

# Enviroschools Taranaki 2011



Inter-generational action at Otaaraua Marae.



Right: Kuia Whero Bailey calls pukeko with harakeke.

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*"There are clearly many ways that people are connected with their environment. If we recognize and deepen these connections, we are more likely to act in ways that enhance, rather than degrade our natural world"*  
(Enviroschools kit, p. 53)

## Kia ora Tatou! Welcome to Enviroschools in 2011

Hi again from the Enviroschools Taranaki team.

We are pleased to be putting together this newsletter. Through sharing knowledge, experience and resources, we build and strengthen the Enviroschools community.

To this end, in this newsletter you can check out events, cluster workshops, online forums, web links, and school profiles.



## Dear Diary,

Cluster Workshops 2011

9.30am – 2.30pm

Workshop 1: March 17<sup>th</sup>

Clusters & reflection teams I

Youth Jam 2011

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> July – *to be confirmed*

Workshop 2: July 7<sup>th</sup>

Reflection teams II

Regional Event 2011

To be announced.

Workshop 3: August 11<sup>th</sup>

ES, curriculum & action competence.

## Inside>>>Waitara's St. Joseph's School Wetland Makeover





In Taranaki the Māori new year (May/June) is marked by the rise of Puanga, a star in the Pleiades **cluster**.

During this time the food stocks are plentiful after the harvest period and it is time to prepare the land for the upcoming growing season.

Just as during Puanga, Enviroschools Taranaki has plentiful skills, resources and experience, and is ready for the growth that is coming in 2011.

Keep your radar tuned in to the RSS feed- [www.hivetaranaki.com](http://www.hivetaranaki.com) - for plans in 2011 for a series of Puanga traditional maori gardening workshops.

## Enviroschools Clusters in Taranaki

The Enviroschools Programme in Taranaki is in the midst of positive evolution.

Funding cuts from government and local council have led to the development of a cluster and workshop approach.

This means less direct contact time with schools and students.

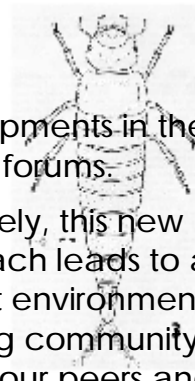
On the other hand, it is leading to resource sharing, synergies between schools and their common local environments, and

developments in the use of on-line forums.

Ultimately, this new approach leads to a more resilient environmental learning community as we turn to our peers and experience the resulting whakawhanaungatanga.

See the next page of this newsletter for details of clusters for Taranaki.

Experience from other regions using the cluster approach shows clusters would benefit from meeting once per term.



## St. Josephs Waitara Rocks!

One of the many national projects supporting the environment is Project Crimson. In 2010, St Josephs School Waitara won a "Treemendous" makeover.

In March 2010, the Waitara community united to implement the great design work of students and staff, developing a school learning and teaching resource and turning an un-used school area into a primo wetland hang-out space. To see more about the school makeover, go to

[www.projectcrimson.org.nz/treemendous/page.aspx](http://www.projectcrimson.org.nz/treemendous/page.aspx)

or to watch an awesome movie made on the day, go to

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation-week-home/teachers/schools-loving-new-zealand/waitaras-st-josephs-school-makeover/>



## Enviroschools Clusters in Taranaki

(full contact details available in  
the attached cluster contact list)

### North

Ahititi School  
St. Josephs Waitara  
Tikorangi School

### Ngamotu

Moturoa School  
Marfell Community  
School  
Mangorei School  
Highlands Intermediate  
TOPEC

### Kohanga Moa

Inglewood High School  
Waitoriki School  
Kaimata School

### Coastal

Opunake High School  
Coastal Taranaki School

### Central-East

Stratford High School  
Stratford Primary  
Marco School

### South

Matapu School  
Kakaramea School

## Regional ES Event at Otaaraua Marae, Tikorangi

This 2010 event saw students from Tikorangi School, St Josephs Waitara, Te Pi'ipi'inga Kakano Mai I Rangiatea Kura Kaupapa Maori, and Moturoa School come together at Otaaraua Marae in Tikorangi.

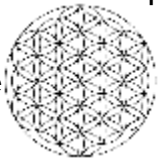
With creative planning from Te Waka Kai Ora, DoC, Whero Bailey and the Enviroschools Team, participants were offered a unique cultural and practical learning experience.

Students enjoyed great weather and awesome activities ranging from water monitoring, creating insect habitats,

planting kumara, potatoes, and other veges, and harvesting from the nearby bamboo groves to create structures in the garden.

We all worked beside Whero Bailey, a respected kuia who cares for the marae with her husband, and who has plenty of gardening tricks up her sleeve.

The kids loved learning how things are done in the garden including how to sharpen the blunt garden tools we turned up with! Beginning as strangers, we left the marae with new connections.



## ADVENTURE RADIO

Do your students want to go to air on community radio? Interested in making radio segments about the environment?

Training, coaching & other support can be provided to your school at no cost.

Email: [captainenviro@iconz.co.nz](mailto:captainenviro@iconz.co.nz) to make some Adventure Radio



Frozen Pies for sale. Vertical Horizons is raising money for a school for disadvantaged children in India. Contact Steve @ 756 8770

## Connecting with community environment organisations

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*There are no  
passengers on  
Spaceship Earth. We  
are all crew.*

*~Marshall McLuhan,  
1964*

Taranaki has a wealth of people and groups dedicated to caring for our environment. At the recent opening of the new environment centre – Hive Taranaki – a selection of environment groups came to share their kaupapa.

As a result, there is a list of community environment organisations to be found at [www.hivetaranaki.com](http://www.hivetaranaki.com), under the community organisations page.

Of great interest to some schools is the I.T based monitoring group under the banner of T.E.R.R.A.I.N. Find out about T.E.R.R.A.I.N, Friends of Te Henui, and other organisations on the Hive website.

### Online Forum for teachers

The first Taranaki Enviroschools “cluster cuppa” has started an online google group with the purpose of sharing ideas, experiences, connections and resources.

Kristen from Moturoa Montessori has kindly opened the online space for other teachers.

Your school’s lead ES teachers contact details will be forwarded to Kristen, and an invitation to the group will be sent.

If you would like to join the group but are not a lead teacher please send your contact details to [captainenviro@iconz.co.nz](mailto:captainenviro@iconz.co.nz).

*Some environmental  
organisations active in Taranaki*

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*Hive Taranaki*

*60 Springs*

*T.E.R.R.A.I.N (a hub for Taranaki  
environment groups)*

*TRC environmental education*

*Department of Conservation*

*Ngamotu Marine Reserve Soc.*

*Taranaki Heptalogical Soc.*

*Forest & Bird*

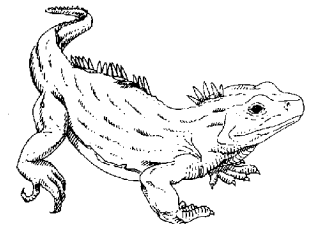
*Kiwi Conservation Club*

*Te Waka Kai Ora*

*East Taranaki Environment Trust*

*Farmers Market Taranaki*

*Friends of Pukekura Park*



**Hive Taranaki is  
Taranaki's environment  
hub, connecting  
people's stories and  
solutions for a  
sustainable Taranaki.**



**Join the Buzz! UPSTAIRS: 13 Brougham Street [www.hivetaranaki.com](http://www.hivetaranaki.com) 06 7696008**

**NOW OPEN: Wednesday till Sunday from 8am - 2pm [bee@hivetaranaki.com](mailto:bee@hivetaranaki.com)**

- **A physical & on-line information hub of local stories & solutions for sustainability.**
- **A physical and on-line meeting space for people & groups to share information & resources on community projects.**
- **A community workshop & classroom venue.**