

Enviroschools

TAIRĀWHITI

Term 1 - February 2016

KIA ORA KOUTOU

Welcome back to the Enviroschools journey.

We are looking forward to collaborating with our schools and the local community to offer a range of stimulating workshops this year. Get involved and keep in touch with us. We will be looking for great stories and photos to share in our newsletter next term.

TERM 2 MATHS WORKSHOP

We look forward to working with you in Term 2 running Maths workshops in your schools. These workshops will showcase how maths and enviroschools can easily be woven together. We will be sending out curriculum links soon and looking for booking in all age levels at your school with a practical session with our facilitators.

TAIRAWHITI ENVIROSCHOOLS CONTESTABLE ACTION FUND

This newsletter is a celebration of the projects we funded in 2015 and an inspiration to get your funding application (attached separately) in to Anne Lister by the end of term one.

The purpose of this funding is to support student-led action projects in Tairāwhiti Enviroschools. We see a real need to help our schools with their enviroschool projects. Eastland Port is the major contributor to this fund. The total fund for 2016 is \$4000 + GST. Schools may apply for several different projects.

PLEASE NOTE SEVERAL CHANGES WE HAVE MADE THIS YEAR:

-You will not be eligible to apply for the following year if we have not received a reflection from you.

-Invoices will be paid at the completion of the project rather than twice.



MINDLAB BOOKINGS!

Please contact Tim at the Mindlab (tim@themindlab.com) to book your class/school/envirogroup in for their class(es) this term. We are so excited to be collaborating with Mindlab to use technology to create solutions to environmental issues. They should be sending out an email in the next few days with the next steps you should take to book in with them this term and save the world with us!!

MARA KAI MASTERCHEF CHALLENGE

We are running this popular workshop in collaboration with Gissy Food Month in July this year. We have vegetable seedlings available for schools who wish to commit to participating in this event. Thanks to Norfolk Nursery and John Hudson. Please contact us ASAP to organise delivery of seedlings. Hopefully we will have some rain soon to help those dry dusty school gardens get going. The best time to be watering is early morning or in the evening. Even better, leave the sprinkler on for an hour or so in the evening.

Eastland Port / Tairawhiti Enviroschools 2015 Projects

MATAWAI



Matawai have a vision for planting native trees all around the perimeter of their school. They wanted a Shadehouse so they can learn about propagating seeds and grow the trees they need. The Department of conservation and community members will be helping them.



AWAPUNI

Awapuni have a huge gardening area that is hard to maintain at times. We funded 2 new compost bins, a new worm farm, seeds and a wheelbarrow. Students loved setting up all the new things



ST MARY'S



The enviorgroup have been working hard in the garden but find it hard dragging their hose from the caretaker shed to where they actually use it. After lots of thought, they decided it would be better to use the water coming off a shed close by. We love water conservation so we funded a water tank to collect water for the students to use in the garden. The area is now super functional and looks great.

MAKAURI



The enviorgroup identified the sandpit area as a boring area that needed a makeover. So they designed a magnificent new mural celebrating Tangaroa. Students all had input into the design and the bigger sandpit area is allowing more kids to play in this area. More decorations are planned and learning about Tangaroa



TE HAPARA



Te Hapara have been working hard to transform an unloved weedy out of bounds native forest into a well loved and well used learning area. This year they received funding to create a beautiful new archway into the forest and a permanent fence to protect the new native plantings. There is noticeably less rubbish in this area now and students love using the pathway through the native forest that we funded last year. The forest is now also complemented with fantastic student artwork of native birds

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