

# Enviroschools

## Taranaki Term 1 2017

### Ngā mihi o te tau hou

Greetings for the New Year

### Regional Coordinator news

Welcome back into your roles in 2017.

Taranaki Enviroschools also meets the New Year with change.

Enviroschools Taranaki has been supported through a collaborative arrangement between Toimata Foundation and the Taranaki Environmental Education Trust (TEET) for many years. For a range of reasons, it has been decided to simplify funding and management process and have Toimata directly managing Enviroschools Taranaki from the start of 2017. Toimata and TEET share a commitment to the ongoing development of Environmental Education and will continue to explore ways to work together. We thank TEET for their many years of support.

Another change is that North Taranaki Facilitator Rachael Ruakere has accepted an awesome role with Pare Kore. Lauree will be holding the space within the North Taranaki region with plans emerging around cluster hui and specific support levels where needed.

Pare Bennett continues with us and has many great plans in store for her year with South Taranaki Enviroschools. Due to Pare's other commitments, the Stratford region has been split into town and rural. Pare will Facilitate the three town Enviroschools and Lauree will facilitate the Forgotten Highway ones.

Lastly, we farewell Wood Group Training who have been supporting Enviroschools for the last 3 years. They are adjusting their sponsorships for operational reasons and we thank them for the support they have been able to offer.

You will see over the page that we have lots coming up this year! Pare and I are both feeling energized to be working with you all in 2017. *Lauree Jones x*



### Facilitator news

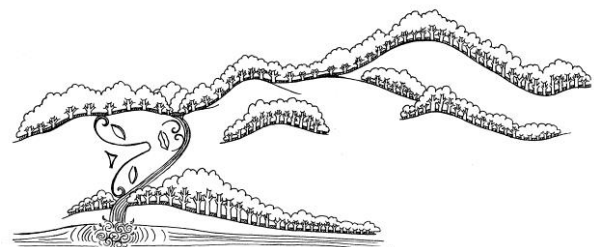
Tēnā tātou,

This year brings change for me as I take up a new position with the community organisation Para Kore. Unfortunately this means I will be finishing with Enviroschools.

I have had a wonderful year. Our schools are full of passionate students, principals, teachers and community members who drive this important kaupapa and it has been a privilege to be a small part of it all.

There is no greater gift you can give to your students than helping them connect with the environment in a meaningful way. Keep up the AMAZING work.

Ngā mihi nui,  
*Rachael Ruakere*



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## Reflecting on Jan Cox

As we move into a new year, we reflect on where we were this time last year. Our dear friend & fearless leader Jan passed away while out diving with her husband. Jan loved life & enjoyed our moana immensely, often swimming every day. As National Manager (Nat Man), Jan was pivotal in bringing our Holistic Reflection to life among many other excellent processes we have today. Nationally we spent some time on the 26<sup>th</sup> to honour Jan & you're welcome to spend a moment being thankful for those who are no longer with us but helped make our journey what it is today xxxxx



In 2017, Taranaki Enviroschools is focusing on targeted professional development, deepening practice, regional school visits & fun learning events.

## What's coming up

### Term 1

- Support catch ups / Goal setting with your Facilitator in all regions
- Week 7: 15 March – North Taranaki Cluster hui 3.30 – 5pm
- Week 9: 29 March - Māori Perspectives hui 1.30 – 4.30pm Stratford based for South & Stratford regions
- Week 10: 5 – 7 April – National Energiser hui
- Holiday break: 27 April – Full day ECE Reflection hui Stratford based

### Term 2

- Specific support based on term 1 goal setting
- Week 2: 10 May – Reflection hui 3.30 – 5.30pm Stratford based for all regions
- Week 5: 30 May Enviro(schools) Day @ Rotokare Scenic Reserve – full day (teachers + students) all regions
- Week 6: 7 June Māori Perspectives hui 1.30 – 4.30pm North Taranaki based (in time for Matariki)

If you need teacher release support to attend any of these above, please contact Lauree.

If you'd like to attend or host any of these events above, please also contact Lauree or Pare.

We welcome your suggestions for other hui. Feel free to get in touch. The options are only limited by imagination & if you're thinking it would be a good idea, then I guarantee there are others thinking that too.

We are looking for schools to open their doors to others this year. Can you help? Dates to suit you.

We love to hear from you so please stay in touch

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