

# Enviroschools

## Hawke's Bay



### Kōanga Aroaromahana Spring



#### In this update

The weather is warming up and this week we can also feel the reasonably strong effects of Tāwhirimātea. I hope, wherever you are reading this, Tamanuiterā also pays you a visit.

Last week I joined a zoom hui Hui-a-Koanga hosted by Phil Belcher from Napier Kindergarten Association (NKA). Phil as Pou Mātauranga, has been with the association for over 5 years, supporting and navigating them in Te Ao Māori. A trained secondary school teacher and a trained Enviroschools facilitator are just some of his talents.

He is happy to share his skills and knowledge as a Kai whakairo/Carver with plenty of local carving attributes to his name including part of the team that created the Ātea a Rangi at Waitangi Regional Park.

The Zoom hui also included facilitators from the Heretaunga Kindergarten Association.

Phil covered off Kōanga, what is it? Maramataka, Hine Takurua – Hine Raumati.

Thanks for inviting me NKA.

**Sally Chandler, Regional Coordinator, ES HB.**

## Reflections/Congratulations

### Napier

To the team at Wycliffe Nga Tamariki Kindergarten who successfully reflected at **Bronze** on Wednesday 26 August.



Back left to right – Eileen Kennedy, Helen McNaughten and Phil Belcher. Front left to right – Katie Matson, Kathy Malone, Rose Johansen and Leanne Hill.

Later in October I will join Sonya Sedgwick to present Hōhepa School with their **Bronze** Certificate. Sonya facilitated their Bronze reflection session on Monday 21 September.

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Omakere School had a successful **Bronze** reflection in August. They have all sorts of wonderful things on the go as seen on the tour. Seen here is their wonderful lead teacher Sam Bell, helping students with their recycling explanation.

#### Still to come this year

Silver reflection day at **Haumoana School**.  
Along with a **Green-gold** reflection at **Onekawa Kindergarten**.

Is it time your school or ece reflected on their Enviroschools journey? We recommend a holistic reflection every three years. This is a great opportunity to pause, take stock, celebrate, and set goals. An Enviroschools reflection is also an effective way to engage the whole teaching team and community in your Enviroschools mahi.

If this is something you are considering or wish to discuss then please touch base with your facilitator.

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### More news from Central Hawke's Bay

Enviroschools Hawke's Bay recently gave a presentation to Central Hawke's Bay District Council. We were invited to provide them with an update.

Thank you to the three Heretaunga Kindergarten Association Kindergartens – Waipawa, Lakeview and Hunter Park. Who provided me with updates at short notice.



Tamariki from **Lakeview Kindergarten** have an opportunity every Tuesday to visit Otaia (Lindsay Bush). They go with no fixed plans except to experience and enjoy nature. They are walking alongside Forest & Bird in this special space and hope to also be Kaitiaki one day.



**Hunter Park Kindergarten** have recently erected a Pataka Kai, and according to head teacher Jo Harris "it is taking off at a tremendous pace of knots! our whanau are sharing a wide variety of produce through this, with the intention for it to not only be for kai but anything they may wish to share: books, flowers, etc."

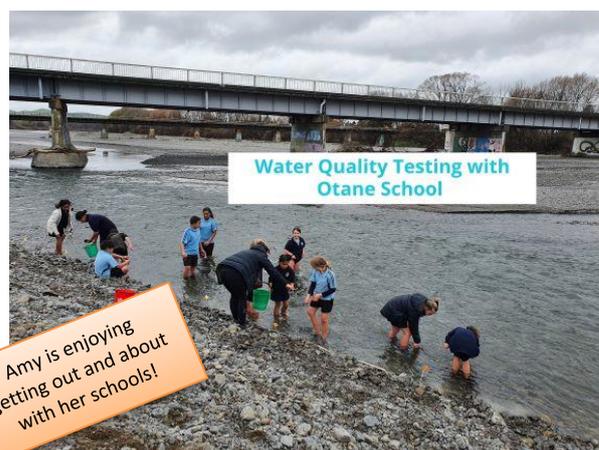
At **Waipawa Kindergarten** they have been exploring their native garden. Teaching the tamariki that it is our quiet place to observe and enjoy the plants, insects and bird life that live there. Children experience an environment where they develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical, and material worlds.



**Sherwood School** students have a close partnership with A'Deanes Bush, just down the road from their school. On a recent visit they worked with Kay Griffiths from the Conservation Company.



**Otāne School** are new to Enviroschools. Amy attended a recent visit to the Waipawa River to do some water investigations.



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### Enviroschools and Te Mata Park

Te Mata Park in Havelock North is a taonga in our region. Visited by thousands of people every year. A very popular walking and mountain biking location and of course an outstanding lookout and view from the peak.

Te Mata Park Trust approached us earlier in the year to discuss tapping into Enviroschools resources and expertise to help them create education resources for schools and groups to use in this space.

We are now six months down the track and the first pilot visits have recently taken place.

I would like to thank both Sonya Sedgwick our Napier Hastings School facilitator and Frances Blake an ECE facilitator from Havelock North Central Kindergarten who have been integral in getting this project off the ground. I know you have both enjoyed stepping outside your normal facilitation practices and being part of an exciting new opportunity for our region.

Thank you also to Sara Shaw from Te Mata Park Trust for getting this off the ground.



Above a student from Haumoana School explaining her nature art installation created from her surroundings. One of several activities students had a go at. All feedback has been very positive!

This is the Little Redwoods at Te Mata Park where we held our latest Connected to Nature Teacher Workshop. **Some Enchanted Evening.** We were joined by 15 teachers.

This was also an opportunity to share the resources under development. Adults have just as much fun creating in nature as tamariki!

We are now in the second year of this collaboration with the educators from Cape to City (now part of Predator Free 2050).



Enviroschools Hawke's Bay has just created this [lovely video](#) please share on your websites and facebook pages. Tell us what you think? We love it.

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### Living Landscapes

**Te kura o Paki Paki** embracing Living Landscapes in term 3. This culminated in a big planting day on Thursday 24 September.



Pakipaki Living Landscapes | ngāhere planting the whenua. The tamariki designed 3 koru walkways, each one arriving to a

circular space which represent the 3 marae within the Pakipaki rōhe that the tamariki are connected to, whakapapa. The tīpuna will be feeling the wairua, as Ranginui gifted a light rain onto Papatūānuku at the completion of the planting.

Ngā mihi to Recreational Services from Hastings District Council and the whānau for the koha and time spent supporting tamariki to know where they come from, who they are and where they are going.

Jess Munro is their principal and shared this *"It's time to give back to our Taiao and to be of service to our Papatūānuku and the kararehe."*

### Update from Wairoa



#### Silver Reflection at Wairoa Kindergarten

The metaphor of a rainbow (Uenuku) was used to represent the five Guiding Principles of Enviroschools and multiple voices were captured in this visual display that will stay up to inform whānau going into Term 4. Summed up by Eileen Kennedy, Education Manager and

Enviroschools Facilitator at Napier Kindergarten Association. *Well Wairoa, your spirit is alive and well. Kia Kaha. Our warmest congratulations to you as teachers, tamariki and whānau.*

### Ohuka School

It was lovely to spend a couple of days with Jenni in Wairoa in early September. A highlight was a trip out to Ohuka School to meet the principal and drop off their Enviroschools sign in person.



We spent several hours there and helped make some tracking tunnels so they can check out who else is wondering around their school grounds. Awesome mahi and teamwork in action.

### What's coming up

#### Climate Action Camp first week back

We are excited to welcome seven schools to our two-day camp at Guthrie Smith on 15 and 16 October.

Term 4 is time to be reviewing and planning for 2021. Expect your facilitator to be making a time to check in.

#### Connected to Nature Teacher Workshops

We have our last one for the year at Ōtātara Outdoor Learning Centre on Thursday 5 November. Please consider attending and checking out what is on offer at this new centre. [Registrations open on Thursday 8 October.](#)

#### Enviroschools Aotearoa Facebook Page

If you haven't already, check out and LIKE [Enviroschools national facebook page](#). Full of inspirational stories!

