

Enviroschools

Taranaki Term 1, 2018



Kia ora koutou & welcome back to a fabulous sunny & warm New Year

I hope that your Christmas & New Year time was spent enjoying some of the many delights that Aotearoa has to offer. If we all had solar panels on our homes & school, we would be collecting all the free energy this lovely weather has to offer.

This is a jam packed newsletter with calendars, dates, resources & inspiring content ahead. So without further ado, let's get into it ..

What's on

Enviro Day - Tuesday 20th March 2018 (no reserve date)

Thanks to funding from Methanex, Taranaki Enviroschools' 2018 Enviro Day is full steam ahead! Some new presenters with a Primary school focus. Numbers are limited so book in now. [Flyer on Google Drive here](#)

What would complement our mahi ...

The fab team of Educators at Puke Ariki are covering the whole of Taranaki with their presentations. Check out what's on [here](#).

We also welcome Emily Roberts to the role of Environmental Educator with Taranaki Regional Council. Emily has a Marine Biology background & has an amazing number of learning projects available. Have a look [here](#).

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Need some inspiration
&/or resources?

*Here's a few tips, websites,
links & go-to people to help
boost your Enviro learnings*



Want your Enviroschool to get involved?

The Department of Conservation (DOC) are looking for schools & individuals to [grow mealworms](#) again for May release & feeding of their Robins. If you want to be involved, please contact Lauree.

- One of the best lists of **poisonous plants** in Aotearoa has been created right here in Taranaki. [Check it out!](#)
- The Curious Minds Participatory Science Platform (PSP) Funding round is open now. If you're needing up to **\$20,000** for a community driven project that is scientifically based, then [Look here for more info.](#)
- Recently we supported the presentation by Liam & Hannah of **The Rubbish Trip** here in Taranaki. They've produced a list of Zero Waste shopping options for our region. It's [here](#) for you to view.
- Are you looking at **NZ Native plants** this year? [Here's](#) a card game to support the learning
- Wanting to **learn how to weave harakeke**? You can go yourself or take a group from school. See [here](#) for a list of options from Karen Clark. Based in Waitara.



Think you, your friends, a local community group or your students could help cut, stamp & sew reusable bags? Boomerang Bags is an ongoing initiative for Taranaki Enviroschools to help reduce single use plastic bags. Each reusable bag can replace up to 500 plastic bags per year. Get in touch with Lauree or check us out on [Facebook](#).

Thank you to the TSB Bank who have donated t-shirts, flags & a big banner for making into Boomerang Bags following their re-branding.

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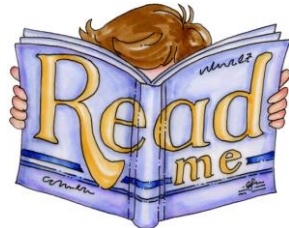
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General reference dates for you

Stay up to date with our calendar of events

Find out what's going on in 2018 including local Enviroschools events & PD; things happening regionally, nationally, related celebration days, external courses & more [here](#).



Is environmental education for sustainability something that really interests you? Check [this](#) out for an absolutely amazing Professional Development opportunity. It's the New Zealand Association for Environmental Education (NZAEE) biannual conference which is now open for registrations + Climate Change Education conference. Contact me if you're coming as we may be able to cover accommodation.

January

World Religion Day 21/1/18
Australia Day 26/1/18
Chinese New Year 16/2/17 (lantern parades etc)
World Future Energy Summit 15-18 Jan 2018
Pasifica Festival 20 Jan 2018

February

International Day of Women & Girls in Science 11 Feb 2018
World Wetlands Day 2/2/18 <http://www.worldwetlandsday.org/>
Waitangi Day 6/2/18
Go By Bike Day 14 Feb 18 <https://www.bikewise.co.nz/resources/resources> (Let's Go)
International Mother Language Day 21/2/18

March

Whio Awareness Month <http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/national-events/whio-awareness-month/>
World Wildlife Day 3/3/18 <http://www.wildlifeday.org/>
World Down Syndrome Day 21/3/18 <https://worlddownsyndromeday.org/>
World Water Day 22/3/18 <http://www.teacherplanet.com/node/538>
World Meteorological Day 23/3/18 <http://www.wmo.int/worldmetday/home>
Cultural Diversity Week 17 - 25 March 2018
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 21/3 every year
<http://www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday/>
Green Ribbon Awards MfE tbc
Seaweek 3-11 March 2018 <http://seaweek.org.nz/>

General

International Decade of Biodiversity 2011 - 2020 <https://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/>

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