



Enviroschools Questionnaire Results

In Term 4, 2013 the School Community had a chance to have their say about our Enviroschools Programme at Tauriko School through a questionnaire that was sent home with all students. Overall, this questionnaire was very successful. We had a total of 25 surveys returned, with ten of these parents interested in a Community Consultation Meeting. This Community Consultation Meeting will be organised for Term ,1 2014.

All replies were positive and had constructive ideas for moving ahead.

Initiatives that the enviroteam has undertaken during 2013

- applied to Creative Tauranga for funding (received \$2500) then created and erected a community mural at front of school
- planted vege and herb gardens
- worm farm up and running
- enviroteam page on the website
- the garden nearest staff entrance gate planned, totem poles finished and ready for erection
- the butterfly garden planned
- 'caught being environmentally friendly' award at assembly each week
- chicken coop built and ready for fencing

What the Community Feels about these initiatives:

100% think these are wonderful initiative.

20% of people made a particular mention of the mural.

There was a concern over vege garden produce being wasted and the logistics of feeding chickens over holidays.

Place / Wāhi – Our school looks and feels like an enviroschool .

Positives: adequate shade, sun and shelter, native plants, outdoor and indoor meeting places, visit special places nearby

Next steps: gardens, art forms, bin systems, organic waste, habitats

What the Community Feels about these initiatives:

Everyone agreed with these initiatives.

People also wanted more of the following:

Outdoor music, outdoor seating with cushions and sustainable and environmental buildings.

Practices / Tikanga – Our school works together to help the environment.

Positives: we encourage healthy eating and drinking of water, we monitor and evaluate practices to improve, effective recycling practices

Next steps: reduce photocopying, minimise electricity use, have package free lunches, sustainability awareness school and community wide

What the Community Feels about these initiatives:

24% of people were advocates of package free lunches.

Suggestions of healthier options when doing school lunch fundraisers and a sushi day option for school lunches.

Concerns around amount of newsletters, suggestions of emailing and texting instead.

People / Tangata – We behave and act like an enviroschool.

Positives: enviroteam to steer visioning, we have processes to foster respect for each other, we feel safe expressing our opinions, student led projects

Next steps: whole school vision for sustainability, organise service projects to contribute to the local community, events that raise environmental awareness

What the Community Feels about these initiatives:

100% positive feedback to this.

20% of people have offered assistance to come in and work with the enviroteam on a regular basis.

32% are interested in attending a community meeting.

20% read the EnviroSchools page regularly.

Other ideas to keep people informed included:

Regular updates of website

Encourage website interaction

Newsletter

Students sharing what they are doing – at home, at assembly.

Displays around the school / an enviro notice board

Enviroteam educating classes

Facebook