

EMR KAITIAKI ACTION



Te Kura Moana

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Theme Areas for 2021 – '22

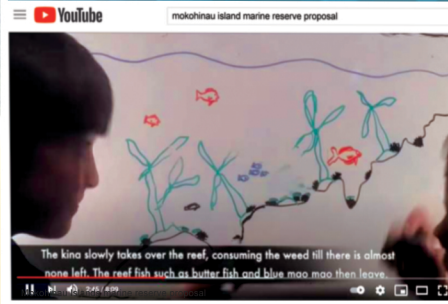
EMR action projects foster kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and facilitate action to address marine issues. Action projects are not limited to our suggested theme areas below but must be NZ relevant, reach beyond the classroom and relate to marine conservation, marine monitoring, addressing marine issues and/or building public marine awareness.

Local action

- Record the presence or absence of marine pests
- Inaturalist.nz underwater observations
- Reef Savers fish surveys
- MM2 surveys

Campaign

- Present your own design for marine conservation in your backyard
- Celebrate Rahui, Marine Reserves & other marine protection measures
- Dive deeper into practical investigations raising awareness of mangroves (Love Manawa), seaweeds (Love Rimurimu) & other important marine habitats.



Dargaville & Districts News, June 12, 2013

Turtle champion speaks

By PETRICE TARRANT

THE efforts of young conservationists Dan Godey are bringing sea turtle expert and researcher Dan Godey to Dargaville.

The aim is to increase wider understanding about marine turtles, so there have been stranding along the West Coast of Northland. Mr Godey will give a presentation to the students at 5pm tomorrow, and open at Dargaville Intermediate School Hall.

"My talk will focus on marine turtle threats, and in particular plastic marine debris. I will also cover a little about the rehab work Kelly Tarlton does and the satellite tracking work Peta Jones over the years. I will also include a map showing the stranding along Dargaville's coast to put the area in context," Mr Godey says.

The visit is a result of Dargaville Intermediate school's participation in the Experiencing Marine Reserves programme last year. Dargaville managed to raise funds for sea turtle conservation by approaching local businesses to sponsor for a swimathon.

The Dargaville Intermediate school pupil decided to get behind sea turtles after researching the ocean creature for a school project about marine animals. The 13-year-old swam 100 lengths of the Dargaville High School pool and raised \$845 which was donated to Dan Godey for research.

Mr Godey's visit is also a celebration of World Environment Day on June 5.

Mr Godey says the turtles do not breed in our waters, and feeding restrictions as well as a lack of large resident turtle populations, means that stranding data to help them understand more about these critically endangered species.

"That's why the community's help is crucial in our ability to find out more about turtles in New Zealand," Mr Godey says.

Contact the DOC Coast Area office on 09 439 3450 if you see a marine turtle, alive or dead.

Fundraise

- Pay it forward fundraising to help other students experience snorkelling, to contribute to new EMR equipment or to secure your schools future participation in the EMR programme.
- Fundraise to support EMR endorsed NZ based conservation projects such as www.fishforever.org.nz community led marine conservation in the Bay of Islands and the sea turtle rehabilitation projects at Sealife, Kelly Tarltons Auckland. www.fishforever.org.nz/ and sea turtle rehabilitation www.visitsealife.com/auckland/whats-inside/exhibits/turtle-bay-turtle-rescue

If you have been inspired by a snorkel in your backyard, why not make a submission?
<https://www.emr.org.nz/index.php/support-us/make-a-submission>