

# Enviroschools

## Hawke's Bay – December 2020



**Enviroschools Camp Lake Tūtira** It was almost the end of our camp and time for a group shot outside while it wasn't raining. Thank you to Hastings Intermediate, Twyford School, Te kura o Pakipaki, Omakere, Sherwood and Wairoa Schools for coming along and fully participating! Great students and great teacher support!

*Ka mihi ki a Ranginui, ki a Papatūānuku*

*Ka mihi ki te ngao o te wheiao,*

*Kia tau, kia tau, kia tau.*

### In this update -

#### Workshops 2021 – Reflections - Highlights

Hi and Mere Kirihimete from the Hawke's Bay Enviroschools team.

It was a real sense of achievement to undertake a student camp for our



Enviroschools tamariki and their teachers early in term 4. Having been postponed from June, because of you know what, we loved getting together at Guthrie Smith up at Tūtira Lake.

It was a camp with a theme – how has 'climate' impacted on this area. A mix of fun and learning summed up the two days. Thanks to all those who took part!

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. I think we are all looking forward to the back of 2020 and bring on 2021. *Best wishes from Sally, Sonya, Jenni & Amy.*

### Enviroschools PD in 2021

We are looking forward to giving our Enviroschools whānau an opportunity to undertake Enviroschools professional development in 2021.

The workshops will explore the specific roles educators play in supporting Enviroschools sustainable action. Through school & community relationships and how Enviroschools resources can support and deepen practices and expectations already in place.

Term 1 –Unpacking the Enviroschools kit

Term 2- Environmental & Sustainable Science

Term 3 – Principals Breakfast – Integration of Enviroschools

***Dates will be confirmed at the start of term 1.***



*Enviroschools team meeting at Ōtātara Outdoor Learning Centre*

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### Reflections to celebrate

**Onekawa Kindergarten** became only our third Hawke's Bay Kindergarten to achieve Green Gold status. This beautiful centre is such an inspiring place for all the tamariki and the kaiako who lead them.

On the day, 4 November, we were joined by Katie Higgins (on left). Katie is the national Enviroschools ece lead.



### And Vision Mapping



**Congratulations Onekawa Kindergarten and Haumoana School!**

### Amy goes to Kimbolton



What a special day I had celebrating my first Green Gold reflection at Kimbolton School. Being invited from out of the region to observe was even more special.

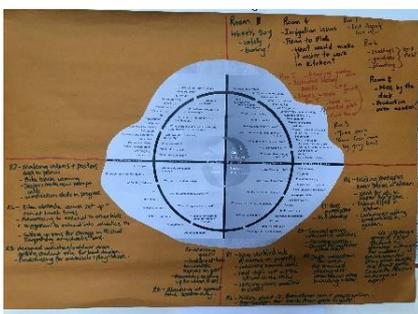
This school has worked extremely hard to retain their enviroschools green gold status. We had a lovely tour of the school and got to see all of the projects they have been working on. I was especially impressed with this school's passionate commitment in taking action for real sustainable change in all aspects of school life. Their māhi includes weekly enrichment days and working alongside not only the local community, but also experts like Horizons Regional Council staff,



The following week, Wednesday 11 November, I had the pleasure of joining Sonya Sedgwick for a Silver Reflection at **Haumoana School**.

This busy morning had many highlights, including the whole school gathering twice. Once to welcome us with a pōwhiri and the second time to hear from students to recap all their actions. We enjoyed a tour of every classroom to view different aspects of their sustainability journey.

**Great use of the Action Learning Cycle was evident everywhere!**



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to learn and grow their pool of knowledge!

We each got to take home our own handmade placemat as a keepsake, thank you!. I came away feeling so inspired. Ka pai Kimbolton School.

Amy met up with Emily (above left) an ES facilitator from Taumaranui and Sarah Galley the Regional Coordinator based at Horizons in Palmerston North.

### Highlights from Wairoa

Jenni enjoyed a special day out with two of her Enviroschools when Ohuka School students visited Te Māhia.



A visit to the rockpools at Kinikini Beach was a highlight. This included a mini beach clean up. Students found all the washed up debris was plastic!

Te Māhia School Envirokids joined the Ohuka students to explain what their school involvement has been at Whangawehi. They answered questions and showed them the planting site. There was a short time to try some fishing before heading to the homestead near Tuahuru Marae for a fish ID and catch limit activity, where Junior Fisheries Officer badges were awarded.



### Connected to Nature – Workshop 4 2020

Our final workshop for the year was held on Thursday 19 November at Ōtātara Outdoor Learning Centre at EIT in Napier. This is the second year we have held our final workshop here and it was great to see what had changed.

Covid-19 had slowed down construction of the outdoor shelter and toilet block. Now these are complete it will be full steam ahead for bookings to use the site in 2021 and beyond.



Keeping with our theme using nature as a classroom, the hands on activity saw this group (below) designing an obstacle course for a snail race! Using only elements you could find around you. Each group had a different challenge!



Along with my Enviroschools facilitator Sonya Sedgwick, I would like to acknowledge Robyn McCool and Megan McBride (Predator Free Hawke's Bay) our educator partners in this collaboration. You never cease to amaze me with your well planned, interesting and sometimes challenging activities. Stretching our participants out of their comfort zones with great results. Ka mau te wehi.

**Happy Holidays everyone and  
we look forward to working with you in 2021.**