



Education updates

Term 2

Term two was busy this year, the first half was packed with schools. Then with Penelope leaving us we had a period where there were no schools at Rotokare while we waited for the new educator Cassie to start with us.

Cassie started and was straight into school trips. Some notables were NPBHS coming out to do a 1080 ethical debate, and the whole of Turuturu school coming out to Rotokare and Eltham school coming out to play the survival game for winning a competition with Wild 4 Taranaki.

Term two is usually our quiet term so it was amazing to see so many schools booked in and ready to learn. The weather has been remarkable for winter at Rotokare, with more sunny days than wet. Schools have enjoyed playing & learning in the bush classrooms, games, and walks around the lake.

Terms 3 and 4

Slowly but surely the cooler terms will fade away and before we know it, it will be summer again.

Our award winning Rotokare Education Programme is offered every term. We make suitable adjustments to ensure learning opportunities are available in all weathers.

Our collaborative system means that we can build a day together that will be the best focus for your tamariki. If you want to get out here for an educational visit, or even an end of year activity day, book in quick. We expect bookings for term 4 to fill quickly. We have so much to offer.



Turuturu in the old bush classroom

Kia ora koutou,

Ko Taranki nag aku maunga,

Ko waiwakiho taku awa,

No Witianga ahau

Ko Cassie taku ignoa.

Kia ora, my name is Cassie Wilson and I am the New Educator here at Rotokare.

The education program here has had some amazing educators, and coming into the role I felt I had some massive boots to fill.

I grew up New Plymouth attending school there and have recently moved back home after some years away. I look forward to facilitating this program in my home region!

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 the link below.
www.rotokare.org.nz



Ambassador Updates



Halfway through the year and the ambassadors have had a number of workshops to build their conservation skills and knowledge.

The juniors have completed biosecurity, birds, night tours and wetlands workshops.

The Senior ambassadors have focused on science communication and conservation ethics are coming up soon.

The ambassadors have also been super active outside workshops. Kaeleen, Amiee, Mikayla, Mia and Voilet came to assist Cassie at night tours. Mikayla came to assist in the reintroduction of Grational concerni

to the reserve which was a massive milestone for us here.

Mikayla also came to help with a Hihi feed and started to learn the ropes on how we supplementary feed the Hihi.

Wyatt, Amiee Kyla, Kaeleen and Voilet all came to an awesome talk held at Puke Ariki "poo under the microscope", this focused on parasites and kiwi poo. The Senior ambassadors were lucky enough to be able to look at some samples through the microscope with Emma who gave us the talk.



To the left is one of our ambassadors at Emma Scheltema's talk at Puke Ariki. This sample was of water from the lake at Pukekura park, other samples included tardigrades and some kiwi poo with cocidia eggs in it, the parasite Emma studies!

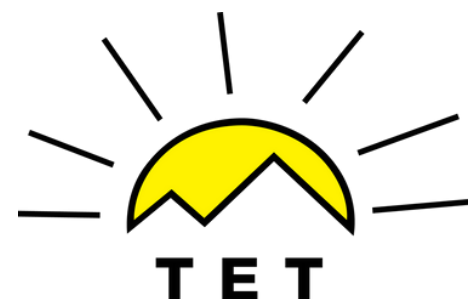


Upcoming Events

The ambassadors have a full second half of the year. This term finishes up with the out of region field trips, with a packed schedule of events. Stay tuned for an update on what they got up to while out of town.



Thanks to TET for keeping the kids warm here at Rotokare with these neat jackets!





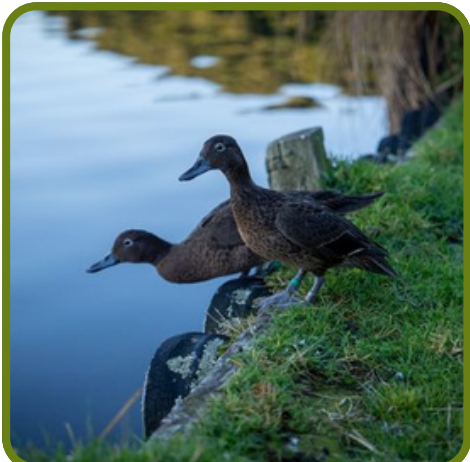
Rotokare Updates



**COMING
SOON**
Stay Tuned

A new information center is underway! We have broken ground. This center will be a new interactive hub for all things Rotokare. Stay tuned for updates on this cool project on our social media. Find us on both Facebook and Instagram

Biodiversity




Another Pātake release and a plant translocation all in the same week! We were lucky enough to become the second Taranaki location of *Gratolia Concinna* here at Rotokare.

We were also lucky enough to up our population of Pāteke again! Fiona our Conservation Manager sure has been busy.



Night tours



Night tours were success, most tours sold out, with the Family night tours being our most popular.

Night tours are a great opportunity to see some of the amazing critters we have out at night here at Rotokare.

While public tours are over, we are open for private bookings. Consider us for your end of year events!

If you wish to book contact Cassie at: educator@rotokare.org.nz

