

Enviroschools TARANAKI



Term 4, 2021 Panui



We thank our long term funding partners New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki District Council for their continued support and recent increases in funding of the Taranaki Enviroschools kaupapa. This funding goes towards Facilitation which means that we can extend on the support in those districts. The Taranaki Regional Council is impressed with the Enviroschools kaupapa and wants to see it grow. Discussions are underway to see how that may be extended with their additional support. We also send a heartfelt thank you to Toi Foundation for the support they have offered over the last three years while we have been finding our feet.

Key projects/happenings

Soil Your Undies

Changes in the COVID Levels have changed how this project started but the 4 schools involved are now on track to learning more about building great soils, who and what lives in our soils and what undies can tell about both. New cotton will be buried in varying places this term and recovered in Term 1 plus the schools are off on a learning journey as they start their field trips. We thank Curious Minds for their funding of this project.



Sustainable Communities through Kai

One of our major focus areas over 2020 and 2021 has been helping you to build on your community's kai resilience. We've run a number of composting, food waste avoidance and garden prep activities and workshops. These are ongoing. Touch base if you are in need of this support.

We also have a new shipment of fruit trees and plants going out now.

Seeds coming soon. Don't forget that crops that summer well are kumara, potatoes and pumkins



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How is climate change viewed
through the eyes of young
people and artists?

04–14 November, 2021

IN COLLABORATION WITH:



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Through the Eye of the Lens Taranaki (Through the Eye of Taranaki)

15 rangatahi recently had the privilege of working with professional photographers [Camilla Rutherford](#) and [Tania Niwa](#) through a Track Zero initiative Through the Lens of Taranaki. TAF brought this to Taranaki and EnviroSchools Taranaki and the Govett Brewster Art Gallery have partnered on the ground to make it happen.

This has been an exciting opportunity for those who took part to develop and extend on their artistic expression to capture what climate change means to them. We had loads of fun! Make sure you visit the display at the GBAT on until 14th Nov.

Photos this page: Camilla Rutherford.



Highlight on Waitara Enviroschools:



Waitara High School

Sustainable Backyards Trail

Kahana Ngaia (pic left) and Deuel Nevin (pic right with lamb) are the Student Coordinators for the trail this years. This follows on from a successful 2020 programme sharing Waitara High School's sustainability and environmental action.

Students shared examples, demonstrations and tours including Lita Wilson and Kendra Meuli (right) who showcased their (Youth Enterprize) business 'A Touch of Nature' which is focused on self-care and wellness



St Joseph's Waitara Enviro Day

St Josephs enjoyed an Enviro Day last term. Students made origami style little newspaper pots to fill with seed raising mix seeds or plants.

They also all made beeswax wraps where tamariki created their own designs plus they took part in an invertebrate treasure hunt. A very busy and fun filled learning day!



Manukorihi Intermediate - weaving

Recently several classes of keen Manukorihi students have created some beautiful putiputi with harakeke. As well as their physical creations, they also learned some of the tikanga associated with the wonderful harakeke plant.

For any kaiako in the Waitara area please feel free to join the [Facebook](#) page

Highlight on Enviroschools kindergartens:

Devon Kindergarten

Loads of action for the environment happening.

Right & below: Tamariki preparing a lemon peel formula to be used as safe and effective cleaning products.

Far right: Preparing seed-raising pots.



Right: Planting out and applying broken eggshells to the garden as a natural deterrent against slugs and snails.



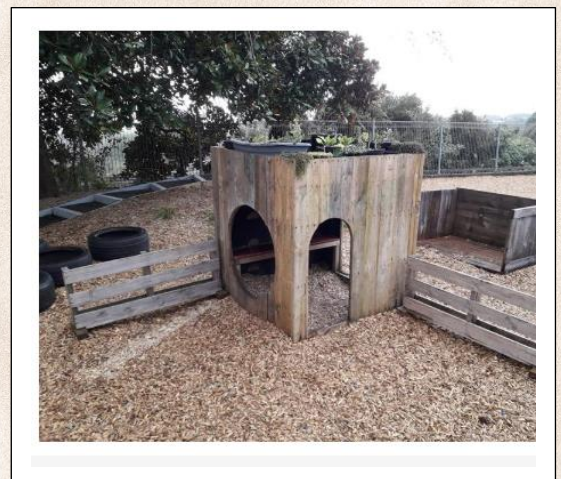
Stratford Kindergarten (above)

Above: Upcycled washable fabric hand towels made from duvet covers saves paper towels going to landfill

Middle: Seedlings in peat pots getting ready to fill the maara
Above right: Sea shell display for identifying various forms of kaimoana

Merrilands Kindergarten (right)

Merrilands Kindergarten upcycled an old climbing box that was no longer able to be used for climbing to create a hut. They repurposed wood from pallets to clad the exterior and finished it off with an edible rooftop garden.





Get involved!

Climate Action



Resources we're loving:

Maramataka

[Here's](#) an excellent Maramataka that will take us through to June 2022

WWF Funding available:

Environmental Action fund closing 26th October.

[Click here](#) to apply for up to \$15K per application. Most grants are between \$1-\$5K. Great for those of you who put an application in for the Earthwise funding and missed out.

Fossil Free Schools Week of Action

29 October- 4 November.

A number of regions planned online actions. What did you do during this week? A beach clean? Ride your bike? Do a plastic or energy audit? Sign a petition to support all schools being fossil fuel free? Check that out here and much more from [350 Aotearoa](#)



Letters to the Future!

Do your rangatahi want to make a difference while you get them writing? Then here's your chance. Kyla Rayward a student from Motueka High wants to connect with and encourage other students to take action by writing on causes that mean something to them.

There's a [Facebook](#) page and an example of what she means plus further information is available [here](#).

If this resonates with you then feel free to connect your students with Kyla via Facebook or on the email address on the further information link.



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

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Enviroschools Calendar of events for term 4

November

3 Nov

Bronze Holistic Reflection preparation

Zui for early childhood
3.30-4.30pm

4 Nov

Exhibition opening night

– Through the Eye of Taranaki
@ Govett-Brewster Art Gallery for participants
5.00-6.00pm

5 Nov

Parihaka Remembrance Day

10 Nov

Green Gifting - postponed

@ Stratford Primary School.
Get ready for Christmas! Open to the public.
3.30-5.30pm.

13 Nov

Building Kai Resilience

in Patea via Zoom

26 Nov

Green Gifting

@ Eltham Kindergarten TBC 9-11am
@ Waverley School 2-4pm

December

2 Dec

Workshop - Preserve Your Harvest

Learning the process of hot-smoking your food
@ Patea Area School TBC
1-4pm



Sustainable Living Programme 2022

Future Living Skills

August

Sat 28/8 Grow your own Groceries in King Edward Park, Hawera—postponed due to Lockdown

September

Sat 25/9, 9-12 Introduction to Permaculture @ Hollards Gardens—find out about sustainable garden/property design systems. Part 1 or as a stand alone workshop

October

Sat 23/10, 10-12 Pimp your Property for Production—a look at Food Forests. Hollards Gardens Part 2 or stand alone workshop. BYO property/Food Forest plan

November

Fri 26/11, 9-11 Eltham Kindy - Green Gifting—TBC

Fri 26/11, 2-4 Waverley School - Green gifting

December

Thurs 2/12, 1-4 Preserve your harvest - Smoked Food (hot smoked items) @ PAS—TBC

January

Sat 22/1, 10-12 Turning Green into Gold - Using your green waste as a tool—King Edward Park, Hawera

February

Sat 12/2, 10-12 Smoke Food to Preserve your Harvest (hot smoked items) @ Opunake Community hall

March

Fri 25/3 1-4 Preserve your Harvest (freeze, jam, pickle, dry, ferment & smoke) @ PAS—TBC

April

Sat 23/4 10-12 Seed Saving in E-Kai Eltham Community Garden

Sat 30/4 10-12 Seed Saving in King Edward Park in Hawera

May

Tues 17/5 10-12 Eco your Home - Stay warm for Winter in Waverley Library

June

Sat 4/6 10-1 Composting 3 ways (bokashi, lasagne/no dig, hugelkultur), in Opunake



Enviroschools and the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) are proud to bring you this series of workshops