



Nau Mai | Welcome

As we approach the end of another term it is our pleasure to share with you just some of the amazing mahi that is happening across our region. The cooler months of Takurua/Winter certainly didn't put a stop to some great projects and celebrations happening. And as we enter Koanga/Spring we look forward to hearing about the new projects and actions you are beginning, just like our environment that begins a new cycle with fresh growth and vibrancy as buds burst and those that hibernate reappear.



Stories from our region – click on the link to read the full stories or check out our website

<https://www.enviroschoolsmarlborough.co.nz/blog-and-stories/>

[Ward School – Nature connection](#)

Nicole at Ward School wasn't put off by the winter months and started a new Nature Connection programme this term. This runs once a week with her class of new entrant to year 2 students.

[Springlands School – Knowledge of Tānemāhuta grows at Springlands School](#)

Working alongside kaiako, Cathee Wilks at Springlands School, Ramona and Angela put together a weekly plan for term 3 to support student learning around Tānemāhuta. This involved getting children outdoors, connecting and learning from nature.

[Wetlands – Nature's Superheros](#)

This term Angela provided an opportunity for students to learn about the importance of wetlands. This was provided as a follow up to the hands on mahi these students undertook at the Grovetown Lagoon with the Wetland Warriors.





[Kahikatea Reserve](#)

Earlier this month senior students from Tuamarina School revisited Kahikatea Reserve to do a bird count. Settled into the tranquil bush they were surprised by the beauty and calmness that this environment provided, not to mention the number of birds. They also used this as an opportunity to compare the number of birds in the established bush versus the newly planted area.

[Matariki at Montessori](#)

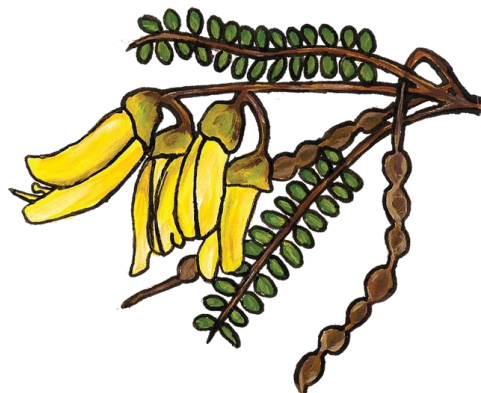
Montessori Blenheim joined our Enviroschools community this year and to celebrate that unveiled their sign at their whānau Matariki event. They also embraced the opportunity to gather whānau voice of their vision for Montessori. This was achieved through the creation of a vision map that the Tamariki and Kaiako had put together. At the event whānau were invited to share their thoughts and ideas by way of post it notes on to the vision map.

[Matariki at Awatere Early Learning Centre](#)

With whānau and tamariki gathered to celebrate Matariki the Kaiako at Awatere Early Learning Centre invited Ramona to unveil and welcome them to our Enviroschools community.



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Our team

There are three of us working in the Marlborough District Council Environmental Education team that can support you and your students.

We also have some talented people in our organisation and community that we can link you with.



[Angela Wentworth | Environmental Educator](#)
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Angela is a horticulturalist, and regularly has her hands in the soil with students. She also trains our Kids' Edible Gardens facilitators and supports schools with inquiry learning into things green.



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Ramona is a trained Early Childhood teacher. She has strong links with the natural environment having growing up in the Marlborough Sounds and strives to include this love and passion through her educational role with young tamariki.



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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.



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