

Enviroschools TARANAKI



Term 2 MAY 2019

Arohanui ki te Christchurch whanau

Our hearts simultaneously sank with despair and grief and also swelled with love to surround all those affected by the callous attack in Christchurch.

We mihi to you all as teachers supported each other, our young people and families in the aftermath of this shocking event.

It was also interesting to observe the rest of the world's reactions to how we treat people who live in this country as they saw our Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern express respect and honour to many touched by this tragedy.



We send our aroha to you all plus our Enviroschools whanau in Te Whenua o Te Potiki-Tautahi /Christchurch.



As we enter the glorious shades of Autumn, we've been reflecting on this busy term...

Carbon Footprint game and unit plan



If you are wanting to work more with your students on their level of understanding about what a low carbon emissions future looks like and how it might affect them, then get in touch with us as we have a game all set up. Plus get access to a unit plan for years 4 - 13, ready-to-go for you. It can be sent via email or shared on Google.



3000 Boomerang Bags!

At the end of last year, we reached the huge milestone of having over 3000 of our Taranaki Enviroschool Boomerang Bags out in the community. Some of which have been sent overseas which is exciting! This is an ongoing initiative and patterns, pre-printed pockets and material are available for you to run sewing bees in your school, kindergarten or community. *Please get in touch to keep this train moving!*

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Taranaki 2050

We had loads of workshops and submissions from our tamariki and rangatahi on what they think 2050 should look like as we move towards a low carbon emissions future. Thank you to all the work that teachers did around supporting this understanding and sharing.

Certain people were chosen by Venture Taranaki to meet with our Prime Minister plus present at the recent Just Transitions Summit

www.justtransitionssummit.nz/



If you are keen to see and hear local and world leaders in cultural connection and responsibility, business, innovation, political movement, not-for-profit change, environmental movers and shakers, climate change specialists and more, then follow the link. **This summit is only being held in Taranaki!**

NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

Addressing The Climate Challenge with Bold Solutions

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Predator Free 2050

Congratulations to St Josephs Waitara and Pātea Area School on becoming one of just 31 schools who are Kiwibank Predator Free Schools.

The competition was HOT! If you're keen to become one, or want some resources, follow the link

www.predatorfreenz.org/about-us/our-partners/about-kiwibank/kiwibank-predator-free-schools-2/



Predator Free NZ Taonga o Aotearoa

By now, you would have received your poster. We think you'd agree that they are amazing! There's been only one per school and has unfortunately excluded kindergartens but hopefully there will be extras in time to come.



Friends of Enviroschools

Our newly established Friends group are schools who are rearing to go and already doing great things around sustainability, culture and community. As soon as funding is available, we'll bring on schools from this group.

One of these, Francis Douglas Memorial College, have recently held an opening for their student driven community food forest set up alongside their school grounds with the intention of providing free kai for their local community. Here's the key group of boys busily cutting the ceremonial ribbon. One pair of scissors but all equally deserving to cut.

Huge working bee coming!

One of our awesome funding partners - IVHQ - have a business oriented to supporting local and global communities in need. They coordinate volunteers from around the world to dig wells, build school houses, plant trees and more in mostly second and third world areas.

IVHQ are another great global business located right here in Taranaki, originally started by a local Uruti boy. They're leading edge in innovation and sustainability and their coordinating staff of 26 annually give back to the Taranaki community with a whole staff working bee to celebrate their business anniversary. To date the Enviroschools to have benefited from this are Toko School, Tikorangi, Uruti School and Huiakama School.

Are you next? Can you keep 26 fit, strong young people busy for a whole school day?

Then submit your application telling us why you are worthy of this and how it will help your school. Applications close Friday 31st May and action day is Friday 28th June (week 9).

Please note: Applications are only open to Primary to Secondary (full) Enviroschools within approx 30 minutes of New Plymouth.



**INTERNATIONAL
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Arbor Day excitement

Taranaki Enviroschools has been successful in our application for 1000 native trees to plant throughout Taranaki on or around Arbor Day (5 June) this year.

We've opened this up to all schools and kindergartens throughout Taranaki. Notifications about this have already gone out and we now have 37 community based actions happening. Woohoo! These trees will be planted either on school/ kindergarten grounds, along waterways to increase biodiversity, on farmland connecting nature corridors and for shade for stock or on community grounds to support dunes and/or hills. Don't forget to measure the areas planted and take those before and after photos for us. Have a great time planting!





Other events and activities to get involved in

MAY

15 May 2019

Energy workshop

10.30-2.30 Huatoki Plaza, New Plymouth

Following on from our term of 'what our future looks like' we will hold an interactive workshop on Wednesday 15th May (week 3). Open to all schools, kindergartens and the public. Loads of fun to be had, ideas to share and information to be gleaned.

facebook.com/events/422844798518599/

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

FREE WORKSHOP

Alternative Energy display and fun activities



JUNE/JULY

PLASTIC FREE JULY



12 July 2019

Plastic Free July - School Holiday Event

10am-12pm Puke Ariki Foyer, New Plymouth

This year we have some really special events and activities happening including some schools taking part in a huge never-seen-before-in-Taranaki creation! Plus teacher workshops and events.

See - Play - Learn - Do.

facebook.com/events/2280566662211915/

AUGUST

5-7 August 2019

Taranaki Science and Technology Fair

Pukekura Function Centre, Pukekura Raceway

In particular your students can look into a Predator-Free Taranaki. This year features two exciting new sections, Engineering and Robotics! All entries are due before 3rd July.

Check out their Facebook page for more details.

facebook.com/taranakisciencefair



To know more or register for any events listed, please contact us or visit www.enviroschools.org.nz.

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