

Enviroschools News

March 2007



Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Nabad, Malo e Lelei, Ni Sa Bula, Ni Hao, Konnichi wa, Ahn nyung ha-se-yo, Namaste, Marhabn, Salaam, Dobar dan, Hello!

What an exciting start to the year – Prime Minister Helen Clark announces her governments' vision to become the first sustainable country in the world. This is a tremendous boost to the Enviroschools programme and an opportunity for us all to get out there and be seen taking action for our sustainable future!

Congratulations to all schools that gained an Enviroschools award in 2006. The celebration was held in November at the Elephant House at Auckland Zoo. Read some of the challenges to adults presented by Silver Schools – we will ensure that these are passed on to relevant organisations.

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Welcome back to Sandy Bell who has returned from 2 years in Hawkes Bay. Sandy is working for TEAM Solutions. It is wonderful to have Sandy back in the Auckland region!



Beryl Oppert has made a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing her smiling face back in schools.



When the Jones Kids Came to Town A Weedbusters Adventure

ARC is pleased to gift each Enviroschool a copy of this new book that tells the story of the Jones kids and their fight to save a native gully from troublesome Garden Thugs! For more copies complete the order form on the back of the Weedbusters flyer.

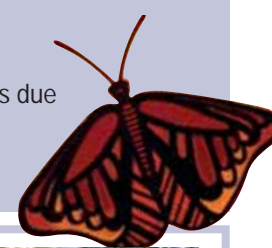


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Enviroschools Dates 2007 Workshops / Events / Awards



Date	Venue	Contact	Theme / Participants
Wed 14 Mar	Botanic Gardens	Shirley Dephoff shirley.dephoff@arc.govt.nz	Students Taking the Lead in Environmental Action <i>Primary & Intermediate Schools</i>
Fri 16 Mar	Meadowbank School	Cate Jessep cate.jessep@arc.govt.nz	How Sustainable is Your School? <i>Schools intending to go for Green-Gold Award in 07</i>
Fri 23 Mar	Botanic Gardens	Cate Jessep cate.jessep@arc.govt.nz	Kick Start for New Enviroschools <i>All Schools</i>
Wed 2 May	Botanic Gardens	Beryl Oppert beryl.oppert@auckland.ac.nz	Education for Sustainability <i>Primary & Intermediate Schools</i>
Thurs 3 May	Botanic Gardens	Bridget Glasgow bridget.glasgow@auckland.ac.nz	Education for Sustainability – Action for Climate Change <i>Secondary Schools</i>
Wed 30 May	Bus Tour Enviroschools	Trish Irvine trish.irvine@arc.govt.nz	Bus Tour to Enviroschools Modelling Aspects of Sustainability. <i>All schools</i>
Wed 6 Jun	Botanic Gardens	Beryl Oppert beryl.oppert@auckland.ac.nz	Inquiry Based Learning - Sustainability <i>Primary & Intermediate Schools</i>
Thurs 2 Aug to Sat 4 Aug	Christchurch	Shirley Dephoff shirley.dephoff@arc.govt.nz	Enviroschools Energiser Hui <i>All schools</i>
Tues 7 Aug to Wed 8 Aug	Choose 1 day Botanic Gardens	Shirley Dephoff shirley.dephoff@arc.govt.nz	Enviroschools Arts Expo: Conservation Week Theme <i>All schools (students and teachers)</i>
Fri 24 Aug	Botanic Gardens	Cate Jessep cate.jessep@arc.govt.nz	Kick Start for New Enviroschools <i>All schools including Early Childhood Centres</i>
Sun 16 Sep to Tues 18 Sep	Rotorua	Cate Jessep cate.jessep@arc.govt.nz	Enviroschools Youth Jam <i>Selected secondary schools</i>
Thurs 1 Nov	ARC	Shirley Dephoff shirley.dephoff@arc.govt.nz	Bronze & Silver Award applications due
Thurs Nov 29	ARC	Hilary Chidlow hilary.chidlow@arc.govt.nz	Enviroschools Awards Event



AKA Workshop

Thank you **Shelley Jolly** and **Rhonda Jasper** for facilitating a workshop at the AKA (Auckland Kindergarten Association) Conference in January. It was an inspiring presentation on St James Kindergarten's journey towards becoming more sustainable.



New Zealand Science, Mathematics and Technology Teacher Fellows 2007

Congratulations to two of our Enviroschools teachers on being selected as teacher fellows.

Sonya Galbraith, St Mary's School (Northcote)
Study Topic - Visual Patterns in Nature
Host: UNITEC

Leigh Steel, Pigeon Mountain School
Study Topic - Developing an environmental monitoring programme for Enviroschools
Hosts: ARC and The Enviroschools Foundation



Pilot schools for trialling tools for measuring sustainable practices are as follows:

Kristin Middle School, Laingholm Primary, Meadowbank School, Papakura Normal School, and Pigeon Mountain School. Verran Primary and St James Kindergarten.

Resources

Wa\$ted – Tuesday 8pm TV 3 (10 weeks)

The western world throws out a quarter of all food produced. About 10 million disposable nappies are thrown out in New Zealand every week. At current rates, the world will need 60% more electricity by 2030.

WASTED! Is an exciting new series (started February 20) that proves you don't have to be extreme to be green. From worm farms to rainwater butts and from solar power to heat pumps, the WASTED! team take your average household of eco horrors and turn it into a clean green haven, saving families serious cash in the process.

The Enviroschools Foundation & Fumes TV have teamed up to bring students and teachers activities to use before, during or after each of the ten WASTED! episodes.

In the week prior to each episode there is an episode 'taster' with links to downloadable activities and reflective questions from the Enviroschools tool kit on the Enviroschools website: www.enviroschools.org.nz
The activities and questions will help students investigate their home and school's energy, waste and water situation. It will encourage them to take action on their findings.

Silver Schools Challenge Adults



... At the Enviroschools Celebration November 2006

Otahuhu Intermediate School

To receive this silver award
We really took a lot on board
Enviro-education at our school
Took us through a journey really cool

Weed busting, peace garden, native trees, eco
buildings, and many more
Sure were some areas we had to explore
Words cannot describe
Nor can all our experiences be inscribed

Making the world a better place
Is why Ranginui was moved into space
Leaving Papatuanuku for us all
Sadly the destruction is taking its toll

Children learn what they live
As example what is it to the environment you give?

Remember, you do not inherit this earth
You borrow it from your children
Are you prepared to return it in the state you found it?
Or has the quest for materialistic acquisition and
political power ruined it?

Nature has everything for our need
But not for our greed
Someone once said "the only pest is man
The way he destroys nothing can"

A healthy earth is what our future generations
deserve
Are you ready to preserve
All that you have enjoyed thus far
Or leave the earth like an empty house ajar

Remember nature has its own way of giving us the
message
Al Gore's 'Inconvenient Truth' is only a glimpse

You learned citizens save the earth for future generations
Think of the consequences before you act
You may rule over the people because they vote for you
But nature has not given anyone the right to rule
over her

Devrath Narayan



Bayswater School

I would like to challenge all adults to use water tanks
in the community, schools and homes to preserve water
and keep our environment clean and green.

Over the last 3 years students have participated in many
activities involving the environment. The Who Cares
topic included care of animals but the majority of people
would have to say that term 3 this year was the most
physically challenging.

The introduction of the Sir Peter Blake's Young
Environmentalist Award involved groups of children
coming up with ideas to help the environment and follow
through with as much as possible. It was also important
to make the action sustainable to carry on every year.
The winning group was the Grey Water Saviours.
Their idea was to install water tanks in our school so we
can use rain water for watering plants and washing. I am
in another sustainable group called the Stream Angels
and once every month we go to Achilles Reserve to test
water, pick up weeds, rubbish and sometimes plant.

Samantha

Willowbank School

Let us develop the native bush and give us more
opportunities to discover insects that we have never seen
before. We want to nurture our environment. Give us
opportunities to plant more trees around the community.

*Jasmine and Bailey,
Willowgreens Enviro Group*



Solution to an Inconvenient Truth

Enviroschools DVD – 7 mins

An inspiring DVD featuring St James Kindergarten,
Meadowbank School and Lynfield College
demonstrating action for a sustainable future.

Ask your facilitator to view a copy or:

Access DVD on Google Video and don't forget to rate
it. The more people who do this the more people will
be drawn to view it.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6529305472080840967&q=solution+to+an+inconvenient+truth>

National Geographic – April issue (USA)

An article on New Zealand Marine Reserves – Dr Bill Ballantine
Single copies can be obtained from supermarket magazine
racks but only in very small numbers. Advance ordering
from National Geographic will be important.

NZ Glass Environmental Fund - up to \$25,000

Deadline for applications - March 31

Apply for funding if your school has a project to educate
students about resource shortage and environmental
issues affecting the region, nation or world.

Further details from:
<http://www.recycleglass.co.nz/fund.htm>



Auckland Girls Grammar



Bayswater School



Otahu Intermediate



Willowbank School



Westmere School



ENVIRO SCHOOLS AWARDS



Enviroschools Celebration 06

Congratulations.
You are helping to create a sustainable Auckland region.

Silver

Auckland Girls Grammar
Bayswater School
Lynfield College
Otahu Intermediate
Willowbank School

Bronze

Albany Junior High School
Greenhithe School
Kristin Middle School
Manurewa East School
Northcote College
Owairaka School
Owairoa School
Pinehill School
Pinehurst School
Rangitoto College
Royal Road School
Sherwood School
St James Kindergarten
Takapuna Normal Intermediate
The Gardens School
Titirangi School
Torbay School
Valley School
Westmere School

Special Award

Arohanui Special School

Save the Drain for Rain

There are a few places left –
paint environmental messages
around your stormwater grates.
Free paint and brushes.

Contact: James Willoughby
Ph 366 2000 ext. 8171

Badge Maker

Has your Envirogroup
designed their own logo?
Contact your Enviroschools
facilitator if your school
would like to borrow the
badge maker free of
charge from ARC.



Plant-It-Forward

Join us. Help us or have it as your
own project and we'll help you.
Does your school want to be part
of enhancing NZ's biodiversity?
Whangarei's Kamo Intermediate
School has visited all schools
north of Auckland in the past three
years delivering native trees that
provide food for native birds.

How did we do it?

- Email schools in your chosen area
- Children deliver 3 trees
- Present information
- Encourage them to take action by planting it forward e.g. neighbours, family, community.

Create this ripple effect in your community.

Kids are inspired and motivated by this project.

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