**Porirua Harbour Teacher Professional Development Day**

Nov 4, 2014

**Summary and Feedback**

We worked with 17 teachers from 13 schools – these represented the whole range of year levels, across primary and secondary schools in the Porirua Harbour catchment area.

**Schools and Teachers who attended:**

Mana College (Yrs 9-13) – Social Science teacher

Tawa College (Yrs 9-13) – Two Science teachers and one Social Science teacher

Aotea College (Yrs 9-13) – Science teacher and Social Science teacher

Samuel Marsden Whitby (Yrs 7-13) – Science teacher (and head of Yr 7 faculty)

Cannons Creek School (Yrs 1-6) – Two teachers

Churton Park School (Yrs 1-6) – One teacher (Yr 6)

Titahi Bay North School (Yrs 1-8) – One teacher (Yrs 6,7,8)

Russell School (Yrs 1-6) – One teacher (Yrs 3-6)

St Francis Xavier Schools (Yrs 1-6) – One teacher (Yr 6)

St Brigid’s Schools (Yrs 1-8) – One teacher (Yrs 7,8)

Plimmerton School (Yrs 1-8) – One teacher

Hampton Hill (Yrs 1-6) – One teacher (Yr 2)

Windley School (Yrs 1-8) – One teacher (Yrs 1-4)

Please see separate documents for more details about the teacher PD and the field trip. Overall it was a very successful day, with support from Zoe Studd (Island Bay Marine Centre), Keith Calder (PCC), Jennie Marks and Jo Fagan (both from GWRC) during the field trip component (in the afternoon).

**Outcomes (from feedback received so far)**

Aotea College – Units and trips being planned for Term 1 and 4, 2015 (stream and harbour, both Sci and SS)

Tawa College – “Our science and Social studies are going to do a combined study for around four weeks in Term 4 2015”

Plimmerton school – Hoping to implement in Term 2, 2015 (beach)

Titahi Bay North - “We will be using the unit plans next term as a school wide topic and wish to do something along these lines every year now”.

St Francis Xavier – Planning to implement in Term 3, 2015 (stream and/or harbour study)

Russell School – Hoping to do both marine and freshwater programmes in 2015 (with Zoe)

**Teacher Feedback**

“Lots of local information which can be transferred to our local children. Really enjoyed the hands on tasks.”

“Great day – very inspirational”

“Practical advice on how the school can maximise the resource of the harbour. Great resources provided and an excellent venue.”

“Great to have Rebecca as a go to person now to tie all the providers/resources together.”

“Useful information on what help is available for learning experiences. Enjoyed visiting sites and hearing people talk about what is happening to improve the environment.

Really enjoyed the day. Thanks for your input.”

“The obvious collaboration between the parties involved made it seem much more feasible for us (as a Decile 1 school) to consider implementing a ‘hands on’ activity programme like those presented today. The Unit / Lessons plans are excellent”

“This really was the best PD day I’d been on in a long time! Lovely, friendly, open presenters, great collaboration between different organisations, and the only agenda being that more kids get to experience our harbour. Wish it had been 2 days – more field trip, more time discussing the resources!”

“Having some time to discuss ideas between departments, and also finding out what other schools are doing. It is really positive to have resources developed for an area which is relevant for our students.”