



# Taupō Environmental Education Collaborative

# 2023

- Events
- Teacher Professional Development
- Environmental Dates
- Funding

### Term One

15 Feb	Applications close for Kids Greening Taupō Student Leadership Team
17 Feb	Show our Plants Love Day <span style="color: green;">♥</span>
4 March	Water Studies PD at the Trout Centre
6 March	Applications Open for TDC Waste Minimisation Grant
All of March	Whio Awareness Month
22 March	World Water Day: Water of Life Expo
26 March	Earth Hour
27 March	KGT Take Action Fund Applications Close
31 March	Applications Close for TDC Waste Minimisation Grant
22 April	Earth Day Litter Pick Up

### Term Two

7 May	Whānau Nature Day
10 May	Schools Māra Kai Chef Challenge
16 May	Teacher PD Van Tour
18 May	Global Outdoor Classroom Day
2 June	Greening Taupō Day
5 June	Arbor Day
22 June	Matariki PD for Kaiako (REAP)
24 June - 2 July	Landcare Garden Bird Survey
June - July	(check local dates) - Matariki
All of July	Plastic Free July

Composting workshops the last Saturday of every month, 1:30-3pm at the Taupō Community Gardens and Awhi Farms

### Term Three

TBC July	Matariki Planting Day
24-28 July	Geothermal Week
13 August	KGT Student Leadership Team planting day at Spa Park
31 August	Teacher PD- supporting the Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories Curriculum
TBC Sept	Conservation Week
4 Sept	Applications open for TDC Waste Minimisation Grant
11-18 Sept	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
18-22 Sept	Clean up week (all schools)
24 Sept	World Rivers Day
29 Sept	Applications close for TDC Waste Minimisation Grant

See the Greening Taupō and Project Tongariro websites for Community Planting Days for Terms 1 – 3

### Term Four

All of October	Save the Kiwi month
2 November	Global Outdoor Classroom Day
7 November	All Schools' Mulching Day
14 November	All Schools' Mulching Day
23 November	Teacher Sharing and Celebration Evening
5 December	International Volunteer Day

Want to continue connecting with nature and learning about sustainability in 2024? Contact any one of our EEC members and we can help you to start preparing for the next school year.

For more information on dates and events follow us on Facebook.

**GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ**  
Taupō District Council  
shanson@taupo.govt.nz

- Waste minimisation; recycling; composting; plastic and plastic alternatives
- Landfill field trips; litter pickups; and school visits
- Set programmes; or can work with you to custom design a good fit for your school

**Enviroschools**  
jennifer.scothern-king@waikatoregion.govt.nz  
www.Enviroschools.org.nz

- Creating a healthy, peaceful, sustainable world through people teaching and learning together
- Theme Areas : Water of life; Zero Waste; Living Landscapes; Energy; and Ecological Buildings
- Full curriculum integration and facilitator support

**Department of Conservation**  
Te Papa Atawhai  
nmanning@doc.govt.nz  
www.doc.govt.nz/education

- Free conservation education resources online
- Inquiry units, factsheets, videos, outdoor investigation units and more
- Inside and outside the classroom resources
- Curriculum linked and real-life context for learning

**Tongariro**  
National Trout Centre www.troutcentre.com

- Freshwater education — water quality, whio, native fish (ika), trout
- Field trips to Tongariro National Trout Centre
- Bus subsidies available to Taupō District schools

**GREENING TAUPŌ**  
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www.kidsgreeningtaupo.org.nz

**Save the kiwi**

**PREDATOR FREE Taupō**

- Helping connect tamariki to nature and the local environment
- Assisting ECE/schools to work together and collaborate with the community and conservation experts
- MOE funded to support local curriculum

**PROJECT TONGARIRO**  
TONGARIRO NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
info@tongariro.org.nz  
www.tongariro.org.nz

- Environmental Hub Aotearoa member and supports EEC with administration
- Nature volunteering in the Tūrangi/Tongariro areas
- Opportunities tailored to schools and seasons
- Guided hiko and history or Rotopounamu

**Field-based STEM**  
fieldbasedstem@gmail.com  
www.field-basedSTEM.kiwi

- MoE funded field based professional development
- Local Curriculum support on your doorstep and further afield

**REAP CENTRAL PLATEAU**  
Rural Education Activities Programme  
reception@reapcentralplateau.nz  
www.reap.org.nz

- Supporting Environmental Education for the wellbeing of the District

**Taupo Community Gardens**  
Growing together  
taupocg@gmail.com  
www.taupocommunitygardens.com

- Where we meet, learn, garden and look after each other and the Earth
- Come and join us to grow nutritious, organic food together

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Educating for sustainability  
Te mauri o te taiao

**taupo blue light**  
empowering youth