native plantings to attract native birds and insects.



Their journey started with small steps to encourage new behaviours and looking for ways to improve their everyday practices. This long term commitment to a more sustainable future has now been recognised with their Silver reflection achievement. Children were able to articulate their understanding of sustainable issues, such as water conservation and looking after Papatūānuku by reducing waste.

The next step in the journey for Mary Richmond Kindergarten is to maintain and deepen their thinking about sustainability. To increase the learning and action across the whole kindergarten, and to involve their local community, including strengthening ties with the neighbouring Bilingual school. Ka mau te wehi!

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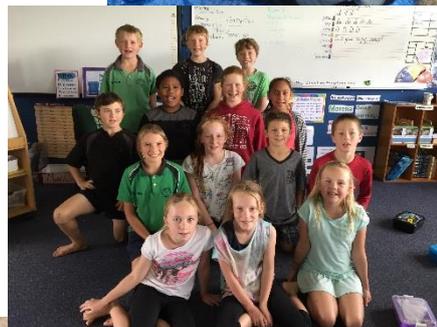
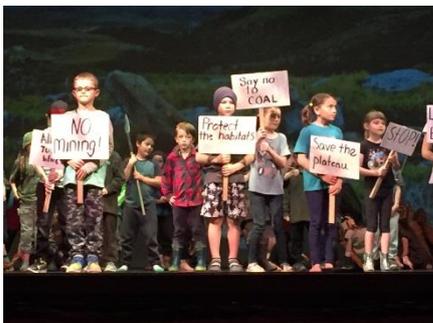
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Our region in action –



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