

# Hawke's Bay Enviroschools

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## What were our highlights in term 2

Matariki would have to be right up there for the Enviroschools team. Especially Sonya who ran a workshop for teachers as part of our collaboration with the Connected to Nature Project and our friends at Cape to City. This was supported by over 30 teachers from early childhood to secondary.



Sonya Sedgwick leading the Matariki Workshop at Kohupātiki Marae.

## Another highlight...Greengold Review at Eskdale

Having been a Greengold Enviroschool for a few years now Eskdale thought it was time to see how they were tracking.

Following a whole school welcome and a nerve tingling performance by their kapa haka group, we had a wonderful day with a selection of the enviro team and staff.

**Keep up the good work you are an inspiration!**



## A new playground is taking shape at Waimārama School

At the end of 2018 Waimārama School applied to the Regional Council's LEAF fund towards the cost of new sandpits and revamped outdoor area.

With the help of a local community group "the grumpy old men" and Mega Mitre 10 Hastings they have two new sandpits. Senior students were involved in the design and planning of the sandpits, outdoor building station, two mud kitchens and the subsequent landscaping.



Up in Wairoa Jenni joined up with Sport Hawke's Bay and others and created a Matariki themed day of activities. Students from all over the rohe attended. Fourteen different presenters took part with either an environmental or health & safety theme.

The DOC display was particularly popular.

Thanks DOC for sharing this [video clip](#).



Love these beautifully painted stones for Matariki by Havelock North Primary School students

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## Arohatia Te Awa: Caring for our Waterways

From Rachelle Lovett-Morrison, Enviroschools ECE Facilitator and Teacher, Greenmeadows Kindergarten Napier

At Greenmeadows Kindergarten we set a goal over two years ago to involve our whanau in a community project that supported our Beyond Greengold programme. That's when our planting journey began.

We established a nursery with Cam Ormsby and Hinewai Hawaikirangi, kindergarten whanau. Cam and Hinewai, who grow and donate plants for local rivers, were pleased we could provide the nursery space at Kindergarten.

On this journey, whanau contributed every step of the way. By germinating seeds, transporting seedlings into pots, watering and weeding, nurturing them at home and of course coming to the planting day.

On Sunday 2 June we had approximately 850 plants to contribute to the planting morning at Maggies Way, Taipō Stream in Taradale. This community planting day was part of a wider project involving Napier City Council and Hinewai and Cam from Māori Tours. The planting in this part of the Taipō Stream will assist to cleanse the water flow to Ahuriri Estuary, provide habitat enhancement and encourage biodiversity.



Hazel Logan, 7 was asked,  
"Why are we planting today?  
We need more plants, Papatūānuku  
needs plants to live, and we need  
Papatūānuku to live, so we can live!"

We are thrilled that the  
plants we have cared for,  
have a new home and look  
forward to visiting this  
space on a future  
kindergarten excursion.

We would love to share your community projects in our newsletters  
or facebook page so please get in touch [enviro@hbrc.govt.nz](mailto:enviro@hbrc.govt.nz)



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## Wairoa Primary working on their waste

Making Carry It bags has been a recent activity as a lead-in to a Waste Audit and Plastic Free July activities planned for the start of term 3.

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Zero Waste Theme area page 32.

## Tūtira School working on their pests



Tūtira School recently had a visit from Will Telford. Will works as a Biosecurity Advisor in the HBRC Animal Pests Team. He helped them with their traps as well as informing the students about the possum control work being carried out in the Tūtira Catchment.

Their Enviroschools facilitator Jenni was also present and got in some work with students on their vision mapping.



## Omakere School Kahikatea Restoration Project

Omakere School students have continued their work with Callum Sutherland from Amblethorn Station and Kay Griffiths from the Conservation Company project focused on the restoration of a Kahikatea forest and wetland area on Amblethorn Station. The revitalisation of this stand of pure Kahikatea over 300 years old.



To date Omakere School students have identified and marked female trees, gathered Kahikatea seeds using nets, potted collected seeds in their shadehouse and created a windbreak to protect the Kahikatea Stand.

Omakere students next steps include planting a nearby lagoon wetland using natives, flaxes, and grasses from seeds the students have collected (from natives within the Omakere Community) and propagated in the Omakere shadehouse with the guidance of Mrs Carol Burkin. Monitoring water levels and looking into pest control.

This exciting environmental project fits well with Omakere's Enviroschool work. Currently we are working towards becoming a bronze Enviroschool where schools start to take action towards a sustainable future.

From Sam Bell, Teacher, Omakere School Central Hawke's Bay.

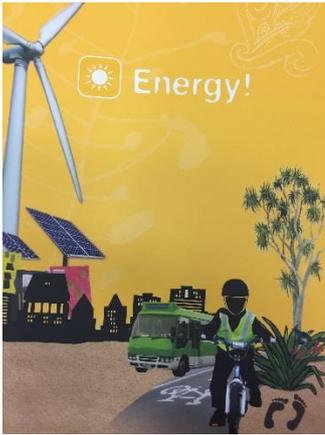


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*Workshops coming up*

**Energy! it's everywhere!**



We are planning to run three afterschool workshops. To be held across the region.

The new theme area booklet is full of great activities to get your students thinking about ENERGY in all its forms!

The hui will help you become familiar, confident and inspired by the Energy Theme Area resource.

We will touch on the five key concepts as well as get into some hands-on activities.

Dates are as follow:

Wairoa – Thursday 12 September

Hastings/Napier - Thursday 19 September

Central Hawke's Bay – Thursday 17 October

**Locations to be confirmed.**

Each workshop will commence with afternoon tea at 3.45 pm and run for approximately two hours.



[You can register at Enviroschools Energy Workshop](#)



Use the link below to register.



**Enviroschools [website](#) is now LIVE**

We are so excited by the new website. Interactive and full of everything you need to keep up to date and on track with your Enviroschools mahi.

Our HB page has had a spruce up as well so check it out. There are lots of contributions from around the country. If you would like to tell one of your good stories to the rest of Aotearoa then we can load it here.

**Drain Detectives - all about stormwater**



The Water of Life Theme Activity is full of great activities. On page 63 you will find 'How did the water get dirty?'

Another activity developed by Hawke's Bay Regional Council is Drain Detectives. This is an in class hands-on activity and complements the Enviroschools resource.

If this fits in with your enquiry then please contact either myself or your facilitator to book in a visit.

You will find Drain Detective resources on the HBRC website under [Education Resources](#).

Litter rescued before it got down the drain!

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## Enviroschools Hawke's Bay welcomes a new team member



Say hello to Amy Davidson. Amy will be taking over from Kate Luff in Central Hawke's Bay.

Amy is not new to CHB schools having been the zero waste coordinator for several years.

Amy is passionate about the environment and will be a great addition to our team.

Amy has two children at Argyll East School so is already familiar with Enviroschools.

She is looking forward to getting around all the schools. Kate will be introducing Amy and showing her the ropes early in term 3.

Amy Davidson lives on a farm and is based in Central Hawke's Bay



Jenni Scothern-King is based in Wairoa and looks after all schools from Tūtira north.



Sonya Sedgwick looks after our Napier and Hastings Schools.

Thank you to everyone who helped fill these pages, especially our busy teachers Rachele and Sam.

If you would like to share any stories or have any comments please contact Sally Chandler, Hawke's Bay Enviroschools Regional Coordinator on 06 833 8036 or [enviro@hbrc.govt.nz](mailto:enviro@hbrc.govt.nz)

