

# Education News



Both images are from the 'Sparky the Kiwi' event recently run at Egmont Village Primary, and Waitara Central School

## Bush Classroom

The new Bush Classroom was recently finished. It has 4 stations emersed in the ancient forest of Rotokare. With interactive boards and information, these stations already have broad learning opportunities as well as providing the perfect location for classroom activities.

We have successfully hosted multiple classes within this space and would love for your ākonga to come check it out!

There is still some availability for Term 4, but the days are filling up, so get in fast!



## NZ Curriculum

Our Education Programme fulfills the Nature of Science strand of the NZ curriculum and centres on the following Learning Areas:

- Science: Living World
- Social Science: Place and Environment
- Technology: Technology and Society



We are providers of 'Enriching Local Curriculum'. For more information, please follow this link:

## Kia ora koutou,

My name is Penelope, I'm the new educator here at Rotokare Scenic Reserve. I feel thrilled and humbled to join the team and community of Taranaki.

I've moved over from Australia, with years of experience working with a large variety of animals and educating a broad range of age groups. I'm extremely excited to share my passion and knowledge with your ākonga, and help them grow their own passion!

Ngā mihi,  
Penelope Thomas



## Term Four Programmes

We offer 9 different programmes incapsulating learning outcomes of the broad New Zealand flora and fauna. These visits can be catered to specific topics (i.e. bird focus) depending on what your ākonga is currently learning in class. For more information regarding our programmes, please follow this link!



Over 200 new and returning students visited the reserve in Term 3 from ECE up to year 13.



## Youth Ambassador Programme

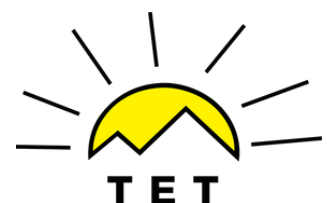
Rotokare has been running a youth ambassador programme since 2016 seeing over 50 students graduate in that time. This programme is designed to connect, educate, inspire, and create leaders among the next generation of environmental conservationists.

The Ambassadors have run projects from spreading community awareness, to designing and building bug hotels, to environmental open days. Each project is unique to the year's cohort, and it's always exciting to witness.



Do you have or know of a student in year 6/7/8 who cares for wildlife and the New Zealand environment?

Applications for the Junior Ambassador cohort of 2024 will open in December 2023, so keep your eyes peeled!



Thank you to Taranaki Electricity Trust as one of the proud sponsors of our educational programme!