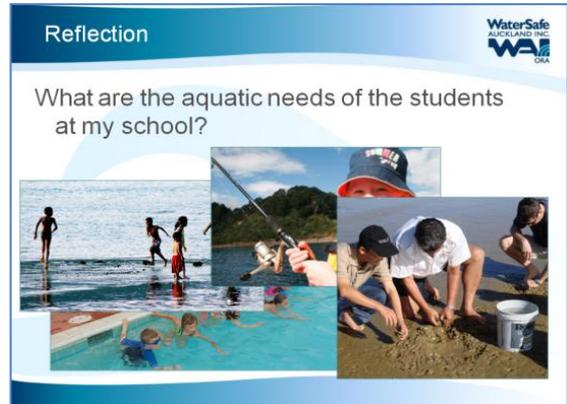


Unpacking "basic aquatics skills"

We have developed a template for schools who wish to inquire into the effectiveness of their aquatic programme. This template was recently used in a workshop at the PENZ leadership conference. To access the PDF go to www.penz.org.nz and look for the [WaterSafe Auckland PDF](#) under publications/Leaders of Learning in PE 2009/Auckland.

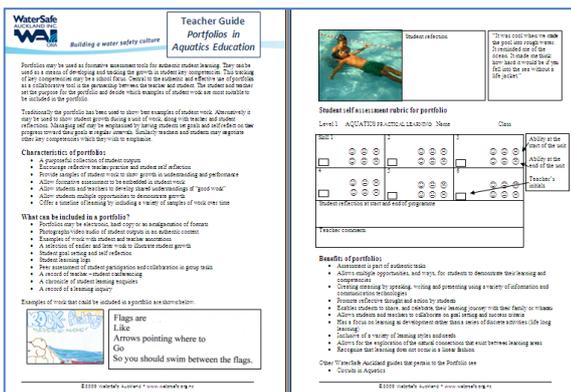
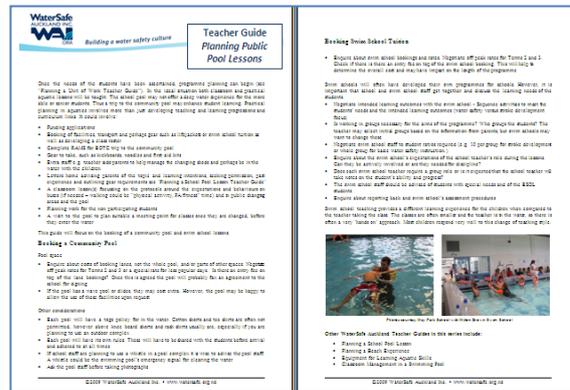


Aquatics Education across the Learning Areas

The [Planning a Unit of Work Teacher Guide](#) assists teachers in creating a unit of integrated aquatic learning, which can be linked to relevant EOTC experiences. Other relevant guides include Water Safety and the Arts; Mathematics, Statistics and Aquatics; and E-Learning and Aquatics.

Aquatics Education and EOTC

The recently released "EOTC Guidelines: bringing the curriculum alive" recognizes the [Planning a beach experience Teacher Guide](#) as an example of best practise. Other useful guides for EOTC include [Planning a Public Pool Lesson](#) and [Tramping and Water Safety](#). All teacher guides can be accessed in the [Teachers' toolbox](#) in the Education section of www.watersafe.org.nz.



Aquatics Education and assessment

Formative assessment enables teachers to adapt and extend their teaching and learning progressions, to enhance student learning. Relevant Teacher Guides include [Key Competencies in Aquatics](#); [Portfolios in Aquatic Education](#); and [Ability Grouping in Aquatics](#).

Aquatics Displays for your School Community

See the [Term 3 2009](#) newsletter, on the education section of our website under Primary / Intermediate, for a list of aquatic story books suitable for teaching and your library shelves

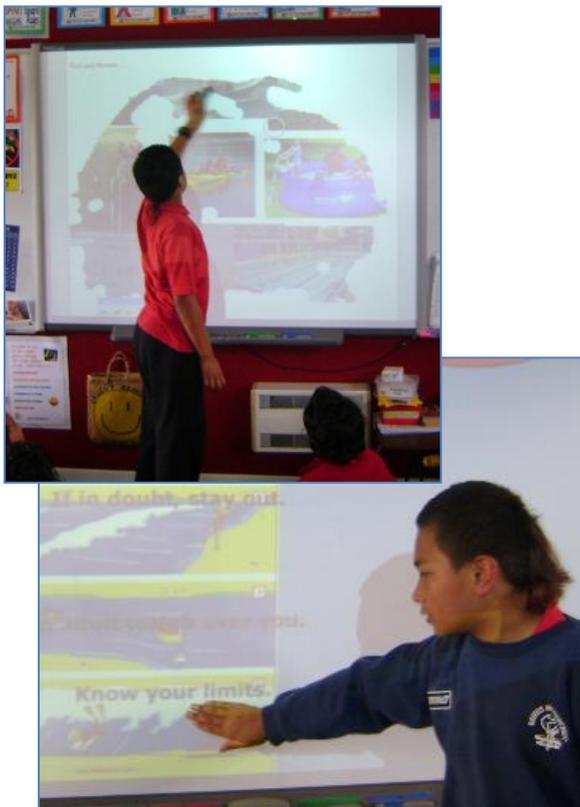
New book 'Tasman The Sailor Dog Lessons on Water Safety' by Sue Blakey available from Starboard Products Starpro@ihug.co.nz
sample pages on WaterSafe's website primary section

Other items that could be added to a display

- Life jackets could be borrowed or donated from your community
- Model boats made
- Student work - posters, role play movies, key message calendars, postcards, board games ...



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Aquatics Education and Interactive Whiteboards

These are a valuable learning tool to enhance teaching and learning. Some of the ways they have been integrated into Aquatics Education are:

- Rub and reveal – Using the rubber tool to slowly reveal an image. This is great for engaging children and promoting oral language.
- Interacting with websites such as www.watersense.org.nz and viewing clips from YouTube™
- 'Just in time' learning – Using search engines to access information instantly. Making learning enquiry based and authentic.
- Interactive assessment tools – Using features such as the Interactive Dice and Balloon Pop, to make reflection and assessment fun and engaging for students.

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For further information on any aspect of water safety education or to enquire about professional development (delivered by registered teachers and at no cost to schools) email

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