

# Enviroschools TARANAKI



## Sustainable Communities through Kai

Recently we offered all our Enviroschools some support to re-connect with whenua as a way of coming back to school, moving forward from COVID lockdowns and any disruption that caused. It was also our way of building on the community connections and connection to our kai that many of us felt through lockdowns.

NPDC offered funding for the North Taranaki region and we distributed loads of money, seeds and help with fruit plants and trees coming shortly.

To continue to action, why not become a seed saving champion? Jayne from Seedsavers can help you get started & you can use the excess at school/kindergarten as fundraisers. Find them [here](#)

## Let's talk .... Lunch in Schools/Ka Or, Ka Ako kaupapa

This is an excellent Government initiative that is currently feeding over 8000 hungry tummies in Taranaki along every school day ... or is it?!



Some of you have found this to be less than ideal while others are loving it. We've been working with a number of you over waste, communications with providers, kai content matters.

Did you know .....

- A) You definitely have a say. Make your provider listen and let them know it's up to you about whether their contract gets renewed .. Or not!
- B) B) You can change your provider or mind about doing it yourself. A number of schools are getting MoE funded kitchen gear that you get to keep—fridges, stoves, crock pots, crockery, cutlery and more. You also get shared job descriptions, 10 day recipe programmes and purchasing lists and you get to respond and localise it.

Sound alright? Keep reading ....





Enviroschools has been working with MoE on this to help matters of waste and so on.

The good news is that this scheme looks to be extending for another 2 years. There is a big push to put the power in your hands. Let's look at the success **Manaia School (Taranaki)** are having. They are employing local, getting improvements to their kitchen that they get to keep forever and have a say over their tamariki kai choices (within the guidelines).

**Moturoa School** have also had good success with their external provider by stipulating their 'low/no waste rules'. This picture shows how the kai gets delivered to the school.

We've compiled the information about this programme and the 'where to from here' about it. You can find your information [here](#).

## So what's been happening with you lately?

We've been so impressed with what you've been doing that we've written up Case Studies for the Enviroschools website. Check them out .....



Richard Carr wrote about **Spotswood College** and the mahi they are doing with their 'Designery', their maara kai and more. Check them out on Fridays when you're passing and read the story [here](#).





**Ōākura School** became a Bronze EnviroSchool recently in recognition of the mahi they have put in over recent times. Teacher Jay Smith supports an Enviro Kura group up of keen students across all year groups. With Jay’s support, the Enviro Kura group are eager to look at next steps and get stuck in to further initiatives, such as focusing in the outdoor education area in the gully adjacent the back field and looking at water quality in the stream among other ideas.

Well done team!



**Waitoriki School’s** camp covered interesting mahi around Rivers and Coastal Erosion. The EnviroSchools team and experts from Taranaki Regional Council took tamariki on a hikoī to check it out at Onaero Beach. We also got to hear from Richard Carr who grew up nearby about how much the land has receded since he lived there.

**Green School NZ** gave us the honour of being able to give back recently. The EnviroSchools team (pictured below) recruited Karen Clark to help us all to teach manuhiri to weave putiputi (flowers) at the Wellness Day for Taranaki Retreat. Here’s us presenting just 5 of those bunches to Taranaki Retreat staff.



**Stratford Primary** have formed their SPS Tui’s for 2021 and are ready for action! A big group who have their enviro mahi incorporated into their everyday school lives.



Esther Ward-Campbell continues her walk alongside the wonderful Tiny Build team of Ōpunakē High School. If you're keen on learning about the path that OHS took to get going on their Eco-Build project, then check out the Case Study on the Enviroschools website [here](#).



The wonderful Enviro team from **Brunswick School** in neighbouring Whanganui came to Taranaki to be inspired by others. We hosted the Brunswick team and our Enviroschools teammate Ron Fisher at **Toko School** and **Mokoia School**. Funnily enough it coincided with Stratford District Council Mayor, Councillors and staff on a hikoi up the Forgotten Hwy to ground themselves in environmental education. What a great day! Thanks to Toko and Mokoia for all your mahi to host so many of us. Yahoo!



The NZ Herald also did a piece on it too. [Check it out](#)



# Funding opportunities for you!!

We hope that you were able to maximise the Earthwise partnership with Enviroschools recently.

Earthwise and Enviroschools have partnered and the Earthwise Action Fund is to provide funding for sustainability and enterprise projects in schools, ECE centres and communities. Sustainable enterprise initiatives aim to support taiao - the environment, and tangata -people, as well as potentially generate income for the Enviroschool. We thank Earthwise for the support & hope that some of our Enviroschools might have been able to get in on this opportunity. This closed on Friday 14th May and at last count there were 15 applications in from Taranaki. Well done team!



Next up!

The Waste Minimisation Fund supports projects that increase the reuse, recovery and recycling of materials. This helps reduce waste to landfill, one-off use of materials and litter. The goal is to move from the linear take, make, dispose approach to a circular one focussing on make, use, return principles. Up to \$3,000 and closes 21 May 2021 so be quick! All information and application forms are [here](#).



## What we're loving at the moment

- A range of [digital environmental education resources](#). Some free and others at a lot cost.
- Radio New Zealand's [Stories of Tainui](#) (NZ Wars). Helpful as we move forward to teaching NZ History
- Are you running a bi-lingual or full immersion class in your Enviroschool? Check out our awesome sister programme Te Ahu Tu Roa and the gorgeous resources to help support your mahi. [Book in for your Whakangungu](#) and we can help support a bit of teacher release.



## Theme Area focus-waste

Wondering what to do with your e-waste?

TechCollect are helping schools to recycle their electronic waste. Check out their helpful page for schools and drop your e-waste off at Noel Leemings in Waiwhakaiho <https://techcollect.nz/news-and-resources/schools/>



The Junction has teamed up with [TerraCycle New Zealand](#) and are now a collection point to recycle:

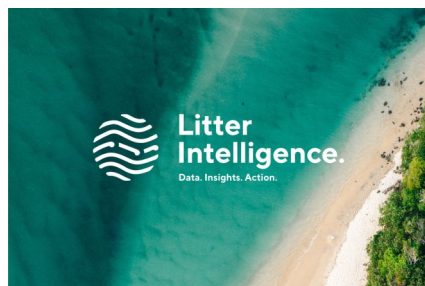
- Coffee capsules
- Glad storage products
- Disposable razors & packaging
- Oral care products & packaging
- The Collective Yoghurt suckies/packaging
- Writing instruments

And don't forget that your school or kindergarten can book educational tours of the recycling facilities.

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# Localised offerings available to you .....



Enviroschools in Taranaki now have the opportunity to participate in the Litter Intelligence Education Programme.

NZ is the tenth highest consumer of urban waste per capita in the world. This is a major risk to the planet, especially when it enters the marine environment. The purpose of this programme is to engage students to take part as citizen scientists to collect data which is then added to a national database. This data provides a better understanding of the source and scale of waste pollution, and can inform prevention measures in future.

It is aimed at middle primary and above. There is no cost involved. However there is a requirement to commit to four beach surveys per year. These can be achieved in collaboration with other schools and/or community groups. We would also come into schools to run knowledge building activities, or would support the classroom teacher to do so. More information can be found at <https://litterintelligence.org/>



The South Taranaki District Council has engaged us to deliver some more of these great workshops.

Coming up:


- No Dig garden bed workshop, Opunake , 22/5 10-12, \$0
- Seasonal low waste meals, Patea, 5/6, 10-2 \$5 p/p
- Weaving a waikawa (food basket), Eltham 19/6, 9-12 \$10 p/p

Open to the community

**Plastic Free July (prep) workshops—open to your schools, kindergarten and community**  
Interactive—trial, learn and make workshops on low waste living and reducing single use plastics from your life


- Friday 4/6, 3.30-5.30, Waitara (venue TBC)
- Friday 11/6 3.30-5.30, TRC, Stratford
- Friday 25/6 3.30-5.30, Turuturu School, Hawera





To know more or register for any events listed, please contact us or visit [www.enviroschools.org.nz](http://www.enviroschools.org.nz)

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