

Enviroschools

Ōtākou



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Nau mai, haere mai

Teacher Hui inspires and empowers school communities

The month of May saw two Teacher Hui across Ōtākou that supported professional development for Enviroschools key teachers across the region. These Teacher Hui are important for both new key kaiako and the more experienced to gain more knowledge and confidence in creating positive change for their schools and ākonga.

The theme of the Cromwell hui was 'Connecting with the Kaupapa - Dive into the ES Kaupapa, connect your sustainability stories and fill your kete with activities'. Twenty two kaiako from 17 different early childhood centres, primary and secondary schools came together to delve into the ES resources, share stories and discuss challenges.

In Dunedin, we challenged teachers to think more deeply about the Changing Climate - ka ora te whenua, ka ora te tangata. Kaiako were brought together to learn more of what is happening in the community and what resources, skills and knowledge there is available to support them leading Enviroschools kaupapa in their own schools for a range of different year levels.



Facilitators Lucy, Nicky, Damian and Regional Coordinator, Chelsea, before the Cromwell Teacher Hui.



Teachers in Ōtepoti take a moment to refresh and reflect during their hui on a sunny winter day.

We're really grateful to all teachers and schools that joined us for these exhilarating days of connection and professional development and we look forward to seeing what comes next for these schools!

A massive thank you to our guest speakers and presenters and to the ES facilitators Tess, Jennie, Lucy, Nicky and Damian for all the work they put into creating a successful hui. It is always a huge undertaking to deliver this work and we appreciate all those who spent time with us on the days to create such an amazing environment of learning.





KIA ORA KOUTOU

Ka mihi mahana ki a koutou

A huge congratulations to Weston School who were able to celebrate their silver reflection which they achieved in September 2023. Our Waitaki Facilitator, Chantal, and Regional Coordinator Lead, Leisa, enjoyed being a part of the celebrations!

Thousands of ākonga in Ōtākou schools are getting involved in Plastic Free July - this years theme: small steps, big difference. To find out more about schools participation and how you can get involved, visit plasticfreejuly.org

We're excited to have several schools in Ōtepoti Dunedin signed up to the carbon neutral government programme. There will be more chances to get involved in different aspects of these programmes in the coming months, so get in touch with your local Enviroschool facilitator if you're wanting to learn more.

“Ko ia kāhore nei i rapu, tē kitea. He who does not seek will not find”.



Leisa de Klerk
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Schools share their knowledge



Waitaki Facilitator Lucianne talks to Papakaio students about the Waitaki Boys High School compost hub.

As a part of their Enviroschools journey, Papakaio School spent two days out of the classroom looking at different ways that they can support their environment. They visited the Waitaki Resource Recovery Park and fellow Enviroschool Waitaki Boys High School to get inspiration and knowledge for their own projects. Enviroschools Facilitators, Chantal and Lucianne, were on hand to show students the WBHS compost hub and the Creek Restoration project.

Ōtākou team in Wellington



Regional Coordinators Chelsea and Leisa and Waitaki Facilitator Chantal had the opportunity to connect with others new to Enviroschools with an Intro to Enviroschools hui in Wellington. The team spent three days exploring the kaupapa, resources and processes of the programme through a mix of experiential, interactive and focused activities.



Beeswax wraps fundraiser

With Dunedin Facilitator, Tess, the Logan Park High School Envirogroup ākonga have been learning how to make beeswax wraps to sell as a fundraiser for fellow ākonga and kaiako. The initiative came about as a result of the school managing their own recycling, wanting to reduce their environmental impact as well as decrease costs for the school.



Welcome to our new Regional Coordinator



Regional Coordinator Lead, Leisa de Klerk, enjoys kayaking with her whānau.

Kia ora e te whānau,
Ko Awherika ki te Tonga te whakapaparaka mai. Engari, ko Ōtepoti te kaika, nō Waihopai au. He Regional Coordinatator Lead au i Enviroschools ki Otago Regional Council. Ko Leisa de Klerk toku ikoa, tēnā koutou katoa.

My name is Leisa de Klerk, the new Regional Coordinator Lead for Ōtākou Enviroschools. I have some big shoes to fill, following the indefatigable Robyn Zink, and I am very grateful for all the work that she and the wider team have done for Enviroschools around Otago. Based in Ōtepoti Dunedin, I come from a background of secondary teaching, peace and conflict and environmental work and have spent the last decade working in not-for-profits. I'm looking forward to supporting the Enviroschools team and Otago schools in their commitment towards a long-term sustainability journey through learning and taking action and having the Enviroschools kaupapa a part of our long-term future.

Weston School Silver Celebration

Weston School celebrated their silver reflection with a community event, complete with kapa haka performances and hangi at the end of June. Their silver reflection is a great testament to how much the school has brought sustainability into all parts of their school and they continue to make massive strides to support their communities environment. We're so proud of you, Weston School!



Waitaki Facilitator Chantal points to the Silver reflection sticker at Weston.

Queenstown Primary School pollution bus ad



Queenstown Primary School ākonga proudly show off their bus ad in June.

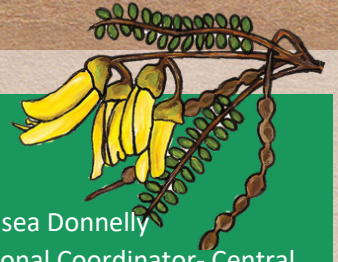
Queenstown Primary School Year 5 and 6 pupils have come up with a creative way to encourage people to protect the local environment – helping to design back of the bus advertising with an important message!

After learning more about water through Enviroschools Otago, the students were encouraged to take action because healthy water means a healthy environment and people – they were keen to share "the voice of the water" in the community. With help from the ORC team, an Orbus Queenstown bus ad featuring the local environment was created – collated from posters the kids had designed.

The advertisement promotes our Pollution Hotline (0800 800 033) – staffed 24/7 to respond immediately to reports of pollution of waterways, air, land, and coastal marine areas.

Well done to all involved in this truly collaborative effort to highlight the health of our waterways. We all share in the the responsibility of keeping them clean and the Otago Regional Council Pollution hotline is one way we can do this.

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