

Nau mai | Welcome

Welcome to our short round up of events and information. We have quite a bit of information about the programmes we provide on our MDC website so take a look at how we can support you.

www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/environmental-education

We have a dedicated EnviroSchools Marlborough website and blog, which helps us to capture and share some cool school stories. We also have an EnviroSchools Marlborough Facebook page and 'closed group' for Marlborough teachers - search EnviroSchools Marlborough to find and join us.

www.enviroschoolsmarlborough.co.nz

We are always keen to hear what schools and kindergartens are doing to make a positive difference to our environment, so get in contact with us so we can publish your actions.

Hei mahi | Taking action

This year our focus is Hei Mahi: Taking Action. It's been another action-packed term: check out what is happening around Marlborough!

Noho ora mai,
Annie, Anna & Angela

Silver for Picton & Seymour Kindergartens

Two of our kindergartens reflected at EnviroSchools Silver this term: congratulations to Picton Kindergarten and Seymour Kindergarten.



Picton Kindergarten mural

Tamariki at Picton Kindergarten have been doing lots of inspiring work in their local environment. They visited Kaipupu Point Wildlife Sanctuary and planted native trees, helped to clean up local beaches, and learnt how to care for the creatures in the ocean. They even upcycled old tee-shirts to make their own carry bags, which they can use instead of plastic ones!

At Seymour Kindergarten the vision is 'looking after Papatūānuku, so she can look after us'. Tamariki and their whanau learn about the natural environment in a hands-on way. They have a worm farm, compost area, chickens, a vege garden, an orchard, a bug house, and a newly created native area around their bike track. They have also been growing swan plants and raising monarch butterflies. They use eggs and produce from their gardens in their regular baking sessions.



Natural loom at Seymour Kindergarten

Thrift shop open for business at MGC

Marlborough Girls' College students have a new addition to their school: a thrift shop where students can recycle and purchase used clothing. A visit to Nelson College for Girls last year sparked the idea for this exciting new venture. Since then, a group of keen students have worked with supportive MGC staff to take the thrift shop from idea to reality.

The students have created an inviting shop, bursting with donated clothing, shoes, and accessories. They have used recycled materials as much as possible, including upcycled and repurposed driftwood poles, secondhand shelves, and picture frames. Students wanting to dress up for house sports days and competitions will be able to select clothes and accessories from the 'house colours' racks, saving them from having to buy new, and saving money, time, and waste in the process.

Hidden Treasures | He Kura Huna opened with a special celebration this term, and it looks likely to become one of MGC's special places.



Tamariki share love of monarch butterflies

In April a group of tamariki and kaiako from Picton Kindergarten visited the Kuini Harata Kaitiaki (Queen Charlotte College Kaitiaki team) to deliver a presentation about monarch butterflies.

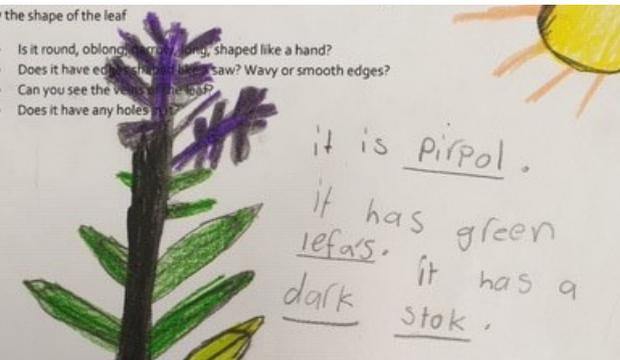
The tamariki were very knowledgeable and explained the life cycle of monarch butterflies, their food source, how to protect them, and what predators they are vulnerable to. The QCC Kaitiaki students also learnt about the important work happening with the Monarch Butterfly tagging programme.



Picton Kindergarten gifted the QCC Kaitiaki some swan plant seeds and their very own caterpillar who they have named 'Jo'. Jo is doing very nicely, eating lots and getting big and fat. The QCC Kaitiaki were very grateful to have the tamariki from Picton Kindergarten share their knowledge and inspire them.



Discovery at Rapaura School



In light of the Tootaranui 250 commemoration this year, Rapaura School's inquiry topic for this term is 'discovery'. The Coleman and Jellyman classrooms have studied botanist Joseph Banks who sailed with Captain Cook. Investigating how Joseph Banks would have recorded new discoveries, they used activities from the Living Landscapes and Tiro Oneone resources to study, draw and identify plants growing in their native garden.

The children discovered that trees are important for many reasons: they provide us with food, building materials, shelter, clothing, oxygen

and medicines. Trees also protect the soil; their roots hold the soil in place preventing erosion and loss of top soil. They filter water, keeping it clean. Trees are important regulators of our climate: storing carbon and reducing climate change. They are also insect motels and nesting sites, providing protection and shelter for many of the creatures that share the landscape with us. Living Landscapes have spaces for all the children of Ranginui and Papatūānuku.



Renwick students lead BioBlitz



Students in Renwick School's 'Green Ferns' enviro-group organised a BioBlitz this term, to find and identify many of the different kinds of living things at their school. The whole school was involved, with students ranging from new entrants through to Year 8s scouring the school grounds for living things to study.

The Green Ferns planned the day's activities. They also spoke at a staff meeting to introduce teachers to the observation sheets, and to talk about what they wanted to achieve.

'The kids are buzzing and it was such a cool opportunity for our wee ones to connect to their place, and our older ones to reconnect to their environment. It's sparked a lot of talk and next steps.'

- Sarah Tullet, EnviroSchools Lead Teacher at Renwick School

On the day, students completed observation sheets for the living things that they found, and were encouraged to make detailed notes and drawings about what they noticed. Some students looked at their finds under a microscope, and were able to notice details that they hadn't seen with the naked eye.

Recycling bin revamp at Bohally

Bohally Intermediate's classroom recycling bins got a makeover this term, as classes battled it out to win a mufti day. Each class was challenged to revamp their bins for general recycling and GOOS (Good On One Side) paper, in a competition run by the school's enviro-team. The competition aimed to make students and teachers think about recycling, and to make sure that the bins were easy to find in the classroom.

Some classes redesigned their bins from the ground up, while others worked to make what they already had more eye-catching. It was great to see the enthusiasm and creativity on display – let's hope it translates into lots of recycling at Bohally!



NEWS & EVENTS



Conservation Kids NZ have some great school holiday events for tamariki: find them on Facebook to see what's in store for July.

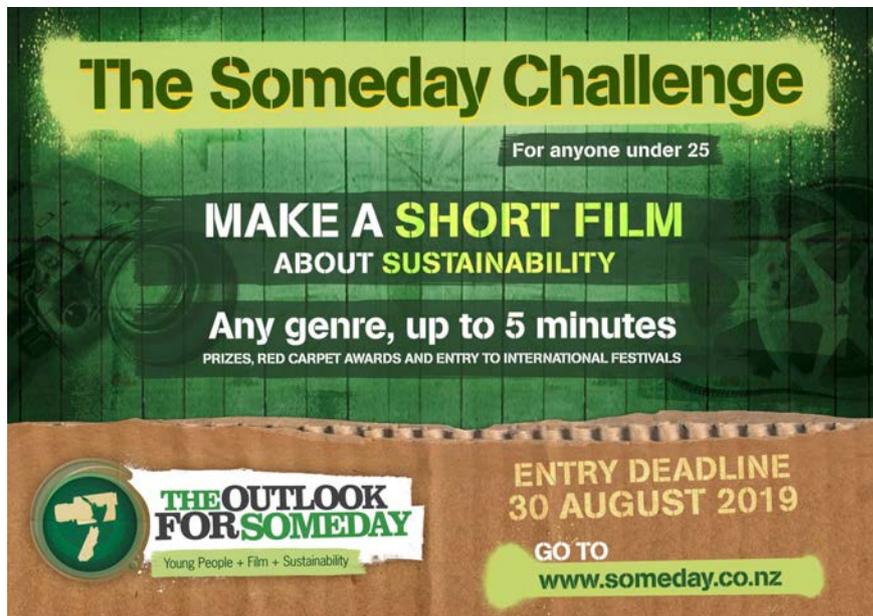


<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

<https://lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz/zero-waste-recipes/>

<https://www.wasteminz.org.nz/sector-groups/behaviour-change/plastic-free-july-aotearoa-2019-resources/>

And don't forget, we have an ever-growing collection of resources relating to Zero Waste in our Enviroschools Marlborough Google Drive: contact us for access



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Any genre, up to 5 minutes
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G.J. Gardner. HOMES

G.J. Gardner Homes Clean Up Week

9th-15th September 2019



Find out more and register your event at: <https://www.knzb.org.nz/clean-up-week-2019-register-an-event/>

Our team

There are three of us working in the MDC education team to support you and your students, as well as Ramona Millen, who facilitates the Enviroschools programme in kindergartens. We also have some talented people in our organisation and community that we can link you with, and good connections with the team at DOC.



Annie McDonald | Education Officer & Enviroschools Regional Coordinator

Annie is an educator, has taught at primary and secondary schools, and is passionate about showing schools how they can integrate education for sustainability into the curriculum. She gets a thrill from working with students to grow environmental leaders.



Angela Wentworth | Kids Edible Garden Coordinator & Enviroschools Facilitator

Angela is a horticulturalist, and regularly has her hands in the soil with students. She also trains our edible garden facilitators and supports schools with inquiry learning into things green.



Anna Crowe | Freshwater Educator & Enviroschools Facilitator

Anna is a scientist and is pretty good in a pair of gumboots, sharing her knowledge and expertise of the watery world. She also manages our digital communications, and supports schools on their environmental journey.



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