

Learning Experiences Outside The Classroom at Whangarei Museum & KiwiHouse @ Heritage Park

Tena koe e te tumuaki

I am pleased to present the new educational programmes for 2010. We have welcomed many schools in 2009 and received some very positive feedback. We asked all the teachers who visited for their comments about what additional experiences they would like to see offered. As a result of their suggestions, you will see that our programmes this year include some really exciting innovations.

Our aim is to develop and deliver quality educational experiences for the children of Tai Tokerau. The main focus of our LEOTC contract is mathematics, science and technology. However we also continue to provide stimulating programmes related to social sciences and other areas of the curriculum.

The educators are based at the Whangarei Museum and Kiwi House at Heritage Park. They also work with the five other district museums

- Claphams Clocks
- Hikurangi Coal Museum,
- Northland's Health and Medical Museum
- Waipu Museum
- Whangarei Art Museum

in order to promote the rich historic resources of these unique collections.

All six museums have great stories to tell about the history of Tai Tokerau / Northland. This is exemplified by Whangarei Museum's own catchphrase

"our place - our stories"

There are also a number of historic and environmental sites in the area such as Ruapekapeka Pa, Waro Scenic Reserve and Parihaka which can be utilised to compliment various curriculum areas.

There is an outstanding range of facilities here at Heritage Park and we are able to cater for all levels right through from Years 1 to 13. We can offer planning and orientations prior to a visit. We are also very willing to provide in-service sessions at the museum to ensure teachers get the best they can out of the resources when they visit with a class.

Nāku, nā

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