Welcome to our term newsletter

How is your Enviroschools journey going?

Omakere School in Central Hawke’s Bay have created this beautiful mural in their foyer to depict theirs. It’s a wonderful visual timeline of their journey so far that is clearly visible for all their visitors to admire.

Omakere is planning for a bronze reflection in term 4, another step along the way.

This term we congratulate the following Enviroschools who have reflected at Bronze - Hunter Park Kindergarten, Waipukurau, and Raureka Kindergarten.

This week we welcome Napier Central School to our Enviroschools Hawke’s Bay whānau. We are really looking forward to getting this Napier Hill School up and running on their ES journey.

Conservation Week 2019

Marewa School

It was third time lucky for planting trees at a local reserve in Napier. Thankfully Ranginui did not cry on our day!

The Eco Warriors from Marewa School did a fantastic job and were joined by a local ECE wanting to do something extra with their tamariki during Conservation Week.

Picking up litter in this location is a regular activity for the Eco Warriors from Marewa School.

Learning in Action

Amy Davidson visits Wellington and a Central Hawke’s Bay farm

As a new Enviroschools facilitator, I was very grateful to have an opportunity to do two days training with the lovely Sandy Bell-Jameson (left) in Wellington. Sandy is the programme development coordinator for Enviroschools. She was a wealth of knowledge and guided me through lots of important information to help the start of my facilitation journey. Tēnā awa atu koe Sandy
Amy sees sustainability in action

Thursday 12 September saw me in my gumboots down on the farm in Ashley Clinton. I was there to support Warwick Hesketh from the Regional Councils southern integrated catchment management team, along with Year 9 students from Central Hawke’s Bay College.

We heard first hand from Rob Barry who works for Bel Group as their Sustainability Lead. Part of his role is to oversee environmental projects on Bel Groups farms. Rob talked about the issues faced by dairy farmers in New Zealand.

Warwick explained why we were planting certain trees on the farm’s wet areas. It was a very informative and fun day for all.

Janine Curran Enviroschools Facilitator and Teacher at Mayfair Kindergarten

Mindfulness

Our priority goal this year has been offering learning experiences for our tamariki which promote mindfulness.

Our picture (above right) shows the activity for Mindful looking. It was intriguing how each piece could have a completely different image when turned over or rotated.

Sea Creatures and types of Aircraft were the most popular interpretations.

Another unique approach to connect us with the beauty and wonder of the natural environment.

Teresa Redington. Enviroschools Facilitator and Teacher at Greenmeadows Kindergarten

Our visit to local areas of significance

Every morning at kindergarten we acknowledge the local maunga, awa and whenua, by standing proudly and singing our pepeha. We can clearly see Pukekura (known by some as Sugar Loaf) from our grounds.

On Tuesday 27 August we planned an excursion to walk to the top and deepen our connection with this place of importance (te waihanga hononga).

As we stood together at the top of Pukekura we sang our waiata pepeha, and explained its significance to whānau.
When we reached the bottom we continued on along Maggie’s Way, to visit the native plants that we grew and are now planted alongside the Taipō Stream (te Whanganui-a-Orotū (Ahuriri Estuary).

This is one of the ways, as a Green-Gold Enviroschool, we support whānau and tamariki in learning more about features of the local areas of spiritual significance and develop their sense of kaitiakitanga for the natural environment.

Zero waste

We have a lot of waste warriors across all our Enviroschools and Argyll East students recently took this to the next level by submitting and presenting to Central Hawke’s Bay District Council.

In total students made 50 submissions to the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2019 and on Thursday 29 August a group of four students attended the submission presentation process with two providing a summary of all their submissions. They were very impressive. Their presentation was clear and well thought out. It was also solution focussed!

Some of their suggestions included:
- Trash & Treasure Days
- Student led compost courses
- Refunds for fizzy and juice glass bottles
- Each ratepayer gets one free dump pass per school term
- Recycling/Waste Drop off centre for our rural community

Now that we have connected to the trap.nz page, we will be able to monitor our trapping and connect with the rest of Hawke’s Bay who have joined this initiative.

We are applying to become a Kiwibank Predator Free School so we can continue trapping next year, to ultimately introduce native wildlife back to the school grounds.

All these actions are helping us with our Whole School Vision, ensuring our Sustainability Plans are reflected in the principles and values of the school in action.

Enviroschools Hawke’s Bay also made a submission. Applauding CHBDC for their continued support of Enviroschools in Central Hawke’s Bay.

Heidi-Ann Phillips, Lead Enviroschools teacher at Napier Intermediate School

Our school undertakes regular waste audits. This year, for the first time, my classroom won the Be a Tidy Kiwi campaign/competition. Our prize, large-scale rubbish/recycling/compost bins which will fit perfectly into our mapping of the school. The lack of bins was something that the group talked about when creating the School Map!

Out in our landscape we are tracking and trapping pests. Two Predator Free Urban Hawke’s Bay traps have arrived, so we are setting these up alongside our Goodnature Traps.

Nau Mai ki Enviroschools - Have you checked out the new Enviroschools Website yet? You should it is awesome!
**Predator Free Urban Hawke’s Bay launched**

The primary targets are rats, mice, possums, ferrets, and stoats. Enhancing the biodiversity on Napier Hill and the wider urban community is what PFUHB is all about.

On a recent Saturday morning hundreds lined up to get a free trap and join the programme, 350 built tunnels went out along with 20 kits. Schools are also being asked to join in and so far the response has been 100% positive. Its exciting to see dead rat posts on their [Facebook page](#).

Thanks to local Richard Croad for getting this up and running.

**James Carroll Memorial Wairoa - riverside planting**

Enviroschools in Wairoa supported by Wairoa District Council had a great morning last month planting along this walkway.

This is an ongoing project also supported by Hawke’s Bay Regional Council.

Jenni Scothern-King, our Northern Hawke’s Bay Facilitator, says students from St Joseph’s and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Kahungunu o te Wairoa took part. 300 native plants including carex around the memorial tree (pictured by the students) were put in the ground.

**Energy hui lights up the staffroom at Wairoa Primary School**

Our [first](#) Energy Workshop took place earlier this month. Jenni led a group of 11 teachers. Great work Jenni. See the feedback below

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**What I learnt from the workshop:**
- Energy is for all levels to learn about and have fun exploring
- The Energy resource and new website are inspiring
- The key concepts about Energy are relevant to everyone and interesting, with good science behind them.

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Our [second](#) Energy Workshop took place in Napier last week. We will keep in touch with attendees and see how this resource is used over time in their schools and kindergartens.

Amy and I are looking forward to introducing this resource in Central Hawke’s Bay at the final Energy Workshop on Thursday 17 October at Lakeview Kindergarten. [Register here](#).

We hope you have enjoyed our end of term newsletter highlighting some of the amazing mahi taking place in schools and kindergartens across the Enviroschools network.

If you would like to share a story then please get in touch.

Keep up the inspirational work!

*Ngā mihi nui, The Enviroschools Te Matau a Māui team*