



Other providers and links

There are many other environmental education providers operating in our Region as well as other organisations and groups that you may find interesting or helpful. Click on the titles to find out more on each provider.

Awapuni Resource Recovery Park

The Resource Recovery Park has a comprehensive education centre for waste reduction and recycling located in Palmerston North with a passionate environmental educator on hand to help guide you through the education room. Ph: 06 356 8199.

Bushy Park is a mainland island near Wanganui, with native habitat and species and an education centre. The Park is a 100 hectare predator-free native bird sanctuary, set amongst one of the few patches of virgin lowland forest.

Department of Conservation offers a number of education services from school visits, to site tours and planting days. DOC is also the driver behind Conservation Week with plenty of environmental activities available **online** to download.

EERST is a nationwide waste reduction and recycling education programme run using local educators. EERST runs environmental programmes and waste assessments for schools, councils and businesses; the Paper4trees Programme, the Water4schools Programme and the Energy4schools Programme.

Environment Network Manawatu

ENM is a network that fosters and encourages environmental initiatives in the Manawatu, in

areas ranging from sustainable living to wildlife conservation.

The **Enviroschools Foundation** is a not-for-profit trust that supports children and young people to be active citizens, contributing to ecological regeneration and the creation of healthy, resilient and sustainable communities.

Forest and Bird was originally established to protect native forests and birds, their role has been extended in recent years to include protection of all native species and wild places – on land and in our oceans, lakes and rivers. Forest and Bird is a great organisation to see what is happening in the Region, how you can be involved and keep up to date with news and information.

Go Green at Home! For Kids and Adults is a great article by Andrea Davis that looks at simple ways to go greener at home. With a plethora of fantastic tips this article is well worth the read. A big thank you to Morgan and Liz (all the way from the USA) for sharing this - your research will certainly help others.

Gro Recycling

This is a fun educational game that teaches children about recycling and the process involved in taking a recyclable material and turning it into a new product. **Click here** for more information on how the game works and where you can get it from.

Landcare Research's core purpose is to drive innovation in the management of terrestrial



biodiversity and land resources. They have great links, articles, sustainability ideas and resources you may find useful. Landcare Research are also the driving force behind the Garden Bird Survey

Plant to Plate Aotearoa is a community programme free to all primary schools across Palmerston North and neighbouring districts. They deliver a quality service led by teachers and assisted by experienced, enthusiastic volunteers who enjoy working with children.

Reuse This Bag: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Paper, Plastic and More! is a great article that looks at some facts around recycling and reusing plastics, reducing waste and conservation of energy and water. There are also some neat links to environmental awareness and conservation lesson plans for schools and classes to tap into.

Te Kete Ipurangi – the online knowledge basket – is New Zealand’s bilingual education portal. An initiative of the Ministry of Education, it provides New Zealand schools and students with a wealth of information, resources, and curriculum materials to enhance teaching and learning, raise student achievement, and advance professional development for teaching staff and school managers. TKI also allows you to search through the **database for all schools** within our Region and has links through to **School Journals and Instructional Series**.

Te Manawa is Palmerston North’s combined science centre, museum and art gallery and is a place of ideas, exhibitions, and collaborations. With free general admission and great education programmes on offer it is well worth exploring.

The **Whanganui Resource Recovery Centre** is a one-stop shop for resource recovery and waste minimisation in the Whanganui District. It is also the home of the **Sustainable Whanganui** offices which offer comprehensive, useful and timely advice to become more self-sufficient and put Whanganui on the map for practical sustainability solutions.

What’s for Lunch? is a curriculum-linked program for primary schools that has children exploring the food we eat, where it comes from, why it is good for us and most importantly - what it tastes like.

With 8 foods covered over 8 weeks with a new set of resources delivered to you digitally each week, there is a range of levels to suit different learning stages, and suggestions are provided on weekly planning integration and curriculum unit planning. It empowers pupils and their families to make healthy food choices with activities and recipes designed to be carried out in the classroom (you don’t need a school kitchen).

The **Zero Waste Education** programme has been educating children about the topic of sustainable resource use since 1993 and is now taught in over 440 schools throughout New Zealand to students in years 1-8. This free Council programme enables children to investigate the link between the earth’s natural resources, the products they use and see around them and the resulting waste that pollutes our environment. This comprehensive programme consist of eight different units each focussing on a specific solution to our waste problem.