

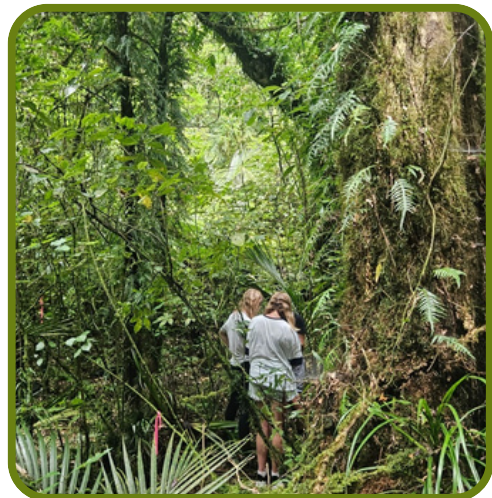


# Education News

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### Term 1



Groups studying NCEA were present at Rotokare to facilitate research for internal assessments. The level one assessment focuses on a comparison of a pest-free area and an area with pests present. The comparison site quadrants were within our sanctuary, then down the road on a private farm. The farm site was intended to be well browsed, with high pest sign. The groups were greeted with a site that has started to

regenerate and even had a pair of Toutouwai living in the space! One of our regular educator volunteers, Ray, said that he hadn't seen the site looking that good ever! We may need to move our quadrants...

### Term 2

As it starts to cool down and the lake closes, we usually see fewer visitors to the site, however, the education program is still rolling!

The next two terms are a great time to utilise our wetlands treasure trove program! The water levels have risen and the critters are a plenty, you just may need to make sure ākonga have gumboots!



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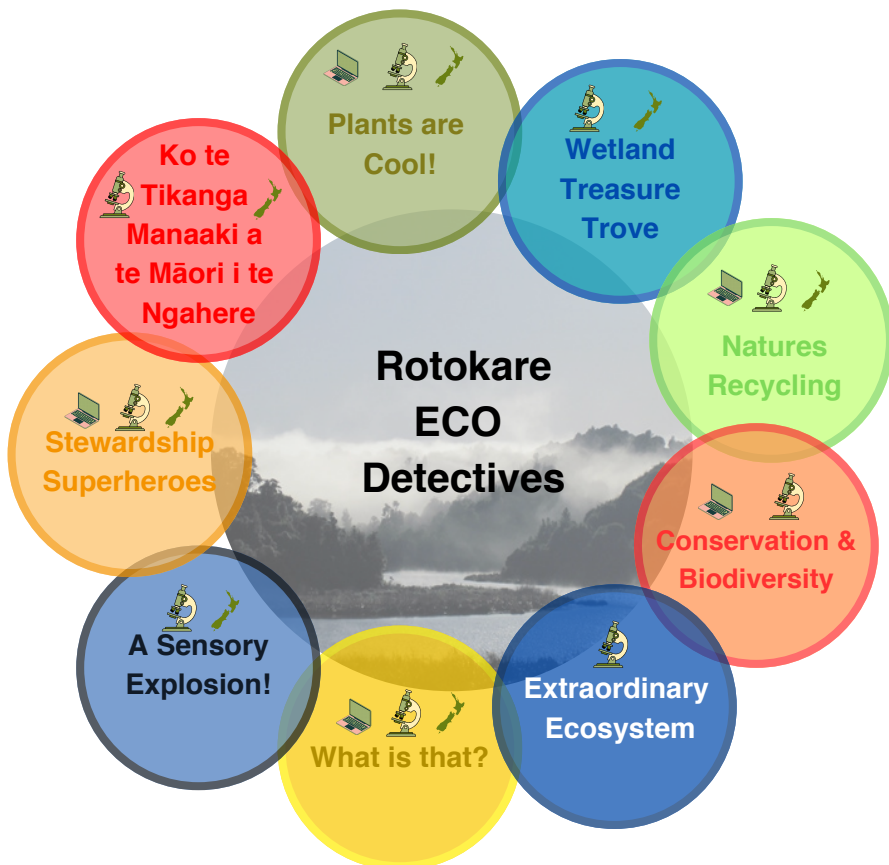
### Term Two Offers

Ever wondered what Rotokare offers ākonga? We have a variety of different programs in our eco-detectives space.

These are designed to simulate curiosity, create eco-warriors and teach about Rotokare's history.

At Rotokare, we let the ngāhere be our Kaiako as we show the ākonga what this space has to offer, and the role every one plays in its protection. This experience is only \$5.00 per student. Join us in one of our two bush classrooms, discover our wetlands or take time to learn about how our space has evolved and changed over time.

Our programme is a bespoke experience that is built together with kaiako to ensure that learners get a rich learning experience at Rotokare Sanctuary.



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Our new group of ambassadors have been busy with two workshops being held this term! The first workshop was all about Rotokare and the ambassador program. The second workshop focused on biosecurity. And its importance at Rotokare.

Our seniors have also completed two workshops; the first was alongside the junior workshop, while the second was group dynamics. In this second workshop, they learned how to work together effectively as a team to get their senior projects completed while they strengthened their relationships. Their focus this year will be on their conservation projects, so keep an eye out for these! Each senior has a specific project they will be completing this year, and they vary from plants to trapping. There will be a lot of hard mahi!







### Classroom Revamp

Our classroom space is getting a repaint! This classroom is a historic building and means a lot to many of the community members at Rotokare.

The repaint of the outside has given the classroom a new lease of life!

This classroom has been on the Rotokare grounds since 2008, before that it lived its life as the Mangamingi School, teaching tamariki since 1903!



### Kiwi encounters

Our Junior ambassadors were recently invited to witness a kiwi health check at Rotokare before one of our translocations. This event allowed our ambassadors to see and be inspired by best practice kiwi handling.



This photo on the right shows some of our Kiwi team treating one of the birds about to be translocated from Rotokare to Omoana. We take great care to ensure the kiwi are in the best condition to thrive outside the safety of Rotokare fenced sanctuary. This treatment is important to keep these birds free from parasites.

