

Enviroschools

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Another school year is well underway.

I have discovered this is the 17th newsletter produced by the team. The first was term 4 2014. We love sharing a little bit of what's happening across our region. We hope you enjoy reading it. You can also follow our facebook page.

Undertaking an action during Seaweed is always high on a lot of school agendas. In Wairoa Jenni Scothern-King lead a whole day of action. This included an expo at the local community centre where over 100 students took part. We cover this day over the page.

On Wednesday 13 February we took part in an EIT whanau Day for Training Primary Teacher students. Sonya led a Mindfulness activity.

If you would like to include an Enviroschools session into one of your teacher only days then please talk to your facilitator or email me directly.

Hei konā mai

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Hawke's Bay



Sonya, Jenni & Sally connecting with nature at EIT



Connecting to Nature through mindfulness – Hohepa School - teacher only day January 2019 – “Exploring the Enviroschools Kaupapa” (Pictured, Principal Stephen Evans)

COMING UP

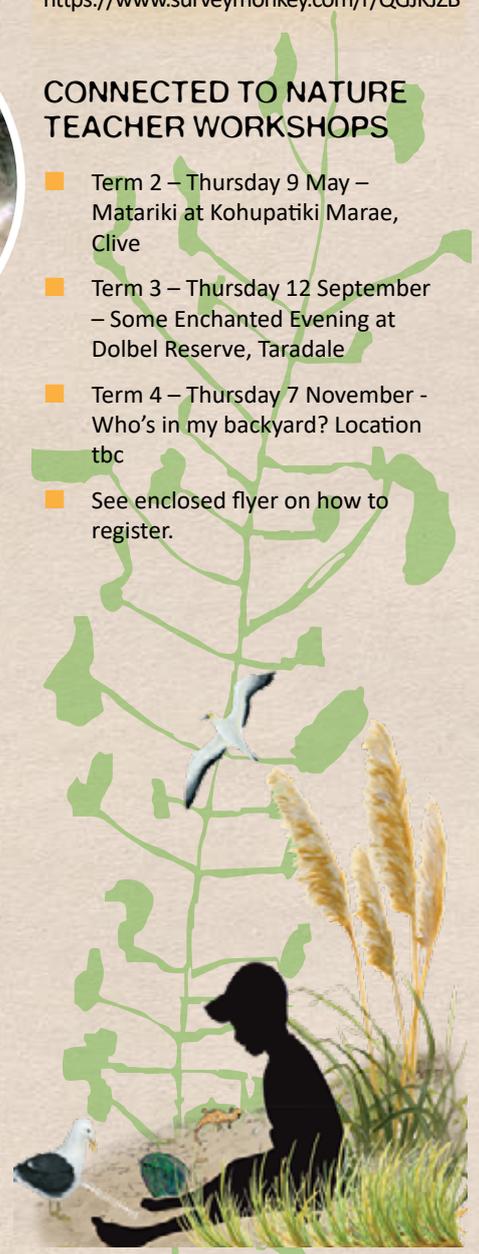
**WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!
PLEASE RESPOND TO OUR
SURVEY USING THE LINK
BELOW.**

Getting together and networking is a great way to get to know who is in your Enviroschools community. We have provided lots of options and welcome your comments.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QGJKJZB>

CONNECTED TO NATURE TEACHER WORKSHOPS

- Term 2 – Thursday 9 May – Matariki at Kohupatiki Marae, Clive
- Term 3 – Thursday 12 September – Some Enchanted Evening at Dolbel Reserve, Taradale
- Term 4 – Thursday 7 November - Who's in my backyard? Location tbc
- See enclosed flyer on how to register.





News from our Napier & Hastings Schools.

Sonya Sedgwick is the facilitator for this region, you can contact Sonya enviroschoolshb@gmail.com

HAUMOANA SCHOOL KITCHEN

Haumoana School Farm to Plate have just celebrated the opening of the School Kitchen with an Open House Community event.

All students will spend time learning and enjoying the gardens and the kitchen.



The students were invited to design a Farm to Plate logo for the school, the winning logo will be used by a designer to create the logo. This logo will be used when supplying their produce to businesses and the community.

Look out for an article in the Listener magazine for more details about Farm to Plate at Haumoana School.

During a recent EOTC week junior students enjoyed their first time cooking in the kitchen. They also explored the outdoors searching for Tāne, Rongo and Haumie to deepen interconnectedness and awareness of nature around the gardens.

TESTING THE WATER

SHAMK Kits have been put to good use with school visits to local rivers. We recently joined Pakipaki School at Ocean Beach, Eskdale School at the Eskdale River and Patoka School at the Mohaka. Patoka students found some amazing large spiders and Eskdale students captured, then released, a young eel!



At the start of the term we joined Eskdale teachers for some Enviroschools PD. The theme was water. One of the group activities saw them measuring the amount of water flushed in their toilets. Ongoing data collection and measuring change is a great way to learn for sustainability and progress the sustainability journey of a school. It was great for the teaching team to get into the Enviroschools Water of Life Theme areas.



We love receiving feedback!

CAMBERLEY KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATE BECOMING A SILVER ENVIROSCHOOL

The reflection day took place at the end of 2018, however the celebration day took place on Wednesday 20 March. Sonya Sedgwick represented the regional team and has shared this photo.

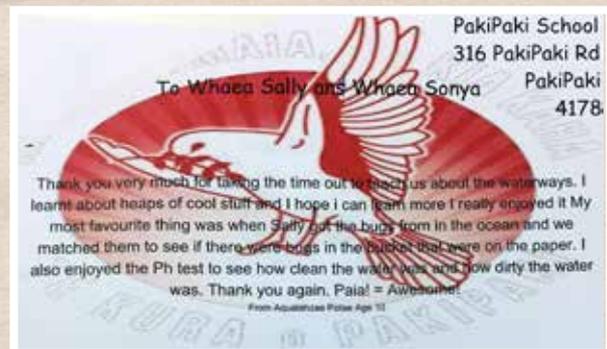
Some of their next steps and focus will be on empowering their tamariki to being leaders in sustainability. To foster



every child's passion and love for their work and extend/support their growing knowledge on being environmentally sustainable.

We love what is happening in this kindergarten. Their focus to accomplish this achievement is so well deserved. Congratulations Lynda, Papara, Steff and Sharon.

Doesn't the sign look good with a silver sticker?





News from Northern Hawke's Bay.

Jenni Scothern-king is the facilitator for this region, you can contact Jenni hartizanjen@gmail.com

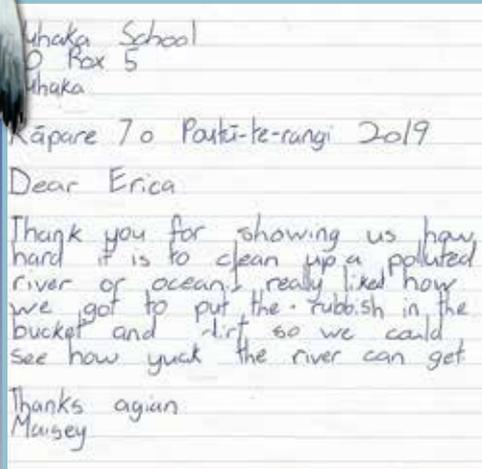
STUDENTS CONNECT WITH SEAWEEK

The day started with a litter clean up along the Wairoa River. This provided a perfect way to lead into the expo.

Students gathered in the Community Centre where experts were on hand to share their knowledge with over 100 students from different Enviroschools across the Wairoa Region. It also included Year 7 and 8 students from Wairoa College who worked in leadership roles with the younger students.

Experts included Malcom Smith from DOC with a selection of seabird models; Jake Brookie from The National Aquarium of NZ with a selection of specimens. Curve Technology with a cool virtual reality tool; Wroa Ynot surveyed students about what fun stuff they would like for their region; Nathan Burkepille representing Landcare New Zealand demonstrated how water falls in a catchment with the Regional Councils enviroscape model and Kahungunu Executive introduced the students to Mau Rakau and also the different rivers that form the Wairoa River.

Erica Smith from Hawke's Bay Regional Council provided an activity with buckets, sieves, water, silt and rubbish.



What they said

"Picking up the rubbish first was a good way to understand the effects on the waterways, oceans, fish life and bird life"

The length of New Zealand rivers is 430,000 kms, these have 40 different kinds of fish and 500 invertebrate species.

"The day made them aware that they are a crucial generation who have the ability to start changing things"



ECO DATES IN TERM 2

5 - 11 May - Compost Awareness Week

8 - 14 May - World Migratory Bird Week

22 May - International Biodiversity Day

23 May - World Turtle Day

5 June - World Environment Day and Arbor Day

8 June - World Oceans Day

15 June - Global Wind Day

22 June - World Rain Forest Day

29 June - 7 July - NZ Garden Bird Survey

July - Biosecurity Month





News from our southern region

Kate Luff is the Enviroschools facilitator – you can contact Kate on enviroschoolchb@outlook.com

From Central Hawkes Bay we hear from Omakere School students and their visit to Blackhead Beach.

"Last month on our beach trip to Blackhead we had a scavenger hunt. We had to find a whole lot of different objects around the beach. The hardest object to find was the glass because the beach was actually very clean. Then we had a sand castle competition. Ours had a moat, turrets and a working bridge that Noah could stand on without breaking it. We also had a swim in the river mouth. The water was clear when we jumped in but it didn't take long for it to become murky with all our moving around. It was a really enjoyable day and the weather was great" - *Raven Hemi*

Hillmac Speech Competition is taking place again this year and the topic is **Indigenous species**. There are two age group categories years 5 and 6 and years 7 and 8. The finals will take place at **The National Aquarium of NZ** at the end of August and beginning of September. More details to come.

"We couldn't believe what we found when we were at Blackhead Beach: plastic bags, wood, a huge tire and heaps of other waste. At first sight when we entered Blackhead Beach we thought it was clean. The beach looked fine, and it seemed like everyone was looking after our environment which surprised us. We couldn't find any rubbish on the sand, so we went looking in other places. In the tall grass by the entrance to the beach, and all along the sand dunes, we found a lot of rubbish. There was so much plastic! We didn't have to look hard at all to find stuff. There were also lots of glass bottles and cans. We picked all the rubbish up and there were about 5 bags full. If we hadn't done that the rubbish might have been blown into the ocean and made the sea life sick". *Josh Shannon and Dyllin McDonald*

"At blackhead beach we explored the rock pools with the Aquarium ladies. Vicky found a camouflage octopus. We found all different types of sea creatures, like little fish, kina, pua, mussels, hermit crabs, sea snails and cats eyes. There were different colours of sea snails. Jahlin found a kina, it was spiky.

We were given buckets that had magnifying glass on the bottom to see through. This brought everything much closer. Staff from the Napier Aquarium joined us to talk about how important the sea life is and the rules of the Marine Reserve. We weren't allowed to take sand, rocks or sea life reserve". *Brodie Chadwick Gaffey-Mansfield and Jahlin*



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