



What we're excited about



Sustainable Taranaki are running their 2018 Sustainable Backyards Trail 26 October – 4 November

"The first Trail in 2015 involved 13 great properties with more than 1000 people touring the gardens, in just three years we have grown the showcased properties to 30 and are expecting more than 4000 visitors. This reflects a very real interest in our community about learning more to do their part and working to live more sustainably" says Kati Freeman, General Manager of Sustainable Taranaki. We encourage you to follow them on their Facebook page: [@taranakisustainablebackyardstrail](#) and visit some of the gardens.

We've been able to enjoy loads of appreciation and celebrations as well lately. We've loved supporting the schools going through their Holistic Reflection process. Uruti School and Opunake High School (above) have recently become Silver Enviroschools and Ratapiko School are now Bronze. Well done teams!

What's coming up:



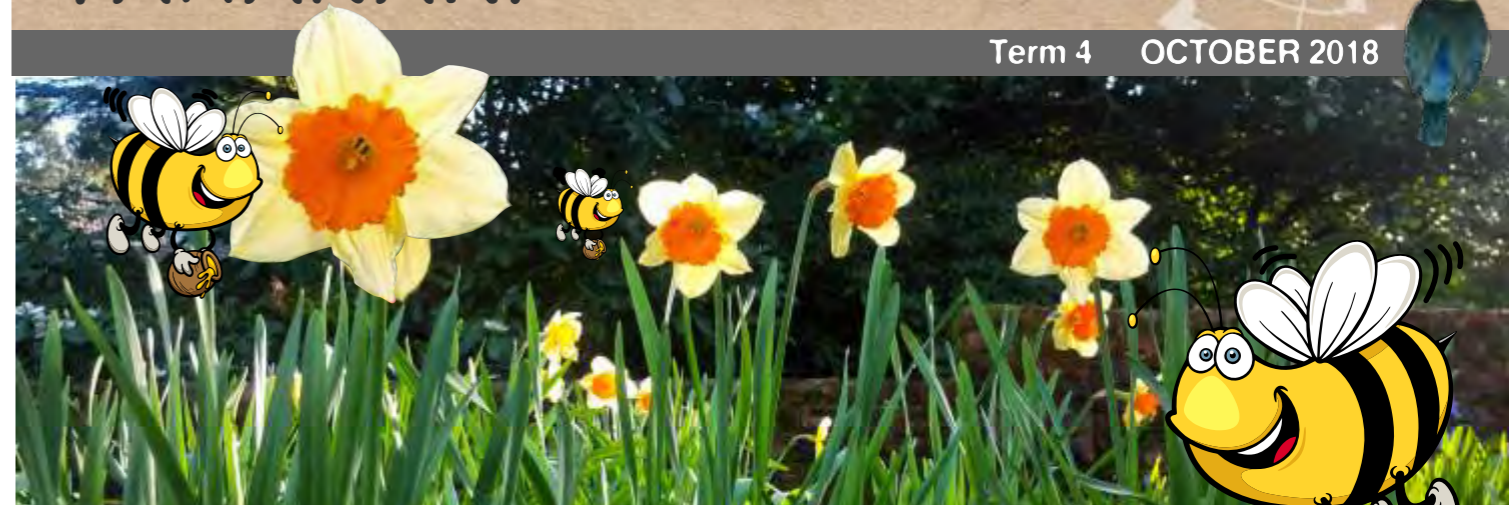
- Recycling Week**
 Week 1 of Term 4. Check out this awesome Playbook for ideas and links www.recycle.co.nz/recycleweek.php
- October is Save a Kiwi month**
 There are many ways to get involved www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/save-kiwi-month/
- Early Childhood Education hui**
 As part of our commitment to raising a generation of young people who instinctively think and act sustainably, our national team have organised a much sought-after Early Childhood Education hui for Facilitators. Our Kindergarten Association and Coordinator will be attending this hui in October.
- Something new... Introduction to Enviroschools**
 We're running an Introduction to Enviroschools hui in Term 4 for schools interested in becoming an Enviroschool or teachers from existing Enviroschools who are interested in learning more. It will be based at Taranaki Regional Council on Thursday 25th October from 12.30–3pm. Free to attend and lunch is provided. Numbers are limited so please RSVP by 18th October!

We're creating our calendar of events and workshops for 2019 now.
 If you have a suggestion or a request for something you think others would like as well, please get in touch. The calendar will be released with our end of year newsletter.

Term 4

If you haven't already booked your time, let's get together this term to sort out the support we can provide you with in 2019. We've got fabulous Enviroschool theme resource kits, science kits, activities and online resources to support your learning at any age level. We're also able to customise your support needs to suit you and potentially cluster some workshops with other Enviroschools nearby. Email and phone contact are below.

Enviroschools TARANAKI



Enviroschools panui

Kia ora e te whanāu

Nau mai haere mai ki te koanga. The change in seasons reminds us of time passing and nature's way to rebuild, regrow, replenish and cleanse. I hope you've made time to 'fill your cup' with the beauty of new lambs and calves; the bulbs coming up and the bees enjoying the blossoms during **Bee Awareness Month**.

This time has seen Enviroschools nationally looking to pause and reflect on our practices and programmes. It is a time to take stock, value what's working well and move to a future focus when programme planning. Exciting times!

Locally, here in Taranaki, we are reviewing plans for the future and formalizing what our Next Steps will be. We do this with the aroha of our nationwide Enviroschools whanāu; support of our awesome funding and in-kind partners as well as the embracing support of the Taranaki Regional Council.

If you've ever wondered just who exactly is in that team, check out our nearly full line-up of National Toimata Foundation team plus Regional Coordinators from around Aotearoa taken recently.



We've also enjoyed sharing the aroha with you and all the schools in Taranaki with the giveaway of box loads of Little Gardens, thanks to NEW WORLD New Plymouth. More kai for those bees!

With **Plastic Free July** supporting our learning around the impact of plastic waste, we've been able to extend on that and look towards Conservation Week with many schools taking action for the environment before and during the school holidays.



Te Wiki o te Reo Maori

How did you and your teams go with honouring and celebrating Māori Language Week? Hopefully you were able to extend yourself and model great efforts for the tamariki and rangatahi. Kia kaha!

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Enviroschool trip to St John's Hill School!

Over the years we've had loads of requests to go and visit some other Enviroschools to see exemplars. Most recently we've done a road trip to St John's Hill School in Whanganui. Our fabulous Kindergarten Association Enviroschools Facilitator Lizzy Brouwers has captured the evidence beautifully.

St John's Hill School acquired 'GREEN-GOLD' status in 2002!

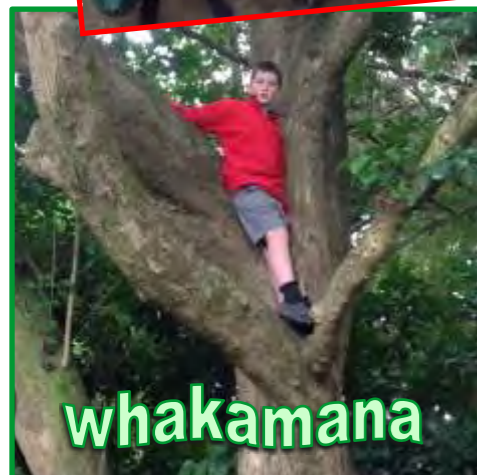
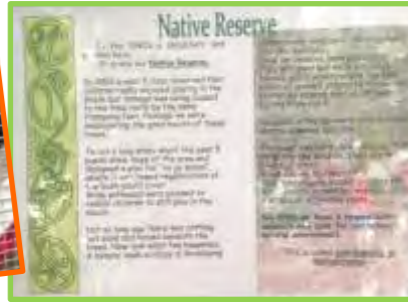
A group of enthusiastic teachers, along with Lauree Jones, co-ordinator for Taranaki Enviroschools, had the pleasure of visiting this amazing school and being hosted by friendly students and teachers.

Three senior children were our ambassadors. They showed us their video of the school's journey and then took us on a tour of the grounds.

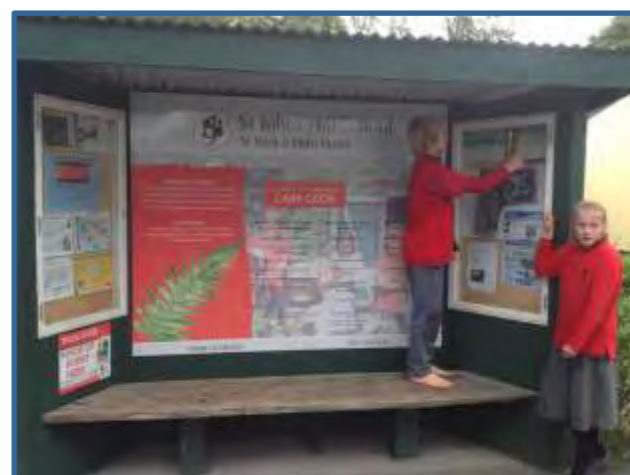
Important points to note were:

- Their Mission Statement and
- Their Care Code, both displayed on large boards at the bus stop
- The Weather Station
- Chicken Runs with healthy chooks
- Wormery
- The Peaceful Garden
- Classroom vegetable beds for each classroom
- Courtyards where children sit for lunch with an amazing system for recycling kai scraps
- Nature Walks
- Sensory Gardens
- A construction garden
- A gorgeous Mātāpono display in their hall
- Orchard with 'Leaf Cutter Bee Houses' and companion planting
- Projects at hand eg: HALO; setting traps minimize rodents (with DOC support).
- Framed ceramics on the backs of seats
- Systems in place to manage ~ SMART GOALS! (Smart - Measurable - Attainable - Realistic - Timebound)

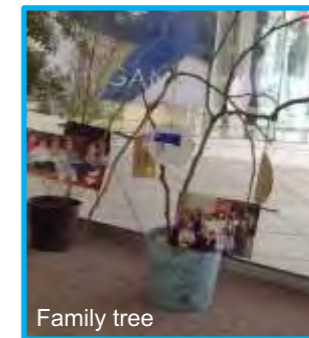
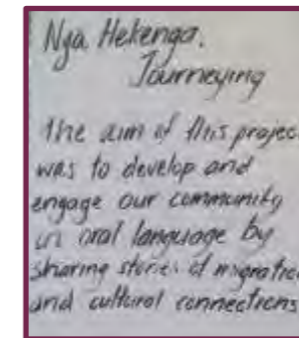
** Thanks to Lauree for organising this visit!
Our day was delightfully presented through the eyes and hearts of these very environmentally-conscious ambassadors of St John's Hill School and community in Whanganui!*



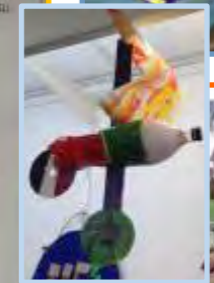
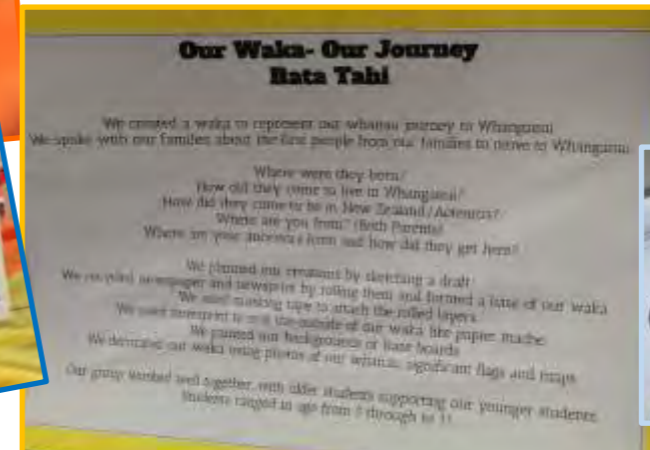
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We finished our day with a visit to the local exhibition of primary children's art work and story. Ka Rawe!



Family tree



Cultural Connections

