

Enviroschools

TE TAI POUTINI

WEST COAST

TERM 2
2016



Kia ora koutou.

As the days shorten and the temperature drops, take some time to make a cuppa and share the progress of our Te Tai Poutini Enviroschools.

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St Canice's Garden of Eating

St Canice's has developed a 'secret garden' after neighbours kindly loaned a section of land to the school. Parents pitched in and helped to erect a fence, and children have been busy creating a space for exploring, eating, learning and relaxing.



The school is now able to compost on sight and are feeding the soil with what used to feed the landfill. Kai that is harvested is not only eaten at school but also taken to the church and given out after assemblies to parents and parish community members. St

Canice's reports that the children are very proud of their garden space and it has been a huge success in bringing their community and parish into the school. Ka pai!

New Enviroschools in Westland

We are chuffed to report that Westland District Council has come on board as a funder of Enviroschools. Whoopee! This is really exciting as it means schools and centres that have been on the waiting list for many years, are now able to join the Programme. The four new Enviroschools are: **The Children's House, Scenicland Hokitika Pre School & Nursery, Kidsfirst Hokitika Kindergartens, and Hokitika Primary School.** Having all conducted their first waste audit, they are now finding ways to reduce their waste. More Enviroschools' will be signed later in the year. Watch this space!

Talking Rubbish with HPS

Hokitika Primary School's (HPS) new Envirogroup have started their year off with a field trip to the Westland transfer station and Butler's landfill.

Accompanied by Westland District Council's Solid Waste officer, Eddie Newman, the students learnt what really happens to their school and communities rubbish and recycling. Armed with this knowledge, we can't wait to see what actions they take to help minimise Westland's waste!



Did you know?

Glass that is recycled in Westland is crushed and used to cover and control waste to prevent it being windblown.



Celebrating in style

Reefton Early Learning Centre celebrated the beginning of their Enviroschools journey with a waste audit and sign unveiling ceremony. Board of Trustees members, parents, and staff from Reefton Area School joined the centre for a sunny morning with a delicious morning tea. To kick their journey off, the centre has started to make yogurt on site to tackle waste from lunch packaging.



Plastic Free July

Will You Accept the Challenge?

The campaign Plastic Free July asks participants to try to reuse ALL single-use plastic for the month or try the Top 4: plastic bags, water bottles, takeaway coffee cups and straws. Are you up for the challenge?

Visit plasticfreejuly.org to register as an individual or school.



As part of your involvement in the campaign you are asked to commit to an action pledge ranging from having a 'nude food day' to holding 'a plastic free morning tea for staff'.



The Outlook for Someday challenges young people up to the age of 24 to make a short film about sustainability.

Each year there are twenty winning films that cover a wide range of sustainability issues.

These films are a great classroom resource for teachers.

View the films at theoutlooksomeday.net/winning-films

There are two scheduled Someday workshops for the West Coast workshops scheduled for Term 2. Please check theoutlookforsomeday.net/about/workshop-series/ for details.

Dates to Diary



Rain Hone Tuwhare

Rain
I can hear you
making small holes
in the silence
rain

If I were deaf
the pores of my skin
would open to you
and shut

And I
should know you
by the lick of you
if I were blind

the something
special smell of you
when the sun cakes
the ground

the steady
drum-roll sound
you make
when the wind drops

But if I
should not hear
smell or feel or see
you

you would still
define me
disperse me
wash over me
rain

	Date	Event	Description & website
Term 2	5th June	World Environment Day	World Environment Day (WED) is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. The WED theme this year is Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet Consume with Care : unep.org/wed
	Starts June 6th	Matariki	Matariki is the Māori name for the group of stars also known as Pleiades star cluster, or The Seven Sisters, and is referred to as the traditional Māori New Year. Search for 'Matariki' on: nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz or view the Te Papa Matariki Teacher Resource: tepapa.govt.nz
	8th June	World Oceans Day	loveyourcoast.org/doc.govt.nz/conservation/marine-and-coastal/
	All of July	Plastic Free July	Plastic Free July aims to raise awareness of the amount of single-use disposable plastic in our lives and challenges people to do something about it. Get involved: plasticfreejuly.org

